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"It Doesn't Get Any Better Than This!"

- by Jan Lane, Chronicle guest travel correspondent

I do not care for Webster's definition of travel: "to go from one place to another; journey ... to move swiftly ... to pass or journey over or through."

Nope, I don't like any of these definitions. Why? Because none of them come close to really defining the *experience* of travel. "To pass or journey over or through" doesn't begin to touch on why travel in general and international travel in particular is so important to the spirit and is even, I humbly offer, life altering.

No definition I've ever read says anything about what is learned, shared, digested and savored for the rest of one's life when one travels. So, here is the newest, annotated, clip-it-and-keep-it definition of travel, according to Lane, your's truly: travel is "an experience based on sharing time and laughter, customs and stories, impressions and memories that remind us of the smallness of the world and yet awaken us to the wonderful contradiction that suggests both the commonality and the unique differences of its people."

Greg and I, his mom, Dot (age 78), and my mom, Mary Kay (72), traveled from Metro Detroit to London, to northern England to Scotland to Ireland to Wales to England again and then home. Two glorious weeks that made a great itinerary, no matter how you define travel.

OUR TRAVEL (BY WEBSTER'S DEFINITION)

We arrived in London at 9:30 a.m. London time. Since London is five hours ahead of us, it's tough to touch the ground running but it's highly recommended that you push yourself to stay up and get acclimated to London time. Jet lag really doesn't occur until the return part of the trip, so you're much better off getting your mind and body immediately on a new schedule. And that we did.

I must share with you the first experience we had that confirmed we were not dealing with "regular" senior citizens. When we arrived at the hotel in London, we thought that maybe the moms would want to rest awhile, even nap to catch up on the sleep that didn't happen on the airplane. When we offered what we thought was sensitive advice, we were basically told, "no way; we're not going to miss a thing." And that they didn't.

Back to our arrival. We took the train from Gatwick Airport to Victoria Station (a very easy process) and then cabbed it to the hotel. Total cost, about \$25 per person, as opposed to \$60-\$75 for cab or limo.

London is very easy to get around and you'll want to take the "Tube," the Underground. A full day's ticket costs only about \$4 and the system is easy to understand. Best of all, its safe and clean.

We didn't have a great deal of time to spend in London, so we just did the major highlights. We took an half day double-decker bus tour and visited the Tower of London, St. Paul's Cathedral (Christopher Wren's architectural marvel

eclipsed by the real tourist tidbit that this is where Chuck and Di wed), Parliament, Big Ben and Buckingham Palace. If you try to see the "Changing of the Guards," be prepared to see the tops of heads and not much else. There are thousands of people around an highly secured area so it's difficult to really see anything. Still, it's a special experience to be part of such an universally known "event."

Save time, too, for a visit to Covent Garden and Harrods. A real highlight of our brief visit to London was an evening tour of the above-mentioned sites. We took a 40-minute cab ride at dusk, seeing the spectacular buildings and skyline lit so beautifully. We spent only about £20 for four people (about \$8 apiece.)

We didn't pick up our rental car until we were ready to leave London. Through no astute planning, just sheer luck, we left London on a Sunday. That was a blessing, given that it was our first day to drive on the "wrong" side of the road. Thank God for light Sunday traffic. Thank God for the patience and class of the English people. And thank God for time. It took about two days of driving before we pseudo-mastered the left side of the road.

We never really did well with the "round-abouts" ... the circular rotaries that seem to appear every mile or so and offer you a multitude of directional options, usually with your first choice being the wrong one. The end result is a turn-around and another round-about to the right turn, to another round-about to a...!

When we left London, just two days into our vacation, the moms said in unison, "It doesn't get any better than this!"

We headed north and made stops in Durham, Newstead Abbey (home of the poet, Lord Byron), York and overnighted in the spa resort town of Harrogate.

Moms reported, "It doesn't get any better than this."

Next destination, Edinburgh. En route, we visited Berwick-upon-Tweed, England (visited because it was our first opportunity to see the North Sea and because it has such a great name) and Jedburgh, Scotland (with a wonderful 11th century abbey.) That night and for the next three nights, we stayed outside Edinburgh in a town called Cleish, near Kinross and Crook-on-Devon (what beautiful names!).

Edinburgh was wonderful. Our advice to anyone going to any large city is to find a place to leave your car and take the train into town. It worked for Edinburgh and Dublin

Another "tourist tidbit"...whenever possible, take the double-decker city tours. It's an inexpensive way to get a great overview of the tourist highlights. The ones we took were also set up where you could jump on and off at several different stops so that if a site struck your fancy, you could explore.

We visited Loch Lomon and The Trossachs before heading southwest to the ferry at Stranraer. The three-hour car ferry



Dot and Mary Kay, two moms with Dot's son. Greg in front of a "Dooblin" bed and breakfast. Photo taken by the other mom's daughter our September guest travel correspondent, Jan Lane.

to Ireland was initially most dreaded. I had visions of cramped quarters and high seas. Instead we experienced a mini-cruise ship, complete with duty-free shopping, restaurants, cinema, comfortable chairs and an incredibly smooth ride.

The report on Scotland and the ferry to Ireland, according to moms, was, "It doesn't get any better than this."

We arrived in Larne, Northern Ireland and headed north up the Antrim coast. The scenery was spectacular. Cliffs on the left, water and coast on the right. It was a cross between northern California, Oregon and Washington State. Again, the moms were right: "It doesn't get any better than this."

We overnighted in a bed and breakfast along the coast and awakened to the sound of sheep and cows, baas and moos muted against the sound of the ocean. Wow.

Onto Armagh, ecclesiastical capitol of northern Ireland and then on to Dublin — Howth, more precisely. We spent two nights in Howth and used it as our base to visit Dublin.

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party.

retirement.

Ames retired after 27 years as

Washtenaw County Extension Agricul-

tural Agent. The party was organized by

his co-workers and attended by farmers,

county agricultural agents from all over

the state, fellow Extension employees

and others: all came together to wish him

decorated one of the walls at the Farm

Council Grounds: the mood was festive.

stepped up to the podium to tell of their

admiration and respect for this man who

worked tirelessly through the years for

the good of farmers and to educate ur-

projects. He is well-known to youngsters

who as third graders met him during

Rural Education Days. Ames, dressed as

Abe Lincoln, gave presentations at this

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It was a

what a party!

More than 400

friends gathered to

wish Joseph W.

(Bill) Ames a happy

And

events this past month because of respective family commitments, so we are

exceedingly grateful to those people who brought these stories to us to share

with you. Like Jennifer DuRussel says in the Safety Town story -- we couldn't

tiring agricultural agent Bill Ames and

lancy Thelen, County Extension Director

products, cherries and blueberries, beans, honey

and apples. (Without the black frock coat and

letters and photos for a scrapbook being compiled,

and many gifts representing the special relation-

ship and memories Ames has with the county. One

such gift was a wood carving of Abe Lincoln

another a wool wall hanging (Bill and his wife

Linda raise sheep on their Freedom Township

farm), an embroidered jacket, and so many more

We are overwhelmed by the

support of the many agribusinesses,

families, and individuals who

contributed toward making the

retirement dinner such a memorable

occasion. It was a great party — one

wonderful tributes.

will be greatly missed."

Guests at the retirement party brought cards

stovepipe hat, the lanky Ames still looks like Lin

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You can write to her at her new digs: Angie Carlson, 3163 Homestead Commons, Apt. #2, Ann Arbor, MI 48108.

Best of luck to you, Angie, on your new adventure, and we hope to hear from

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In my mother's autograph album, dated 1898, she has written "When you have a friend that's good and true change not the old one for the new."

It is now 1995 and 600 miles northwest of Manchester in the UP, I have found a new friend, Mary Wilson.

She is getting ready to bowl at the Eagle River Bowling Lanes. Mary is 90 years young, born February 20, 1905, lives with her daughter, also a bowler in the same mixed Senior Citizens team in not been dressed for the fall season and Eagle River, Michigan.

bowling in the Monday morning coffee (manager said it was 6#, but I know bet-"Clutch League."

she bowls on the Senior Citizen Mixed League team. I went with Doc and Mae got 95! this evening for their league bowling and Mary was soon pointed out to me. I just had to get a story. She was so pleased when I told her I would have her story in our hometown paper.

Getting back to Mary. Three: On Thursday mornings, she bowls in the Senior Citizen Ladies

League. Four: To finish up the week, she bowls on Saturday for practice in Open

Mary has a nice easy delivery, takes three steps, uses a 10# ball, and

She was listed on the bulletin

So much for Mary; now it's my

I couldn't let someone three years older than I am show me up! So I went with Doc and Mae to Open Bowl one Sunday evening. First off, the lanes had were lousy; my rented shoes were too One: Mary starts her day with big; the kids' light ball was too heavy ter because it was too heavy!) I pulled a Two: Then on Wednesday nights, muscle in my left leg during my first and only game, but I was happy —

> Next year, I am going to challenge Mary to a game and I will be happy to give her one of my antique trophies, but come to think about it, with my own equipment I may bring it back home

Good health! Good bowling, Mary! God surely loves you.

Meet My New Friend, Mary Wilson



has an over-all average of 140. She has poor evesight.

board for July 12th in 3rd place for women: high game 168, series 437.

again.

I will count my new friend, Mary, among my many bowling buddies as the oldest newest friend I'll ever expect to

Sincerely, Edna Hopkins Knauss

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Community Fair Schedule The Fair runs from Sept. 5-9

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Two Great Stories ... Two Great Stories ... Two Great Stories ... Manchester kids may be safer now thanks to Safety Town! crossing guard Jeannie Koch showed

them how to safely cross the road.

guest arrived: Supt. Ron

Niedzwiecki stopped by to talk to the

kids and said he was looking forward

to seeing them all in two weeks. Mr.

