



# Chronicle



## In The Spirit Of Christmas

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### Manchester Family Services - helping to make Christmas a little brighter

As Christmas Day draws closer, Manchester Family Services is preparing to help make Christmas time a little brighter for the less fortunate. Their annual Christmas Shop will be held on Wednesday, December 11th, between 9am and 2pm, at the St. Mary Parish Center on Madison Street behind the Hop-In.

The annual Christmas Shop brings the holiday spirit to families in need through charitable contributions from the people of Manchester.

The community — local businesses, organizations, individuals — is invited to participate by "adopting" families and senior citizens. A list of adoptive families is available by contacting Jean Little at 428-8585.

Information will be provided on gender, age, and gift ideas with a suggested range and limit of spending per individual. Gifts should not be wrapped and must be turned in by December 21st for delivery.

To help more people this year, we encourage purchasing gifts that will be distributed at the Shop, adopting seniors or donating money to Manchester Family Service. As always, all names of persons adopted are kept confidential.

Santa Claus asked members of Kiwanis of Manchester to deliver this cupboard of 18 shelves to the Manchester CoOp Preschool. The North Pole elves were too busy preparing for Christmas Eve. Kiwanis members built the cupboard to contain the many colors of paper used for projects. Pictured are Glen Lukas (seated) Kiwanis member and parent of preschooler Jeremy. Left to right: Rhonda Ash, Linda Ebersole, Bill Schwab, Dianne Schwab and Tom Ash. The cupboard is an example of Kiwanis service projects that benefit the community.



The Christmas Shop will have its traditional toy and gift area for selection of gifts by families who come to the Shop. Unwrapped donations of gifts, toys, games, new clothing — especially for teens and adults — can be brought to St. Mary Parish Center on Tuesday, December 10 between 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. New or like-new coats, hats, mittens, gloves and boots for winter are needed also.

Food packages will also be provided to families. The Cub Scouts and Manchester Community Schools will be collecting canned and non-perishable food items. Sorting of food for 75 families will be conducted on Tuesday afternoon, December 10. Volunteers are welcome to help.

Other food items are provided through food certificates supported by Family Services funds. Optional miscellaneous gift certificates are also available.

In the past, the success of the Shop has been through the generous contributions and help by you, the community of Manchester. It brings Christmas to families who would not otherwise be able to afford it. We look forward to another successful year in the true spirit of Christmas giving.

### Haarer's Employees Help Family Services



Pictured above: Employees of Haarer's Meeting Place over the last few months having been dropping change and dollar bills into a basket to accumulate for a donation to Manchester Family Service. Last week, a check was presented to Joanne Fredal, director of MFS, in the amount of \$800. Bruce Malinczak (missing from photo above) and staff were "honored" to be able to contribute to this worthy community program that truly celebrates the spirit of the season. Left to right: Neal Haarer, Leslie Rogers, Jean Little (of MFS), Sherry Maksion, (front) Carrie Neff, Joanne Fredal and Debbie Haarer. — Photo/kk

#### MANCHESTER FAMILY SERVICE

Christmas Shop, Wed., December 11th, 9am-2pm St. Mary Parish Center 106 E. Madison St. Needed: New toys and games — not wrapped! Winter jackets, coats, boots, hats, mittens and gloves. Blankets and sheets. BRING DONATIONS Tuesday, Dec.10th 10am-8pm Anyone interested in "adopting" a family, call Jean Little at 428-8585.

The Samaritan Counseling Service is in its seventh year sponsorship of the "Manchester Tree of Lights." This significant event will take place on Sunday evening, December 15, at 5:30 p.m. at the park.

As usual, the Gazebo will be the gathering place as the Tree of Lights is lighted once again in memory of friends and loved ones.

Come join us in the annual event for singing, hot chocolate and most importantly — the tree lighting ceremony. Donations (minimum \$2.50 per light) should be made out to Samaritan Counseling Service and sent to P.O. Box 415, 324 W. Main St., Manchester, MI 48158-0415. For the names to be read at the tree dedication, your donations must be received by December 12. A card will be sent to those remembered or to their families.

— Rev. Vinca Carroll, Emmanuel United Church of Christ

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**Community Christmas Cookies & Carols Party**

The Manchester Area Historical Society would like to invite you to the annual old fashioned community Christmas party. This year, society members Rev. Dr. Vincent Carroll and his wife Molly have graciously offered their home, the Emanuel "White House" church parsonage, on the corner of Main Street and Macomb, for the festivities.

You don't have to be a member of the historical society to attend, you'll still have a wonderful time enjoying the old ways of celebrating the holiday: Christmas carols and cookies, candlelight and good fellowship.

Party-goers are asked to bring two dozen cookies, one for munching that evening and the other for sharing in our cookie exchange. Donations from the cookie exchange benefit Manchester Family Services.

Please join us Wednesday, December 18, at 7:30 p.m. for a joyous time with old friends — and a great opportunity to make new friends!

For more information, please call Deb Havens at 428-8586, or Howard Parr at 428-9233.



Thanking you for your support and friendship, and wishing you the best of the holiday season.

Barbara Vecchioni  
Village Gifts

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**The Manchester Historical Society's Christmas Eve Luminaria**

Someone from out of town stopped by my office in the Mill last week and said, "Oh, this is the town that has the beautiful luminaria!" Yes, this is the town.

One of our town's most beautiful traditions, the Christmas Eve Luminaria,

Home for Christmas

Coming down Ann Arbor Hill, Luminaries all aglow, Their twinkling candles sparkling Upon the glistening snow.

I'm coming home for Christmas Back to the country town I love. Manchester, my home sweet home, You're my peaceful dove.

Turning onto Main Street My hometown looks so small. I'm glad some things never change Seems like I never left at all.

The Mill, the clock, the drugstore They've all been here awhile Just looking at these landmarks Brings to me a smile.

I see our farm in the distance, The barns so Christmas red, The farmhouse is so beautiful, This is my homestead.

This old road still dirt and bumpy, The countryside remains unchanged. Yes, if home is where your heart is, It always remains the same.

I'm coming home for Christmas, Back to the country town I love. Manchester — my home sweet home. You're my peaceful dove.

— Sandy Krzyzaniak Trolz  
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began back in 1977 when Manchester resident Karen Hinkley, with fond memories of luminaria in her hometown, decided to see if she could get enough people interested in Manchester. Karen and her friend Sue Bond started with residents living on Ann Arbor Hill. The two women obtained the necessary supplies and the neighborhood set out the paper bags, weighted with sand, with a candle placed inside.

The joyous sight has grown to include more and more neighborhoods ever since.

The Manchester Area Historical Society took over coordination of the project in 1984, and continues to this day.

