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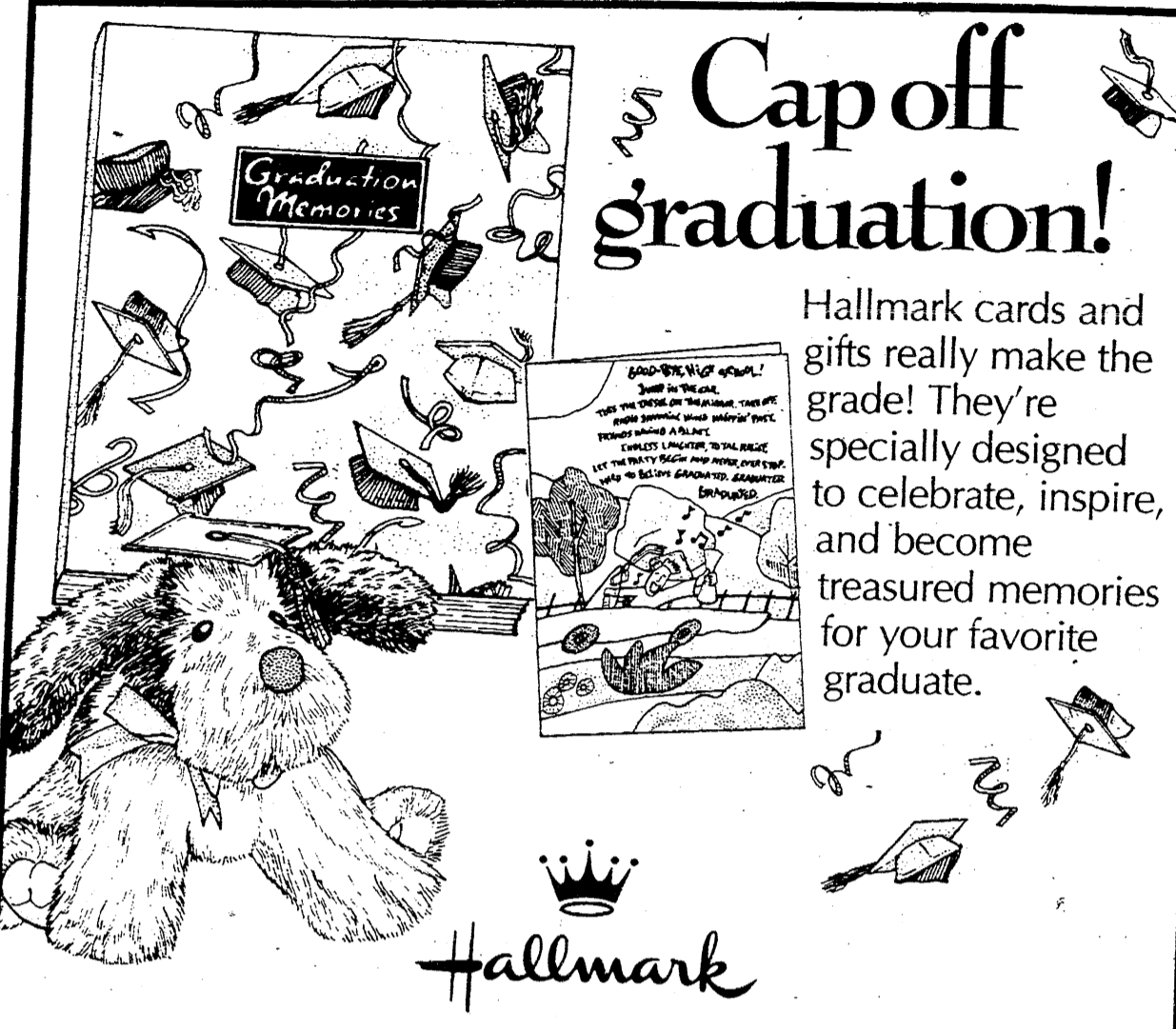
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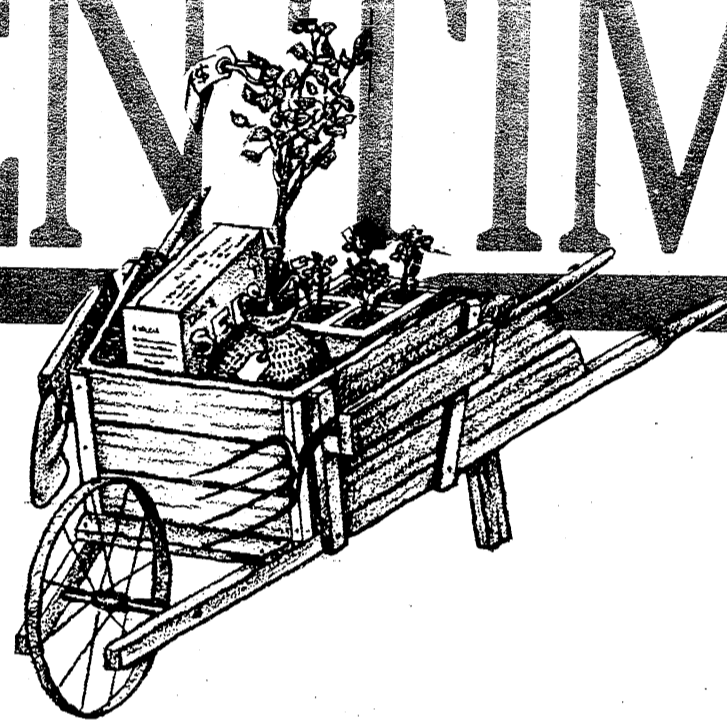
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LAWN AND GARDEN TIME



A History of The Garden Bench

In every garden there should be a place where the gardener can sit down, look with pleasure at what has been achieved, and think about all the hard work that remains to be done. Nothing is more suitable for this pleasant reprieve than the garden bench.

Historical evidence suggests that bringing furniture into the garden is as old as gardening itself. A great variety of materials have been used to make garden seating. Generally, in the pre-industrial period of history, cultures have been very inventive, utilizing whatever material was available.

There are examples of wicker garden benches found in Egyptian tombs and a third century Roman carving shows a woman sitting in a wicker garden chair similar to one that could be purchased today. Carved marble and stone made graceful garden benches for centuries in Greece and Rome, although the most familiar in this style is the classic marble bench with trestle supports dating from the Italian Renaissance.

Illustrated manuscripts from the 15th century show us herb gardens with raised grass benches. In these same manuscripts it is not uncommon to find other illustrations showing the master of the estate complacently sitting in his garden on a Gothic style wood bench which could very well be a church pew.

Traditional Spanish gardens often used brick to build benches into garden walls. When these seats were faced with painted tiles they were smooth and cool to the touch desirable qualities in a hot climate.

In Mexico and the American Southwest, the massive sturdy styl-

ing of Spanish Colonial pine furniture lent itself nicely to patio and garden benches. Examples of these from the 17th century exist which include elaborate fretwork, relief carving, and rawhide seats. The warm dry climate of the area allowed for diversity in living, and most benches were used both inside and outside the house.

Wood furniture designed specifically for the garden was rare until the 19th century. Since even household furniture was scarce in Western culture until the Renaissance, this is not surprising. People simply took tables and benches from the house when they wanted to dine or sit outside. This rugged oak furniture was well suited to a garden setting. Today's familiar picnic tables with matching benches are only scaled-down versions of refectory furniture that might have been found in an 11th century abbey. In the 19th century, interest in gardening expanded greatly. In America and Europe this was caused by the decline of rural agrarian life and the growth of urban industrialism. Along with the new wealth of the industrial period came a greater appreciation of nature. The suburban estate became fashionable and under the influence of landscape designers like Andrew Jackson Downing these retreats became picturesque and inviting. With the invention of the lawn mower in the 1850's lawns as we know them today first appeared, enticing people off their porches, in the hot summer months and into their gardens.

Gardens became out-of-door living rooms requiring benches, statuary, and all the other accessories that

we have come to take for granted in the garden today.

Satisfying the increased demand for garden furniture was made possible when advancements in 19th century manufacturing techniques made available a greater variety of materials at lower cost. One of the most popular of these materials was cast iron. While some metal garden benches were cast by hand in the 17th century, it was not until the middle of the 19th century that the ability to mass produce cast iron pieces of great intricacy occurred. The exuberance of the Victorian era saw a blossoming of cast iron benches with lilies of the valley, fern fronds, morning glories, and grape vines cast in life-like detail on the backs, sides and legs of garden benches. Other materials that found their greatest expression in elaborate Victorian design were wrought iron, scrolled wire and rattan.

With the growing popularity of

summer camps in the late 19th century rustic garden furniture came into its own. Rustic benches originated in the 18th century as part of a revolt against the excessive formalism of French and Dutch garden design. They were made of branches of yew, apple or pear trees. By twisting and bending branches, benches and chairs were fashioned that were functional, yet kept the essence of the tree alive. A rich variety of this style flourished in upstate New York and has come to be known as Adirondack furniture.

The benches in use in the 20th century bench reflect the spontaneity and eclecticism of our era. Today it is not uncommon to see in the garden Loveknot benches inspired by 12th century Celtic illuminations, flowing scrolled Victorian benches designed


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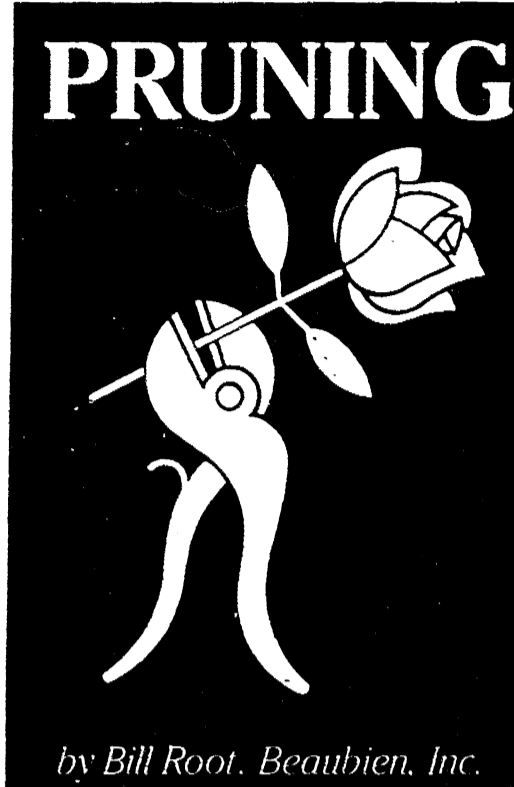
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Pruning Trees and Bushes



by Bill Root, Beaubien, Inc.

Pruning is very easy. Just remember a couple of simple techniques and rules and then you will never have to worry about destroying or damaging your plants.

The number one rule in pruning is to remember the four "D's", diseased, dying, dead, and damaged.

These four things are what you should look for when you're starting to prune. After you have decided which branches fit into the category of the four "D's", the next step is to look for any cross branching, sucker and or water sprout growth, which also needs to be removed.

Always prune as close to a bud (without destroying the bud) or branch collar as possible. Improper pruning can lead to bud or tree damage, and or infection from a disease, or even delaying the callusing process (healing process).

Yes it is that time of the year again. Put your snow shovels and snow blowers away and grab your pruning tools that just came from getting sharpened.

The first step that is involved in pruning, is to evaluate your shrubs and or trees. How much winter damage occurred? Did any branches break off? Or are any branches diseased?

After assessing your landscape, you will need your pruners, and if your doing any large branches, you will need a hand saw.

When pruning larger branches of trees, there is a three step method that should be followed. The three step method prevents the tearing and ripping of tree bark of the healthy part of the tree.

The first cut should be made on the bottom of the branch about six inches away from the trunk. This will stop the ripping of the bark when the limb falls.

The second step involves cutting the entire unwanted branch off. Be careful not to let the branch fall on

anyone or anything below.

Now comes the final step. Cut the remaining six inches, making sure that you get as close to the collar as possible. This cut is very crucial because it will affect how the tree will callus.

After pruning, most people will want to use pruning paint, but it is now recommended that pruning paints should not be used on the plant's open wounds. It was thought to believe that pruning paints would seal the wound and start the healing process faster, but scientist say that pruning paints could do more harm than good. The paint invites insects to lay their eggs in the paint or the tree may also become a host to diseases. But if you are one of these people that feels that they must use a wound dressing, use an aerosol spray with Naa.

The second most asked question about pruning is what time of year should you prune. Most plants can be pruned anytime of the year. There are a few general rules that you may want to go by, but is not necessary.

Trees that bleed sap, will normally bleed less when pruned late Spring or early summer. Bleeding trees are generally the maples, dogwoods, black walnuts and many more.

Flowering trees or shrubs, such as lilacs and forsythia should be pruned after the plant flowers. This will prevent from losing any flowers this sea-

son. Summer flowering plants such as hydrangea, hibiscus, and spirea should be pruned in early spring before any new growth.

Evergreens should be pruned after new growth occurs but not late enough where new growth is ready to shoot new candles (new growth). Never remove all of the current season's new growth.

For those of you that have overgrown lilacs and forsythias and want to start over after the spring flowers have passed, there are two options. The first option is to cut the entire bush to the ground. This will sacrifice next years blooms, but flowers will be more abundant for the next two to four years.

Option two includes removing the oldest wood every year. This is especially good for lilacs, because after five years, the wood is very susceptible to lilac bore.

One last tip. If pruning a diseased shrub or tree, before moving on to the next plant, sterilize your pruning tools in a 1:10 solution of bleach and water. This will prohibit any bacteria or fungus passing on from tree to tree through your tools.

Now after reading this article, you should have become more knowledgeable and should not be afraid to go out and start pruning your plants to get them back in shape. Just remember, always prune for tomorrow, not today.

Kleinschmidts' New Addition

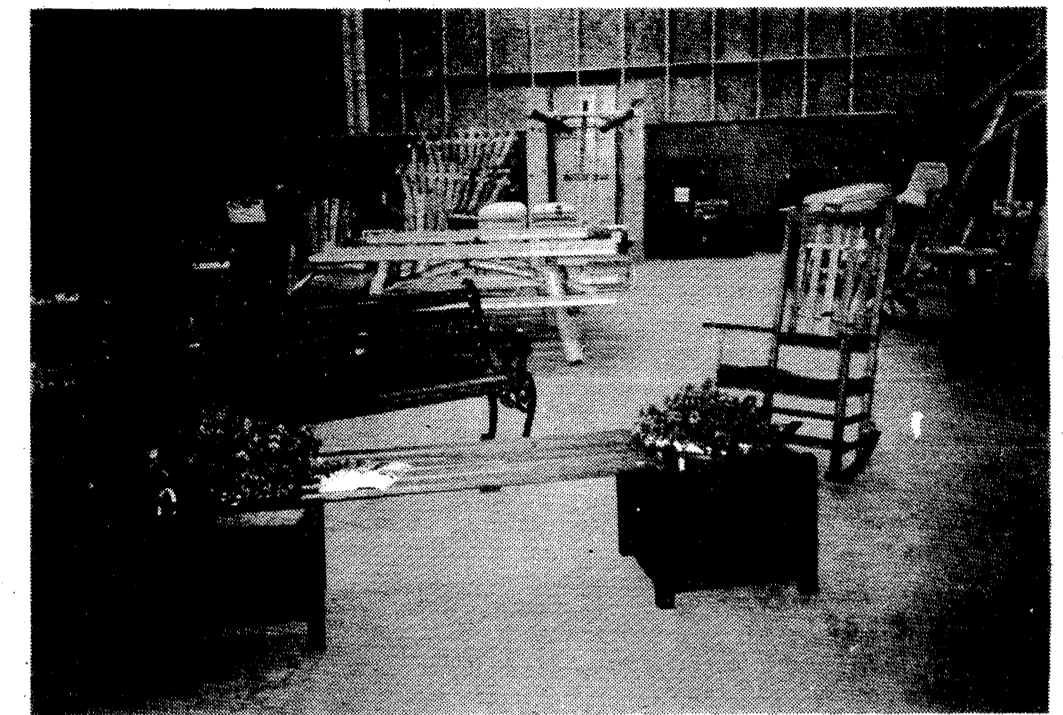
After last week's finishing of their new "back room," Kleinschmidt's True Value proves to be all geared up for summer. The new addition, completed last Wednesday, will house seasonal merchandise for the sixteen year old hardware store. Presently, the new room contains several gardening equipment and rustic lawn pieces. Eventually, lumber will also be stored in this room.

The room houses the new tractor model **Yard Man**, and the standard **Lawn Chief**. For the first time, there are seven different models of tractors in stock at Kleinschmidts. For your summer gardening needs, a garden tractor is also available. Attachments hooked to this machinery are sure to help any gardener ease the summer work load.

With merchandise arriving continuously, the room will soon be as dynamic as the weather we have been experiencing lately.

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Well, Kleinschmidts is ready for summer. How about you?