Niedzwiecki was also instrumental

in arranging for the school bus and

Safety Certificate, Safety Packet,

and a bag of assorted coloring sheets,

puzzles and safety poster to take

year, Jennifer said, "and perhaps

the help we had with Safety

Town. We couldn't have done it

without you! American Red Cross

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Sandy Ward, Saline & Chelsea

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Manchester Community Education

Jennifer DuRussel

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Niedzwiecki, Paul Schultz.

Tranex

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The kindergartners received a

"We hope to do this again next

We gratefully acknowledge

obtaining supplies.

home with them.

even expand it."

Later that morning, a surprise

Jennifer DuRussel has a day care center in town. Being with children all day and responsible for their well-being, one of Jennifer's main concerns is safety. Through a contact in Saline, Jennifer received a packet of information on a special program for kindergarten children called Safety Town. Safety Town presents safety education to kindergartners about such topics as pedestrian safety, police officers, bicycle safety, riding a school bus, safety at home and play, fire safety, stranger danger and wearing a seat belt.

agreed to help.

forward.

Nancy Thelen, County Extension Director, commented, "Bill is respected and recognized by agriculture producers, agribusinesses and organizations as an agricultural leader. His broad knowledge of agriculture and Washtenaw County wear a seat belt?"

ten, Mr. Toad."

we shall never forget! With many thanks. Bill and Linda Ames

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The packet included a wealth of information on how to go about presenting Safety Town, so much information that Jennifer realized she couldn't do it alone. She contacted Carolyn Supers who heads up Manchester Community Education, and Carolyn enthusiastically

As the planning stages progressed, and more and more people heard about it, more volunteers came

The result was an overwhelming success. Fifty Manchester children arrived at DuRussel's at nine o'clock in the morning on August 16. They received name tags and a bright gold star when they answered "yes" to *Beltman*'s question: "Do you

Mary Fielder entertained the children with finger-puppet plays and rhymes, and Mrs. Hankamp told them the story, "Stop, Look & Lis-

Washtenaw County Sheriff Deputies Kevin Deacons and Lisa King presented the police safety portion of the workshops. Manchester Township Fireman Glen Glinski The Residential Mortgage Lender talked about fire safety.

At 10:30, the school bus arrived and the children rode the bus through town. (The children later told their parents that Ms Jennifer stood up on the bus and got in trouble!") School bus driver Kathy Herman took the children to see their classroom and discussed riding safety. School



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On Saturday afternoon, May 27, 1995, items that had decorated The Old German restaurant for two generations in downtown Ann Arbor were auctioned.

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One of those items came to Manchester: The Old German restaurant

With Don Limpert's purchase of the Sheep Tavern once did. sign, a beautiful ornate nine-foot work of art, rumor runs rampant through Manchester as to whether or not Mr. Tom Ellis, would this not also make a Limpert will eventually have a fine spot for a microbrewery? microbrewery in his historic Mill. When asked, he says rather noncommittally (and with a characteristic twinkle in his ing customers from nearby and tourists eye) "It would be the perfect place for from afar.



Coincidentally, The Old German restaurant has reopened under new management as the Grizzly Peak Brewing Co. — a microbrewery.

One thing is certain: a microbrewery in Manchester would put our town back on the map like The Black

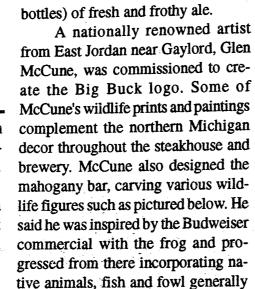
And, speaking of the Black Sheep, renamed The Manchester Hotel by owner

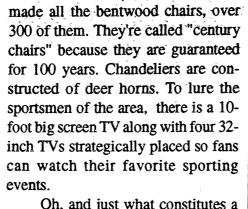
The business of breweries is booming. They are springing up all over, draw-

We visited one in August, the Big Buck Brewery in Gaylord. Owned by Gaylord businessmen, t is a state of the art 30,000quare-foot brewing facility which also includes a steakhouse and gift shop. Big Buck has a rewing capacity of 600,000 galis (or 6.400,000 twelve oz.

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different, steaks rather than chickens are broiled





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Oh, and just what constitutes a microbrewery? The State limits the amount of ale that may be produced.





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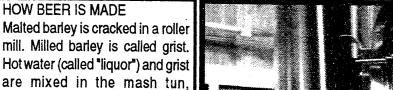
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develop its final smooth

taste. Filtration removes

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After filtration, the finished

beer is stored in a bright

beertank (servingtank) unti

it is ready to be served. A

microbrewery will keg and/

or bottle and distribute the

beer as well as serve it on the premise directly out of

the bright beer tank. At this

point, the beer is at the

of flavor.

height of freshness and full

producing the mash. A sweet, clear liquid called wort is filtered out of the mash in the lauter tun and transferred to the kettle. The wort is brought to a rolling boil in the kettle. Some hops are added early to provide a mild bitterness. Other hops (finishing hops) are put later to give a fine aroma. The hot wort is cooled to fermentation temperature through a hea

Above: Our tour guide pours a sample of fresh ale; and, above right, a Manchester person is first to volunteer as taste tester.

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The Manchester Chronicle **Je** - Kathy Kueffner "Would you like to

go to the Fiberfest in Kalamazoo?" my friend Rachel asked. "Sure," I replied. I

didn't know what exactly a "fiberfest" was, but I was certain I'd find out and besides. Rachel and I don't get together often enough to catch up on chit-chat.

Fiberfest turned

show and sale of all those things relating ing increasingly popular as 4-H projects. to spinning wool — and much, much more. There were exhibitions and demonstrations and wonderful displays of beautiful wool products. We saw Manchester High School art teacher Melinda Trout there and I was later told Melinda often uses fiber in the art classes she teaches her students.

Sheep's wool is only one medium. A spinner may use, besides wool, angora goat or angora rabbit fur, llama or alpaca fleece. Along with the show and sale of wool, fur and fleece products, there were competitions and judgings of these ani-

We watched the llama competiber is 428-9416. The Griffins were the tions, catching up with Mary Ann Dettling and her son Keith (of Country- 4-H project in this area. side Llamas of Manchester) who were

there showing two of their llamas, Snow and McKenzie; and we toured the llama and the alpaca barns.

A LITTLE HISTORY

Llamas and alpacas are members of the camelid family; alpacas are half the size of llamas. They were domesticated in the Andean highlands of Peru 4-5,000 years ago and are among the oldest domestic animals in the world. Primarily a beast of burden used as pack animals, they also provide natives with meat, wool for clothing, hide for shelter, and pellets for fuel.

In North America, llamas carts, used as guard animals for other livestock such as sheep, and kept as just pets. They are becom-



(See photo page 19.)

Mary Ann says she gets a kick out

Mary Ann assured us they are doc-

Want to know more about llamas?

Besides MaryAnn and Keith's Country-

side Llamas (428-7863), there is Lost

Kettle Llamas, owned by Bill & Sue Grif-

fin on Hashley Road. Their phone num-

of how many people ask this question.

The answer is yes, but only at other lla-

mas when they are establishing a peck-

ing order within a herd, or to say "back

DO THEY SPIT?

ile, quiet creatures.

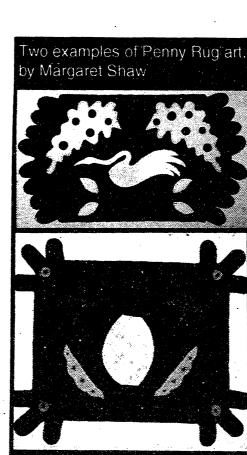
Rachel just couldn't resist an up close look at two alpacas. These two youngsters had price tags on them of \$15,000°

Early American Folk Art: Penny Rugs — by Margaret Shaw Penny rugs are a purely decorative

textile folk art made by sewing scraps of wool fabric onto a burlap or linen foundation (usually large pieces of wool material were too valuable to use as the foundation.) This form of needle work was typically known by the small circles of fabric stacked and sewn down, using a blanket stitch, to a background foundation. There were often tabs of wool sewn to the edge of the foundation material to add a decorative and ornamental element. These were also layered to provide a colorful effect.

Some of the penny rugs, known as table rugs, were sewn using decorative stitches and intricate embroidery, although many were simplistic in design and relied on color and shape or pattern only. Bold geometric arrangements were often employed using only the penny or circle motif. However, some of these endearing rugs were developed by using organic shapes, symbols of the era, or of personal interest to the creator such as animal motifs (birds, deer, horses....) Quilt applique patterns were often an inspiration used to decorate

The earliest rugs were thought to have been made in the 1830's and were popular until well after the Civil War although the flavor of the rugs changed with the times and fashions.



The term "table rug" came about before the popularity or luxury of actually using rugs on the floor. These rugs were made when precious rugs or hand sewn bed covers were used on top of the bed for added warmth as well as for a decorative element. Table rugs at that time were draped over trunks or tables to brighten the atmosphere. Because of the fragile nature of wool, penny rugs were meant for adornment not for use on the floor.

I have been touched by the simple beauty of these rugs. In recreating them I hope to extend the life of a very old American textile folk art tradition while warming the hearts of those who too find a restful moment in their beauty. My penny rugs are not meant to duplicate the form exactly but are influenced by the penny rug tradition and draws on the creative spark that dwells within.

In the next issue of The Chronicle I will share with you how you can use old or new wool materials to design and sew your own penny rugs.