The custom of setting luminaria out is thought to have begun in Mexico in the sixteenth century. There people set out small fires in front of their churches and homes on Christmas Eve to symbolically greet the Holy Family as they made their way to Bethlehem. The tradition spread to the southwest states. As the American pioneers journeyed westward they were impressed with the display of candlelit towns and adopted the custom, modifying it by placing candles in sand-filled bags.

You may pick up supplies for your Christmas Eve luminaria at the Blacksmith Shop Saturday, Sunday or Monday from three o'clock in the afternoon to eight o'clock in the evening. Complete instructions come with your candles, sand and bags for a minimum donation of \$5 per household. For an appointment at another time, or for further information, please contact Forest Walz at 428-8234. —kk

**1996 Christmas Eve Luminaria**

presented by the Manchester Area Historical Society

Please pick up supplies at the Blacksmith Shop 324 East Main St., 3-8:00 p.m.

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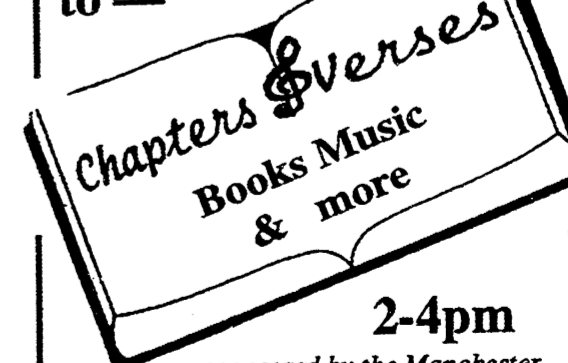
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**The reindeer are here!**



Two of Santa's reindeer, Dancer and Prancer, reside (when they're not out flying on Christmas Eve) at the Waterloo Tree Farm. Pictured above is five-month old Daniel Klink with his great-great-uncle Albert. Daniel's parents are Jeff and Kim Klink. Danny's grandparents, John and Lynn Klink, are the owners of the Waterloo Tree Farm, who donated a blue spruce tree to the Manchester Girl Scouts to plant in Chi-Bro Park in memory of Meredith Werner. The reindeer are available for viewing every day; Santa will be at the farm on weekends.

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**A Tree is planted in Manchester**



A tree planting ceremony was held in Chi-Bro Park in November by Girl Scout Troop #596. The blue spruce was dedicated to the memory of Meredith Werner, mother of troop member Aimee Werner. Rev. Vincent Carroll, of Emanuel United Church of Christ, led the prayer after the color guard presentation. Troop leaders are Kelly Hone and Peggy Watson. —Thank you to the Klinks of Waterloo Tree Farm for donating the blue spruce.

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**The Manchester Christmas Tree Farm of Reno & Nancy Feldkamp**

It's the day after Thanksgiving and the Feldkamp Christmas Tree Farm is open for business. This Manchester tree farm is the one with the breath-taking view of rolling Sharon Township hills and valleys.

Located on Smythe Road, east of M-52 and just north of Pleasant Lake Road, Reno and Nancy Feldkamp have fourteen acres of trees including scotch pine, white pine, and spruce - white and blue. Customers are invited to cut their own, or have one cut for them.

Even though the Feldkamp's son and four daughters are grown and moved away, Reno says, "They come out to help, this is a family business and everyone pitches in." The day after Thanksgiving, five grandsons and two granddaughters were out on the hills enjoying some spectacular sledding.

The Feldkamps began their Christmas tree farm in 1980 when they retired from raising sheep. The hilly pastures and sandy soil were ideal for their new venture. They planted their evergreens and six years later, when the first trees reached maturity, harvested a few for their family. In 1987, the Christmas tree farm was open to the public.

Over the years the Feldkamps developed an irrigation system to help during drought years and have added different varieties including a Black Hills spruce which, although slow growing, are more dependable because they are so hardy.

The holiday season may be the busiest time of year, but there are also tree farm chores during the year that keep the Feldkamps busy. With his previous experience shearing sheep, Reno handles the spring pruning with alacrity. To get that just-perfect geometrical shape, branches are lopped with machete. Spruce trees are trimmed in the fall. Planting time is usually during the months of April into May. Seedlings are planted where trees were harvested the previous year. The young trees are planted by hand, or where a large area is to be planted an "industrial-size" tree planter is used.

Nancy, the artist in the family (some of her beautiful watercolors are hanging in Chapters & Verses downtown) makes the traditional holiday wreaths they offer for sale, from greens trimmed from the trees, using a mixture of pine and spruce. The Feldkamps donate Christmas trees to area churches; Thanksgiving weekend a beautiful scotch pine was being delivered to Sharon United Methodist Church.



Standing in front of the 30-foot Christmas tree donated by Reno and Nancy Feldkamp are members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The tree will be part of the annual Christmas Creche Exhibit at their church on Green Road in Ann Arbor.

Members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Ann Arbor picked up a 30-foot tree for their annual Christmas Creche exhibit December 6-9. (This exhibit features 750 Nativity scenes from around the world and is open to the public, located at 1385 Green Road, approximately 1/2 mile south of Plymouth Road.)

Cutting the family Christmas tree is a wonderful tradition. Reno and Nancy look forward to seeing friends and neighbors come out to their farm each year looking for each their own version of that just-right special tree. You are invited Friday and Saturdays 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Sunday 1-5:00 p.m. For an appointment, phone 428-8571.

Fourteen acres of Christmas trees — plus a spectacular view, at the Feldkamp farm.

"Pick a card, any card," featured speaker Bob West, as the character Toby, teases Les Parr at the November Historical Society meeting



The Manchester Area Historical Society held its regular monthly meeting at the Blacksmith Shop on Tuesday, November 19. Mr. Bob West, also known as Zachariah T. Fedder, and his wife, Bracky, presented a program on tent shows and showed us some of the memorabilia they have collected. Repertoire theater started in the late 1700s and early 1800s. The shows were continued on page 16

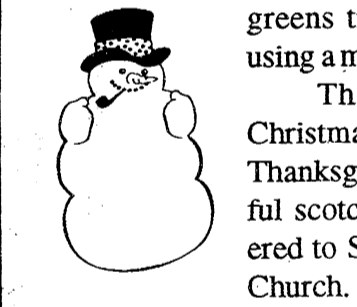
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### Uptown Doctor of Dentistry



Dr. James A. Watson has moved his practice of dentistry uptown to 227 E. Main Street. His office is located next to Woodbrook Computers and Marti's Salon on the south side of Main Street. Having grown up in a large family, Dr. Watson is especially good with children. We met Dr. Jim's mom and dad at the recent open house during Christmas in the Village and they confirmed this! Dr. Watson stresses the importance of a great smile and keeping it through regular dental checkups. Pictured above with Dr. Watson is left Jann Staake and right office manager Lisa Billard.



Thanking you for your warm welcome and wishing you the joys of the season.  
Dr. James A. Watson and staff

### Earth and beyond



You meet the most interesting people at Nellie Ackerson Middle School. Monday, November 18, middle school students met astronaut Mike Mullane at an assembly celebrating "Space Week."