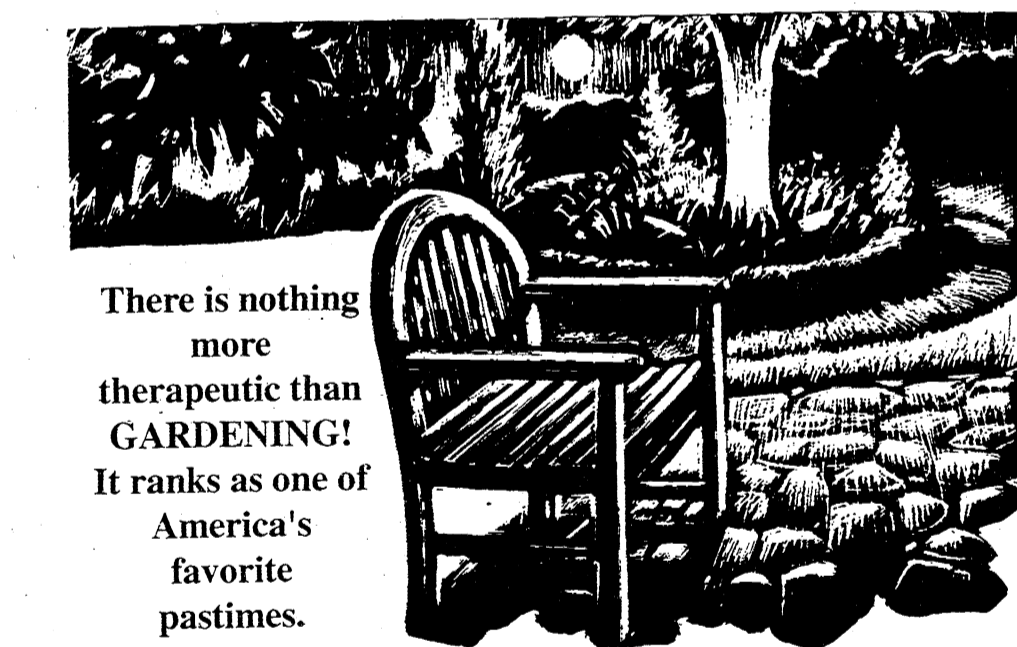
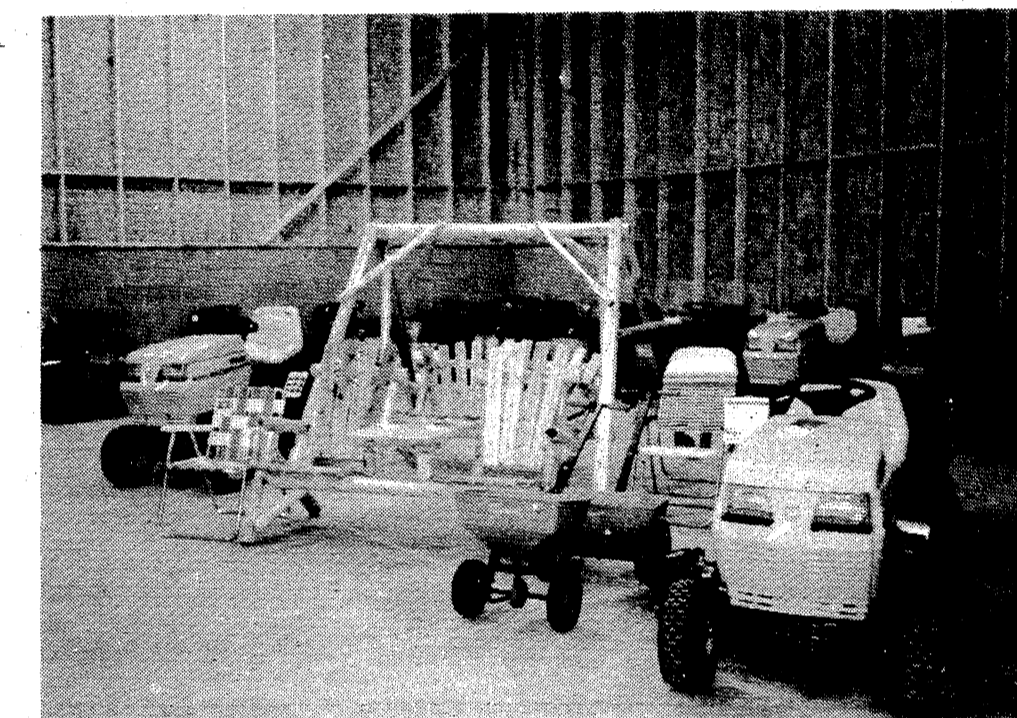
The Garden Bench

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by English architect Edward Lutyens or rectangular benches reflecting the common sense values of the Shakers. Virtually all of the styles used in the past are available today.

Also, 20th century architects have not resisted the temptation to leave their mark in the garden. Scottish architect Rene Mackintosh and American Frank Lloyd Wright are notable examples of architects who adapted their interior furniture designs to the garden. And who can blame them; for after all, a garden is a lovely place, a perfect spot to take a seat and look around.

- by Paul Little, Flower Show Designer



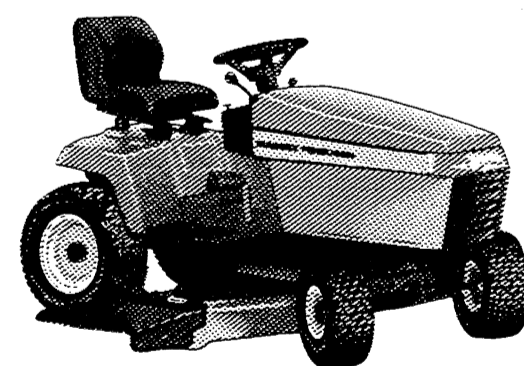
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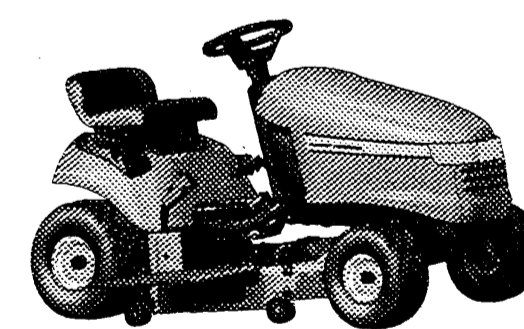


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Give Wildlife a Home in Your Backyard

In our increasingly urban world, birds, toads and other wildlife are hard-pressed to find adequate sources of food, water, and shelter. Your garden or home landscape can play a significant role in providing for wildlife—simply follow these easy steps from the American Association of Nurserymen (AAN) to create a rich and sustaining wildlife habitat.

Wildlife Tip #1: Plant a wide variety of trees, flowers, shrubs and grasses so birds and other animals can feast on nuts, acorns, seeds and berries. Use fertilizers and pesticides with care—they can be harmful to birds and animals.

Wildlife Tip #2: Provide water

with bird baths or a small trickling fountain that recycles the water it uses. All creatures need a source of clean water for drinking, and some, such as toads, frogs, and dragonflies, live in water in the early stages of their lives.

Wildlife Tip #3: Plant flowers, grasses, trees and shrubs in varying heights and densities to provide a safe place for wildlife to hide from predators. Choose plants that grow well in your local climate, and consider how much sun, wind and rain your lawn or garden receives. Remember, the experts at your local garden center will be happy to provide advice on plant selection.

Yard Care Tips and Tactics

The grass could be greener on your side of the fence if you heed these tips from the experts.

- Water your grass early in the day and allow it to dry off by sundown to help curb the spread of lawn fungus and disease.

- To mow and grow a better lawn, be sure your lawn gets a half inch of water every five days during the growing season. Deep, infrequent watering encourages deep, healthy root growth.

- Apply a selective weed and feed product in the spring to prevent broadleaf weeds like dandelion and chicken weed from robbing your lawn of nutrients and moisture.

- To minimize stress on your lawn, adjust mower blades to a cut-

ting height of two-and-a-half inches in the spring and raise blades to three inches in the fall.

- To help control lawn damage, apply a lawn insecticide in early spring while surface-feeding insects are active.

- The best way to control crabgrass is to apply a pre-emergent crabgrass preventer to stop it before it starts to grow.

- Aerate your lawn to introduce oxygen into the turf, and leave grass clippings on the lawn to decay and return organic matter to the soil over the mowing season.

- Collect and discard accumulated leaves, sticks and droppings from trees to help prevent lawn insects and diseases.



Keeping Away the Critters

long-run.

Shield Your Bulbs

Colorful flowering bulbs add a touch of royal splendor to any landscape. Bulbs, however, are also a dietary staple for many ground-dwelling creatures, such as mice, moles, squirrels, and chipmunks. To keep these animals from making a restaurant out of your garden, soak bulbs for a minute in a repellent prior to planting. This will give any bulb feasting creature a foul-tasting message that these plants are no longer on the menu. After bulbs have grown and flowered, spray the blossoms with the repellent again to deter animals such as deer and rabbits from chewing on flowers and other foliage.

Guard Your Garbage

Every person's trash is a hungry animal's treasure, so open garbage containers are a common target of nighttime creatures on the hunt for an evening's meal. To avoid this scenario in the future, invest in a new, sturdy set of trash cans with tight-fitting lids. If you're using paper bags, try switching to a more durable, and tear-resistant plastic bag. And, finally, try not to leave trash cans and their contents exposed for too long where they are accessible to animals. Remember, animals can't make a mess of what they can't find.

The problem seems insurmountable. So what's an environmentally aware homeowner to do? Foraging creatures can easily be taught that your property is off limits, if you use some common sense, a few simple precautionary measures and an effective animal repellent.

Protect Your Plants

Flowers and shrubs in the garden make a tasty treat for hungry four-legged scavengers. Building a fence around areas frequently under attack, although it may seem an expensive alternative now, but will pay off in the

Good Gardening Helps Environment

Each spring, millions of recreational gardeners across the country enjoy the process of planting, nurturing, and harvesting. Whatever your age, and whether your garden is a windowbox, filled with herbs, a large vegetable patch, or a bed of colorful flowers, the personal satisfaction of gardening can be immense.

And, as we become more aware of the importance of preserving, protecting, and replenishing our natural resources, the benefits--and necessity--of maintaining a harmonious relationship with nature also are increasingly evident.

Long-Range Benefits

There are a variety of ways in which home gardeners can have a positive environmental impact. Among these are

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- **By choosing the right plants, you can provide natural food and shelter for wildlife.** In fact, you can attract specific birds and animals to your garden by including certain plants.

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On the near west side, at 16400 Herman Road, the new kids in town are at **Fusilier's Family Farm and Greenhouse**. Mike and Kathy Fusilier and their family will welcome you to their new greenhouse which they just built this spring. This year they are learning what will sell and what will be the most popular,

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At **Wacker's Ornamental Shoppe**, at the corner of M-52 and Pleasant Lake Roads they have bedding plants and specialize in ornamental cement planting baskets. All shapes and sizes are available in a wide range of prices. You may choose your own plants and basket combination, or Lois will select and plant them for you. Last year's hot item was planting bags - heavy gauge green plastic

bags with holes, out of which the plants cascade to create a colorful flowering basket, nice to hang on patios or near entryways. "We couldn't keep enough of them in stock," comments Lois Wacker of last year's supply. So they'll be sure to have plenty on hand for your early spring gardening.

If you're one of those who loves to plan a beautiful garden, but you're not quite sure what will fit in the spot you've chosen, try giving **Karen Reynolds at Moondance Perennials** a call. Karen specializes in garden consulting and design and is a Master Gardener. Her favorite gardens consist of perennials and herbs but she'll even start seeds for you. Best of all, she can help you decide what is just right for your own gardening talents and your garden plot.

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Memorial Day weekend is approaching and that seems to be a traditional time for getting gardens ready. Although we've had unseasonably cold weather this spring, the sight of some blooming flowers can always warm you. We are fortunate that we have so much to choose from in the area, and many quality growers and busi-

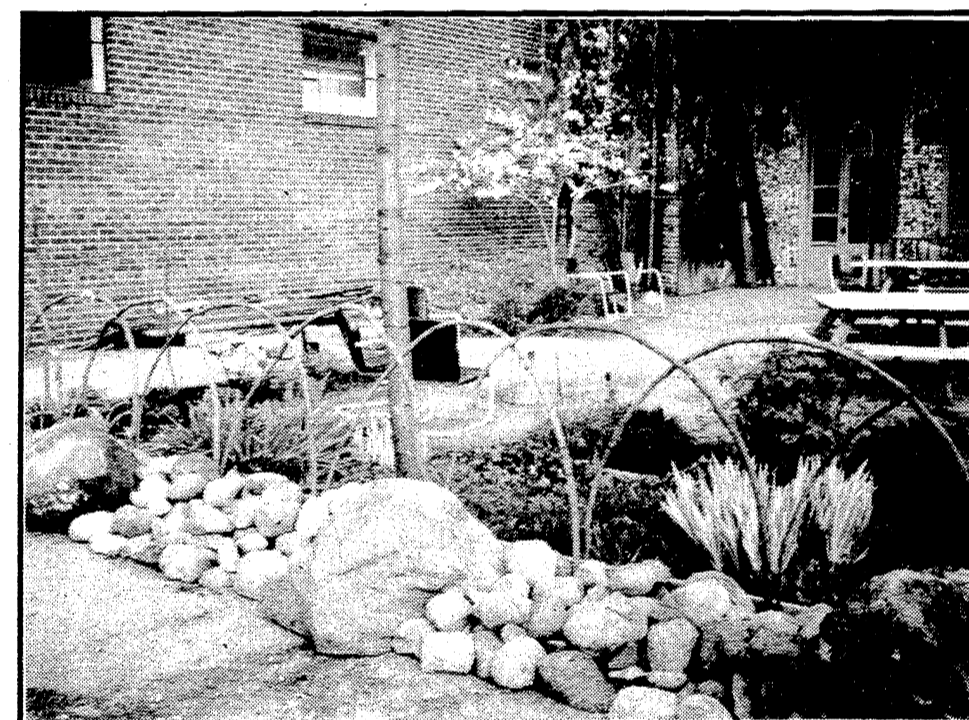
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To create your specialty garden, consider the options and select the garden that will work best in the light, soil and water conditions of your lawn or garden, recommends the American Association of Nurserymen (AAN).

A Woodland Garden

If your backyard is heavily shaded and full of large trees with tall canopies, a woodland garden is the perfect choice. Developing a woodland garden simply means working with, not against, your shady site, placing low light ornamentals where they will bloom under the shelter of taller sunloving plants.

A Bird Garden

Perhaps you'd like a bird garden that attracts feathered visitors. Your best bet is to plant trees, shrubs and flowers that provide plenty of seeds, nuts and berries for feeding backyard wildlife. Many birds are drawn by

colorful flowers, as well as by a birdfeeder, birdbath or birdhouse. You can find out more about the birds in your area by calling your local horticultural extension service or by talking to the experts at your local garden center.

A Single Color Garden

Single or monochromatic color gardens are another unusual specialty garden. Family and friends won't soon forget the dramatic look of the garden consisting of all types of flowers of a single color, whether blue, yellow or pink. White is always a good choice for a monochromatic color garden, particularly on a cloudy or misty day. When working with flowers of only one color, introduce contrast and interest by varying the size, shape and texture of the flowers you select.

A Cutting Garden

One specialty garden, the cutting garden, doesn't look any different than an ordinary garden, and that's precisely the point! The purpose of a cutting garden is to have a place to cut and collect fresh flowers on a daily basis if you'd like. While removing your best flowers from an ordinary garden may leave gaping holes, a cutting garden is planted so that frequent removals go unnoticed. The

trick to a cutting garden lies in subtly interspersing one type of flower with another, as well as in making sure there is always something in bloom. Whether you opt for a woodland, bird, single color or cutting garden, you can find hours of pleasure in planning and tending your specialty garden!



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— John Rosenow, President Arbor Day Foundation

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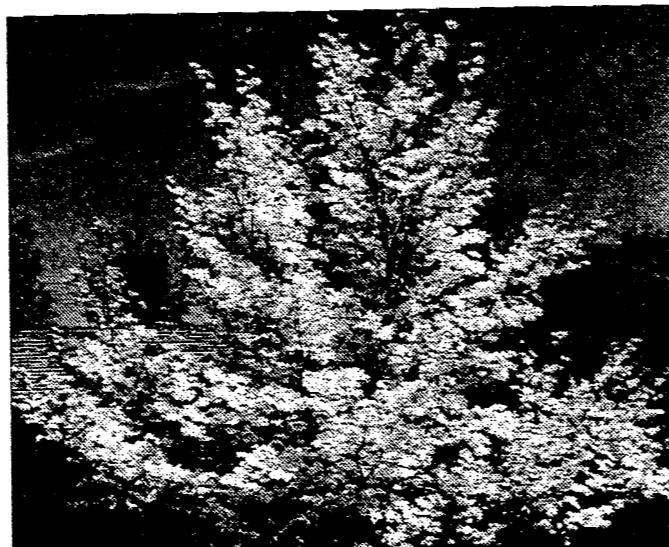
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Trees along rivers and streams help keep the water clean. Trees reduce the risk of flooding. Planted as field windbreaks, they fight topsoil erosion.

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Using Lawn Care Products Properly

As a responsible homeowner concerned about yard maintenance, you probably know that pesticides, like other household chemical products, must be treated with respect and handled with care.

What you may not know is that the manufacturers of a common pesticide ingredient in weed control products 2,4-D (which appear on the label as one form of 2-4 dichlorophenoxyacetic acid), are changing the labels of products containing 2,4-D.

The new labels will prescribe measure to reduce your and your family's exposure to 2,4-D, and are relevant to the application of other pesticides used around the home.

Reading and following the label directions is essential. Label information also will help you choose the right product, let you know how much to use, under what conditions to use it, and finally, how to mix and apply the product correctly. The new 2,4-D labels will describe protective clothing and equipment, proper cleanup, the amount and frequency of application and access to treated areas. Until the new labels are in place, you can reduce your exposure to 2,4-D by following these simple guidelines:

Protective Clothing and Equipment

• When using pesticides in granular form, wear a long-sleeved shirt, long pants, socks and shoes.

• For liquid pesticides with the word "Caution" on the product label, wear a long-sleeved shirt, long pants, socks, shoes and rubber or chemical resistant gloves. When the labels are modified, the exact type of glove will be specified.

• If the product carries the "Warning" or "Danger" signal words, wear eye protection, too.

Safety glasses should include front, brow and temple protection.

Cleanup

• After using 2,4-D products in granular form, remove clothing and laundry separately from the other clothing before reuse. Promptly and thoroughly wash hands and exposed skin with soap and water.

• After using 2,4-D products in liquid form, rinse gloves before removing, remove clothing and laundry separately from other clothing before reuse, and promptly and thoroughly wash hands and exposed skin with soap and water. If clothing becomes saturated, remove as soon as possible and shower.

Frequency of Application

• Some pesticide products have reduced application rates. The new maximum rate will be calculated for you on the product label. Be sure to read the label directions for correct application instructions. Treating an entire yard must not be done more than twice in one year. Applying herbicides to individual weeds or clumps of unwanted plants as they crop up—"spot applications"—often is enough to control their spread without spraying the entire yard.