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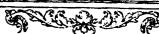
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MACKINAC ISLAND - Pat and I visited Mackinac Island for the first time in the fall of 1963. We were on a mini-honeymoon to the Upper Penisula to see the magnificent fall colors. We took the Shepler Ferry to the island and stayed only long enough to walk down the business district to visit a few of the shops and to buy an obligatory box of the famous Ryba's Mackinac Island fudge.

As we departed the island on that beautiful fall day we stood on the deck of the ferry and looked up at the majestic Grand Hotel and made a promise that some day, if we could afford it, we would return to the island and stay at the Grand and enjoy, more leisurely, one of Michigan's great vacation treasures-Mackinac Island.

Over the past three decades we have returned to the island many times and have managed to visit during each of the main seasons of the year-Spring, Summer and Fall (our favorite time). We hope to visit during the winter season in the near future. Yes, we have stayed at the Grand Hotel (see accompanying article). We have also stayed at other hotels, resorts, condos, cottages and Bed & Breakfasts-all delightful and memorable. We have attended weddings on the island and other special events. Mackinac Island has been a favorite honeymoon spot for thousands of new-

Mackinac Island is a place where you can do a lot or do nothing but relax. Its wonderful clean air (the best in the world) revives and invigorates the body. On each trip to the island we do something different. Some trips were made to relax and sit back and read those books we set aside for the trip. Other trips might involve

a more intense examination of the wonderful history and historical sights of the island.

Our last spring trip involved long walks on the many island hiking paths where we enjoyed the beauty of the island and shared some private moments with a wonderful picnic lunch and a glass of

Our photo trips are a special treat. Besides the

beautiful natural scenes on the island, we love to take photographs of the many gorgeous Victorian cottages along the East and West Bluffs. These homes were built to take advantage of some of the finest scenic views on the island. The beautifully preserved cottages alone are worth a trip to the island.

Fall is an especially wonderful time to visit the island. Most of the hotels have reduced rates after Labor Day and many offer special packages. And most of the shops and attractions are less crowded. If you do visit the island stop by the Park's Visitor's Center on the corner of Fort & Huron. You can purchase the Visitor's Guide which has information about the historical sites complete with maps.

The Mackinac Chamber of Commerce has an excellent Guide to Mackinac Island which you can obtain at a small cost by calling the Chamber office at 906-847-6418. The Guide includes information about lodging, dining (including a 10 page section with recipes from many of the island's chefs), maps and a calendar of events.

Mackinac Island was established as a state park in 1895 and is celebrating its 100th anniversary. Visitors interested in attending the remaining celebration events can obtain special combination passes by calling 616-436-5563. These passes get you into all of the historical sites on the island and in neighboring Mackinaw City.

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about this tiny spit of land set like a jewel in sparkling blue water, the crisp, pristine breezes off the Straits of Mackinac and the quiet of a place without the screech and noxious fumes of motor cars. And on this beautiful island my favorite place would be the Grand Hotel.

Built in the post Civil War's Gilded Age, the Grand Hotel opened in 1887. The great sweep of the geranium-lined porch is awe-inspiring even from the water. The view from the porch slopes down over manicured lawns, colorful flower beds, the Esther Williams swimming pool (named for the star after a 1949 movie was made here) and the Straits beyond.

Maybe I like it so much because I can pretend I am in another time; an era of formal dinners, well-mannered waiters, after dinner dancing, afternoon teas and promenading on the porch.

A typical day at the Grand would include awakening to the gentle clip-clop of the elegant horse-drawn carriages outside your window. Then it is breakfast in the cheery dining room with its green and white awning stripes (the traditional colors of Mackinac Island cottages). After breakfast a slow paced walk or maybe just nestle yourself into a lounge chair and read a good book. If you really must exert yourself, there are tennis courts and a lovely golf course, but my favorite activity is just exploring the island on foot (a great way to work up an appetite).

Lunch may be at the Grand Luncheon Buffet or one of the restaurants in town. John and I generally don't do the buffet because we want to save room for afternoon tea. Tea time for me is one of the truly inspired inventions of a civilized society and the Grand Hotel does it up, well, grandly! Tiny sandwiches and pastries, tea, champagne, freshly baked cakes and maybe even a chocolate covered strawberry are served in the parlor. This elegant respite from hurry and worry is enjoyed complete with the music of piano and violin or harp.

The afternoon could include a swim, a stroll through the souvenir shops in town or maybe a nap before getting ready for dinner. Dinner at the Grand is an event. I don't think I would want to "dress" for dinner every night, but here it is the appropriate thing to do. Ladies and gentlemen on their best behavior are led to their tables by solicitous waiters. Since dinner, as well as breakfast, is included in the room price, you may order anything on the menu. My favorite has always been the Broiled Whitefish with Lemon Butter. I am told that the most popular dessert is their famous Pecan Ball with Fudge Sauce. More than 50,000 are consumed each

After dinner a stroll on the porch gives an opportunity to people-watch and let dinner settle. Cordials and liqueurs are served in the Parlor. Evenings at the Grand are truly magical. The halo of lights from the porch makes it glow like a great ship at sea. The strains of big band music can be heard from the ballroom and couples wander in to dance to the romantic music. I can't imagine a more perfect ending to a perfect day.

Fall is a great time to visit Mackinac Island. The days are still sunny and warm, but the nights are beginning to get cool. The Grand Hotel sponsors some very special theme weekends. On September 1-4 there will be a Labor Day Jazz Weekend featuring a full slate of nationally-known entertainers. September 29-October 1 is Carleton Varney's Antique & Design Fall Festival. There will be an Antique Showcase, seminars and workshops and a special tour of the hotel rooms and kitchen. For amateur sleuths, the Magical Murder Mystery Weekend will be a real treat. Put your crime-solving talents to the test on October 6-8. A Big Band Dance Extravaganza will be held October 20-22. The event of the year for you romantics out there will undoubtedly be the Somewhere in Time Weekend, October 27-29. The hotel was the backdrop for this 1980 movie starring Christopher Reeve and Jane Seymour. Along with a special screening of the movie, fans will have the chance to meet with members of the cast and crew.

Call 1-800-33 GRAND for reservations and information about the special Fall Packages. (See Grand Hotel Ad on next page). It is a great incentive to visit this wonderful hotel and it may become one of your favorite places too.

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Two moms travel (continued from page one)

By the way, it's pronounced "Hoat." It appears that the Irish have little use for the "th" sound and so live in places like "Hoat" and refer to their history that is "tousands" of years old.

A footnote about northern Ireland: I don't have a point of comparison to comment on travel before and now after the peace agreement, but we were very comfortable and had no apprehensions about travelling in the north. If anything, the people were overly anxious to please and desperately want to regain the tourism business lost over so many years of tension and struggles.

On to Dublin (pronounced "Doo-blin), aye. Dublin, home of Trinity College and Oscar Wilde. It's a city rich in the arts and theater; vibrant and cosmopolitan.

From Dublin we moved on to Waterford and visited the place of the most beautiful crystal in the world. If you go, don't expect purchases to be cheap but it is less than in the States and of course, there's something special about having Waterford crystal bought in Waterford.

We left Ireland and ferried to Wales. Ireland was, Ireland is a very special place. Not that England and Scotland weren't wonderful, but there's

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something extra special about Ireland. The people, the history, the music, the scenery; I want to go back someday. ("It doesn't get any better than this.")

Traveling through Wales, we ended up with two nights left in our wonderful holiday; two nights before our reality check would take us back home to billboards and new buildings, rushed drivers and fast foods.

Several people, several times told us that if we could manage, we should go to Bath. So for two nights, we walked the cobblestone streets, viewed the 2,000-year-old Roman baths and were mesmerized by the striking Georgian architecture. We whispered, "It doesn't get any better than this."

Last day before our trip home: we visited Blenhim Palace (Churchill's home) and spent a few hours in Oxford. We concluded our visit to Oxford with High Tea, a perfectly English ending to a perfectly wonderful trip. "It doesn't get any better than this."

OUR TRAVEL (BY LANE'S DEFINITION)

The cities were wonderful, the tour guides knowledgeable, the scenery spectacular, the history enlightening. But as those detailed memories fade, I will always remember...

Learning to drive not on the "wrong" side of the road, but on a different side; tasting "haggis, nips and tatties" (Scottish dish of sheep's intestines, turnips and potatoes); laughing about the fact that washcloths don't exist in Europe (so what? you just learn to improvise); tasting stout so thick that you could stand up a pencil in it; seeing more sheep in two weeks than one could ever count in a collective lifetime of sleepless nights; talking to locals about their families and their impressions of us, as Americans; listening with envy to the quiet of a city of 7 million (in London, we never once heard someone, anyone honk their horn, yell an obscenity or even gesture their displeasure at our "American" ways); seeing our moms laugh and then tear up at the sheer magnitude of an experience that they never, ever dreamed could happen to them, especially at this point in their lives (pinch me so I know I'm not dreaming); wanting to study my grade

school history books to refresh my recollection of wars and kings, poets and prophets; closing my eyes to simply hear the melodic sounds of an Irish accent (aye); feeling blessed to be with these people and experiencing such a wonderful time in such distant lands and realizing that truly,

"It doesn't get any better than this."

For two weeks and across 8,000 air miles and 2,000 ground miles, literally by air, sea and land, we travelled and all of our lives were enriched by the experience.



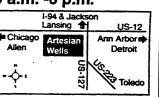
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TRAVEL BITS.....

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Exhibition in Chicago was greater than expected and that trip has sold out.

However, we are considering an encore trip to the Exhibition in early October. The cost of this trip will be \$59 per person and will include bus fare, exhibition ticket and refreshments.

If you wish to reserve a spot for this trip please call 313-428-1633 as soon as possible.