Mullane was selected among the first group of mission specialists and completed three space missions aboard space shuttles *Discovery* and *Atlantis*.

During an exciting slide presentation, Astronaut Mullane talked about working toward and achieving dreams.

As a kid growing up in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Mullane wanted to be a pilot, before there was a space program. When the space race started with the launch of the Russian *Sputnik*, Mullane dreamed of becoming an astronaut. After high school, he attended West Point, then enlisted in the US Air Force. Unfortunately, he couldn't pass the visual exam in order to be a pilot. He was terribly disappointed, he related, to be so close to realizing his



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### BRAVO!



The recent Tecumseh Area Players production of a *Three Penny Opera* was missing flame throwers, strobe lights and all those other intrusive special effects — thank goodness! It was terrific live theatre that did not assault the senses, but instead entertained with wonderful music and performances by real people. Diane DuRussel's sultry solo was playful and wryly humorous. Diane, costumed in purple satin and black lace, played the part of Jenny, the main character's old flame who exacts her revenge. We think Charlie Steffans was typecast as the philosophical business owner who often quotes Shakespeare. As one of the main characters, Mr. Peachum, Charlie charmed the audience with many of the *Opera's* lively songs and witty dialogue. — photo/kk

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### Welcoming new owner/designer of Flora in the Mill

Sharon Blumenauer, of Manchester, is the new owner of the florist shop in the Mill. She recently purchased the business from Trenda and Lori who decided to retire so they could spend more time with their young families.

Sharon had been employed by Chelsea Community Hospital. Serendipitously, at the same time her hours were cut at the hospital she found out through her future daughter-in-law, Lisa Rickleman, that the flower shop in the Mill was for sale. (Lisa and Bob Blumenauer, a Manchester firefighter, have set an April date for their marriage.) With Lisa's and the rest of her family's encouragement, most especially husband Loren, Sharon decided to go for it.

What a great time of year to begin a new business. A visit to Flora in the Mill is a visit that inspires cheer and joy. After all, the shop is filled wall to windows with the wonderful life of growing plants, colorful flowers, artfully designed arrangements, as well as other lovely gifts.

Sharon has traditional poinsettias in white, pink and red, and Norwegian pines, sweet small ones in a pot, and larger ones in containers. The walls are festooned with evergreen sprays decorated with holly berries and pine cones; grapevine wreaths with golden cherubs tracked in bright ribbons or winter birds nestled among pine boughs; garlands that twinkle; and beautiful English ivy centerpieces for holiday tables.



Above: Sharon Blumenauer, new owner of Flora in the Mill

Flora in the Mill has evergreen cemetery blankets to remember and honor loved ones at this time of year.

Especially for young students who would like to give their favorite teachers a token of the season, Sharon has designed small wreath ornaments that would make that perfect gift for a child's small budget at only \$2.00.

Among the gift items in the shop are fragrance oils and Christmas coffee mugs with festive candy canes. Gift items may be purchased custom made, including floral bouquets - always appreciated.

Stop by and visit Sharon Blumenauer at Flora in the Mill. Then watch for the light in your special person's eyes as you present them with a gift from the flower shop. —kk

### You're invited to stop by and visit with

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### Two New in the Mill

#### The Pathway Home

One of Debie Eversole's first childhood memories is that of her grandmother's pickle crock. "I was fascinated by it," Debie relates, "and in fact my first word was 'pickle.' At the time, no one knew what I was saying, it came out more like 'pooquee' or something.

From that early fascination with pickles to presently opening her new store in the Mill called *The Pathway Home*, Debie has devoted much time, study and experimenting with the preservation of homemade food.

Debie has lived in rural Brooklyn since 1980 and it was then that she began her adventure into food preserving. "Preserving food became my hobby," Debra says, "both from necessity and from the growing insistence of additives in supermarket foods. My kitchen has become a laboratory. I have scales, measuring instruments, preserving vessels of all kinds in the laundry room, the spare bedrooms, the linen closet, the attic! My office is filled, literally, with hundreds of books that relate to food in some manner."

Instead of keeping all the hard-learned experiments and experience to herself, Debra decided to publish a newsletter early this spring, and now to open *The Pathway Home* in the Mill.

Debra shares ingredients and recipes she has created not only for food but for other items you use in your home. *The Pathway Home* is an eclectic collection, a celebration of homemade spices and seasonings — wholesome food products that taste good and are healthy for you and your family.

Debra believes that if it is sold in stores it can be made in the home kitchen, saving time and money. She says, "Preserving foods may take time to prepare at first but it saves at least twice as much in the long run. When you take the time to put up your own food you save a great deal of those hard-earned dollars."

*But that's not all —*

*The Pathway Home* also offers other homemade items for decorating this holiday season and throughout the year, including pot-pourri, hand-crafted Christmas stockings, scented candles, cinnamon ornaments, homemade cat and dog biscuits, wreaths, sachets and ornaments, hand rolled beeswax candles, homemade bath products including an old fashioned jelly soap, pewter ware — and much, much more!

Debie, and husband Brad, have a Cocker Spaniel named "Bud" who is an integral part

of the business. It is Bud who taste-tests Debie's special recipe for pet treats. Bud knows when Debie is cooking the treats. "He sits right by the stove waiting for the first ones fresh from the oven," she confides. The homemade biscuits for dogs and cats are very popular. Debra told me when she first began making the biscuits, she took six dozen to a show — and one lady bought the entire batch.

*But that's still not all.*

Debie convinced friend Carolyn McAlexander to add her wares to the new shop. Carolyn brings to *The Pathway Home* beautiful silk bridal arrangements and special hand-sewn products. Carolyn previously owned and operated her own floral shop, Carolyn's Flowers & Boutique in Napoleon. Carolyn also offers wreaths, hand crafted Christmas stockings, ornaments, wall and shelf dolls, even Christmas corsages, and is very willing to customize to shoppers' specifications. No two items are alike. All Carolyn's creations are unique. She also has hand crafted wooden items such as wooden spoons and bobbin holders and herb drying racks, which certainly complement Debie's items. —kk



Above: Debie Eversole has the new eclectic shop in the Mill, *The Pathway Home*.

Below: Carolyn McAlexander adds hand-sewn bridal wares to Debie's shop.



### Poultry Herb Seasoning

Mix a favorite for your kitchen and makes a great gift.