Access to Treated Areas

• Do not allow people (other than the applicator) or pets on the treated area during application. Do not enter treated areas until the spray has dried or dust has settled.

Why are there new requirements for using lawn care products containing 2,4-D?

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) continually evaluates the risks and benefits of pesticides, and currently is requiring the makers of 2,4-D to undertake new product testing.



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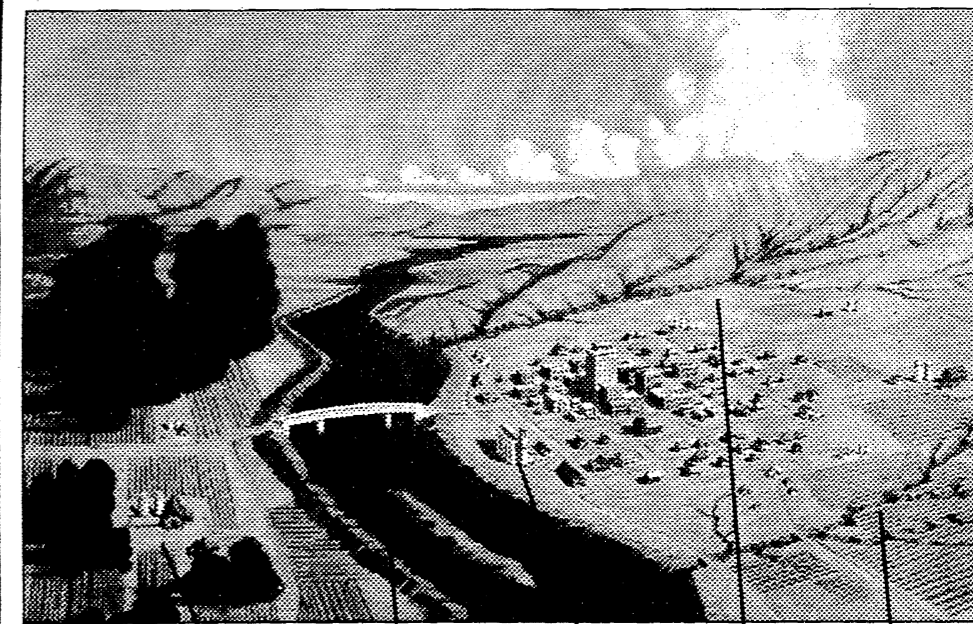
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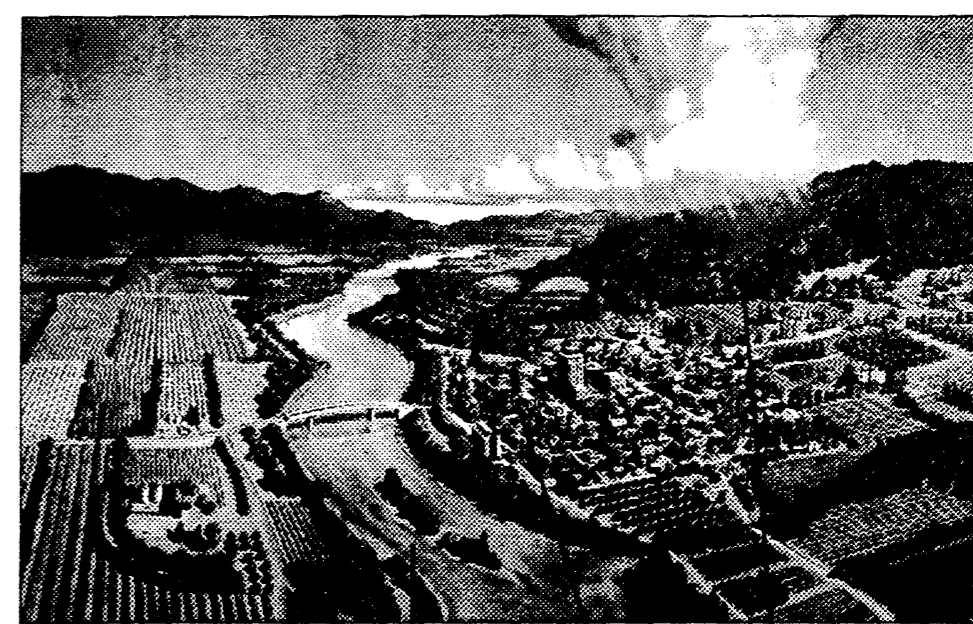
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Five Steps to Kids' Gardening Success

One of the many challenges of parenting is providing your children with wholesome, inexpensive and enjoyable activities. Thanks to gardening, you can provide your kids with hours of fun right in their own backyard.

STEP 1 - Get your children's gardening activities started on the right foot—with a visit to your local retail garden center.

Many garden centers have "kids clubs" that provide birthday parties, children's gardening newsletters and discounts on tools designed for little hands. Encourage your children to browse through the gardening books, and show them the wealth of plants and flowers that grow well in your local area.

STEP 2 - Once you've stimulated the interest of your kids, ask them what type of garden they'd prefer. Do they want to grow something they can eat, like tomatoes? Would they prefer flowers with a strong scent? Do they want to plant a garden of many colors or would they rather select one color and plant several varieties? This is a good time to let kids know how important it is to plant the right plant

in the right place, such as a sun-loving plant where it will get plenty of light.

STEP 3 - Give children a small part of the garden that is their own, or provide them with one container on your patio or deck.

Show them how to transplant and water plants, and explain that part of the fun of gardening is watching the plant grow little by little. Since kids perceive time differently than adults, you might "cheat" a little by selecting fast-growing plants! The professional at your local garden center can help you choose the best plants for little gardeners.

STEP 4 - Encourage your children to construct a mini bird bath with an attractive bowl or discarded pie tin, and let them feed the birds and squirrels by scattering bread crumbs or bird seed in the backyard.

Best yet, let them select several plants or shrubs known to attract birds, and explain to them the vital role plants play in providing food and shelter for wildlife.



STEP 5 - Gardening and caring for the environment go hand-in-hand. Let children know what a difference they're making when they take time to recycle newspapers, glass, plastic and aluminum.

You might take advantage of a rainy day by helping your kids build a child-sized recycling center. The children can create colorful labels to designate the type of discarded material to be placed into each recycling bin. Children's gardening is the perfect way to keep young hands and minds occupied, and it can help your child build self-esteem and a sense of pride in work well done.

Family Fun with Feathered Friends

Bird watching isn't just for adults—it's educational and entertaining for children, too. And creating a bird sanctuary in your backyard this season can be a fun activity for the entire family.

If you'd like to make your backyard as inviting to feathered friends as human friends, start by taking a step out the back door to inventory your yard. Then gather the family for a trip to a nearby garden center or hardware store to look for four basics: a bird bath, bird feeders, bird houses and bird enticing flowering plants and shrubs.

A BIRD BATH

Having a bird bath in your yard is essential to attracting birds. Birds need water for drinking as well as bathing and a bird bath will serve both purposes.

A simple ceramic or plastic bath is inexpensive and easy to assemble. Make sure not to place it near trees or bushes or other areas accessible to cats. Once in place, fill it with fresh water each day. Also, during winter months, you can keep the water from freezing by inserting a small, water-proof heating element into the center of the bath.

BIRD FEEDERS

Wild birds continually search for food sources. Though they rely primarily on natural food supplies, such as insects and seeds, most will easily recognize and eat from a bird feeder. And, if they eat from your feeder during the spring and summer, they will know to return to your yard for food during the winter months.

Bird feeders come in a variety of shapes, sizes and varieties. Large bird feeders can be costly and difficult for children to hang or refill, so you may opt to start with a small, prefilled plastic feeder. It can be purchased at a local garden center or hardware store and comes filled with a well-balanced nutritious selection of bird food so that lures a wide variety of birds.

This is a good selection because it dispenses seed mix only when needed. This protects the seed from the damaging effects of rain, wind, snow and contamination from bird waste. And, when empty, the durable feeder can be refilled at minimal cost or put out with the recyclables.

Hang the feeder in an area where the family can watch from the porch as well as from inside the house. The feeder should be placed in an area of abundant natural shelter, such as a tree or hedge, but out of reach for squirrels, mice and cats.

BIRD HOUSES

Bird houses also come in many shapes and sizes. While most birds will nest in trees or bushes, some prefer a more secure and wind-proof site such as a bird house. Small, single dwelling bird houses are usually inexpensive and easily hung in a tree or from a lamp post.

Some birds, such as purple martins, are highly social and build nests in close proximity to each other. Special large bird houses, called martin houses, are available for social birds. Though installing a martin house in your yard may be costly, it will attract purple martins, swallows and swifts, all of which eat hundreds of mosquitoes each day and will make your yard more enjoyable during the summer months.

As with bird feeders, your bird houses are best installed well out of reach of the birds' natural predators—the family cat or dog. Martin houses should be installed on a tall post in an open area of the yard away from the house, trees and any large bushes.

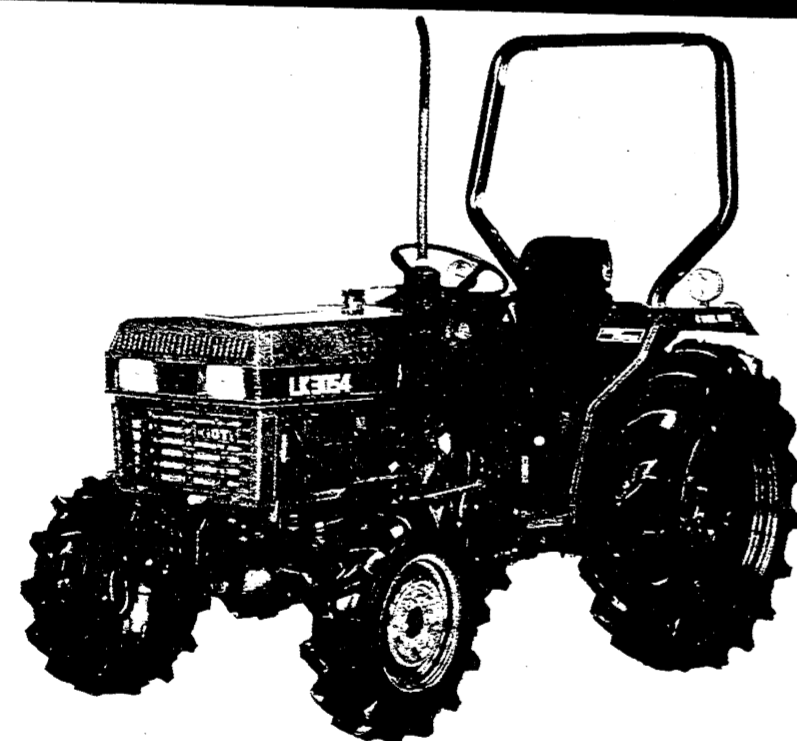
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A bird-friendly landscape is one that provides habitat for nesting, eating and social activity. Trees provide natural settings for nests as well as perches for social interaction. Berry

bushes and other flowering plants offer additional food and nectar. Before adding new trees, bushes or plants to the yard, ask a local garden representative to recommend the appropriate foliage that will attract local birds. Also tell the representative about the existing plants in the yard to make sure that none are toxic to animals. Two plants to avoid are poinsettia and mistletoe, both of which are extremely poisonous to birds.



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Mosquitoes must have standing water upon which to lay their eggs and develop during their early life stages. Therefore, it is important to remove or regularly clean any items which collect water and become mosquito breeding grounds. These include stopped-up rain gutters, birdbaths, shallow ditches, hollow tree stumps, and discarded items such as tin cans or tires.

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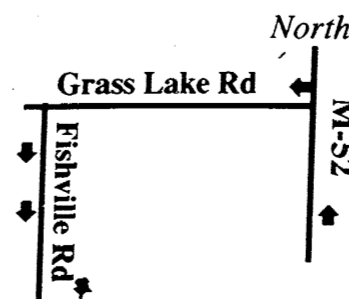
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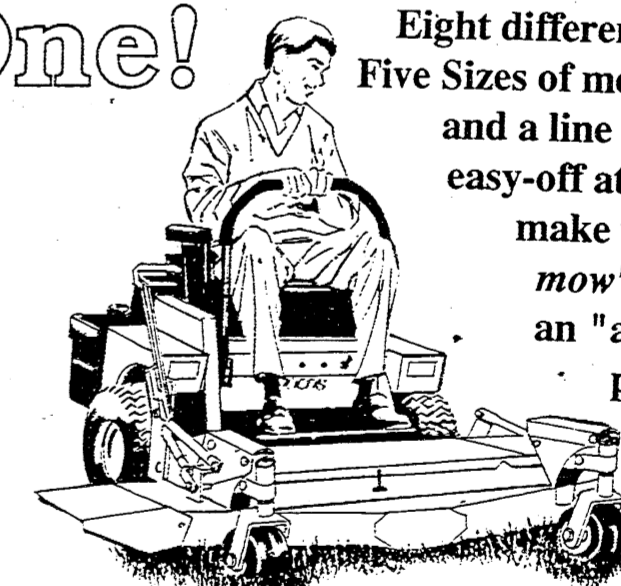


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Three Steps to Help Your Trees Live Longer

A tree is a tree is a tree? Or maybe not. Some trees look better and healthier than others, and there's a reason why: It's all in the way the tree was cared for over the years. Lush foliage and a strong, straight and upright trunk don't just happen; someone made it happen. In years past, it was a landscape professional or a tree-care expert who handled such tasks as planting, staking, pruning and the like. These days, however, more homeowners than ever before are becoming do-it-yourself gardeners and tackling yard and garden chores themselves.

Companies that manufacture lawn and garden equipment are developing new and innovative products designed to make yard care quick, easy, and efficient as possible.

Staking

Freshly planted trees, as well as relatively young trees, are ideal for staking. Staking lets a tree firmly establish roots by helping them stay steady and upright despite the ele-

ments. For example, a properly staked tree is unlikely to be damaged by strong winds that can bend it and cause it to grow misshapen. A young tree benefits most from staying staked for about 2 years. After 2 years' time, most trees are ready to stand tall on their own.

Bark Protection

Damage inflicted by string trimmers and lawn mowers is the most prevalent cause of young tree death. Trees just a year or two old or those freshly planted in the soil simply do not have a thick enough layer of bark to protect them. A bark guard puts a physical barrier between the tree and mowers and trimmers.

Wrapping Trees

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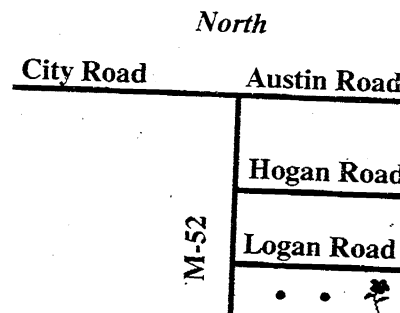
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Dave Staten Earns Eagle Award — by Bill Kwolek

DAVE STATEN, JR., HAS BEEN AWARDED THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA RANK OF EAGLE. He was recognized for his achievement at an Eagle Scout Court of Honor by the troop's scouts and adult leadership together with his family, in the Emanuel Church Hall on Saturday, April 20, 1996.

Dave is an honor roll student in his junior year at Manchester High School and has been a scout in Manchester's Troop 426 since May of 1990. He is the son of Sheryl and Dave Staten, Sr.



Above: Dave Staten, Sr., Dave Staten, Jr. and Sheryl Staten.

The rank of Eagle is Scouting's highest — only one or two percent advance to this level. The Eagle Scout must prove leadership skills both in his troop and community, successfully complete a service project, and earn twenty-two merit badges. The Eagle must also have good attendance, a complete understanding of scouting fundamentals, and embody the ideals and virtues set forth in the Scout Law.

The twelve required badges which Dave earned include: Camping, Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the World, Communications, Emergency Preparedness, Environmental Science, Family Life, First Aid, Personal Management, Safety, and Swimming. He also earned thirteen elective badges

Dave's Eagle Project provided a needed service to the Manchester Co-Op Preschool. Three- and four-year-old children play in the Emanuel Church Gym as part of their daily routine, but the staff had to set up and remove the equipment each day. Dave developed a plan to relocate it from the gym floor onto the stage.

The design required the construction of a demountable fence to prevent the children from falling from the stage, while providing a more permanent location for the equipment. The project involved many hours of coordinated effort with the church, preschool, fence manufacturer, volunteer labor, and financial donors. It was com-

pleted to the satisfaction of everyone and Dave donated the remaining funds to the preschool.

The scouts of Troop 426 opened the Court of Honor with a candlelight recitation of the Scout Law. Assistant Scoutmaster Skip Slocum introduced Dave's extended family and the guest speaker, Dave Renner, the former District Advancement Committee Chairman. Mr. Renner spoke of the opportunities offered in scouting and the importance of desire in both the boys and their adult leaders. Dave's Eagle Scout Advisor, Bill Kwolek, presented the Eagle ribbon and delivered the Eagle Scout Challenge to him.

After the ceremony, the State family provided a delicious chicken dinner for more than fifty guests. Assistant Scoutmaster Dave Minick, Scoutmaster Dave Roberts, former Advancement Committee Chairman Ron Schook, and present Chairman Phil Maly were on hand to honor Dave's achievement.

Congratulations, David. Our community appreciates and applauds your accomplishment. Continue to accept the Eagle challenge and encourage the younger scouts to work hard at advancement, practice the Scout Law and above all, to be of service to their troop and community.

Himsomon and the River Raisin

An ancient wise man told this tale of the Crooked River. It was told many, many years ago that the greatest bear in the history of Michigan made the river crooked. The bear's name was Himsomon. He and his family lived beside the river and he needed a safe place to keep his canoe from prying eyes and swift hands because it was disappearing regularly from the storage place on the bank beside the home cave.

Here is how the river became crooked.