If you would like to be on our mailing list for future trips please drop a postcard in the mail with your name address and phone number to Manchester Travel Club, P.O. Box 628, Manchester, MI 48158.

We are considering a trip to Stratford, Ontario to attend the Shakespeare Festival. This trip would feature three plays and a two night stay in Stratford. If you would like more information, please send in a postcard to the above address and we will put you on our mailing list for trip information.

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From the Ground Up — by BG

Every month, a garden

Are you planning to enlarge the gotten ten trees through the mail from the Arbor Day

flower garden next year? Have you come around decent-sized trees: red maple, sugar maple and a blue to the thought that if one plant by itself is pretty, five in spruce from our ten sprigs. a group are spectacular? Have you noticed that the blooming less? Planning to extend your hedge? It is possible to do all of this with materials from your own a year. garden.

Why not create your own "nursery" as a source of plants for future use in your garden? Use a small area with some sunshine, convenient for you and the hose.

Your own garden can be a source of some of these new plants. When some perennials, coreopsis, gaillardia, etc. reseed themselves, we think of the seedlings as weeds but a few could be used for new beds or replacements.

technique to multiply your vines or shrubs?

If you can't decide on the location of some of those divided iris, put them in your nursery, using it as a holding area.

Have you been given a new plant of an unknown color? Keep it in the nursery until the perfect spot can be found.

Start some cuttings from that hedge, bring them to a decent size in the nursery and then extend the hedge. When your children bring home a pine tree from

an Arbor Day at school, put it in the nursery. Have you

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Foundation? Plant them in the nursery. We have three

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> The Bluestone Nursery in Madison, Ohio (1-800-852-5243) specializes in smaller perennial plants sold by the three or six-pack in smaller sizes at a smaller cost. These smaller plants could spend a year in the nursery plot before being moved into the flower bed.

I use an eight-by-eight-foot nursery space twelve months out of the year. In May, three dozen chrysanthemum cuttings, taken from the garden, are planted, watered and mulched. In early September, the Have you thought about using the layering surviving plants in all sizes, all blooming, are tucked into the bare spots in the garden. Then I will add some compost and plant foxgloves, columbine and evening primrose — perennials started as seeds in flats this summer. Those plants that survive the winter will be added to the garden to start blooming in 1996. More compost will be spread and more 'mum cuttings will be planted in April or May to restart the cycle.

My stock of chrysanthemums, developed over many years through trial and error, will bloom early enough for our fall and are hardy enough for our winters. Someday, I'll find a dependable red.

> Herb gardens in the pretty-picture garden books are lovely with the neat edgeings and well-planted sections but they are hard to create, hard to keep tidy and impossible to harvest the herbs for cooking without disarranging the pattern.

> Herbs could be integrated into a regular garden - the bright green basil for an edging or fragrant lavender against a sun-warmed brick wall.

Since so many of the cooking herbs like the same conditions, why not put them in a separate bed convenient to the kitchen? Some herbs will have more flavor with a light, not-so-fertile soil and a minimum of

Zucchini is the subject of more jokes than any other vegetable. Although the first

The Schoolboy

love to rise in a summer morn When the birds sing on every tree; The distant huntsman winds his worn. And the skylark sings with me. O! what sweet company.

But to go to school in a summer mom. O! it drives all iov away: Under a cruel eye outworn, The little ones spend the day In sighing and dismay.

Ah! then at times I drooping sit, And spend many an anxious hour. Nor in my book can I take delight, Nor sit in learning's bower. Worn thru! with the dreary shower.

How can the bird that is born for joy Sit in a cage and sing? How can a child, when fears annoy, But droop his tender wing. And forget his youthful spring?

O! father and mother, if buds are nipp'd And blossoms blown away. And if the tender plants are stripp'd Of their joy in the springing day, By sorrow and care's dismay.

How shall the summer arise in joy, Or the summer fruits appear? Or how shall we gather what griefs destroy, Or bless the mellowing year, When the blasts of winter appear?

- from Mrs. Florence M. Parker

one of the summer is greeted with much joy, the late summer's product is met by resignation. Don't give up on this great vegetable, continue to pick those little squash. That size means more flavor and less zucchini to eat and will encourage the plant to produce more small squash until frost. Don't despair if some squash hide under the leaves while attaining the size of a baseball bat. Throw the large ones into the compost bin and use them next year in the garden. The highwater content makes them ideal compostibles.

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1 C. Cottage Cheese

Salt and Pepper to taste

refrigerator.

1 C. Buttermilk or Plain Yogurt

1 Tbs. fresh Chives, chopped or

1 Clove Garlic, peeled and mashed

Combine all, mixing well 1 Ths. Garlic Powder

1 Tbs. Dry Mustard

1 Tbs. Sweet Paprika 1/2 tsp. White Pepper

1/4 tsp. Celery Salt 1/2 tsp. dried Thyme 1/4 tsp. Marjoram

1 tsp. dried Basil 1 tsp. Paprika Store in airtight container.

1/2 tsp. Garlic Salt Sprinkle over meats or vegetables. 1/2 tsp. Thyme

1/8 tsp. Curry Powder Store in covered shaker. To season cooked foods, salads, and treats. Great gift item with a jar of un-popped popcorn.

My Seasoned Salt

Combine all and mix well

1/2 tsp. Dry Mustard

1/4 C. Salt

Mayonnaise with Herbs (2 cups) great with sausage Mix together in small bowl until smooth

2 C. Mayonnaise or Salad Dressina 2 Tbs. snipped Chives or Green Onion Tops 1 Tbs. dried Chervil

Cover and refrigerate at least 3 hours or overnight. Good as a dip for vegetables.



Savory Seasoning

(1-2/3 cups)

accents main dishes, salads,

breads, and soups

Combine all, mixing well

1, C. dried Parsley

1/3 C. dried Basil

3 Tbs. Garlic Salt

1/3 C. dried Oregano

Store in a tightly covered jar

and keep a shaker of the mix

handy in the kitchen. You

can halve the recipe easily.

Stir or shake before using.

Parmesan Butter (2 cups)

Oh, so good

1 C. Unsalted Sweet Butter, softened

2 C. (4 oz.) freshly grated Parmesan Cheese

Store in covered container in refrigerator for up to

3 weeks. Use over hot pasta, French bread, or as

topping for baked potatoes and other veggies.

Cream all together well

1 tsp. dried Oregano

1 tsp. dried Basil

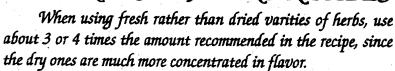
Curly Parsley

Parsley Oil (1-1/2 cups)

1 C. Peanut Oil

1 C. chopped fresh Parsley 5 Garlic Cloves, crushed

Allow to mellow several hours, then strain. Serve as a salad dressing or to saute vegetables. Store in refrigerator.



Flavoring foods with herbs is one of the most delightful and creative aspects of the culinary art. Adding herbs to your cooking adds an elegance to anything you serve... ENJOY!

If you don't raise your own herbs, buy in bulk, especially for recipes that call for large amounts.



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Add and combine well 2 Cloves Garlic, minced

1/2 tsp. Salt

1/2 tsp of each: dried Basil, Chives, and Marjoran

1/4 tsp. dried Thyme 1/4 tsp. Pepper

Can be made 2 days ahead and stored in airtight container in refrigerator. Serve with crackers, veggies, or just as a side serving of cheese on a buffet or a passing dish.

Lemon-Basil Salad Dressing (1 cup)

flavorful make-ahead dressing to

deliciously dress up green salads

In a blender, combine for about 5 seconds

2 tsp. coarsely snipped fresh Basil

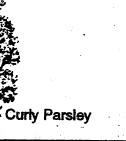
or 1/2 tsp dried Basil

1/4 C. fresh Lemon Juice

l-1/2 tsp Dry Mustard

1/2 tsp. Sugar

1/2 tsp. Salt



Mix all in a small bowl.



Pot of Basil

Dash Pepper Turn control down to low and gradually add 3/4 C. Olive or salad oil Store in a tightly covered jar for up to 2

1/4 tsp. Onion Powder and/or

Garlic Powder

weeks in the refrigerator.



Herb Sauce (1-1/2 cups)

Combine all and whip to blend thoroughly 1/2 C. Sour Cream

1/2 C. minus 1 Tbs. Heavy Cream 2 Tbs. Mayonnaise

2 Tbs. finely chopped fresh Parsley or 2 tsp. dried Parsley

1 Tbs. dried Dill Weed 1 tsp. Olive Oil

1 tsp. Lemon Juice

Oregano

1 dash Worcestershire Sauce

Salt, Pepper, and Cayenne Pepper to taste May serve immediately with any kind of fish, hot or cold.