- Makes approximately 1-1/4 Cups
- 1/4 Cup Dried Celery Leaves, crumbled
- 1/4 Cup Dried Marjoram Leaves, crumbled
- 1/4 Cup Dried Tarragon Leaves, crumbled
- 2 Tablespoons Dried Sweet Basil, crumbled
- 2 Tablespoons Celery Seeds, ground
- 1 Tablespoon Dried Rosemary, ground
- 1 Tablespoon Dried Sage, rubbed/ground
- 1 Tablespoon Dried Parsley, crumbled
- 1 Teaspoon Paprika

Combine and mix the above ingredients well and transfer to clean containers that are completely dry. If you prefer more Sage, for instance, in your Poultry Herb Seasoning Mix, then by all means add more! Just don't get too carried away — the Sage does have a way of overpowering all of the other ingredients. I always make extra for myself, freezing the excess in an airtight container.

— Debra Eversole

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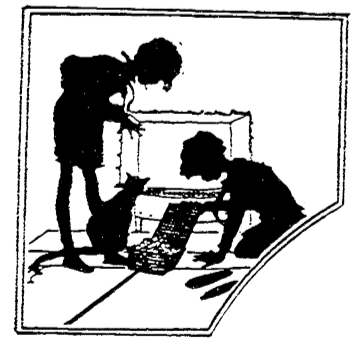
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<p><b>SUNDAY</b></p> <p>Happy December Birthdays to Senior Citizens:</p> <p>Jeanette Frinkel (11), Lucile Bruner (12), Marion Ahrens (13), Marian Schwab (14), Lydia Hoener (20), T.V. Ludwick (24), Vivian Middlemiss (25)</p> <p>Manchester United Methodist Church Handbell Choir performance at 7pm</p>	<p><b>MONDAY</b></p> <p>7:00 Village Council 7:30 Library Board 7:30 Masonic business mtg</p> 	<p><b>TUESDAY</b></p> <p>Village Curbside Recycling 12 noon Senior Citizen Dinner (Ham Loaf) 7:00 Boy Scouts</p> 
<p><b>8</b></p> <p>Manchester United Methodist Church Handbell Choir performance at 7pm</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>6:30 Optimist Club meets in Emanuel Church Hall. 7:30 Bridgewater Twp Planning Comm 8:00 Manchester Twp Board mtg 8:00 Fair Board mtg 8:00 Knights of Columbus</p> <p>9:30-12:15 Heart Health Screening (See below.)</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>Village Curbside Recycling 9:30 Annual Senior mtg 10:30 Sr Council mtg 12 Sr Dinner (Macaroni/Cheese) 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:30 Manchester Village Plan Comm 8:00 Freedom Twp Board mtg</p> <p>10am-8pm Donations for MFS Christmas shop. See front page.</p> <p><b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DEBBIE BOONE</b></p> 
<p><b>15</b></p> <p>Santa at Chapter &amp; Verses 2-4. (See page 3.) 5:30 p.m. Lighting of the Samaritan Manchester Tree of Lights in memory of friends and loved ones. (See front page.)</p> 	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>7:00 Village Council 7:30 School Board mtg at high school 7:30 United Way meets at First of America Bank Conf Rm</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>Village Curbside Recycling 11:00 Sr Clergy presentation 12 noon Sr Dinner (Baked Fish) 7:00 Boy Scouts</p> <p>5/6th Grades Holiday Band Concert</p> 
<p><b>22</b></p> <p>EMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST NATIVITY SCENE 7-9pm</p> <p>Pick up Luminaria supplies at Blacksmith Shop 3-8pm. See page 3.</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>7:00 Fireside Crafters meet at the Blacksmith Shop. Everyone welcome</p> <p>EMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST NATIVITY SCENE 7-9pm</p> <p>Pick up Luminaria supplies at Blacksmith Shop 3-8pm. See page 3.</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>Village Curbside Recycling 11:00 Senior Blood Pres Ck 12 noon Sr Dinner 12:30 Sr presentation</p>
<p><b>29</b></p> 	<p><b>30</b></p> <p><b>The Work of Christmas</b></p> <p>When the song of the angels is stilled, When the star in the sky is gone, When the kings and princes are home, When the shepherds are back with their flock, The work of Christmas begins:</p> <p>to find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among brothers, to make music in the heart.</p> <p>— from Emanuel UCC <i>The Ark</i></p>	

On December 12, 13 and 14, the Ann Arbor Ballet Theatre will present their 12th annual Nutcracker Ballet. Music will be by the Michigan Sinfonietta. This is a Russian classical ballet production of E.T.A. Hoffman's beloved story set to the music of Peter Tchaikovsky.

When: Thurs., Dec 12 at 7:00pm; Fri., Dec 13 at 8:00pm; Sat., Dec 14 at 2 & 8:00pm. Prices are \$18/adults, \$8/children 12 & under, seniors & students/\$10.

For more information, contact the Ann Arbor Ballet Theatre at 668-1001

<p><b>WEDNESDAY</b></p> <p>7:30 VFW, Legion Home, 203 Adrian 7:30 Raisin Valley Land Trust mtg., Blacksmith Shop</p> <p><b>HAPPY 62nd WEDDING ANNIVERSARY TO GEORGE AND MABLE MACOMBER</b></p> 	<p><b>THURSDAY</b></p> <p>9:30-11:30 Sr Yoga 12 noon Senior Citizens Birthday Dinner (Baked Dinner) 12:30 Senior Bingo 7:30 Am. Legion Post #117 8:00 Sharon Twp Board mtg</p> <p>8:45am Chamber of Commerce tour of Middle School and Klager Elementary.</p>	<p><b>FRIDAY</b></p> <p>9:00 Senior pick up for Christmas Nativity Exhibit in Ann Arbor</p> 	<p><b>SATURDAY</b></p> <p>Sharon UMC Annual Christmas Corner M-52 at Pleasant Lake Rd.</p> <p>JEFFERSON ART STUDIO OPEN SATURDAYS IN DECEMBER. (See page 3.)</p>
<p><b>11</b></p> <p>7:30 American Legion Auxiliary 7:30 Manchester Recreation Task Force, at the Blacksmith Shop</p> <p>MFS Christmas Shop 9am-2pm. See front page.</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>9:30-11:30 Sr Yoga 12 noon Sr Dinner (Chef's Choice) 12:30 Sr Bingo 7:30 Purple Heart mtg --- locations vary, phone 428-7052 for info</p> <p>7 &amp; 8th/High School Holiday Band Concert</p> 	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>9:15 Senior pick up for Klager Senior Dinner</p> <p><b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ELLA LANDINI</b></p> 	<p><b>14</b></p>  <p>JEFFERSON ART STUDIO OPEN SATURDAYS IN DECEMBER. (See page 3.)</p>
<p><b>18</b></p> <p>7:30 Manchester Men's Club 7:30 Bridgewater Twp Board mtg</p> <p>Historical Society Christmas Party. See page 2.)</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>9:30-11:30 Sr Citizens Yoga 12 noon Sr Christmas Dinner 12:30 Sr Bingo 7:00 Cub Scouts 7:30 Village Piecemakers meet at Emanuel. All welcome. 8:00 Sharon Twp Pl Comm: PUBLIC HEARING, request by McLennans to rezone property</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>10am Seniors leave Center for Turkeyville <i>Dreamin' of a White Christmas</i></p> 	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>Pick up Luminaria supplies at Blacksmith Shop 3-8pm. See page 3.</p> <p>EMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST NATIVITY SCENE 7-9pm</p> <p>JEFFERSON ART STUDIO OPEN SATURDAYS IN DECEMBER. (See page 3.)</p>
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<p>Manchester Community Band meets Wednesdays 7:30-9pm in the high school band room. Open to all levels of musical proficiency</p>	<p><b>HEART HEALTH SCREENING</b></p> <p>A Heart Health Screening will be conducted by the Washtenaw County Health Services Group on Monday, December 9 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Participants will receive blood pressure and both total and HDL (high density lipoproteins) cholesterol testing, individual consultation about their results and information on how to decrease their risk of heart disease. The screening will be held at the Washtenaw County Service Center in the Cooperative Extension building on Hogback Road in Ann Arbor. For more information, call 313-484-7200.</p>	<p>Alcohol Anonymous meets each Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. at Emanuel UCC, 324 W. Main St., Manchester. For info, contact church office at 428-8359.</p>	