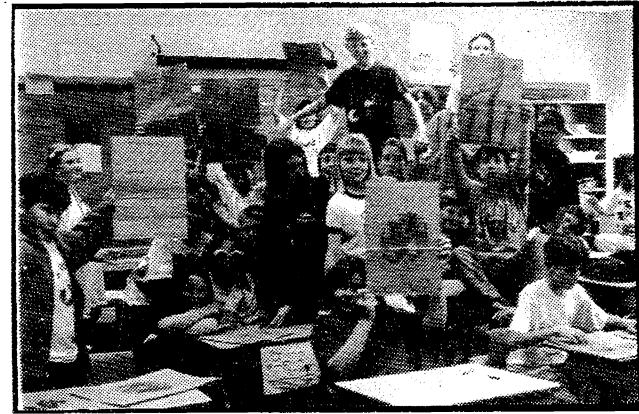
One bright spring day about noon when the sun was very hot, just after a refreshing spring shower, the canoeists were very active. Himsomon and his first-born son, named Commer, slipped

into his canoe and paddled up the river on a short trip to see the wonderful birds and animals that would be coming to the river for a drink of cool water. After a short while, they saw some bees. Since they were hungry they beached the canoe and followed the bees, that were flying in a bee line, to the honey tree deep in the woods. Himsomon and Commer found the tree and enjoyed a very sweet lunch.

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This lady doesn't take any sass from her truck drivers. Meet June Macke, page 7



Middle School students show off the grocery bags they decorated in celebration of Earth Day. See page 7.



It's one of the perks, Keuter hangs out with his grandmother. Page 6.

Plus, our annual salute to Manchester Moms, meet the candidates, and more...



Imagine this —

The Black Sheep Restaurant restored to its glory days!

That's just what Kim Lee intends to do between now and the July 4th holiday.

Kim says she wants to decorate the restaurant with old Black Sheep memorabilia, including old photos.

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Wishing you success, Kim!

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The Chronicle Desk

The first and third Mondays of the month, the third Wednesday of the month, the second Tuesday after the first Monday: pick a day, just about any day and there's a township, village, planning commission or school board meeting scheduled. The meetings are conducted by people we elected or appointed to represent us, to make decisions we trust they will make wisely, judiciously and deliberately.

All meetings are open to the public. More than that, board members want people from the community to attend. Board members appreciate public input, suggestions, ideas, points of view.

Do you know what your area's general land use plan looks like? Are you aware of conditions in zoning ordinances? What's a "variance"? Are you happy with the planned growth of Manchester? Do you see more and more acreage divided into ten-acre plots, and is that all right with you or would you rather see the "cluster concept" promoted? These and other important issues are discussed at the various meetings and decided upon at public hearings.

For instance: There will be a public hearing Tuesday, May 7, at 8:00 p.m., at Freedom Township Hall to consider applications from two gravel companies for variances from the township Mineral Extraction Ordinance.

On Monday, May 13 at 7:30 p.m., the Bridgewater Planning Commission will consider at request for a conditional use permit to start a nursery business on Burmeister Road.

Tuesday, May 28 at 8:00 p.m., the Manchester Township Planning Commission were hold a public hearing on the application to amend the zoning ordinance from Recreation/Conservation to Low Density Residential on 105 acres at E. Austin Road and M-52. (LR allows one acre plots.)

Contrary to what you might think, the meetings are not boring. They're just situations where ideas and plans are discussed in a friendly (although heated discussions happen occasionally) environment. The point is, citizen input is at least important and sometimes critical.

Becoming knowledgeable about issues that relate to your quality of life is not a bad way to invest a couple of hours once or twice a month. Becoming educated about the place you call home will help determine the future of the place you call home: Manchester.

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Letters to the Editor

I am concerned about our community. There is a movement here toward creating an environment of intolerance. I've recently been thrust into this spirit of intolerance as the parent of adolescents. I've uncovered attitudes that are harmful to our teens and our country.

To understand an adolescent is to know that the struggle for identity is a major issue. This struggle involves testing values and trying them out. Handling teenagers using authoritative methods is important. These methods blend respect for the child's individuality with an effort to instill social values. The use of discipline is important. Discipline is a word from Latin meaning "knowledge" or instruction."

We are using ineffective methods in this community. They are authoritarian methods that emphasize values of control and obedience. Forceful punishment is used to make children conform to a set standard of conduct.

My message is this: unless this community changes its method of child-rearing, we are headed for disaster. Should kids be punished by the school system for activities performed off school grounds and after school hours? Is our school system privy to information obtained regarding such activity? Does taking away athletic privileges from kids related to non-school activities solve the problem? Should our teens be led to believe that they have no civil rights?

My plea goes out to parents, community, educators, policemen and government. Let's become authoritative as a village. We need to raise our children using respect, understanding, knowledge and guidance as our tools. We need to remember our struggle for freedom and civil rights, teaching kids by living the example. Sincerely, Karen Smith

Dear Mrs. Kueffner.

All of us at the Walk & Write Class would like to thank you for putting your business aside to let us come and ask question about your paper and show us around. You gave up your time to tell us about the Chronicle and how it works. One thing I learned from visiting your paper is that it is hard to run a business by yourself. I would like to thank you again for letting us visit.

Sincerely,

Jamie Cook and the Walk & Write Class

You are very welcome. It was fun having you. Kathy

Summer Concerts at the Gazebo

In 1989 Manchester enjoyed the first of many fine Gazebo Concerts. Held on selected Thursday evenings during June, July and August, the concerts bring to Manchester diverse and enjoyable talent from nearby areas, as well as fine local artists.

Many people have enjoyed the Raisin Pickers, the Manchester Community Band and the Manchester Orchestra. Also enjoyed have been various barbershop groups, The Fiddler's Philharmonic, dulcimer players, square dancers, community choirs, and more.

But how do these various artists come to be in Manchester on particular Thursday evenings? Some time around late February a small group of people called the Gazebo Concert Committee start a series of meetings to decide concert dates, discuss the availability of known artists, try to locate new artists, contact potential concert performers, coordinate performers with concert dates, consider and negotiate the performers' fees, develop a budget of concert costs, enter into contracts with performers, then write, publish and distribute publicity for the various concerts.

We would be very pleased to list you as a sponsor in Gazebo Concert advertising but, of course, we will respect anonymity if you prefer. Please donate and help us continue the Summer Gazebo concerts. We would also like to encourage organizations or businesses to be the sole sponsor of a particular concert. Please contact Bill Schwab (428-8976) for more information.

Send donations to the Recreation Task Force, PO Box 433, Manchester, MI 48158. Thank you, from the Gazebo Concert Committee: Bill Schwab, Carol Palms, Rev. Vincent Carroll, Sharon Curtis, Carl Curtis, and Janet Shurtliff.

MAY BLOSSOMS

Himsomson and the River Raisin

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They quickly went back to the place where the canoe was parked, but it was gone.

Himsomson was extremely upset at first, but then he remembered that Momama bear had said that she would be using the canoe today. There they were, Momama bear and cousin Polara bear, who lived in the north country, floating down the river on a gentle current, basking in the dappled sunshine. Himsomson and Commer ran down the shore shouting "Stop, stop" but Momama and Polara calmly started to paddle faster. "It's a good thing we are almost at the home cave," Himsomson said "because I need to use the canoe to take Bud bear to the honeytree.

The ladies docked the canoe and said, "That was the most pleasant trip we have ever made, thank you so much for leaving the canoe for us to use." "Oh, you are quite welcome," said Himsomson.

Just at that moment Bud bear came by ready to go to the honey tree. Himsomson and Bud leapt into the canoe and paddled furiously up the river so that they could get to the honey tree before night set in. It gets super dark in the deep thick woods. However, even great bears can only paddle furiously for a short time before they get tired and need to rest a little.

Bud said, "Let's stop awhile and pick some of those wild grapes on the north bank. We can visit the honey tree some other day." So Himsomson and Bud maneuvered the canoe to the north bank and started to pick the wild grapes.

The hot sun had already dried some of the ripest grapes and turned them into raisins, right there on the river bank. "Wow! Raisins on the river. Let's call this place River Raisin," said Himsomson.

Since Himsomson and Bud were very hungry by this time, they grabbed great handfuls of grapes and raisins and gobbled them down.

Soon darkness threatened so it was time to race toward home before it was too dark to see the logs in the river. Their tremendous paddles swirled the calm water into giant whirlpools as they surged with

In the tradition of Aesop and Anderson, a tale sure to be recorded in River Raisin folklore history.— by Bill Schwab for the Manchester Annual Canoe Race, Sunday, May 19th

all their power. The raging water dashed and splashed the banks and even tried to take new and unusual paths to try to get out of their rapid rush.

Himsomson and Bud took only 32-1/2 minutes to blast home, but the river bed was left in the most crooked mess you ever saw.

Even today, River Raisin is the world's most crooked river.

Surely many people who read this story along with their family and friends will like to launch a canoe on the River Raisin. Hardly anything could be more fun than having a swift canoe under you for a great adventure on the wonderful River Raisin.

The great opportunity is Sunday, May 19, 1996 at the 30th annual amateur canoe race in Manchester. For more information, see the ad below, or call 428-7722.

Planning for the Manchester Summer Festival is underway. The Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce got the ball rolling in March by hosting an open meeting from which a Festival Board was formed with an initial group of volunteers.

The board decided to move the festival to August when the hectic celebrations of July are over, and the community is ready for a fresh infusion of excitement. The dates set for the festival are Saturday, August 10 and Sunday, August 11.

The very popular Midwest Ford/Kool Cruisers Classic Car Show will be held one day that weekend.

The most important aspect of the festival is that everyone is invited to participate. Churches, service and youth organizations are encouraged to arrange fun fund-raisers, whether it's their traditional food wagon, bake sales, games for children, car wash, etc. Following is a list of committee chairmen to date. Call the phone number specific to your interest.

- Craft Booths: Debbie or Jean at the Red Mill Gallery 428-7803
Duck Race: Rita Burkhardt at Burk's Antiques, 428-0885; or Beth at Nancy's Herb Pantry, 428-7621
Farmer's Market: Suzanne Vallie at Suzanne's Interiors, 428-0228
Raffle: Mary Ellen Craft at Craft Appliance, 428-7900
Radio Promotion: Sue Miller at the Whistle Stop Restaurant, 428-1995
Chamber Liaison: Sandy Trolz, The 18th Century Shoppe, 428-7759
Newspaper Promotion: Kathy Kueffner at The Manchester Chronicle, 428-1230
Children's Activities: Mary Ridenour, Mommy I Need That Book & Toy Shoppe, 428-9118
Festival/Duck Race Advisor: Emory Garlick, The Manchester Enterprise, 428-8173

Poppy Days



Friday May 24 & Saturday May 25

May, 1918: America was engaged in a world war - the first time this young country had joined forces with other nations to defend a free society. The young men of the American Expeditionary Forces faced a war in France more cruel than they could have imagined...war fought from trenches that stretched from Switzerland to the North Sea.

That May of 1918, they spent week after week crouched in trenches filling with spring rain, turning the earth that had been frozen to mud. On those spring breezes came waves of mustard gas - and the smell of death.

That same rain and warm sun that

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added to the terrible conditions in the trenches made the wild poppies grow - field after field of bright red poppies growing where thousands had died.

It was nature's memorial to the lost friends and comrades - a symbol of their sacrifice - a symbol that is now a memorial to all men and women who have died serving their country in four wars. It is a small reminder to the American public that millions have died so that there would be an America as we know it today.

While those of us who have never been on a battlefield have no concept of what it is really like - whether it was leaping out of a trench or hitting the beach in Normandy or sitting in a foxhole on Guadalcanal or crawling through the rice paddies of Vietnam - it is important to

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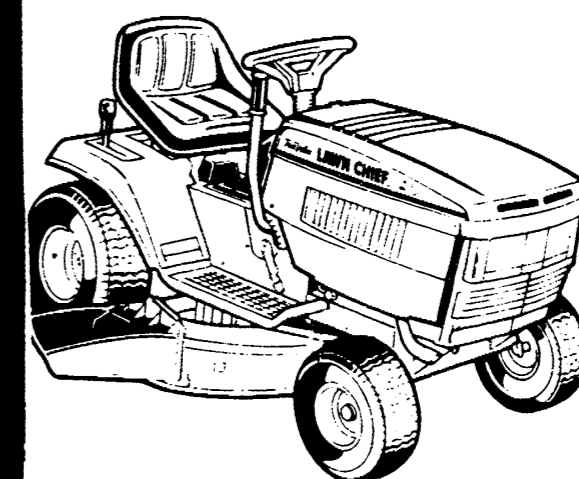
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In that position he serves as the Ford spokesman to the news media on issues relating to the company's products, marketing programs, pricing, leasing and consumer product issues including vehicle recalls.

Mr. Ochs joined Ford Motor Company in March 1986 as the Washington Public Affairs Manager. He has held a number of top-level public relations positions at Ford including Public Affairs Manager for Ford Trucks, and Public Affairs Director for Ford New Holland, formerly the company's agricultural and industrial equipment subsidiary.

Following graduation from the University of Illinois in 1973, Mr. Ochs was a newspaper reporter in Bloomington, Illinois for six years, and then became Press Secretary to the Illinois Secretary of Agriculture.

John Ochs, incumbent
— Chronicle file photo



In 1981, he was named Press Secretary to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture in Washington where he served as the chief spokesman at the USDA for six years during the Reagan Administration. Mr. Ochs was reared on a grain and livestock farm in Southern Illinois. He currently resides on a small farm near Ann Arbor, Michigan.

John Hochstetler, incumbent
— Chronicle file photo



JOHN HOCHSTETLER: No information presented.

Meet the Candidates

The election of two board members for the Manchester Community Schools Board of Education will take place Monday, June 10, 1996. The candidates are John Ochs, incumbent, John Hochstetler, incumbent, and Marilyn Knouase. We asked each of the candidates if they would send us a brief bio, along with a recent photo.

MARILYN KNOUSA is a lifelong resident of Manchester. Her parents are Helen and the late Russell Hosmer of Manchester.

She is very proud of her three children, Jamie, a senior in high school, Justin in seventh grade and Josh in fourth grade.

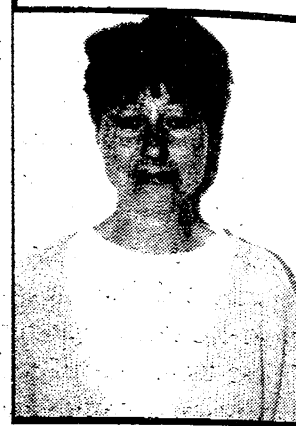
Over the years she has been very busy with her children's activities. For six years she was an active member of the co-op preschool with two years on the board, a Girl Scout leader for six years, a Summer Rec softball coach for four years, and room mother numerous times.

Presently she is co-founder and vice-president of the Manchester Freestyle Wrestling Club, co-founder of P.A.S.S. (Positive Accommodations Stimulate Success), member of the American Legion Auxiliary, and leader of the Junior Auxiliary.

Marilyn has been involved in Home Health Care for eight and a half years. She was employed by Arbor Hospice for six years and currently is employed by First American Homecare in Ann Arbor.

Her plans for the future include watching her first child graduate, becoming a student again and begin working towards a degree in Social Work, and continuing to show her support for the Manchester Community Schools which she feels is truly the heart of the community.

Marilyn Knouase



Above: Chris Moyle of Main Street Pizza talks with Peter Schulte.

Below: Bob Wahr of Comerica Bank in Manchester talks with Joe Brooks

Everyone was happy with the turn out at the first Job Fair and were optimistic about a second Job Fair next year.

Job Fair at the High School

— by Stephanie Somerville

Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce and Manchester Community Schools sponsored the first-ever Job Fair at the high school on April 24. Businesses were invited to set up display tables with job information.

Some local businesses presented were Ollie's Main Street Pizza, Comerica Bank, G.E. Wacker's Inc., Sharon Hollow Canoe Livery and Manchester Stamping. Also present were representatives from the various military services and temporary personnel companies.

Students had the opportunity to talk with company representatives and collect informative handouts on specific jobs, including helpful hints about what to do and not to do as an employee in general. For example, Manchester Stamping Corp. provided a list titled Interview Evaluation Factors listing thirty-four interview don'ts. Also available at sites were job applications ready for the students to fill out.

Below: At Manchester Stamping's display, Alexis Punches, Sarah Gould and Jessica Weber.





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Join us for a day in Windsor, The City of Roses, on Friday, June 14. Our day begins with a trip to Jackson Park which has the most extensive rose garden we have ever seen. The breathtaking Queen Elizabeth II Sunken Gardens and the Lancaster Memorial Garden together feature 12,000 rose bushes. These thousands of roses, from old fashioned heritage roses to hybrids and dwarf varieties, are arranged in a circular garden. There is also a colorful annual garden. We may even catch a glimpse of a cricket game on the extensive lawns.

After viewing this spectacular garden, we are off to the Hilton Hotel for a proper English High Tea in our own private room overlooking the Detroit River and the beautiful Dieppe Gardens along the waterfront. Our tea will include finger sandwiches, scones with whipped cream and preserves and your choice of teas.

After our tea break there will be free time for your choice of activities. The Hilton is right downtown next door to the new Windsor Casino. Those who feel lucky may want to give it a try. We will also be close to the many unique shops and boutiques carrying gorgeous imported china, crystal, clothing and other items. Remember, our exchange rate in Canada is very favorable to the U.S. dollar. Garden lovers may want to just walk through the flower gardens in Dieppe Park or maybe sit on one of the benches and watch the boats from all over the world skim by the Detroit skyline.

If you can't make it on our trip to Windsor and want to try it another time on your own, there are many things to see and do.

The Willistead Manor is a 36-room English manor designed by noted Detroit architect Albert Kahn. It includes a Great Hall with an elaborate staircase, a Drawing Room with a white Carrera marble fireplace and silver sinks in the Butler's Pantry. On the first weekend in June an outdoor craft exhibit called Art in the Park is held on the manor grounds. August brings the Willistead Classic and Antique Car Show.

The International Freedom Festival held from the middle of June through July 4 is renowned as one of the top international tourism events. The event is a joint celebration of the birthdays of the U.S. and Canada with festivities, midways, parades and musical entertainments, plus the world's largest fireworks display over the Detroit River.