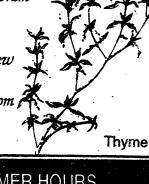
In medium bowl, combine and stir with fork mixing well. 1 pkg. (8 oz.) Cream Cheese, softened 2 Ths. Mayonnaise 1 tsp. Dijon Mustard

My Homemade Boursin (1-1/4 cups)

1 Tbs. fresh Chives, minced or 1/2 Tbs. dried Chives 1 Tbs. chopped fresh Parsley

or 1 tsp. dried Parsley 1 tsp. dried crushed Thyme 1/2 tsp. dried Marjoram Dash of Pepper Allow to mellow in

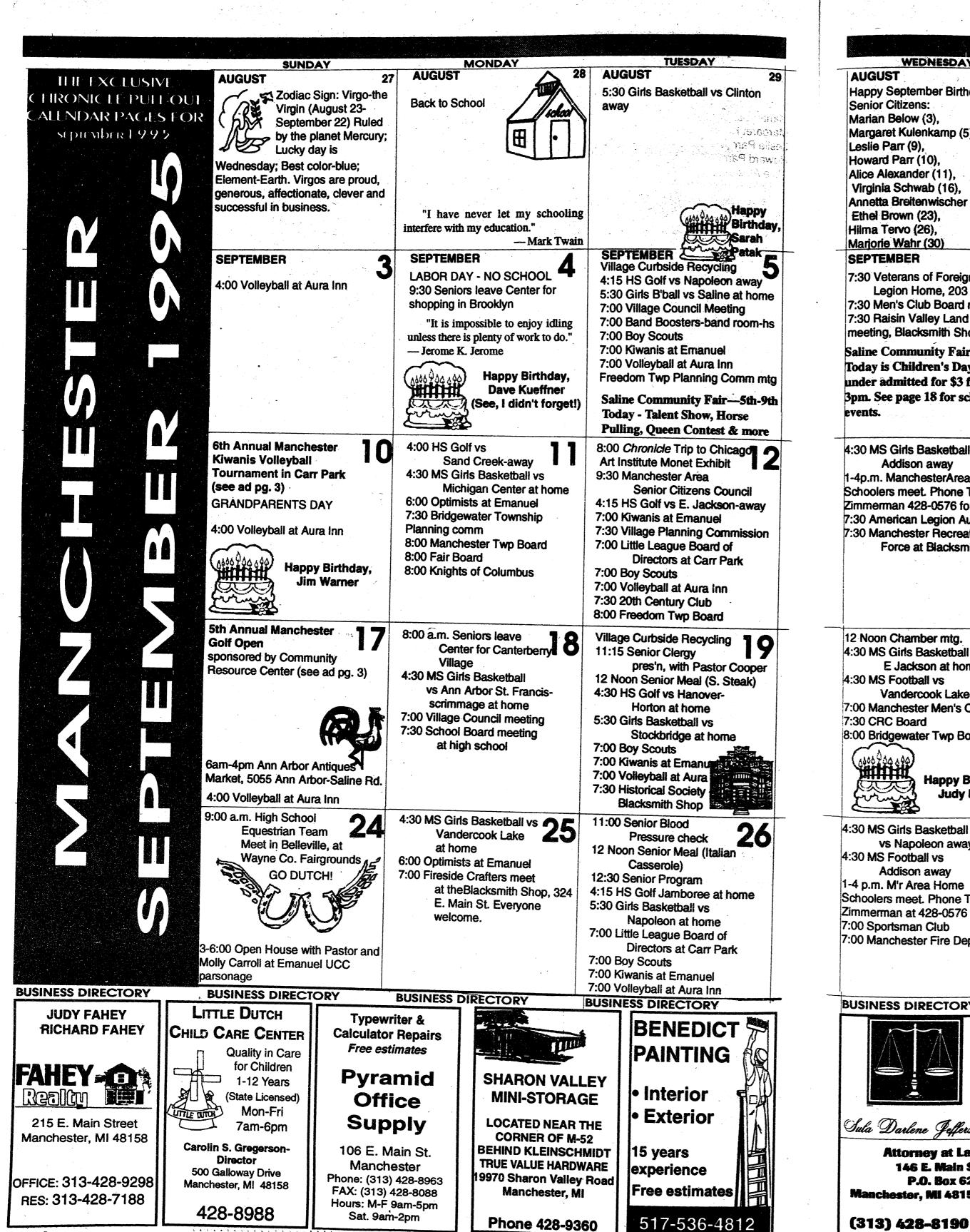
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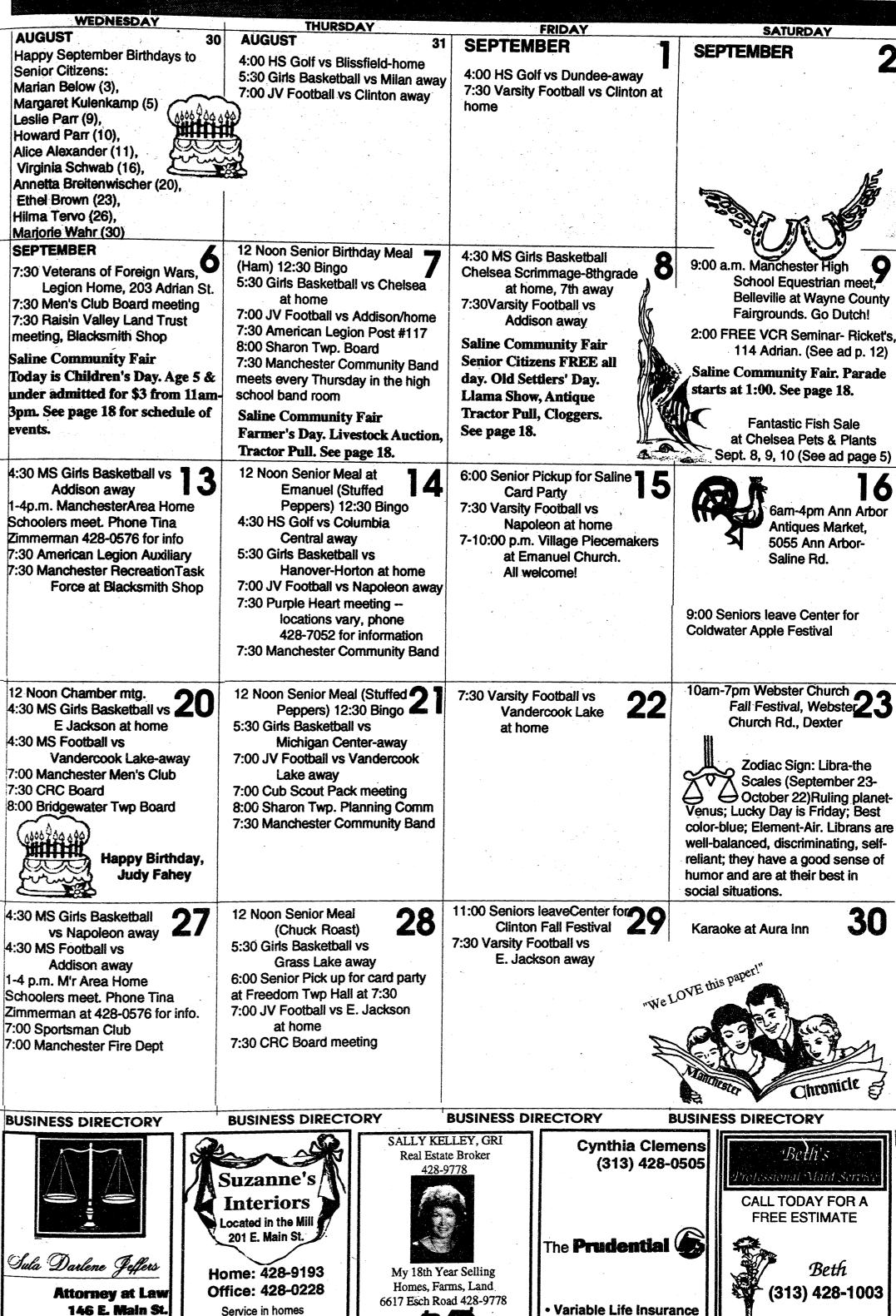


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A town meeting will be scheduled during the month of October. There will be more information in the October isne of the Chronicle.

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Criminal Justice Careers Focus 5: Corrections Officer

CORRECTIONS IS ONE OF THE FASTEST GROWING AREAS OF EMPLOYMENT within criminal justice. With over one million convicted offenders now in prison in the United States, the expectation is that the current 300,000 correction officers employed nation-wide will increase to 500,000 by the year 2005. In Michigan, the 5,975 Corrections Officers employed (as of 1992) are expected to increase by 50% over the same period, with projected yearly openings of 300 positions.

A CHANGE FROMTHE "TURNKEY"

The iob of a Corrections Officer has changed enormously from the days of the "turnkey" or jailor, who was typically low paid, corrupt and inefficient. Unfortunately, the old image prevails. As an officer at Huron Valley Men's prison told me: "For many students currently finishing high-school or college, the thought of a career inside a prison may not have been considered. Most find the idea not only distasteful, but done by a different class of person to themselves. The stereotype of the corrections officer is of a low class authoritarian male who enjoys tormenting others and inflicting pain on people. But this perception is very far removed from reality."

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A career in corrections today increasingly requires at least a two-year associates degree in criminal justice from a community college, and several months intensive training. In the federal system (in Michigan, Milan prison is an example) a four-year bachelor's degree is the minimum requirement.

RANGE OF ROLES

As with other criminal justice occupations, the range of roles available in corrections is many and diverse. In addition to the correctional officer, employment possibilities include: parole officer, prison counselor, clinical psychologist, substance abuse specialist, teacher/instructor, interviewer and many others.