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# December Chronicle Bulletin Board

## Classifieds ♦♦♦ Announcements ♦♦♦ Coming Events

### The Community Resource Center — meeting the needs of the community — with your help!

The Community Resource Center (CRC) is celebrating its ninth successful year on December 7th. The challenge for the CRC in 1987 was to assist Double A Products Company's dislocated workers in finding new jobs, to assist with mental health conditions of individuals, and to help with the needs of families affected by the unemployment. Assisting low-income families continues to be a high priority. People like you may be aware of someone in a similar situation in 1996.

The Community Resource Center is governed by a volunteer board of directors and employs one staff person as the director.

The mission statement for the CRC asks the organization to identify and meet the human service needs of people in the Manchester School District and provide a forum for local community and other organizations.

The organization is successful because of support from local and county resources. Thank you for the support you may have given in the past or are considering for the future.

The Community Resource Center is funded by:

- Manchester United Way.....\$4,000
- Chelsea Community Hospital Benefit.....5,000
- Village of Manchester .....1,500
- Sharon Township.....300
- Washtenaw County.....5,000
- Substance Abuse Coordinating Agency for Washtenaw and Livingston Counties.....5,000
- business, churches, fund-raisers .....4,000
- Other contributions.....5,000
- Total budget.....29,800

Some of the projects organized by volunteers are the Manchester Golf Open, Christmas in the Village Home-spun Arts Show, and the circus. The contributions come from people like you who are concerned for our community. The above amount of money is needed for basic operation of the CRC. Additional funds would be used to employ a half-time office assistant, freeing the director to communicate and meet with local, county and state representatives. This networking process enables our local community to benefit from more resources in a cost-effective manner.

What does the mission mean to you? In the past nine years, the Community Resource Center has identified the following unmet needs of the people in the Manchester School District.

1. Lack of recreational programs for all age groups.
2. Need for additional educational and cultural opportunities
3. Concern for adequate and accessible health care services.

What does the mission statement mean by "forum?" The Community Resource Center is located at 122 W. Main St., in the lower level. The "walk-in" center welcomes people, like you, who are interested in improving the quality of life in Manchester. The phone number is 428-7722 and the director is Dianne Schwab.

Margaret Mead once said, "Never DOUBT that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

You could be a member of that group.

Manchester, unlike many small communities, has within its midst a local viable organization. It is available to coordinate and collaborate with other groups and organizations in the community.

How can you help the Community Resource Center meet its' mission?

1. Consider a 1996 tax deductible donation to the CRC.
2. Serve as a board member or standing committee member.
3. Become involved as a volunteer in your community.

### WHAT IF...

- You need help with an aging parent?
- You are aware of a family who needs emergency food?
- You have a friend who would benefit from counseling?
- You have a friend moving to Manchester and need information to send about our community?
- A member of your family needs a resume?
- Transportation is needed by a friend or family member?
- A list of summer activities would assist your summer planning?
- Your friends need lodging when they visit Manchester?
- Day care is needed. How do you find a list of providers?
- A shut-in needs home-delivered meals?
- You are in need of prevention and education information about alcohol, tobacco and other drugs?
- A family member or friend is looking for a job?

### Annual Manchester TREE OF LIGHTS



Donations (minimum \$2 per light) to Samaritan Counseling Service, P.O. Box 415, 324 W. Main St., Manchester, MI 48158

TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY  
Sunday, December 15 — 5:30 p.m.  
at the Gazebo

Donations must be received by Dec. 12 for names to be read at tree dedication.

Contact the Community Resource Center, 428-7722, and you will receive answers to these questions and many more.

Your year-end donation to the Community Resource Center will directly benefit our local community and, if you itemize, provide you with a charitable gift tax deduction for the 1996 tax year.

A Christmas Gift to the Community Resource Center As you close your books for 1996, please remember us. Contributors are identified as Friend (\$10-100), Patron (\$100-299) and Major Sponsor (\$300 or more). Please make checks payable to the Community Resource Center, and mail to P.O. Box 433, Manchester, MI 48158-0433.

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### HELP WANTED

The Manchester Village Planning Commission is looking for a recording secretary. Minimum of one evening meeting per month. \$25 per meeting compensation. Contact Jeff Wallace, Village Manager 428-7877.

### Violence in School

by Jamieson Abbott  
I think there is too much violence in schools. I had a friend move to Texas and couldn't go to public school because of the threat of being knifed on the



bus. A kid got suspended for fighting in my school. Kids are even bringing drugs to school. I think there are too many gangs. I don't think that uniforms will cut down on violence so we need to do something.

In my opinion poll, 8 people said "Yes," 19 people said "No, there isn't violence in school." I think we should get rid of violence. Some people think that violence isn't a problem in school. We should get all gangs out of school. Gangs get people killed and they hang in bad places.

Kids bring weapons such as knives and guns to school. Some schools even have metal detectors. One kid gets killed every day by weapons. Some kids even bring chains thinking they're cool, but the chain is as deadly as a knife. Parents might leave a gun unlocked in a cabinet and might get taken by their children.

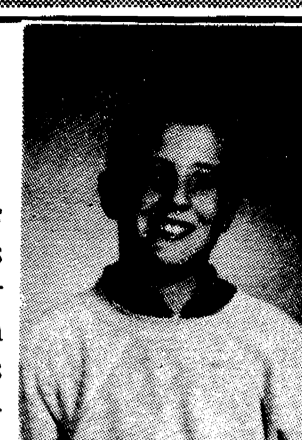
Kids bring drugs to school. Drugs can really hurt kids. Drug tests are run for sports. Drug dogs are needed to run a drug scan but we shouldn't tell anyone about it because kids will clean out their lockers so cops don't find anything. Drugs are bad news.