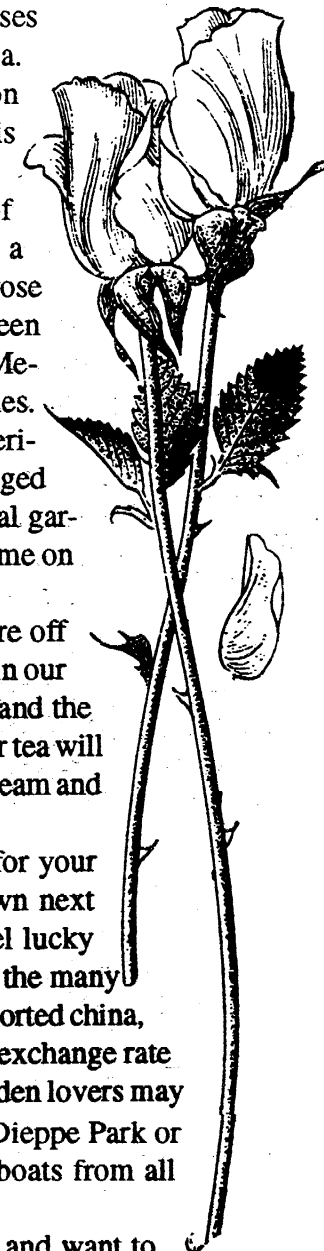
For specific dates on events or tourist information, call the Windsor Convention & Visitors Bureau at 1-800-265-3633.

A summer boat cruise on the Detroit River is also appealing. The Pride of Windsor Cruises offers sightseeing tours, luncheon, supper and sunset dinner dance cruises. Call 1-800-706-2607 for information.

For adults looking for something a little different, a tour of the Canadian Club Distillery might be of interest. The historic distillery, founded in 1858 by Hiram Walker has tours Monday through Friday at 2 p.m. The one hour tour allows visitors to view the historic buildings and see how whiskey is made.

There are, of course, many other things to experience. Take a day off and treat yourself to a touch of England, right next door.

The Manchester Travel Club is offering a trip to Windsor on Friday, June 14th. The trip will include roundtrip, air-conditioned bus and High Tea at the Hilton. The cost is \$42 per person. Call (313) 428-1633 for reservations.



TRAVEL with JOHN & PATRICIA DANOVICH

The Manchester Travel Club has two seats remaining for the May 25th trip to East Lansing to see the *Phantom of the Opera*. The cost is \$119 per person and includes reserved, main floor, center section seating, round trip, non-smoking bus and a bountiful buffet dinner at the Pretzel Bell, one of East Lansing's most popular restaurants. Please call (313) 428-1633. We will be also accepting names for a reserve list in the event of any cancellations.

If you love art, gardening and history you'll want to join us on a fabulous trip to Philadelphia July 11-14, 1996 to attend the Cezanne Exhibit, the largest retrospective since the 1930's of Cezanne's oils, watercolors and drawings. We will also be visiting the newly renovated Barnes Foundation Gallery which has the world's most important private collection of Impressionists, Post-Impressionists and early French modern paintings. We'll visit at the world famous Longwood Gardens in Kennet Square. Longwood is famous for its superb outdoor gardens, which includes two lakes, woodlands, formal gardens, fountains and a conservatory. We'll also visit the Brandywine River Museum, containing the art works of the Wyeth family. The cost is \$529 per person (Dbl) and includes airfare, accommodations, breakfast, all admissions and transportation in Philadelphia.

Join us for a trip to Windsor, Canada (see accompanying article) Friday, June 14 to view the beautiful Rose Gardens and enjoy a delightful English High Tea. Cost is \$42 per person and includes bus fare, High Tea and all fees. Call (313) 428-1633 for reservations.

Please give us a call at (313) 428-1633 or drop us a line to: The Manchester Travel Club, P.O. Box 628, Manchester, MI 48158 and we'll give you further information and add you to our mailing list.

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I stopped by to visit with Mary Ellen and chose a day (I thought) when she would least likely be very busy. Maybe there isn't such a day. I think part of Mary Ellen's job description is juggler. While I was there not only was she gracious enough to chat with me and answer questions but also she answered telephone calls, scheduled service calls, advised a lady on how to correctly measure the space for her new refrigerator, waited on customers, gave directions to a passerby, and attended to her granddaughter and grandson.

Three of the customers who stopped in came from Tecumseh. They said they had heard there was a new appliance store in Manchester and when told it was a Craft store, one of the ladies said, "Oh, I l-o-v-e Craft Appliance!" Obviously, the good reputation the Crafts have established at their Ann Arbor store has preceded them.

Long-time residents of Manchester, the Crafts have had their appliance store in Ann Arbor for almost 40 years. The business is family-owned and family-operated. There's Mary Ellen and her husband Frealin; two sons, Frealin II and Randolph; a sister and brother-in-law, Josephine and Harold Murphy; and Frealin's brother, Paul. Employees, Bill Witowski and Jamie Winters are considered part of their family. Between them they handle the whole business, from sales, delivery and installation of new appliances to repairs. They stock most-asked-for parts in their store, like belts, pumps, pulleys, rollers, and heating elements.

The Crafts offer Kitchen-Aid and Whirlpool, brands ranked at the top of Consumer Report reviews. Mary Ellen



Emma and Keuter Chase-Craft pose on top of a dryer in their grandparents' appliance store.

showed me some new features on current models of refrigerators: humidity controls, moisture controls, larger crisper baskets. And on the dishwashers (which are available in black) there is a new extra rinse cycle, a delicate cycle for crystal and more adjustable racks.

One customer who stopped by the store was interested in a model of range that included digital temperature gauges. That seemed to be a nice feature - no more gooey hard-to-clean knobs. Mary Ellen also explained the pros and cons of continuous self-cleaning ovens.

While we were chatting, granddaughter Emma, age 7-1/2 and grandson Keuter, age 4-1/2 were intently watching the video "Casper". It's one of the perks of grandparents owning a store which also sells TVs and VCRs.

In the spirit of our crusade to shop Manchester first, if you are planning an appliance purchase, do stop by the Craft Appliance Store in downtown Manchester. Mary Ellen will be happy to show you around and answer any questions you might have. —□kk

Incredible Edibles

featured every Saturday in May from 11:00 a.m. at The Red Mill Gallery Special tastings Saturday, May 11th for Mother's Day Come by and visit!

The Red Mill Gallery located on the River Raisin in the historic Manchester Mill, 201 E. Main St.,



Spring & Chicken

...they go so well together...Yes, it is finally spring...at last. So this month's recipes include five casseroles that are, oh, so good and easily put together for all to...ENJOY!

Surprise Chicken* Bake

(serves 6-8)
lunch or dinner, hot or cold
Mix together
2 C. cooked Chicken, cut up fine
2 C. chopped Celery
1 C. Nuts, chopped fine
1 C. Mayonnaise
Spoon all into a 8- or 9-inch pan.
Spread with
Crushed Potato Chips
Then cover with layer of
Whole Potato Chips
Sprinkle over top
1 C. Longhorn Cheese, finely grated
Bake in 350 degree oven until cheese forms a bubbly crust, about 20-25 minutes. Cut into squares and serve.
*Leftover turkey may also be used in casserole recipes.



Scalloped Chicken

(serves 4)
good use for left-over chicken
Mix together
2 C. cooked Chicken, cut up fine
1 C. dry Bread Crumbs
1/2 C. diced Celery
1/2 C. diced Onion
2 Eggs, beaten
1/2 C. Milk
1/2 tsp. Salt (optional)
1 C. Chicken Stock (canned broth may be used).
Pour into greased baking dish and bake at 325 degrees for 45-60 minutes, or until bubbly. Serve immediately.

Savory Chicken Dish

(serves 8) another goodie
Chicken Dish:
Combine all together
4 C. cooked Chicken, cubed
3 C. fine-soft Bread Crumbs
1-1/2 C. cooked Rice
3/4 C. chopped Onions
3/4 C. chopped Celery
1/2 C. chopped Pimento
3/4 tsp. Poultry Seasoning
1-1/2 C. Chicken Broth
1-1/2 C. Milk
4 Eggs, slightly beaten
3/4 tsp. Salt (optional)
Spoon into lightly Pam-sprayed 13x9-inch baking dish. Bake at 350 degrees for 50-55 minutes or until knife inserted in center comes out clean. Serve immediately with following hot sauce.
Mushroom Sauce:
Mix together in sauce pan over medium heat stirring continuously
1 C. Cream of Mushroom Soup
4 oz. can Mushroom Pieces
1/4 C. Milk
1 C. Sour Cream
When hot, pour into container to pass to top the Savory Chicken.

Wonderful Wonder Chicken

(serves 8)
unusual ingredients make a rich and hearty casserole
Mix all together
2-4 C. Cooked Chicken, cubed
2 C. Sour Cream
2 cans (10-3/4 oz. each) Cream of Chicken Soup
2 cans (10-3/4 oz. each) Cream of Mushroom Soup
2 C. Cooked Noodles
1 small Onion, diced
1/4 C. Chopped Green Olives
Pour into a greased large shallow casserole or baking pan. Bake in 350 degree oven for 45 minutes or until hot and bubbly. Serve immediately. Good by itself or with side dish or salad, crusty bread, biscuits, or rolls.

Gladys' Chicken Tetrizzini

(serves 4) a family favorite
Cook and drain, and set aside to cool
8 oz. Spaghetti
Mix together
2 C. cubed cooked Chicken
1/4 C. diced Pimento
1/4 C. diced Green Pepper
1 small sliced Onion
1 4-oz. can sliced Mushrooms
1 can (10-3/4 oz.) Cream of Mushroom Soup
1/2 C. Chicken Bouillion
1/2 tsp. Salt (optional)
1/2 tsp. Pepper
1 C. grated Sharp Cheddar Cheese
Mix with cooled spaghetti.
Spoon into lightly spray-coated casserole.
Cover with
3/4 C. grated Sharp Cheddar Cheese
Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes.
Serve immediately.

Chicken Cheese Rolls

(serves 6)
Company good
Place between waxed paper and pound to 1/2-inch thickness.
3 large Chicken Breasts, skinned, boned and split. Set aside
Whip together
8 oz. Cream Cheese, softened
1 Tbs. Chives, minced finely
Spread each breast with about 3 Tbs. of cream cheese mixture. Then dot with 1/2 tsp. Butter
Fold ends over filling. Roll together. (Some filling will ooze out during baking.)
Wrap around each roll
1 slice Bacon, uncooked
Place wrapped breast seam side down in shallow baking dish. Bake on top rack in 400 degree oven 40 minutes or until chicken is tender and juices run clear when meat is pierced. Then broil about 5 minutes or until bacon is crisp and golden. Serve hot.

In the first place

— story and photos by Kathy Kueffner

Before it goes in the store, before it goes on display, before it is placed on a shelf or in a cooler — it has to go by June Macke.

June's official title is "Back Door Receiving Clerk." Her job description is to make certain all items delivered by the various vendors match up with the invoice she signs.

All items: every gallon of milk, every loaf of bread, every package of potato chips.

June approaches her job very seriously. "Mistakes happen," June acknowledges. "Somebody can miscount, seal up a box of a dozen and arrive on my doorstep with eleven. I'm here to see that we're only charged for eleven."

"It works both ways," June continues, "honest is honest, fair's fair. If there is an extra one in there, I'll hand it back and let them know."

June had lived in Manchester for 26 years working at the grocery store downtown, then Walco's (which is now the Manchester Market), before she moved to Napoleon with her husband when he retired. Mr. Macke passed away last fall; they would have been married 45 years in February.

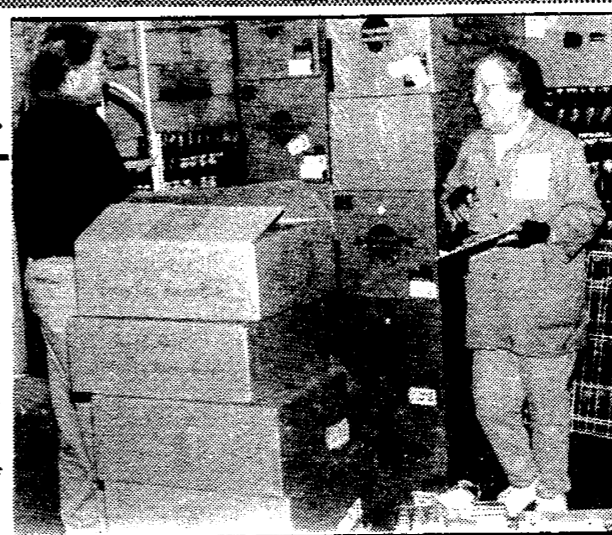
When they moved to Napoleon, June transferred to the Walco's grocery store in that town and worked there until it was sold last summer. The diminutive, feisty grandmother of two came back to work in Manchester in November.

"My first day on the job," she recalls, "Jeff and Jerry were going to be out of town. They were worried about me being on my own, that some of the vendors would give me a hard time. Actually most of the vendors were thrilled to see me. I had to adjust the attitudes of a couple of them, but mostly they were glad to see someone there to check their counts."

Mondays are June's busiest day of the week. Up to a dozen vendors are coming and going between eight o'clock in the morning and four o'clock in the afternoon.

"That's when the receiving clerk is here (me) and that's when they have to deliver their goods. No deliveries on Saturday or Sunday," June insists. The goods have to get by her to go in the store — that's Monday through Friday.

The responsibility June has is considerable. Accurate records are absolutely critical in the grocery business where profits are measured in cents



Above: June Macke jokes with one of the delivery men. She will go over each item on the invoice with the driver.

per item. Jeff Tanner and Jerry Dobbs, owners of Manchester Market, rely on June to sign the bottom line. Burly truck drivers tow the line where June is concerned and accede to her schedule and check list.

Presently, June makes the daily drive from Napoleon but plans to move back to Manchester.

"I'm looking forward to living back here," June tells me. "I'm waiting to hear about a mobile home in the park."

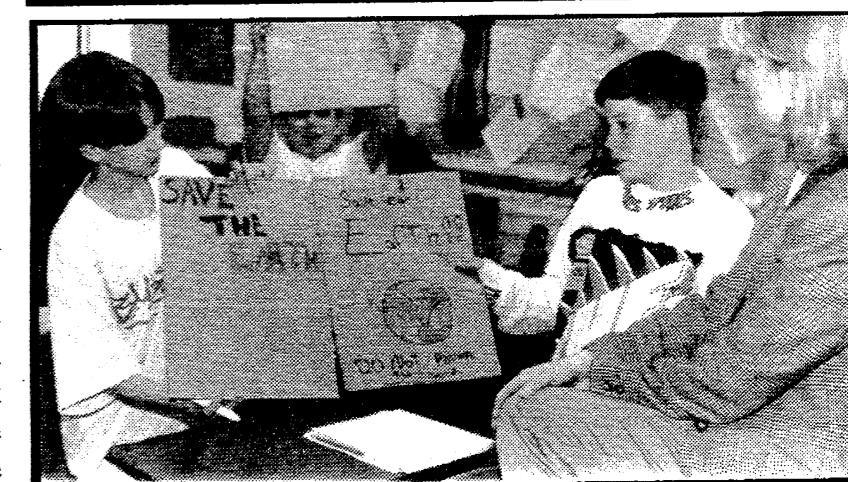
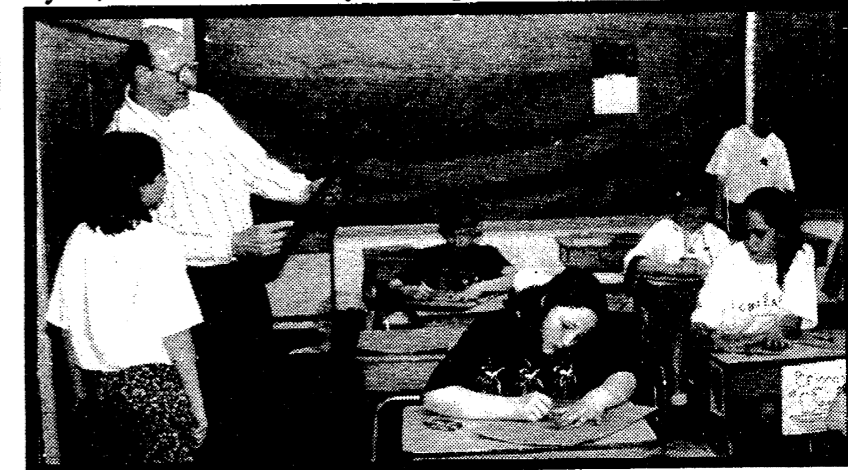
She will not miss the drive she has been making since November from Napoleon to Manchester. "One of those bad snow storms we had last winter, my daughter called and said 'Mom, you better not drive into work today,' but I felt I had to give it a try. I came up to those curves right before Noggles Road and there were 35 cars scattered all around because of the icy roads. It was snowing so hard you couldn't but see a little ways ahead. I got behind a guy in a dark blue truck and followed him into town, hoping he knew where he was going. We made it all right," she adds succinctly.

June talks animatedly about her two grandchildren Scotty, age 9, and Jennifer, age 15, Clark. She told me Jennifer sang the National Anthem at our Dutch football games and has been in both of this year's high school plays. Jennifer also played the role of Tess in the Potter's Center production of Annie, "And it was much better than the supposedly professional production I saw at a dinner theater," June proudly relates.

Working in the warehouse part of the Market, where the big doors are often open behind the strips of vinyl windbreakers, in all kinds of

From the artists' palettes to the Manchester Market: Middle School students participate in Earth Day

Their palettes were paper grocery bags. Middle school students in Mr. Fielder's class and Ms. Zimmer's class (pictured below) drew pictures of what Earth Day meant to them on grocery bags and then delivered the bags to the Manchester Market. Customers using the decorated grocery sacks were reminded to recycle, reuse for Earth Day. More photos & a story on page 16.



Below: Mark Branch sacks groceries in the decorated Earth Day bags for a customer. June Macke's former trainee Donna Burnison is at the register.

weather, June shared some survival secrets with me. She said she dresses in layers, including cotton tights and turtle-necks. Most of the time she wears cotton gloves with the tips of the fingers clipped off because of arthritis in her hands. She says she doesn't believe in pills, "doesn't have an aspirin in the house." She says the gloves keep her hands warm and mobile.