Corrections Officers work mainly in either state or federal prisons or county or local jails. The primary correctional setting is state institution which employs 60% of all Corrections Officers, and accounts for 62% of the nation's corrections expenditure. As a result these positions are only occasionally advertised in newspapers; more often they are announced through state civil service departments. MINIMUM/MAXIMUM

Institutions differ with regard to their level of security, from minimum to maximum. With the 1980's prison expan-

sion, the traditional cell-block format is slowly being replaced with dormitorytype and housing units. These have a more humanistic and open feel, and look something like college dorm rooms. In the open format of the new prisons communication and crisis intervention skills are crucial to control the incarcerated offender who is seen more as a client in need of counselling and treatment, than a convict. Correspondingly, in these settings the corrections officer is transformed from jailor to counsellor, and even confidant. Indeed, because of the relative absence of physical constraint it is increasingly important that the Corrections Officer maintain con trol through respectful relationships rather than on reliance on coercive. REALITIES

This is not to suggest, however, that working in a prison is comfortable or even therapeutic. These are ideals. Corrections is a semi-military environment, with an expectation that officers will be giving and taking orders. Prisons are changing but they are also beset with some intransigent and recurring problems. Not the least of these can be stress stemming from fear, vulnerability and, the low morale among some prison officers who are concerned that they are not as appreciated as they might wish to be. In addition, prisoners often exist in a

predatory relationship with each other and with staff, the weak being exploited for sex and favors. Prisoners manufacture their own alcohol inside prisons, they trade drugs and cigarettes, run gambling rings, exist in ethnic or other gangs and sometimes kill each other. There are also escape attempts. These are the realities of prison life. They are occasional rather than continous, but they do exist, and anyone contemplating a career as a Corrections Officer should appreciate this fact and put it in per-

Indeed, consider the following statement from the job description for a corrections officer: "The work is performed in an environment that is extremely uncomfortable and....involves a considerable chance of incurring a disabling or life threatening injury." THE ROUTINE

The major part of a Corrections Officer's job, however, does not involve incidents but is tified corrections officers during their somewhat routine. It involves: watching prisoners for unusual or prohibited behavior that threatens the security of the prison, its employ-

— by Stuart Henry Stuart Henry has resident of Manchester Michigan since 1990 where he lives with **British**

citizen whose parents live in a subur of Manchester, England. He has taught criminology and criminal justice at Eastern Michigan University since 1987.

ees, visitors or other prisoners; counting prisoners; conducting searches of persons, packages and cells for weapons, drugs and other contraband; enforcing compliance with facility rules; enforcing discipline for rule infractions; attempting behavior modification through oneon-one or group interaction; dispensing medications; transporting prisoners; assisting in classification of prisoners, parole eligibility, and counselling; controling prisoner and personnel flow; inspectng and maintaining security equipment; writing reports; and training new recruits. (See next month's A Day in the Life of a Michigan Corrections Officer.)

QUALIFICATIONS AND TRAINING

States vary in the level of qualifications required and in the extent of training offered. Those states with highest standards require at least two years of college education and provide four to six weeks training in such areas as self-defense, crisis intervention, riot control, report writing, departmental policy and health care.

In Michigan, as the Huron Valley Corrections Officer explained, "The current program has evolved into a residential academy, centrally located in Lansing, is sixteen weeks and involves both classroom and field training."

He says that "included in the field training is an 'On the Job' phase that allows new recruits to work alongside cerdaily duties inside any one of more than 40 prisons and workcamps.'

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La Clemenza di Tito

Opera seria in two acts by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791), to a libretto by Caterino Mazzola, taken from Pietro Metastasio's play of the same name. First performance: Prague, National Theater, 6 September 1791.

The plot is characterized by Tito's determination to pardon all who plot against him and the determination of Vitellia — who is in love with Tito and wants to become Empress — to take revenge on him for preferring other

Tito (tenor) plans to marry Beatrice, and Vitellia (soprano) asks his friend Sesto (mezzo-soprano) to help her in a conspiracy against the Emperor. He agrees, but they learn that Tito has sent Beatrice home and now intends to marry a Roman woman, Servilia (soprano), who is in love with, and is loved by, Annio (mezzo-soprano). When Servilia tells Tito of her love for Annio. he decides to take Vitellia as his wife.

Unaware of this, Vitellia proceeds with her plot against Tito; it fails, and Tito escapes death. The details of the conspiracy are revealed to him. Sesto s tried by the Senate and condemned to death. Vitellia also confesses. But the clement Emperor Tito forgives every-

Mozart had not composed an opera seria for ten years when, at the end of his last summer, he received a commission for an opera to celebrate the coronation of Leopold II, King of Bohemia. He was given very little time in which to write the work, four weeks and no more. Nor was he free to choose the libretto. The characters foisted on him were somewhat conventional, so that Mozart found it difficult to describe them musically and bring them to life. The tight deadline also meant that the orchestration was very simple and straightforward and obliged Mozart to delegate to Sussmayr the composition of the recitatives.

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La Clemenza di Tito is, however, a fine example of a Mozart opera seria a genre in which he never succeeded in bringing out his genius as fully as he did in opera buffa.

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students wishing to go to Manchester

When MHS students arrived for to \$2.00. Adult lunch prices will go from classes on August 28, they were greeted \$2.40 to \$2.65. The cost increases reflect by new administrative faces. The district rising costs passed along by the Chelsea said farewell to MHS principal, Russell school district which provides LeBlanc and Director of Student Ser- Manchester's hot lunches and supplies. vices, David Swanson. LeBlanc accepted Free and reduced price lunches are availan administrative position with Grosse able to qualifying students. The required Pointe Schools. Swanson was appointed application form is included in the middle school principal in Lake City. Manchester Community Schools book-

eptember 995

The board welcomed the new Di- let which was mailed to homes during rector of Student Services, John Eisley. the third week in August. Eisley is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University. He holds a Master of Science covers most student expenses for degree and a Master of Education Lead- Michigan's public school students, it does ership. He taught at Rudolph Steiner not cover everything. Locally assessed School in Ann Arbor and was head wres- taxes still account for about seven per tling coach at EMU for 13 years. Most cent of the cost of educating Manchester recently, he was the athletic director for students. That means that non-resident Pinckney Community Schools.

Temporarily filling the role of top Schools must make up the difference high school administrator is MHS through tuition. teacher and golf coach, John Korican. Korican will serve as interim principal until January when the second semester begins.

BUILDING PROJECT REPORT

The board learned that preliminary site work done in preparation for the expansion of Klager Elementary School revealed severe instability in the soil that would have supported the planned foundation. As a result of this discovery, the project has returned to the drawing board and architect, Eric Geiser of TMP Associates is now developing floor plans and elevations that would move the expansion to the southwest corner of the building.

Superintendent Niedzwiecki explained that even though this setback has delayed the start date for the project, it should not jeopardize the estimated completion date of January 1997. In addition, he does not expect the district to incur any additional cost for the redesign of the project since the discovery was made so early in the preparation phase.

MHS BAND TRIP

Band teacher, Cara Weissman shared plans for the 1995-'96 high school band trip to Chicago, Illinois. The trip, which is an annual event for high school band members, is scheduled for Memorial Day weekend (May 24-26, 1996). If all goes as planned, band students will leave from MHS at 7:00 AM on Friday, May 24 and arrive in Chicago in time for lunch at Andy's Jazz Club. They'll spend the next day and a half sightseeing and be back home by midnight on Sunday, May 26. Band members each pay their own way on the trip. Many take the opportunity to earn credits toward their trip by working at the Marriot concession stand at University of Michigan home games. They hope that Chronicle readers will support their efforts by buying refreshments at the team's stand when they attend U of M games.

OTHER BUSINESS

In other business, the board briefly discussed the Athletic Boosters' plans to install an asphalt walkway at the athletic complex, school lunch price increases, and tuition for out-of-district students.

This school year will see student lunch prices increase from \$1.75

The cost of that tuition used to be the entire per-student cost. In Manchester's case, that was over \$5,000. Now the foundation grants follow the student, so most per-student costs are covered. Non-resident elementary students (grades 1-4) will need to pay \$207.67 and non-resident secondary students (grade

5-12) will need to pay \$404.15 in tuition

New Faces

in addition to the grant.

Joining the staff at MHS as a parttime Math and Computer teacher is Lorie Kosinski. She is a recent graduate of Andrews University where she received a Bachelor of Science degree in math and computer science.

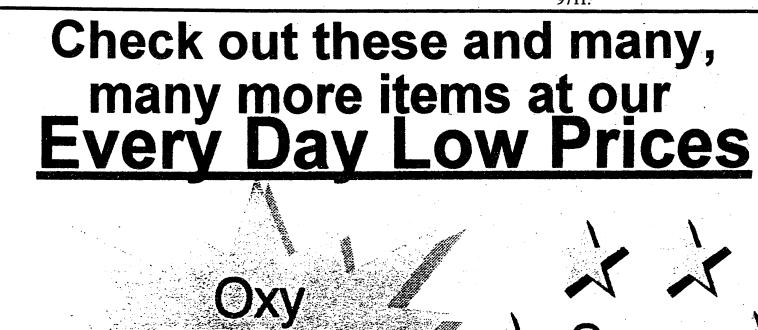
Corinne Kastel, a recent graduate of the University of Detroit will join the middle school staff as a part time teacher of math and social studies. She holds a — Gini Patak

Bachelor of Arts and did her student teaching in Britton-Macon schools.

Teaching second grade at Klager this year will be Mary L. Fielder. She is a graduate of MHS and Eastern Michigan University who holds a degree in math and elementary science. Fielder did her student teaching at Klager and has frequently substituted in Manchester schools.

Welcome back students. Welcome new teachers and administrators. The community is looking forward to a great

The next regular meeting of the Manchester Board of Education is at 7:30 PM on September 18, 1995. Meetings are held in the MHS media center. For more information, call the board offices at 428-





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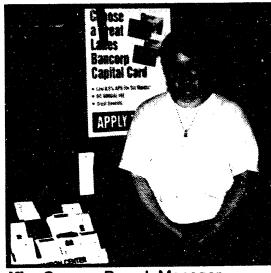
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Right: Patty Swaney with young assistants at St. Mary's Ice CreamSocial



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"Wait, wait." (A long pause, an incredulous stare) "A subway? From where

I let that image linger awhile before I explained it was one of the chain submarine and salad businesses going in the local Hop-In store.

Other changes: Sula Darlene Jeffers, Attorney at Law, has moved her office to more spacious quarters at 150 E. Main St., (in the same building as before but just to the east.)