Kids get in fist fights, too. Kids get black eyes, broken noses, and sometimes worse. Some bullies ask for it by teasing little kids because they are bigger. Some kids don't think before they act and get really hurt.

I think any kind of violence is bad.

### Save Our Nation

by Ryan Thomas  
Our planet's forests are shrinking and our deserts are expanding. Each year, thousands of plants and animal species disappear. The ozone layer pro-



protects us from ultraviolet radiation. Ultraviolet rays will also affect plants and animals. The ozone in the upper atmosphere is thinning.

Human-made chemicals are destroying the ozone layer. The main ozone-destroying chemicals are called CFCs (chlorofluorocarbons.) CFCs are put in our atmosphere through leaks in air conditioners or the use of aerosol sprays. Ozone holes have been found over the Arctic and Antarctic. One hole identified in the 1980s was twice the size of the United States!

Air pollution is caused by burning fossil fuels. Burning fossil fuels are used by cars, airplanes and boats. They use gas made from oil. Plants and other factories use coal.

Unsolved problems of air pollution can cause acid rain. Forest growth has been reduced by acid rain. Acid rain erodes buildings, too. Fish populations are affected by acid rain. They are being destroyed.

People need plants and trees. Instead of destroying the forest, we need to protect our ozone layer. We need to stop using burning fossil fuels to control air pollution. If people do these things, we can save our nation.

### It's My Opinion

Editorials and opinions of fifth-grade students in Mrs. Walkow's homeroom Writers' Workshop. These writings were selected because of the clear manner in which the author communicated his/her ideas. Writers' Workshop runs for nine weeks and explores various types of writing.

### Juice Machines

by Kristin Guenther

My opinion is that we should have a juice machine. It could be placed in the lunch room. A lot of kids like apple cider, apple juice and other juices.

Teachers think that we should have a juice machine because sometimes pop makes kids hyper. The price should be about 50¢ per juice.

From Miss Kastel's Study Skills class, 12 out of 15 kids wanted juice, 8 out of 15 wanted pop. Kids like juice more than pop in Miss Kastel's class.

In order to find out if this preference held true for all the fifth graders, I took an opinion poll. I asked the first 27 kids, counting the teacher, in my home room class and this is what I found out: 22 out of 27 kids wanted juice.

I know that if we do get a juice machine, it could break but if we make a rule that kids cannot pound on it maybe it will not break as easy. If there is no juice left in the machine, the staff could fill it because we took an opinion poll and 11 out of 15 kids said that the staff should fill it.

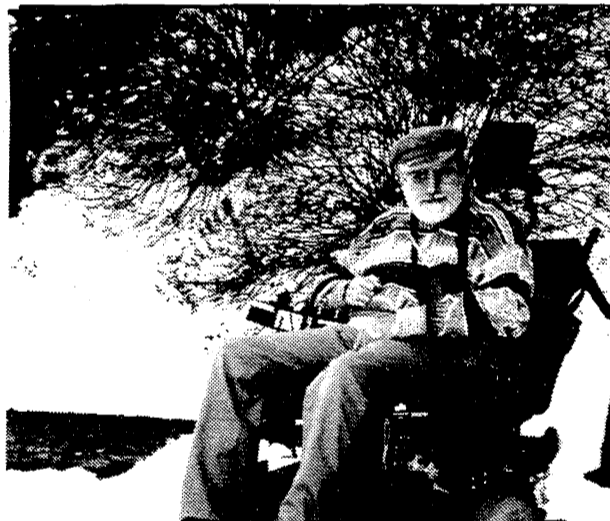
When the juice machine breaks down, the people that we bought the machine from will have to come and repair it. I believe that we should have a juice machine in the Ackerson Middle School. Based on the opinion polls I have taken, it states it clearly that the kids want a juice machine, too.



### Postcards from Iowa

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

Just finished an article for the Computer Enthusiast newspaper on how I have my computer set for me. I also recently spoke in front of 150 middle school students about my favorite subject—me! I am really getting into my computer: cameras, photos, scanning, printing, cards



and signs with personal photos on them. I have an incredible photoshop program -- more at my fingertips than in my whole darkroom in Michigan -- and E-Mail. My new wheelchair has a self-operating reclining back. Super! I can change my position every 15 minutes.

Until next year, have a Merry Christmas. Love, Jon, Mae, Boyd & Euripides

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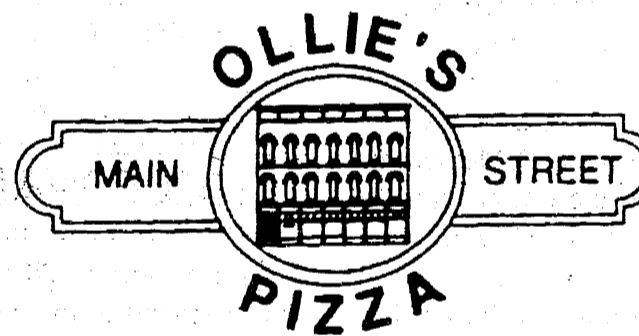
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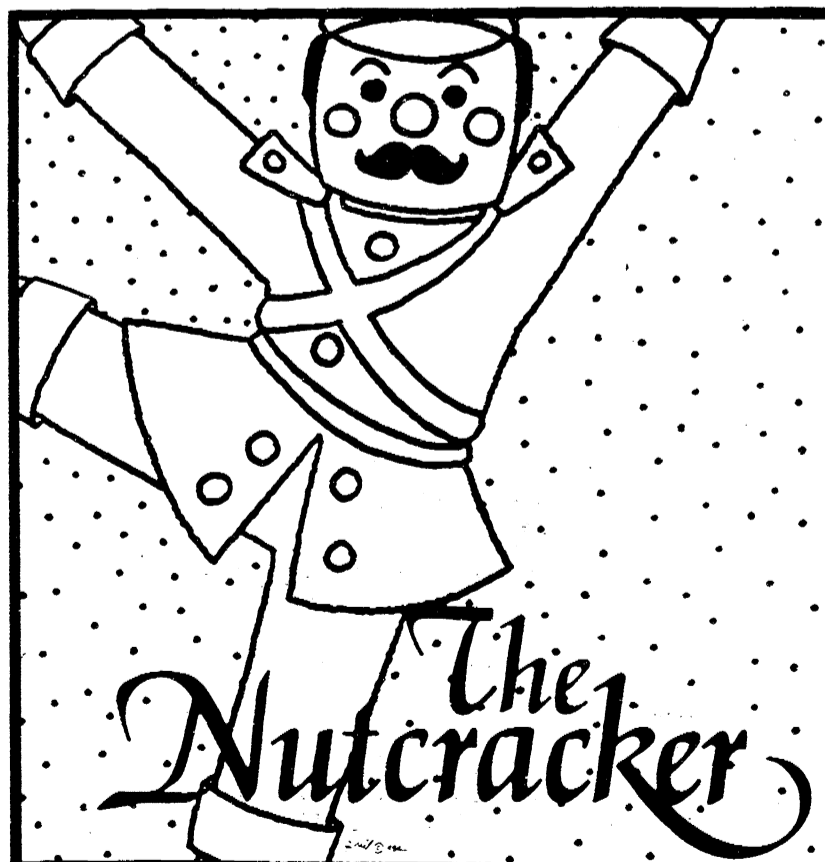
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## An Evening of Saying Thanks to Ann Fowler and Patty Swaney

"I like to see a person who is proud of the place in which they live; I like more to see a person live so their place is proud of them."