June has worked in all the various departments of a grocery store at one time or the other, from produce, to the meat counter, to the check-out registers. She tells me she was the one who trained Donna Burnison (a familiar person to us Manchester Market shoppers.)

As the hands of the clock ticked close to four, June finished with the check list from the last vendor, and concluded she was fond of her job and that "A lot of good people work here."



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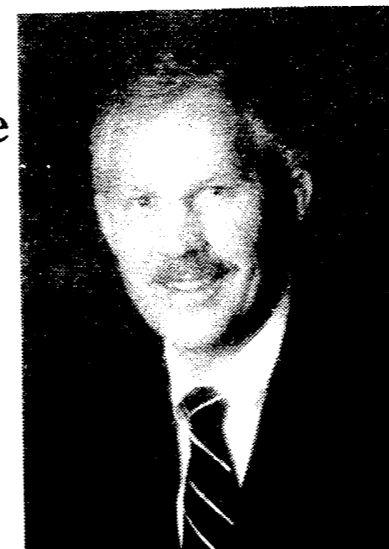
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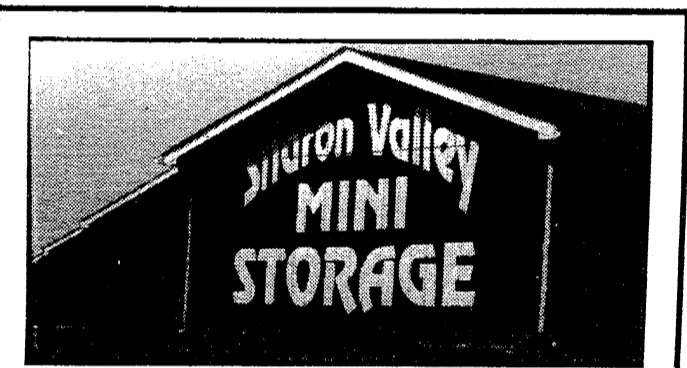
From the Ground Up — by BG

Timing and Patience

Do you think that spring has arrived or are we going directly to summer without stopping at spring and collecting our two hundred dollars of early spring flowers? March and April in Michigan is a roller-coaster of wild swings of temperatures and precipitation. What will May bring? Spring varies from year to year and we are all so anxious to put the seeds and plants in the garden.

The first crocus in 1995 was March 13th, this year's first appearance was the last of March. If the first appearance of a crocus signaled the traditional first day of spring, we would be using a different calendar.

Perhaps, we should use this "nature's calendar" when trying to garden in a Michigan spring. Should we let mother nature tell us when to plant beets and set out tomato plants instead of tying it to the calendar?



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Some old wives' tales — peas planted by St. Paddy's day or tomatoes planted when the peony bushes bloom, aren't reliable in this region. In the first case, the ground might be frozen or covered with snow. The second example might have the ripening tomatoes covered with snow or frost.

Some understanding of the gradual progression of the seasons might help. The same condition that enables the forsythia to bloom might signal the time for planting the seeds of the cold weather vegetables - peas, beets, spinach, etc.

Is it time to plant the potatoes, broccoli and the broad beans when the quince bushes and shadblow trees flower?

The Indians were supposed to wait for the maple leaves to be the size of a mouse ear before planting corn. Did the old time farmers wait for the red bud trees and lilacs to bloom before planting their corn?

I don't know if anyone has ever followed such a calendar in planting seeds and setting out plants, but some research horticulturists are interested in applying the principles to pest controls.

The larvae of the birch leaf miner are vulnerable to sprays for a few days before they burrow into the leaf tissue. This date varies from region to region but the other happenings in the same garden are the fading of the lilac blossoms and the dropping of the silver maple's seeds.

The effective time to spread a crabgrass pre-emergence is under the same conditions that brings us the blooming forsythia. The best time to spray for the gypsy moth larvae is when the lilacs bloom.

The time for the blooming of mock orange bushes varies from the beginning of May in Tennessee to the end of June in Minnesota but in each state, the conditions are correct for spraying for bagworms.

This study of seasonal synchronous events, or progression of the season, has been named "phenology;" to call it a "nature's calendar" might be easier.

Nature can make mistakes. Frostbitten magnolia buds and the loss in fruit orchards can testify to that. Sometimes it is emphasized with an April snowfall.

We can struggle with a late spring by trying to outguess the weather. We can try to warm the cold soil with Walls O'Water tepees and black plastic. It is much easier to wait for nature to bring in some decent gardening conditions with sunshine and warm rain but until then, we can plan other things in the garden.

Ann Arbor Women Painters
Annual Spring Exhibit
May 5-31, 1996

Manchester area artists NANCY FELDKAMP, ALICE SWAINSON, NANCY

MICHAELSON and SANDY KNAPP will participate in the Ann Arbor Women Painter's Spring Exhibit. Sam Knecht, Professor & Chairman of the Art Department at Hillsdale College will be the juror.

The show opened with a reception for the artists and a critique by the juror on Sunday, May 5. The public is invited to view the show on the third floor and lower level meeting room of the Ann Arbor Public Library from May 5 through May 31. Library hours are Monday 10-9, Tuesday through Friday 9-9, Saturday 9-6 and Sunday 1-5.

The gift of quilts

A quilt is a gift, whether it is one made from the heart and given to family or friend, or sold through a raffle to benefit a senior citizens' center, or bought in an estate sale. A quilt is a gift even if it hangs in a museum. Owning a quilt is like owning the hours the quilter spent piecing and stitching. Especially today, when so much is so readily available so quickly and effortlessly, a quilt becomes a reminder that we need to remember why so many generations and groups of people have kept up the tradition.

A quilt has a language all its own, making words out of hexagons and squares and circles and flowers. You can read the history of families and towns in quilts. You can read about economic conditions, which are written not only in the recycled strips of cloth in some but also in the lush needlework of other quilts. You can read an affirmation of life.

— from *Words and Quilts*
available at The Manchester Township Library

Repairing the Heirloom

The pattern was "spider web"—scraps of fabric forming hexagons, their paisleys, dots and plaids repeated until the shapes stopped, some incomplete, at the edge, and over the whole a web, quilted, seven stitches to the inch drawing each corner to the center.

In the patchwork I recognized pieces of my grandmother's gingham apron, the apron itself cut from the skirt of a faded dress. Her family's clothes, the work of her hands, for years were conserved. Winters passed to the scrape of scissors trimming those rectangles.

I trimmed a scrap of fabric from my old sundress, applied it over the threadbare original, bright red against worn calico. I laid on the design by drawing needle across fabric, quilting the impression that would disappear like the needle's imprints in my fingers. My stitches met hers and I knotted the thread of this net that would catch another generation of small hands, clenching in sleep and letting go.

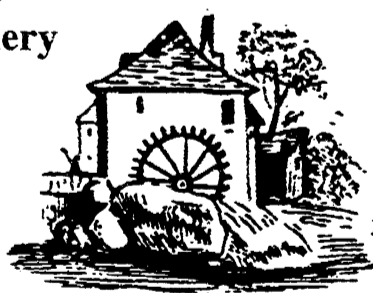
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Oakgrove Cemetery: Past and Present

— by Stephanie Somerville

Cemeteries can often be dismissed simply as final homes for the deceased. Such is not the case with Manchester's Oak Grove Cemetery.

Since 1856, Oak Grove has played a central part of the community's history. Not only can people stroll through the cemetery to visit a lost loved one, they can also experience a part of Manchester's past.

For years, the cemetery has been run by a non-profit organization. They operate mainly off revenue from sales and donations, and until now, things have run pretty smoothly. Unfortunately, the ability to do so may soon end.

In 1995, the board earned \$1,035.72 interest from CD's and savings and \$9,355 from sales and openings. They received \$2,100 in donations, earning a total of \$12,490.72.

The board employs Mike Miner as the cemetery's sexton, and combined with other miscellaneous expenses, the total comes to \$12,239.58. That left the board with \$251.14. This total was the amount available to cover the cost of gas for mowers, equipment, insurance and Consumer Powers. These expenses come to the total of \$3,400. With a little math, one will find that the board was left \$3,148.86 in the negative.

If something isn't done soon, the board is unsure of exactly what will happen to the cemetery. There are a few options, although none are choices the board would consider favorable. They could raise the price on the graves, but if they were to do that, people of the community maybe forced to be buried elsewhere and the history of the community's people would soon begin to taper off.

The board could lay off Mike Miner, but then they would still have to pay someone to come in a few times a year to fix up necessary problems. If this were to happen, the cemetery would often go unloved in the winter making it unavailable for visits.

Recently, board member John Schaible sent a letter of appeal to the Township of Manchester for assistance. Most likely, the problem will be presented at the

next board meeting. Since the cemetery is located in Manchester township and not within village limits, only a limited amount of assistance may be available.

As a final resort, the cemetery board is appealing to you, the citizens of Manchester.

Any donations received would be greatly appreciated, whether it's from a concerned private party, a combined effort from one of Manchester's many clubs and councils, or even free legal advice. Any amount made available would bring the board closer to being able to continue the cemetery's historic legacy.

Oak Grove Cemetery's availability and historic roots are an essential part of the community and it needs help from you to continue. Please contact Cemetery Board president John Schaible at 428-9541.

Poppy Days continued from page 3

remember the dead of the battlefields and to honor the living who returned. They earned that honor! Poppy Day sends a message to America's veterans of all four wars - World Wars I and II, Korea and Vietnam - that they are respected for serving their country, for risking their lives in a way that we at home have never known.

It's a small thing, this poppy with its roots in the battlefields of World War I, but its purpose is great. When it bloomed in the spring of 1918, around the shell craters and among the barbed wire barriers, it became an emblem of tribute never to be forgotten.

On Friday and Saturday, May 24 and 25, the members of the American Legion Auxiliary, the mothers, wives, daughters, sisters, and granddaughters of the men and women who have honorably served their country in four wars - will once again ask the citizens of this community to remember the sacrifice that has been made for America by wearing a poppy.

This memorial poppy is not only a personal tribute to the dead but it also honors the living veteran and helps with rehabilitation work. The poppy distributed is made by veterans...to remember veterans...and to help veterans.

When you wear this little red flower it helps to keep alive the kind of patriotism so necessary in this great country of ours. As long as such a feeling exists in our hearts, we need not fear for the future of our nation for we will never forget the price of war - and the responsibility for freedom.

Wear a poppy on Poppy Day and show that you, too, honor the millions who served America.

Each year the American Legion Auxiliary reminds Americans of their debt to veterans with the sale of memorial poppies, made by disabled and hospitalized veterans as part of their therapy. Funds contributed on Poppy Day are used exclusively for programs related to veterans.

Q. Where are Flanders' Fields? A. A medieval country, Flanders was a region of Western Belgium and Northern France bordering on the North Sea and the scene of heavy fighting with high casualties during World War I.

Q. Is there a price set on the poppy the public should pay? A. There is no fixed price. The poppy is offered to the public in return for a contribution, freely given, the amount is at the discretion of the individual, based upon appreciation of the work accomplished and patriotic inclinations.

Q. Are Units required to send a portion of the funds collected to the national organization? A. No, funds are used by the Unit.

Q. Where are the poppies made? A. Poppies are handcrafted in Auxiliary-sponsored Poppy Shops maintained and administered by Auxiliary volunteers, organized in cooperation with VA Medical Centers and other veterans' facilities.

In Flanders fields, the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row
That mark our place...
To you from failing hands we throw
The Torch - be yours to hold it high;
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep...

— Col. John McCrae
Responding, Moira Michael, who would spearhead the campaign that would result in the adoption of the poppy as the national symbol of sacrifice...

...the blood of heroes never dies
But lends a lustre to the red
Of the flower that blooms above the dead
In Flanders' Fields.

Manchester Area Churches

<p>BETHEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 16425 Bethel Church Rd., corner of Schneider, Freedom Twp. 428-8000/429-7155 Church Service 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.</p>	<p>MANCHESTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Rev. Thom Davenport, Pastor 501 Ann Arbor St., Village, 428-8013 (Parsonage); 428-8495 (Church) Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.; Worship 10:30 a.m.; Coffee and Fellowship at 11:30</p>	<p>ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST Rev. Nancy Doty, Pastor 12376 Waters Road, corner of Fletcher, Freedom Twp./Rogers Corners Worship and Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.</p>	<p>SHARON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Rev. Peggy Paige, Pastor Corner of M-52 and Pleasant Lake, Sharon Twp.; 428-7714 (Church); 428-8430 (Parsonage) Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.</p>
<p>EMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST Rev. Vincent Carroll 124 West Main Street, Village; 428-8359 Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.; Worship: 10:30 a.m.; Coffee and Fellowship: 11:30 a.m.</p>	<p>NORTH SHARON BAPTIST CHURCH Bill Winger, Pastor; Clifford Whitenburg, Asst. Corner of Sylvan and Washburn Roads, Sharon Twp.; 428-7222 Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.; Morning Church: 11:00 a.m.; Evening Church 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study and Youth Meeting: 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH Rev. Francis J. Murray, Pastor 210 West Main Street, corner of Macomb; 428-8811 Sunday Masses: Saturday 5:00 p.m. & Sunday at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.; Weekday Masses at 8:50 a.m. except Thursday at 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor Jon King 423 S. Macomb Street, Village, 428-7506 Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m.; Evening Public Bible Class: 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Praise and Prayer: 7:00 p.m.</p>
<p>COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH Pastor Jody Rietmiller 8400 Sharon Hollow Rd., Manchester Twp.; 428-8709 Service: 10:00 a.m.; Sunday School: 11:30 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service: 6:00 p.m.; Lifeline: 7:30</p>	<p>IRON CREEK COMMUNITY CHURCH Tom Butterfield, Pastor Corner of Sharon Hollow and English Roads, Manchester Twp. Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.; Morning Church 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening: 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>ST. THOMAS LUTHERAN CHURCH 10001 W. Ellsworth Road, Freedom Twp.; 663-7511 Sunday Church Service: 10:45 a.m.; Bible Class and Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.</p>	<p>ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH 3050 S. Fletcher Road, Freedom Twp.; 475-3481 (Pastor); 475-8064 (Church Office); Susan Wiley, sec'y; 428-7268 Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.; Worship 10:15 a.m.</p>

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CHRONICLE CALENDAR FOR MAY 1996

SUNDAY Ann Arbor Women Painters Annual Spring Exhibit May 5-31 Ann Arbor Public Library see page 8	MONDAY Come Gently, Spring I would not ask that Spring's return Be well-defined: I love the way Springtime arrives by small degrees, How hills grow greener day by day And buds swell on the willow tree. One crocus bloom can set the heart Awhirl! Oh, one could never bear The joyfulness of a sudden start. So come in little ways, O Spring, And thrill my being till I sing. — sent to us by Mrs. Florence Parker Bridgewater Township	TUESDAY Manchester Area Senior citizens have planned a yard sale tentatively scheduled for Saturday, May 18, to benefit their transportation fund, including the maintenance cost of their bus. If you have items you would like to donate to sell, perhaps you could drop them off at a Senior Meal at Emanuel, Tuesday/Thursdays at noon.
8am-12 noon Monthly American Legion breakfast to benefit restoration of Civil War statue in Oak Grove Cemetery Be Kind To Animals Week National River Cleanup Week Raisin River Cleanup, organized by Sharon Hollow Acres Canoe Livery. Contact Tina Maly 428-9373 to volunteer. Cleanup scheduled for Saturday, May 11th	7:00 Village Council 7:30 Library Board 7:30 Masonic business mtg 7:30 PUBLIC HEARING, Village Hall-review dimensional variance application for 520 City Rd. Breakout Program at the high school May 6, 7 and 8.	6 Village Curbside Recycling 9:30 Sr Council mtg 12 Noon Sr Meal (Green Peppers-stfd) 7:00 Fifth & sixth grade band concert at the middle school 7:00 Boy Scouts 8:00 PUBLIC HEARING, Freedom Township Hall-consider applications of Barrett Paving Materials and Waterland Trucking Serv. for variances of provisions of Mineral Extraction Ord.
12 <i>Mother's Day</i> 11am Waterloo Hunt Club Hunt Pace competition. (Phone 517/522-3409 for info)	13 <i>Day</i> 6:30 Optimists at Emanuel 7:30 Bridgewater Twp Plan'g Comm 8:00 Manchester Twp Board mtg 8:00 Fair Board mtg 8:00 Knights of Columbus	14 <i>Day</i> Village Curbside Recycling 12 Noon Sr Meal (Chicken Curry) 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:30 Band Boosters election of officers in the high school band room 8:00 Manchester Twp Planning Comm 8:00 Manchester Village Planning Comm
19 <i>Day</i> Manchester's 30th ANNUAL CANOE RACE. See page 3.	20 <i>Day</i> 7:00 Village Council 7:30 School Board mtg at high school 7:30 United Way meets at First of America Bank conf Rm The Washtenaw County Sheriff Department Marine Safety Section will be teaching the DNR Boating Safety Class at the Freedom Township Hall in Pleasant Lake, May 20 & 22, 6-9 pm. Please phone to register 428-1456.	21 <i>Day</i> Village Curbside Recycling 11:15 Clergy Sr/Pres 12 Noon Sr meal (Ital something) 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:30 Manchester Historical Society-Blacksmith Shop-Civil War program, see page 18 HAPPY 12TH BIRTHDAY, MEG PATAK
24-Hour Relay Challenge 26	27 <i>Day</i> Memorial Day (Observed) 1:00 Memorial Day Parade — Chronicle file photo	28 <i>Day</i> Village Curbside Recycling 12 Noon Sr Meal (Picnic) 12:30 Sr. program 8:00 Manchester Twp Planning Commission, Regular mtg