Merchants in the Mill — Suzanne Valle (Suzanne's Interiors), Marge Melcher (Sewing Dreams) and Jan Schmidt's Antiques — have moved from the lower level of the Mill to the

upper level in the space formerly occupied by Susan Morey's Manchester Arts Academy. The Academy now is located at Emanuel Church.

Two new businesses have opened in the lower level of the Mill. One is Rita and Bob Burkhardt's Burk's Antiques, opening Friday, September 1. They will have antiques, collectables and are accepting consignments. Until their business phone is installed, please phone 428-8083 and leave a mes-

Also open is the "Mommy, I Need That," a book, toy and collectable dolls shop owned by Manchester resident Mary Ridenour. Mary's hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10-5 & Sunday 12-

Chuck and Sandy King announced their retirement and sale of The Baker's Dozen. They have sold the bakery to Kim and Michael O'Connor who are moving to Manchester from Rhode Island.

Dave Little retired after twenty-two years with Great Lakes Bancorp. After the sale of Great Lakes Bancorp to Twin Cities Financial of Minnesota, Dave said he was offered a buy-out package that was "too good to turn down." Always at the forefront of community service projects, Dave says he will continue playing an active role.

Moving up at Great Lakes Bancorp: Kim Cowen, Branch Manager; Sue Lavendar, Financial Service Representative; Kathy Roberts, Operations Supervisor.

Manchester High School principal Russ LeBlanc accepted an administrative position at a middle school in Grosse Pointe and high school history teacher John Korican is appointed interim principal. John Eisley, ofDexter, is named as new athletic director and assistant principal. See Chronicle School News Editor, Gini Patak's column, page 15, for details.



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Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show Results

- from a press release by Sarah Feldkamp

More than 800 area youth participated in the weeklong 4-H Youth Show at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds. Manchester's 4-H youth Still Exhibits results were: Dairy Food Preparation, Food Preservation (senior) Iodi Feldkamp; Food Preparation (senior) Katie Tolen, (young) Heidi Ernst; Clothing Construction (young) Jennifer Schulze, (junior) Laura Haeussler, (senior) Sarah Feldkamp; Crocheting, Katrina Bihlmeyer; Textiles & Counted Cross Stitch and Holiday/Seasonal Decoration, Sarah Feldkamp; Woodworking (handyman) Heidi Ernst, (craftsman) Stanley Ernst and Demonstrations/Educational Exhibit; Wool, Andrea Clark. Sarah Feldkamp (sewing) and Jodi Feldkamp (needlework/embroidery) represented Washtenaw County at the Michigan State Fair.

Tuesday's Horse Show Champions were: Stock Seat Fitting & Showing, Intermediate Exhibitor, LeAnne Ellsworth (also placed as Reserve Grand Champion); Advanced Exhibitor, Darci Hock. Club Herdmanship, 1st piace the Manchester Flying Equestrians - LeAnne Ellsworth. Amber Burkhardt, Darci Hock.

Additional Horse Competition results: Champion Hunt Seat Equitation and Champion Hunt Seat Pleasure, and Honorable Mention Western Pleasure (pony) Laura Kanta; Reserve Champion Saddle Seat Pleasure, Angie Makielski; Champion Hunt Seat Pleasure and Champion Stock Seat Equitation, Reserve Champion Western Pleasure, Intermediate Exhibitor, LeAnne Ellsworth; Gymkhana, Champion and Stock Seat Equitation, Junior Exhibitor, Honorable Mention Taryn Meyer; Reserve Champion, Senior Exhibitor, Amber Burkhardt; Trail, Champion, Intermediate Exhibitor, Andrea Clark; Gymkhana (pony) Champion Joel Makielski.

Also on Tuesday, Sheep Competition: Senior Showmanship, Joe DeVooght; Llama Competition, Brian Blossom, Champion in Llama Public Relations; Poultry Competition, Champion Showman, Grand Champion Fancy Chickens and Bantams, Grand Champion Pigeons, Turkeys, Guineas and Gamebirds, Overall Best of Show---all won by Jason Cousino.

On Wednesday, in Rabbit Competition: Champion Showmanship, Senior Showmanship, Best of Breed (Havana), Best of Breed (New Zealand), Katie Tolen; Best of Breed (Angora Giant) Annie Wiley.

Also on Wednesday, Beef Showmanship: Intermediate Showmanship, Champion Simmental, Matthew DeVooght; Reserve Champion Simmental, David DeVooght.

Goat Competition on Thursday: Senior Showwmanship and Champion Angora Goat, Nicole Jensen, Junior Showmanship and Reserve Champion Angora Goat, Christine Jensen; Champion Pygmy Goat, Jason Cousino; Club Herd Angora, Manchester 4-H Club Jolly Farmerettes Plus.

In the Animal Decorator Contest on Friday, awards were given for creativity and originality in costumes for themselves and their animals. Nicole Feldkamp from Manchester received an award for "Grandma & Baby."

Sweepstakes Showmanship is one of the most presone of her many ribbons: tigious competitions at the 4-H YouthShow. The top showmanship winners from each animal species competes for

the title of Top Showman. The animals included in the competition are beef, dairy, western and English horse, sheep, rabbit, poultry, dog, llama, and goat. The compeition consists of each showman showing each animal and the highest ranking score is the winner. This year's winner was the Top Showmanship for sheep, Joe DeVooght of Manchester; the Reserve Champion Showman was Nicole



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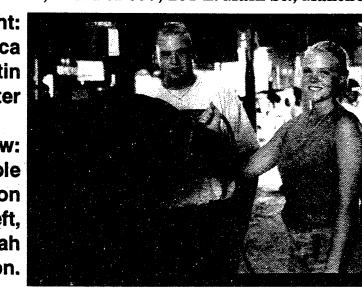
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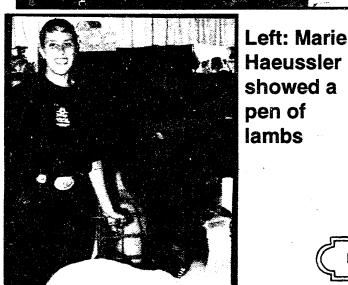
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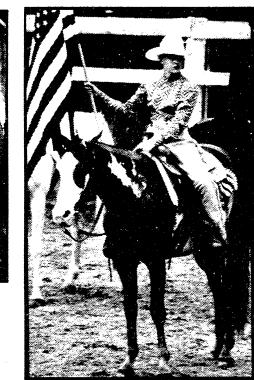
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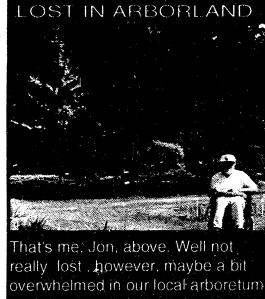
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go the Manchester Fair [Manchester, Iowa, about 40 miles from here] but the heat — 105° — kept us home in central air, going to parades, picnicking and sight-

We've had several Michigan friends visit, Bob and Chris Desjardins, Ann Walton, and my cousin Tom.

Next weekend are the exciting Dragon Boat races on the Mississippi and Labor Day will be a visit from Kathy Kidd along with the Field of Dreams Festival. Euripides is crazy and wild but special...Boyd wants O-U-T to roam and explore --- not permitted.

GO DUTCH!!! Same time, same place, next month, Jon & Mae



LUCKY DUCK

Left: "Lucky", the only duckling (of 18) to survive his spring/summer's raccoon rampage. We live-trapped 8 or 10 (I lost count) coons through the "season", twice as many as last year, as the ducklings and 85% of the small Banty chicken flock were being decimated.

Raccoons subsist in the wild on grubs, crayfish and eggs. A greedy appetite for eggs, and the prospect of easy pickings, leads them to rural chicken coops where setting cking close to mom hens are sitting ducks. Unable to escape, the chickens are

.....Noon-6:00p.m.

Hello!

My name is Mary Ridenour. I'm writing this letter to tell you some very exciting news. As some of you know, for the past ten months or so I have been working very hard at starting a brand new business here in Manchester.

It has been my dream to open a shop in our downton. It has been my dream to open a shop in our downtown area where I would sell quality children's books and toys along with collectable dolls.

I began out of my home by ordering collectable dolls Mary Ridenour from the Royal Vienna and Lissi doll companies, along pictured above left with Yvette Mc'Cann's Eddie Pasghetti books. At home I with Eddie Pasghe. have limited storage and my expenses have all been out book author. Yvett of pocket so my supplies are limited. Also many compa-McCann. nies will not sell to retailers who work out of their home; they require you to have a store front.

Well, my dream has finally come true. Mommy I Need That Book & Toy Shoppe is now opened in the Mill.

I am located downstairs across from the office of The Manchester Chronicle. This is an invitation to all of you to stop in and visit my shoppe. I will have more and more new items coming in, so I should be well stocked for the Christmas season.

I heard a lot of people remark lately that they didn't know there was anything lownstairs at the Mill. I'm here to tell you that there are wonderful treasures downstairs. So please venture down - I'm sure you'll be delightfully surprised!

Sincerely, Mary Ridenour

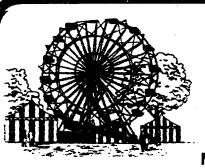
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often consumed along with the eggs and/ or hatchlings. Agile, persistent and voracious, the raccoons pry stapled wire from pens, dig under, climb over, whatever it takes to get in.

Dorothy Davies, township library director who raises orphan raccoons on cat food and eggs, and releases them behind her property in Manchester Township says, "I don't think many of them survive. We don't see them after awhile."

The raccoons are received from Friends of Wildlife, an organization that rescues and returns to the wild not only raccoons, but also opossums, rabbits, etc.