— by Minnie Fuerstnau

A most pleasant evening was had by all those who attended the recognition tea on Monday, November 18 held at the Manchester Township Hall. The tea was to acknowledge the vast contributions and unflinching efforts of two of our valuable community members as their combined years of work have positively impacted not only the Manchester Township Library and its patrons, but many other areas as well.

The evening opened with remarks by current library board president, Charlotte Major. She began with some interesting facts and figures about the work of Ann Fowler. Ann's first job with the library was as assistant treasurer in 1982; and even at that time it was obvious to Ann that it would prove a challenge to house the library in the space available.

The budget she had to work with that year was \$29,000. That has increased to the current year's budget of \$86,000.

Some of the many projects that Ann has been involved with include the cataloguing of special books, the successful request of funding from the Library of America for the historic room, the annual Christmas time fundraising letters, the improvement of the reference materials and finding enough volunteers to take tickets at the gates of the Manchester Community Fair.

There is one particular project that was quite a "labor of love" that Charlotte felt should be mentioned: the Sarah Lovejoy scrap book. She concluded by honoring Ann as a role model with contagious enthusiasm and dedicated work ethics that inspire others to join in. And, at Ann's request, Charlotte made sure that all attending the tea realized that this was an acknowledgement of accomplishments so far — NOT a retirement ceremony.

Then Charlotte went on to speak about the other woman to be recognized: Patty Swaney. Charlotte researched Patty's initial interview with the library board in 1988. She recounted how Patty felt that it was important to maintain the library as a vital asset to the community, to anticipate the potential needs of the community, and that if she could help increase the number of patrons and circulation she knew she would have contributed to the growth and success of the Manchester Township Library.

Well, the facts speak for themselves. From a circulation of 20,000 in 1989-90, to the latest figure available of 29,335 in 1994-95, and a new high of 775 patrons, it appears that Patty was indeed successful.

As far as anticipating the needs of patrons, Patty has been instrumental in

procuring computers and a fax machine; fitting lots of books in a limited space; weeding, planting and cleaning to provide beautiful grounds; and, attending township meetings. She has worked tirelessly in four townships to further community education about the library's functions and to ask for funds. Patty had been board president for seven years and in that time helped to improve the "patrons' library" and maintain the small town feel of Manchester.

Among the people gathered to honor both Patty Swaney and Ann Fowler were past board members: Mary Walton, Sae Gleason, Mary Kallewaard, Pat Ahrens and Russ Smith. Current board members besides Charlotte Major are Ruth VanBogelen, Gary Sequin, Laura Sutton, Linda Kunzleman and John Crispin. There were also past librarians Mary boutell and Mae Hardenbergh (who raveled from Iowa to be here). Current libraryworkers Frances Goff and Carol Johnson were also present.

As the speeches came to a close, Charlotte introduced Eagle Scout David Sweeton who had developed and built the nice parking area in the rear of the library for employees and handicapped access. She thanked Girl Scout Troop #675 and Senior Scouts from Troop #274 for hosting the refreshments. Jim and Connie Achtenberg donated the teas from April Victoria, the board members were thanked for the cookies and goodies, and Alber's Orchard for the cider.

Guest books were passed for signatures by Girl Scouts Shelby Trolz and Dara Jose, and a thank you was expressed to Manchester Township supervisor Ron Mann and clerk Kathy Hakes for the use of the hall.

Ron Mann then made reference to the two guests of honor as exemplifying what was good and special about Manchester — volunteerism, referring to something he thought Abraham Lincoln said: "I like to see a person who is proud of the place in which they live; I like more to see a person live so their place is proud of them."

Librarian Dorothy Davies closed the evening's trip down memory lane by relating how she met Ann. Dorothy had seen a sign about a book sale and inquired how she might help. She received a phone call from Ann "You want to help?" asked Ann. "Do you have a truck?" They've been working together ever since. "Ann is more than a worker, she is my friend," Dorothy said.

Lots of laughter and anecdotes followed along with enjoying the refreshments. And the community says Thank You to both of these wonderful ladies.



Left, Ann Fowler, and right Patty Swaney are thanked for their years of service to the Manchester Township Library. Pictured on the left in both photos is Charlotte Major, current library board president, and in the middle, Dorothy Davies, librarian. — photo/kk



Girl Scouts helped out wherever they were needed. Above Shelby Trolz lends her shoulders so Mae Hardenbergh can sign the guest register.



Manchester Township Library Board members, left to right: Gary Sequin, John Crispin, Ruth VanBogelen, Laura Sutton, Linda Conzelman, and Charlotte Major.



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## Missing Manchester

— by Stephanie Somerville



A few weeks ago, I returned to Manchester to visit my family. It's been awhile since I've lived in town, but I still recognized many of the faces as I drove down the street. It didn't strike me as strange at first, but after a few moments contemplation, I realized that my thirteenth move that once brought me to Manchester had also brought me to the place I would consider home forever.

When I first moved to Manchester, it seemed to me the same as all the other little towns I had lived in. I didn't know any of the people my age because I was still going to school in Saline and our neighbors lived too far away to meet. Needless to say, I was rather bored with my new home. I decided to get a job.

As an aspiring writer, I decided that the *Manchester Chronicle* would be the perfect place to work. Luckily, Kathy Kueffner agreed with my decision and welcomed me into her paper with open arms.

At the *Chronicle*, I was lucky to have what I considered a real job. While my other friends were fixing drinks at the mall's coffee shop and cashing in at discount stores, I was able to do what I've always wanted to do — WRITE!!! Some of you may even remember seeing my name in the *Chronicle*. I wrote a fiction story for St. Patrick's Day, researched for articles about events in Manchester's past, and even went to a meeting of the Manchester Historical Society. To me this was a dream come true.

Not only was I able to obtain the personal satisfaction of having my name published somewhat regularly, I also began to meet many of the townspeople and have the pleasure of being recognized. This was quite a change from not knowing a single soul through-

out town. It was quite an honor to be greeted in the street with a friendly, "hello."