WEDNESDAY 7:30 VFW, Legion Home, 203 Adrian 7:30 Men's Club Board mtg 7:30 Raisin Valley Land Trust mtg., Blacksmith Shop	THURSDAY 10:30 Senior Exercise in Emanuel's Gym 12 Noon Sr Meal at Emanuel (Birthday Bash) 7:30 American Legion Post #117 7:30 Manchester Community Band meets every Thursday in the high school band room 8:00 Sharon Twp Board mtg	FRIDAY Happy May Birthday to Senior Citizens: Karl Schnearle (4), Dorothy Mahrie (5), Eileen Disbrow (5), Bertha Briggs (5), Mae Fahey (6), Mae Sellers (9), Vincent Ganzhorn (13), Florence Paul (15), Mae Panches (15), Otto Koemke (18), Floyd Parr (20), Erma Egeler (20), Edward Steele (26), Alma Nelson (26), Joan Berry (30), Ella Duck (30), Opal Moore (30)	SATURDAY 8:00 Kiwanis at Whistle Stop Restaurant (7:30 breakfast) 1:30 Waterloo Recreation Program (Phone 475-3170 for further info) Gardening for wildlife KENTUCKY DERBY
1-4 pm Manchester Home Schoolers meet. Ph: Tina Zimmerman for info 428-0576 7:30 American Legion Auxiliary 7:30 Recreational Task Force at Blacksmith Shop	10:30 Senior Exercise, Emanuel Gym 12 Noon Senior Meal (Macaroni & Cheese) 7:30 Purple Heart mtg --- locations vary, phone 428-7052 for info 7:30 Manchester Community Band	7-10pm Village Piecemakers at Emanuel Church --- all welcome! Alcohol Anonymous meets each Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. at Emanuel United Church of Christ, 324 W. Main St., Manchester. For information, contact church office at 428-8359.	Food Drive (See page 3.) 8am 4-H Spring Round-Up Horse Show 11-? Special pre-Mother's Day tasting at the Red Mill Gallery by Incredible Edibles River Raisin Cleanup. (See note on May 5th) 9:30am Waterloo Hunt Club Open Horse Show Hunter Trials 1:00 Waterloo Rec Program-Edible Wild Plants
7:30 Manchester Men's Club 8:00 Bridgewater Twp Board mtg	10:30 Senior Exercise Emanuel Gym 12 Noon Sr Meal (Meat Loaf) 7:00 Band Concert for grades 5-12-high school 8:00 Sharon Twp Pl Comm 7:30 Manchester Community Band HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DR. LYON	17 NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE, Pleasant Lake Community, 8am-3pm. Look for balloons on mailboxes 10am-2pm Kinesiology at Nancy's Herb Pantry. (See page 13.) 1:00 Waterloo Program - Spring Wildflower Walk ARMED FORCES DAY	18 The Village Laundry Hours: Sunday-Thursday 8am-8pm Friday & Saturday 8am-6pm 428-7175
1-4 Home Schoolers. Phone Tina for info 428-0576 7:00 Manchester Sportsman Club 7:00 Manchester Twp Fire Dept	10:30 Senior Exercise Emanuel Gym 12 Noon Sr Meal (Baked stuff ed fish) 12:30 Bingo 6:00 Pickup for Card Party at Freedom Twp Hall (7:30) 7:30 CRC Board mtg 7:30 Manchester Community Band	24 POPPY DAYS (See page 3.) HONOR AMERICA'S VETERANS CQ: A philosopher realizes his creditors are more worried than he is.	25 POPPY DAYS 24-Hour Relay Challenge, Saturday and Sunday (See page 12.) PHANTOM OF THE OPERA Manchester Travel Club 2:00 Waterloo Program - Natural dyes 9:30pm Waterloo Program - stargazing at Portage Lake Campground
29 CQ: Be careful when and where you nod. Nod in a car, and you may find a harp in your hand. Nod at an auction, and you may find the harp, accompanied by a horse collar, and a brass cuspidor.	30 <i>Day</i> Memorial Day (Traditional) 10:30 Sr Exercise 12 Noon Sr Meal (Ham) 12:30 Bingo 	31 VILLAGE QUARTERLY PICK UP OF WHITE GOODS. (See page 19.)	June 1 Annual Men's Club Free Sandbox Fill. (See page 20.) May 31 & June 1: Yard Sale to raise money for Girl Scout trip to Mackinac, 340 Territorial. Accepting donations of yard sale items. Please phone Diane at 428-7133 or Sandy at 428-7060.

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- Non-profit organizations, Dianne Schwab at Community Resource Center 428-7722
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Smoking Stinks

—by Rosie Page

My opinion on smoking is that it stinks. I know five to ten people who smoke. I don't know anyone that died of smoking but there are a lot more who die of smoking than you think. A lot of people in my family smoke and I wish they would quit. I know it would be hard to but to everyone that smokes, think of it this way; you have two choices. 1. You could stop now and live a longer life. 2. Keep smoking and have your lungs blackened by smoke and live a shorter life.

If it was me, then I would choose choice two. What bothers me most is why people start. Why do they smoke? I bet a lot of parents who smoke or just adults know what they are putting in their bodies and they can show small kids (about three or four years old) that if older people smoke, that means I can when I grow up.

I personally can't stand being by anyone who smokes. The smell of the smoke is gross. When someone smokes next to me, then I would be secondhand smoking. That's why I like smoke-free places.

I think that people who smoke are real stupid for doing that. Because they have probably been through the D.A.R.E. program or they heard what drugs can do to you. They could get you killed, or you could get kicked out of school or a sport team. In some places they ask you for a smoking or a non-smoking section. There isn't a big difference because they only put a small wall in between the two sections.

The reasons I think people start smoking is because of friends, older people. The most I think is T.V. and magazines, or because they think that more people will like them. All those reasons to start smoking are stupid, especially because of friends. I think that if they're really your friends then they will respect your health for your body.



OP/ED

These two editorials are the final in a series of opinions from fifth-grade students in Mr. Fielder's homeroom Writers' Workshop.

The writings were selected because of the clear manner in which the author communicated his/her ideas. Writers' Workshop ran for nine weeks and explored various types of writing.

Stop Smoking

—by Kate Meyer

I think too many people smoke. Over half the people in the United States smoke. Why do they smoke? They know it's bad for them but they still do it anyway, I don't think they are very smart.

I think people in restaurants shouldn't be able to smoke. When they smoke, the smoke gets into the air and it's carried into the non-smoking section. Then the people who hate the smell of smoke have to smell it anyway. If people can't smoke in restaurants I think more people will come. They will get more money if more people come.

Here are some facts about smoking: 1. People who smoke live a shorter life. 2. Some people get cancer or other diseases from smoking. 3. Cigarettes cost about \$2.50. 4. People who smoke can cause accidents and kill people.

I don't think parents should smoke in front of their children. Secondhand smoke that the children receive can have numerous side effects. Smoking while you're pregnant can cause birth

WANTED: PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY TO SING AT GAZEBO CONCERT

Practice:

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(Music is at the Community Resource Center [CRC] if you would like a preview.)

1st Practice: Wed., May 29, 7:30-9pm

2nd Practice: Wed., June 5, 7:30-9pm

Warmup before concert:

Thursday, June 13, 7:00 pm

Contact:

CRC 428-7722 or

Bill Schwab 428-8976

Concert at the Gazebo

Thursday, June 13, 7:30 P.M.

THE MANCHESTER GAZEBO SINGERS WILL BE IN CONCERT Thursday, June 13, 7:30 at the Gazebo Park.

Who are the Gazebo Singers? People in the community who like to sing.

They represent church choirs, students, and other people in the area interested in taking part in a very enjoyable concert opportunity.

Linda Jones, director of the Ann Arbor Swing Singers, will direct the group. Rehearsal dates are Wednesday, May 29, and Wednesday, June 5, 7:30 p.m. in St. Mary Church, 210 W. Main St.

For more information, contact the Community Resource Center, 428-7722, or Bill Schwab 428-8976.

The 1996 24-Hour Relay Challenge

—by Sara Johnson and Katyn Craig

The 24-Hour Relay is back!!! It will be taking place at the Manchester High School track on May 25 and 26.

This is the second year that this is happening. The 24-Hour Relay is a race/fun run that goes on for 24 hours. The teams have to raise money to run. They get this money by asking people to sponsor them. The donations go to the Manchester Schools' Drug Free Education. Each team has ten or less participants and a running order.

Last year was very exciting. If you weren't running, there were other things that you could do. All day they had music playing. That was really neat. Plus in the afternoon you could watch a magic show. After that the J&B's gymnastic class did a show for all of us.

Mr. Kindt

did a demonstration that was really neat. He showed us this toy called "devil sticks" and let other people try it. Many of the teams had shaving cream fights to pass the time.

Also Colors the Clown came with her potbellied pig being rolled in a stroller. They blew up balloons of all different sizes, shapes and colors. Some of the kids from school volunteered to help make the balloon animals. It was really great. It was a big success.

Well, hope to see you there!

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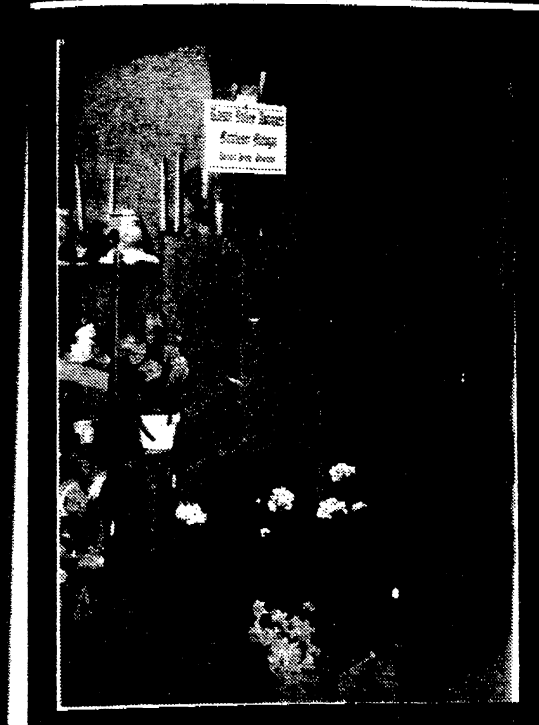


Photo by Kathy Kuefner

Barb Stucki, of Raisin Valley Antiques in the Manchester Mill, said "It was very, very busy." Barb and her husband Bill have a booth at the Brusher Show and were there for opening weekend in April.

Some consider opening weekend of the Brusher Ann Arbor Antiques Market a ritual of spring. Dealers work and save all winter long in anticipation of the third weekend in April when they can set up their booths at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds.

April marked the "Brusher Show's" 28th season. Twenty-eight years ago, Margaret Brusher's first show was a nice little event featuring 68 dealers. Since then the Brusher Show has had many firsts: first one-day show (that is being much copied today), first to use tents, first to use the mammoth all white tents, first to have espresso and cappuccino, and first to have an on-site ATM.

The monthly antiques market has grown from the first 68 dealers to between 350 and 400, with a national and sometimes international clientele.

Margaret Brusher emphasizes a tough standard of authenticity, every item is guaranteed as represented. The next show is Sunday, May 19th, 6am-4pm, located at the Farm Council Grounds on Ann Arbor-Saline Road. □ kk

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Looking into a Crystal Scry

—by Stephanie Somerville

M&U's Magical Lizard has brought something very unusual into Manchester - something you can see advertised almost everyday on television, but won't normally encounter walking through the streets of town.

Now, on designated Wednesdays, Psychic Socials are being held in the Mill at the Magical Lizard Shop. Psychic activities are often the subject of controversy and as I entered the store, I carried a great many stereotypes with me. I walked in expecting to see crystal balls and bells, and an eccentric man in long robes or hooded cape. Instead I was presented with a much more down-to-earth scene.

The store generally looked the same as any normal day, except for the addition of a plain, curtained screen designed for a discreet reading. Busy with a client, the yet unseen psychic was unable to speak with me, so I spoke briefly with Deb MacNeil, the store's friendly proprietor. I shared my concerns with her, still not holding an all too positive image of the psychic in my head. She assured me he was not a mind-reader and not at all flashy. She told me he was a spiritual guider, concerned only with helping people.

Minutes later, Alex Runge, "Full Spectrum Psychic and Channel," emerged from behind the screen and I felt much more at ease. Alex was not the robed man I expected to see, but simply a young man with a ponytail, sporting jeans and a tee-shirt.

Talking with Alex is quite an eye-opener; he's a very interesting man. He believes his psychic powers first began when at age ten, he experienced a highly unusual dream that yanked him into another reality. Over the years he experienced what he then dismissed as mere coincidences.

It wasn't until he was twenty-years-old that he fully realized his psychic abilities. It was also then that he began practicing reading as a profession.

During a reading, Alex connects with a crystal scry. He told me he tries to feel what others are feeling inside of himself and said he enjoys what he does because he is often able to share in people's feelings of well-being.

Since the dial-a-psychic phenomena has become so prevalent, I asked Alex what he thought about the situation. He said he considers himself to be the same kind of person as the TV psychics, but feels the way they present themselves is silly. He doesn't want all the bizarre packaging and drama.

Thanks to Deb MacNeil's warm welcome to her shop, and the serene demeanor of Alex, the atmosphere at a reading is comfortable and easy.

As a few of the shops in the Mill stay open on Psychic Social Night, you may also enjoy browsing and perhaps a cup of cappuccino at the Red Mill Gallery.

Getting a reading is quite a unique experience and a great addition to a day of shopping in Manchester!

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A Peek in the Pantry

—by Nancy Geiger of Nancy's Herb Pantry



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(muscle testing)

Spring may be a pain in the back.

It's easy to overdo the yard work and stretch muscles we forgot every existed.

With the first sign of spring, the garden we swore we were not going to put in another year seems exciting. The lawn and flower gardens become visions of beauty.

Forgetting sore bodies, sunburns and blisters of summers past, we plunge into our spring tasks. A hot shower or bath may bring a sigh of relief until the morning dawns and truth is told.

Sore muscles overtaxed from any form of strenuous exercise result in inflammation and swelling. This painful problem will over time work itself out. However, it could set up a situation of circulation problems. Tightening of the muscles can cause joints and the spine to pull or become misaligned.

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Don't make mountains out of molehills...

It's never too soon to learn...

Beauty comes from within...



Don't whisper...

If everyone else was jumping off a cliff, would you do it, too?

Better safe than sorry...

Always carry enough money in your purse for a phone call...

The devil makes work for idle hands...

History of Mother's Day

Antiquarians, holiday enthusiasts, and students of folklore have claimed to find the source of Mother's Day in the ancient spring festivals.

In England, in the 18th and early 19th centuries, young men and women who had apprenticed themselves out or taken jobs as servants returned to their homes on Mothering Sunday, bringing with them small gifts or cakes for their mothers. Whole families attended church together and there was a dinner at which mother was treated as queen of the feast she had prepared herself, and "everything was done to make her happy."

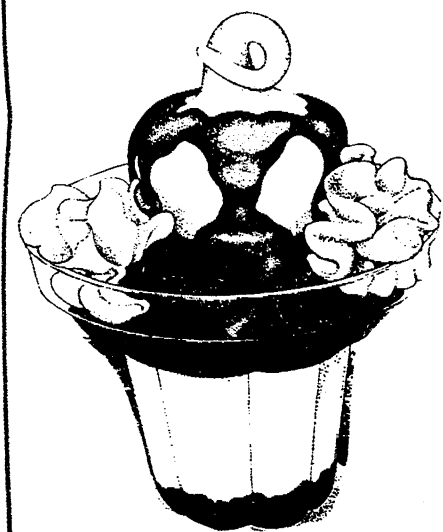
Anna M. Jarvis (1864-1948), deeply devoted to her mother who died in 1905, was the originator of our Mother's Day. The first Mother's Day observance was a church service held May 10, 1908. White carnations were set out as a floral representation of mother-love, sweetness, purity and endurance.

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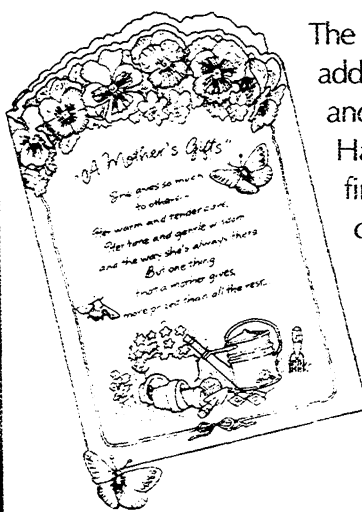
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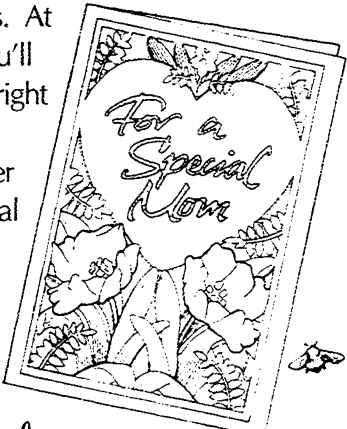
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How would you feel if someone did that to you?

Ask your father...

If it was any closer it would bite you...

I don't care who started it...

How do you know you don't like it if you haven't tried it?

When I was your age...

I don't care what other mothers do!

There are starving children in India who would love to eat that...

Because I say so...

No one will notice...

Just because everyone else is doing it, doesn't make it right...

Who did that? Mr. Nobody?

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Don't do as I do, do as I say...

If I come there and find it, there'll be trouble...

There are plenty more fish in the sea...

When the bills come in the door, love flies out the window...

If you can't say anything nice about someone, don't say anything at all...

Share and share alike...

Do you think money grows on trees?

Don't point...

Two wrongs don't make a right...

This isn't a hotel, you know...

Wait till your father gets home...

Wait till I get you home...

If you go to bed with wet hair you'll catch a cold...

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Troop #675 at the Fox



Troop #675, Elizabeth Okey, Shelby Trolz, Dara Jose, Heather Popkey, April Lukas, Michelle Slocum, Annie Granger and Marie Beaudoin, went to the Detroit Fox Theater to see the amazing magic show of David Copperfield.

The troop is planning a trip to Mackinac Island this summer and are working on various fund-raisers to earn money, including a bottle drive the first weekend in May and a garage sale later in the month. Troop #675 would like to thank the community for their support. For information about the garage sale, please call Dianne at 428-7133 or Sandy at 428-7060.

Walk-and-Write Class Visits the Whistle Stop

— by Stephanie Somerville

In April, Sue Miller celebrated her successful first year in business at the Whistle Stop Restaurant on Adrian Street in downtown Manchester.