An update on the situation: There has been no evidence of raccoons lately and just this last weekend, one of my mother ducks successfully hatched a batch of eggs: nine ducklings and one chicken. But that's another story. Will the chick learn to swim? So far it shows no inclination to even get its feet wet. • kk



Entry Block Building...

Steer Judging.

Saline Community Fair Tuesday, Sept. 5t

MONDAY — EXHIBITS

		Saturday, Sept. 9th	Ö
~	Llam	FRIDAY — OLD SETTLER'S DAY a Show	9:00 e.m.
		que Tractor Pull	10:00 a.m.

Ail livestock entries on the grounds by 3:00.p.m.				
Block Building entries 8:00 a.m Noon				
Rabbit Judging	9:00 a.m.			
Poultry Judging	10:00 a.m.			
Home Economics Judging				
Local Talent Show, at Track				
Horse Pulling at Horse Arena	5:30 p.m.			
Rides Open	7:00 p.m.			
Lamb Judging-Open Arena	7:00 p.m.			
Open Sheep-Sheep Bam	7:00 p.m.			
Swine Judging	7:30 p.m.			
Saline Twirlettes	7:30 p.m.			
Miss Saline-Queen Contest, at Track	8:00 p.m.			
Fireworks	•			

USA Demolition Derby......7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY — ENTRY DAY

WEDNESDAY — CHILDREN'S DAY		
Dairy and Livestock Judging (Open Class)	10:00 a.m.	
Kids' Day, Rides Open	11:00 a.m.	
Pre-School Special (Children 5 and under: \$3)	11-3 p.m.	
Draft Horse/Halter Classes Judging		
Pony Show	1:00 p.m.	
Farmer John's Barnyard Express	1:30 p.m.	
Pedal Power Tractor Pull	2:30 p.m.	
Draft Horse Hitching Classes		
Beef Cattle Judging		
Motorcross Races	7:00 p.m.	

THURSDAY — FAI	THURSDAY — FARMER'S DAY		
Rides Open	3:00 p.m.		
Haflinger Hitching			
Junior Livestock Auction			
Farm Stock Tractor Pull	•		

.7:30 p.m.

...3:00 p.m. Rides Open.... Haflinger Halter.... ..3:00 p.m. Tractor Pulling- Super Stocks and Modified...... ...7:00 p.m. ..7:00 p.m. Rumbling Thunder Cloggers.... Entertainment- Big Pinky & the Joint Effort Band..... ...8:00 p.m. SATURDAY — AMERICAN LEGION DAY

Ladies'Day/ Recognition of Senior Citizens.....1:00 p.m.

Haffingers Futurity (Open Arena).. Children's Pet Float & Costume Show Judging Judging Floats at Parade... ...12:00 noon Parade (Downtown Saline).. ...1:00 p.m. Ponv Pulling (Michigan Championship Pull)......1:00 p.m. Compact Tractor Pulling... ..1:30 p.m. Fly Ball Dog Demonstration... ..5:00 & 6:00 p.m. USA Demolition Derby State Championship.....7:00 p.m. Entertainment- Saline Fiddlers Philharmonic.... ..7:30 p.m. Saline Rotary Steer Drawing.... ..9:30 p.m. Merchant Drawing..... ...9:30 p.m.

Admission Price: \$6.00, 2 years old and up. WEDNESDAY ONLY: Children 5 and under admitted for \$3 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. SEASON PASS: \$15.00 **EXHIBITORS PASS: \$12.50**

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In this last of our summer series of where teens are working, Constable Moore and wife Gertrude, of Manchester Township sent us the following from their granddaughter, Stephanie.

I worked as a volunteer for a Senator and roomed with the office manager's family who are friends of ours. My goal was to become a better informed citi-

To reach that goal, I devoted hours to the phone, filing, mailing, running errands, copying, listening, etc. Answering the phones was a challenging job partly because the phones buzzed constantly.

I also needed to know what the call was about so I could either transfer the call properly or take a message. It was wonderful to answer the phone and have a cheerful, patient person on the other end. We had a few upset callers who were angry at the bureaucratic red tape or the length of time the office had taken.

In many senators' offices, the staff stays intensely busy. They have a desire to help, but it is much easier to serve someone who is patient and intelligible than one who is screaming and incomprehensible. Sometimes the person answering the phones cannot solve the problem, but can help.

Filing is a major part of the work in a senator's office. Every House Bill, Senate Bill, Senate Majority Policy Office review, Senate Concurrent Resolution. Senate Joint Resolution, House Concurrent Resolution, House Joint Resolution, etc. has to be filed. Learning some filing tips helped expedite the job. For example, with House Bills starting at number 4000 and Senate Bills starting at number 1, a SB 4502 would not exist, but a HB 4502 would. From sponsorship to going to respective committees on both floors innumerable times, being approved by both chambers, and, finally, being signed by the Governor, all of this has a specific place. Plus, all constituent cases have separate files and filing system. Filing seemed to be a never-ending job.

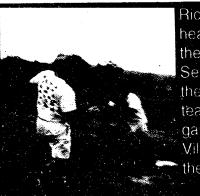
Two corrections were necessary in a book the Judiciary Committee publishes. I placed a different sticker over each spot in at least 5,000 books, an undertaking that, while doing other tasks, required most of the summer to complete.

Much of what I learned was the basics of how our Michigan government works. For me, the information was invaluable. The time I spent working, both in Lansing and here, earning the money to cover expenses, has taught me much about the state I live in and the need for personal involvement.

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Jason Cousino had a great iob this summer. Besides working at the Manchester Market in town a couple of evenings a week, he also worked full-time for the Department of Natural Resources at Hayes State Park. Jason is attending **Washtenaw Community** College and will pursue a

career in forestry.



Richard Diamond eads for first base at he annual World eries Softball game the Aura Inn. The Inn: team won the first game against the VillageTap 21-12 and the second 24 - 3. — Photo courtesy

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tions as a career; education in race relations, discrimination, affirmative action, sexual harassment, and racial and cultural minorities; prison operations, restraint equipment, firearms, disabling chemical agents, riot control techniques, and self-defense skills.

Also provided are situational lessons, such as what to do when taken hostage or how

to defuse a violent confrontation with an angry prisoner, and report writing skill enhancements," says the Officer.

The salary of Corrections Officers has improved in line with other criminal justice positions and with the greater demands placed on present day officers. At en-

try level, Corrections Officers can expect to earn around \$23,000 which rises to \$35,000 over five years. However, overtime requirements typically raise this to \$45,000.

In Michigan in 1993 salary ranges varied depending upon the local county, with entry-level salaries ranging from \$16,843 (Delta) to \$27,268 (Kent). The maximum base salary for Corrections Officers in Michigan at this time was \$35,588 (Kent). In 1994 Corrections Officers employed by the State ranged from \$21,924-\$32,865.

For more details on **Corrections Officer careers**

Hy Hammer (ed), Correction Officer, New York: Arco, 1984.

Stuart Henry (ed), Inside Jobs: A Guide to Criminal Justice Careers for College Graduates, Salem, WI: Sheffield Publishing, 1994. Or contact:

American Correctional Association, 8025 Laurel Lakes Ct., Laurel, MD 20707

The American Jail Association, 1000 Day Road, Suite 100, Hagerstown, MD 21740

National Institute of Corrections, 1960 Industrial Circle, Suite A, Longmont, CO 80501 or call (303) 682-0213.

Michigan Correctional Officers' Training Council, Main Building, 715 W. Willow, Lansing, MI 48913

During this training, "the For position announcements:

American Jails- The bimonthly journal of the American Jails Association. Job Advisory Service- Available to members of the American Correctional Association which also has a non-memeber computer modem access service called ACAnet available for \$60.00 plus a user charge. Contact the ACA at (301) 206-5050.

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Ken Moull is a salesman at Midwest Ford in Manchester. Ken is known in the Classic/Custom/Street Rod world as "Kapt. Krazy." Custom cars and street rods are becoming more and more popular; the shows are a big attraction at festivals and special events. With his Kruisin' column here in the Chronicle, the Kapt. shares the fun experiences he enjoys in the wonderful world of cruising. Welcome!

Hi, Folks!

Well, it's 11:00 at night and I am facing a morning deadline for this article. So I will do the best I can. August 12th we went to Coopersville, Michigan for the Del Shannon Memorial Show.

Coopersville is the home of Del Shannon, and Charlie Westover, better known as Del Shannon is still a hero there. The folks block off the entire Main Street of town from end to end and 400 to 500 cars and trucks show up. They have a band and a street dance at night. All the local merchants buy trophies and give one to their favorite car.

Then August 25, 26, and 27th, we went to Xenia, Ohio, to the first annual Fiesta of the 50's. About 500 cars showed up. The town is neat, the show was great and we had beautiful weather.

They have a cruise through town Friday and Saturday nights flamethrowing contests both nights!

Friday night, they had a hot dog roast and a sock hop. Saturday night they had a concert featuring Rocky and the Rollers, Frankie Ford and Dicky Lee. It is hard to believe that September is our last month of cruisin', but it is also one of our biggest.

We have shows in Everett and Kalamazoo, Michigan, and Muncie, Indiana.

While I was in Xenia, I had the pleasure of talking to Paul Spillman who is the president of the KOA. Kustoms of America is the newest and fastest growing association in this hobby of ours, and it was quite an interesting conversation, but I'll save that for another story.

Well, folks, I guess that is it for now.

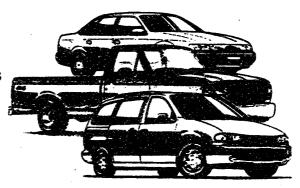
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