Having graduated from high school early, I still had a lot of time on my hands. I decided to pick up a second job. With Kathy's help, I learned about a job opening at Kleinschmidt's True Value Hardware and was soon employed there.

At Kleinschmidt's, I met virtually everyone in town at least once or twice. Into the hardware store walked all sorts of people from all walks of life. Through these people I heard all sorts of local gossip and town history, something I had never experienced before. I was in awe of the wealth of knowledge I was obtaining about the little town in which I lived.

Not did I only meet many interesting customers, I also was able to work with some very interesting and wonderful people (Hi, everyone!). Although I hadn't been around long and hadn't even went to school in town, through my co-workers, I felt like I had lived and experienced many things right along with them.

The end of the summer soon came and my life began to change again. I left Manchester, Kleinschmidt's and the *Chronicle* for Holt, Michigan, right outside Lansing. I have my own apartment and I'm getting straight A's in school (Michigan State) so I can't really complain...except for a few things.

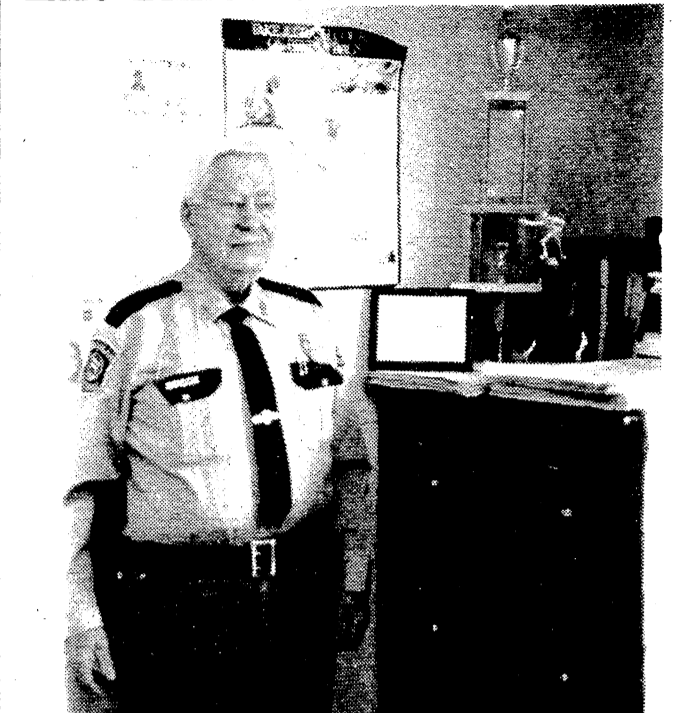
The first month I lived here the ring-leader of a car theft operation was arrested at the end of my street. Last week a dead body was found about two miles from where I live. I don't know my neighbors, people don't smile when they walk down the street, and there are four fast food restaurants in a one mile stretch.

Holt definitely isn't anything like Manchester. And, it wasn't until I moved to Holt that I realized how lucky I was to have lived in Manchester. I only lived here for one year, but the way the town welcomed me made me feel like a lifetime local.

I miss Manchester and it's smiling citizens, whom I thank for making my experience in town one I will never forget.

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## Life Time Achievement Award



Congratulations to Manchester Township Constable Lyle Moore on yet another award for 40 years of service. Constable Moore received the Life Time Achievement Award from the Washtenaw County Law Enforcement and Industrial Security Association. Constable Moore is pictured above with the plaque he received which sits on his file cabinet in his township office along with several other award plaques and trophies.

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**BUILDING PROJECT NEWS**

According to Mike Truax, manager of the Klager/Ackerson building project, everything is on schedule and the Klager facilities are likely to be ready by mid-December. Volunteer project supervisor, Emory Garlick confirmed this estimate.

Completion of construction will free-up four portable classrooms which were used to help Klager elementary get by until the additional facilities were funded and built. The board and administration is now proposing that these classrooms be moved to the high school to meet the need for classroom space there.

There was considerable discussion about proposed locations. The plan favored by administrators is a location in back of the building in what is now part of the parking lot. While the aesthetics of this solution are many, there are significant problems with reducing the number of parking spaces and safely managing bus traffic.

The other alternative would put the classrooms in front of the building. While not nearly as attractive, it would keep the parking lot intact and there would be ample space to accommodate the classrooms. This alternative was a clear winner in a straw poll of meeting attendees taken by board president, Paul Kluwe.

The next regular meeting of the Manchester Board of Education is at 7:30 p.m. on December 16, 1996. Meetings are held in the high school media center. For more information, call the board offices at 428-9711.

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ally featured three-act plays as well as a live band, jugglers, and dancers. They performed in opera houses in the winter and tents in the summer. That is how they came to be called tent shows.

At one time there were 12 to 15 repertoire companies traveling in Michigan, employing 400-500 people in addition to the actors. There were many other shows traveling throughout the United States. It is estimated that 5,000-6,000 people were employed to handle publicity, drive the trucks, put up and take down the shows, and take care of the many other duties associated with them.

One company in our area was the Henderson Stock Show which performed from 1898 until 1934. Henderson hired Rosier after seeing him in a high school play. He was an actor, comedian, artist and magician and he did chalk talk. He developed the "Toby" character. Toby was a country bumpkin in the Midwest, a hillbilly in the south, and a cowboy in the west.

The Rosier Players started in 1934. After World War II, movie houses and television became popular and contributed to the downfall of tent shows. By 1976, Rosier was the only authentic tent show east of the Mississippi. That was also the last season for the Rosier Players.

Rosier sold some of his props and equipment and gave the rest to Jackson Community College. JCC took the show on the road between 1977 and about 1991 as part of its Theatrical Arts Program. It is currently in storage at JCC.

Typically, tent shows came to a town and stayed four to five days. Tuesday through Friday they put on serious repertoire theater. Toby was always getting in trouble, but he came out all right in the end. On Saturday, they put on a vaudeville show with jugglers, dancers and fire-eaters.

Bob and his wife gave a sample of what a tent show would have been like. Bob was dressed as the Toby character and Bracky was dressed as a teacher at the turn of the century. We started with a sing-a-long, he did some magic tricks assisted by members of the audience, told some jokes, and they put on a short skit entitled, "Zachariah T. Fedder Goes Back to School in 1996." The subjects covered by the teacher included mathematics, the history of Manchester, and government. The third grade class was made up of historical society members and guests as well as Zachariah. The audience did much better than Zachariah in answering the questions. One question the teacher asked was, "If the president dies, who gets the job?" Zachariah answered, "Probably a Republican undertaker."

The community Historical Society Christmas party will be held on Wednesday, December 18, at 7:30 p.m. at the Emanuel parsonage, 302 West Main Street. Everyone is invited to join us, to bring cookies to share and sell (the proceeds go to Manchester Family Service, and to sing Christmas carols.

— Betty Cummings, Historical Society secretary

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