So when Mrs. Bedzolt's eighth grade Walk-and-Write class visited the Whistle Stop recently, Sue had ready answers, backed up by her first year of experience, for their many questions.

A student asked if she enjoys what she's doing. It is apparent in Sue's wide grin what a pleasure the past year of business in Manchester has been. Her answer was that you have to enjoy it, it is your life. She said basically everything has turned out the way she wanted and there is nothing she would change about what she has done.



The students were surprised to learn Sue works nearly eighty hours a week. During those hours she may cook, wait tables, order supplies, wash dishes, handle the deli and ice cream counter, and keep the books. She employees up to three people, but there have been days when she has had to go it alone.

When asked about the competition in town, Sue explained that The Whistle Stop is the only one in town who serves breakfast. The Dairy

Queen might be considered a competitor for ice cream customers, however, the products are basically different. The Whistle Stop features ice cream that is homemade, while the Dairy Queen offers a variety of confections.

The students asked about educational requirements and Sue, who has a degree in business, said that any college courses would be helpful.

The students had many questions concerning Sue's employee situation. They wondered how old someone has to be to work there and what kind of skills were needed.

Sue said they must be at least fifteen years old and have good people skills and common sense. She said her employees have to treat customers like they themselves would want to be treated in a restaurant. She looks for employees who are eager to work and have an actual goal other than simply being told by their parents that they must get a job.

It seemed to be a very informative visit for the students. They asked thoughtful questions and were provided with substantial answers.

Genial hostess that she is, Sue invited the students to come back and visit some day when she is making ice cream.

The Stars Come Out to the Mill

Bill Barr, well-known comedian, visited the Mill recently to promote Comedy Night at Haarer's Restaurant held on the last Saturday of the month. Barr is pictured here talking with Rita Burkhardt, of Burk's Antiques in the Mill.

Oh, and speaking of Haarer's, the votes are in and have been tabulated. The new wines that have been added are: from Gordon's Wine — Chateau Grand Traverse Light Harvest Riesling and Stone Creek Merlot; from Arbor Beverage — Fetzer Gewurtztraminer and Bel Arbors White Zinfandel.



Community service organizations recognized volunteers with certificates of appreciation at a banquet sponsored by the Community Resource Center, April 20th, at Chelsea Community Hospital.

Pictured Left to right: JOHN HUGEL, Manchester Optimist Club; BETTY CUMMINGS and EMILY CUMMINGS, Manchester Area Historical Society, and ANITA TYLER, Manchester Area Girl Scouts. (Not pictured, VIRGINIA DEMING, Kiwanis Club of Manchester.

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Essay for Earth Day

— by Beth Somerville

Earth Day is a good day! The earth is our world. You can save the earth and stop the pollution in the earth.

We also want to save the water. You can pick up the trash in the water, and on the ground. We have to save our environment so that we don't get sick and die.

On Thursday, April 18, in the middle school, the classes in fifth grade designed a paper bag from Manchester Market. All of us made



The fifth-grade author of this essay, Beth Somerville, is pictured in the bottom row, middle.

different designs on the bag. We also colored them with markers. Some of them said "Save the Earth and stop the pollution on the water."

Well I made one that had a sink full of water and I colored the water blue and the faucet brown and the sink part black. It was a very fun activity. We all got our picture taken from the girl from the Chronicle, Kathy. I got my picture taken first. The bags and I then got our pictures taken, and that was what that day was like.

A Christmas-in-April Thank You



They repaired furnaces, installed a ramp for handicap access, painted, cleaned up yards, repaired plumbing and electrical systems, installed smoke detectors and fire extinguishers and fixed broken locks.

Above, Men's Club workers, Don Limpert and Mel Sroufe.

Thank you from Christmas-in-April for financial contributions to businesses: Great Lakes Bancorp-Ann Arbor, Kleinschmidt Hardware, Manchester Veterinary Clinic, Pinnacle Engineering, Gelman Sciences, Manchester Plastics, Sutton Agency, Plumbers & Pipefitters Local #190, McLennan Landscaping, Back Door Party Store, Manchester Market, G.E. Wacker, Bridgewater Lumber, Manchester Optimist Club, Bethel UCC, Haarer's Meeting Place, Knights of Columbus, Baker's Dozen, Manchester UMC, Emanuel UCC, Manchester Chiropractic Clinic, St. Mary Church, Healing Hands Massage Therapy, Stockwell Catering, Manchester Men's Club, and individuals who helped: Nick Barnhizer, Dennis Kittel, Rick Graustein, Matt Ross, John Minier, Jerry Ahrens, Janet & Keenan Shurtliff, Sarah Ahrens, Katie Tolen, Michael Kessler, Brad Kemner, Elesa Walakenis, Peter Paige.

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Free Trees at Wacker's for Earth Day

It's a tradition. George and Lois Wacker and family of G. E. Wacker's Convenience Store gives out a choice of free tree seedlings every year on Earth Day. My choice this year was something new they offered — American Bittersweet, a tangled, twining, high-climbing vine with yellow flowers and orange-red berries, which is a wildlife food source for pheasants, quail, turkeys, cottontail rabbits, squirrels, and many songbirds.

Mrs. Spiegelberg and Ron Evislizer receive their free trees. Behind Ron is Lois Wacker and employee Chris Matthews.



In the meantime, the Wackers are taking spring cleaning to new heights and dimensions, remodeling, painting, rearranging, often, Lois says, working through the night so as not to inconvenience customers too much. As with every endeavor in this family-owned business, they all pitch in. Lucky for Kim, I didn't have my camera with me the day I stopped by and she was on top of a ladder painting.



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The band "hiq" was awesome, the DJ was fine, but the gifts from the teens were the point of their time. Canned goods and cash they collected for others, for those in need, having hard times - their sisters and brothers.

On behalf of Manchester teens in service and love, these gifts they now give, with the blessings of God above!

Pictured right, presenting a check to Christmas in April: Matt Laskowski, Keenan Shurtliff and Dana McCalla from St. Mary's Youth Group and Bill Weber and Pam Green, Christmas in April co-chairs.



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Washtenaw Community College Board Visits in April

— Gini Patak

When the Washtenaw Community College Board of Trustees held their April meeting at Manchester High School, the topic was how best to serve Manchester residents in the future. The discussion topic carried over through dinner and a town meeting when the trustees were joined by about 50 Manchester residents and congressman Dick Chrysler.

Prior to the dinner, which was served by members of the Manchester High School Leadership Class, James Anderson, WCC board chair introduced WCC 2000, the colleges' strategic plan update and distributed a question and answer sheet that explains WCC's request for an increase in operating millage.

The strategic plan contains 45 specific goals that relate to 10 broad outcomes. The outcomes range from expanding "workforce development with an emphasis on technology education" to nurturing "Washtenaw County as a learning community."

The focus throughout dinner and the town meeting session was on how to bring WCC closer to Manchester. A hot topic during the session was "distance learning," that is, the delivery of WCC courses through interactive video links. Interactive video could, for example, simultaneously link a WCC classroom to classrooms in Manchester, Chelsea and Dexter. One instructor could deliver a lecture and talk back and forth with the remote students just as if they were in the WCC classroom. Implementing this technology could greatly broaden the scope of courses available to students in the more remote areas of Washtenaw County.

Trustees were reminded about the potential students among Manchester's senior population. They were asked to be sure to consider the needs of seniors when planning course offerings, whether they're through interactive video or with a live instructor.

MILLAGE AND BOND REQUESTS FOR WCC ON THE BALLOT IN AUGUST

On August 6, Washtenaw voters will be asked to approve \$38.9 million in bonds and \$6.5 million in increased operating expenses for Washtenaw Community College. If voters agree, the funds being requested will be used to construct a Technology Education Building, on the WCC campus, which will include a new library and computer labs. WCC also plans to use funds to increase assistance to area high schools, offer classes at off-campus locations, implement home-classes with interactive television and establish a job skills academy which will expand job training opportunities for area residents.

According to the material distributed at the meeting, a homeowner with a house valued at \$50,000 could expect to pay an additional \$29.25 in tax annually; if the house was valued at \$100,000, the additional annual tax would amount to \$58.50.

MANCHESTER SCHOOL BOARD NOTES FOR APRIL

In their brief April meeting, the Manchester Board of Education officially called for the election of two board members to four-year terms. It will be held Monday, June 10, 1996. The candidates are John Hochstetler (incumbent), John Ochs (incumbent) and Marilyn Knouase. (See next page.)

The board also reviewed a report from O'Neal Construction which provided updates on the construction project following the April 11 ground-breaking ceremony.

Finally, the board discussed what progress had been made on adding a media specialist to the staff. The discussion was prompted by letters from the North Central Association warning that Klager elementary and Ackerson middle schools are in danger of losing their standing with the accreditation association because of the lack of a person in this position. Superintendent, Ron Niedzwiecki noted that the administration has reviewed the problem and believes one person can be hired to meet the needs at both schools. He explained that the budget to fund the position is currently being worked on.

The next regular meeting of the Manchester Board of Education is at 7:30 P.M., May 20. Meetings are held in the MHS media center. For more information, call the board offices at 428-9711.

Gini Patak is a free-lance writer and desktop publisher who specializes in business to business communications. She has a long-standing interest in education-related issues.

Postcards from Iowa

Jon & Mae Hardenbergh
3015 Olde Country Lane
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Hello all!



There has been a lot happening here this side of the Mississippi River lately. We've been going to sporting events, symphony concerts, plays, special dinners and a super concert by Toni Tennile (minus the captain.) Spring has sprung to which our crocuses, daffodils and grape hyacinths attest. We've had bunches of cedar waxwing birds eating our neighbor's berry bushes and the finches are back so summer is near.

March madness basketball is over but we are skating into the hockey Stanley Cup playoffs - Go Red Wings! I did watch the University of Michigan capture the college hockey championship game. Yea, Wolverines!

I went to a super international dinner featuring an authentic chef from India. It was quite spicy with the main course being Rogan Gosht and Alu Gobi Kurma (lamb curry with potato and cauliflower in yogurt sauce. It brought back memories of eating Indian hot spicy food at the Bridgewater Munsons'.

Mom is on the go again, this time to France. I will be here working on my new computer and learning my new LCD digital camera. It takes no film or developing — just shoot and download into your computer.

We have been enjoying the warm sunny spring days by visiting nearby spots — Mississippi, Julien Monument, a wooded state park with a stream — and our backyard for picnics.

Last night was a first — I went to the riverboat casino "Diamond Jo." I played the 25 cent slots but watched cards along with other slot plays (\$1, \$5 and even \$25.) It was fun despite not winning.

Until next month, take care.
Mae, Jon, Boyd & Euripides



Manchester Area Historical Society

Next Meeting — Tuesday, May 21, 1996

You may think the Civil War was before our time, but our own Oak Grove Cemetery has buried soldiers who lost their lives in the War Between the States. For our May 21 meeting, the historical society shall be hosting speakers who will take us back to a most tumultuous era in America's history — The Civil War.

They will share their knowledge and research for an evening of enlightenment. The evening's presentation will act as a prelude to the upcoming June activities which will include an authentic encampment of the Michigan 24th Regiment, The Iron Brigade. Join us for time spent revisiting the Confederacy and the Union on Tuesday, the 21st of May at 7:30 P.M., at the Blacksmith Shop, 324 East Main Street.

— Ginny Dzengeleski

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CHILDREN'S NON-FICTION: *Who Talks Funny?*, Cap, *When Plague Strikes*, Gibbon, *From Exiles to Immigrants*, Takaki.

Many more books and books on tape have been added to the collection, including *The World of James Thurber*, *Hooked on Phonics*, *The Girls*, Kagen, *How We Die*, Neeland, *The Haymeadow*, Paulsen, and man more.

Village of Manchester NOTICE OF CURBSIDE COLLECTION OF WHITE GOODS

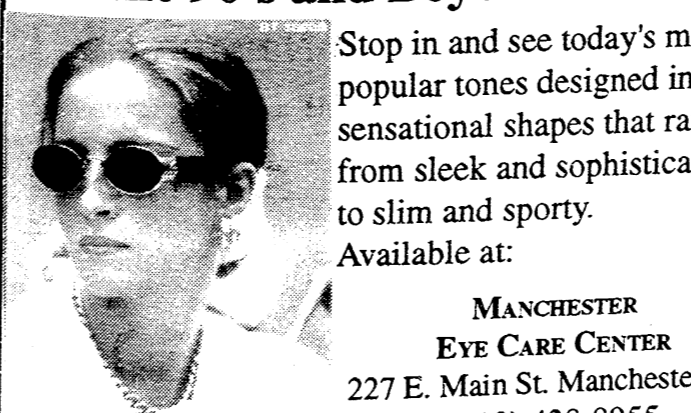
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Is College Hockey in Trouble?

— by Matthew Tapping

It was just two years ago, in an upcoming hockey town, that the Kent State University hockey team was dropped. It also ended my hopes of doing radio play-by-play for the hockey Flames the next season.

Now, yet another Central Collegian Hockey Association team has been eliminated. This time it was the University of Illinois-Chicago's hockey program, under the tutelage of former University of Michigan assistant, Larry Pedrie.

Two programs dropped in two years, both from the CCHA. That brings up some questions:

What is going on with some of these CCHA teams that do not have the support and/or the money to keep their hockey program?

What is going on with college hockey?

Is college hockey turning into a game of money? I remember this season going to broadcast a game from Illinois-Chicago when the Wolverines traveled to the windy city. It was seniors' night at the UIC Pavilion, and the final home game for three seniors. I swear there were more Michigan fans from Ann Arbor than there were UIC fans. No joke! It was unbelievable. The UIC fans that were there for the game, half of them were gone by the second period, as the Wolverines were all over the Flames, defeating them 12-0. But the point is, it was the final home game of the season, seniors' night, playing Michigan, and the Flames still in the hunt for a playoff position. The whole thing was just devastating. Obviously, college hockey is not big in Chicago, but it might have been.

The UIC Flames had one of the biggest freshman classes in the country, with thirteen players. The Flames also had seven sophomores, six juniors, and only three seniors. Give them time. With that young of a team, you really cannot expect a miracle overnight. In a couple of years, you never know; UIC could have been playing for the CCHA title, or maybe even the NCAA title.

There was also one other problem in the University that cost the UIC hockey program: the basketball coach. The basketball coach?! Are you kidding me!! Jimmy Collins, the new head coach for the UIC Flames basketball team demanded that there be more money spent on the basketball team. He also recommended that because the UIC hockey Flames played in the same building where the basketball team did, that the hockey flames should be the team that gets canned.

"Well, Jimmy, why don't we just take money out of your basketball program and put it into the hockey program?"

What is UIC basketball anyway? You know the only real basketball team in Chicago is the Bulls, certainly not UIC basketball!

It was four years ago that Ferris State almost dropped their hockey program because of cost containment reasoning. But thank God, the town of Big Rapids gathered around the Bulldog hockey program and sent letters to the University. Therefore, the University finally saw the support that they wanted to see and decided to stop talks about dropping their hockey program. Instead of hockey being dropped at FSU, wrestling, baseball, and men's and women's

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swimming were dropped. That same summer, Bob Daniels was named head coach of the Bulldog hockey program. In just his first season behind the Bulldog bench, his team was able to get a spot into the CCHA playoff tournament at the Joe Louis Arena. His team put on a spectacular show against Michigan State beating them 3-2. The next night, in the championship game, Ferris battled Miami Ohio for the right to go into the NCAA tournament. The Bulldogs hung in there forcing overtime, but then fell to a defeat of 4-3.

Also coming very close to dropping their hockey program was Colorado College, this year's NCAA runner-up. The Tigers also had cost containment problems at the University after the 1992-93 season. That season, the Tigers went 8-28 with embarrassing WCHA first-round losses to Wisconsin 6-3 and 10-3. After the 1992-93 season, the team's home ice facility was shut down, and the Tigers had no place to play. Luckily, the University stuck with the program and made a commitment. They fired Brad Beutow and hired Don Lucia, and found a rink to play in at the AFA Cadet Ice Arena while the new home of the Tigers arena was being built. Now under Don Lucia (third year), the Colorado College Tigers have compiled an 86-28-10 record with three WCHA championships, two NCAA regional invitations, and they also were the 1996 NCAA runner-up. Aren't we glad that the program wasn't dropped!

In 1926, Notre Dame did drop its hockey program and did not get it back until 1967. But that really doesn't count. The Fighting Irish are now in the CCHA and are having the same problems some of the other hockey programs have had. Some of the programs that have had problems have been dropped. The Irish are still struggling with fan support, money from the University, and year-in, year-out are finishing close to last in the league.

Is college hockey turning into a game of money?

Are other teams in trouble with possibly having to discontinue their hockey program?

The point that I am trying to make is that Ferris State and Colorado College both had bad records and their hockey programs were on the brink. The Universities stuck with their programs, however, but made some changes. These changes have made a difference.

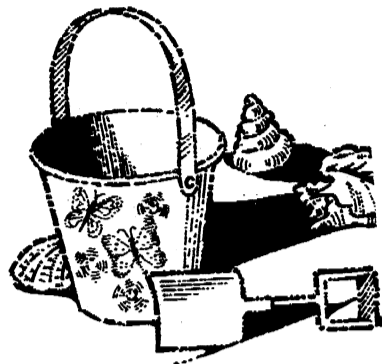
UIC had one of the youngest teams in the country. I don't think that they should have dropped their hockey program when they did. They should have waited for a couple of years to see how this young team would have turned out. UIC finished last in the CCHA this season because there were inexperienced. You can blame the fans for not supporting the UIC hockey team because if they had more support, they would still have a hockey program. Thank you, students and fans!

Also say a big, big thank you to the new UIC basketball coach, Jimmy Collins and the UIC administration. It looks like Jimmy has more control over UIC sports than the entire UIC administration! If

they both had any common sense, they would have taken a look at how young this team was and what this team could have done in the near future.

With a little more support, the UIC hockey Flames would still be in the CCHA and more importantly, a varsity sport. Even with a little more support, they could have been a club team, but now they have nothing.

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