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School Board Considers Wide Variety of Issues at Monthly Meeting

The Manchester Board of Education opted to continue the school district's breakfast program, approved the purchase of new software programs for its media centers, and heard details of the redesign of the district's art curriculum at its Monday night meeting.

The board had considered cancelling the breakfast program, partly because of the low number of students using the program, and because school buses must run 10 to 15 minutes earlier throughout the district to accommodate students eating breakfast at school.

Numbers presented by Superintendent Ronald Niedzwiecki showed that on average about 11 students received free or reduced-price breakfasts at Klager Elementary School, and about nine students received them at Nellie Ackerson Middle School during the month of November.

The program was sharply defended by the school's social worker Randi Friedman and other teachers present at the meeting who indicated that the correlation between eating and learning could not be neglected. Other respondents that the issue needed further study, noting that the remainder of the student population was arriving at school earlier than desirable to create time for a very

small number of students to eat breakfast.

The program will continue through the balance of the school year but will be reexamined by the board prior to the coming school year.

In other action, the board approved the purchase of a Winnebago library automation software package for both the elementary and middle school at a cost of about \$19,000. That computer software will permit staff and students to locate books and materials faster and will expedite library administration functions.

Middle School principal Thomas George presented the board a preliminary draft of a revised art curriculum which is in the process of being finalized. The district's art program had come under fire in recent years because of its inadequacy in view of the growing job market in that field.

Board members and guests then toured new facilities at the elementary school which are scheduled to open after the Christmas holidays.

The board then entered into closed session to discuss the collective bargaining agreement and adjourned. "We are hopeful for a prompt settlement," commented Board President Paul Kluwe on Tuesday.

- Staff report



Live Nativity and Luminaria - December 24th! See Second Front Page for details

Merry Christmas from the Stockwell Family



From the first Christmas dinner in 1994

For the third year, the Stockwell family will host a Christmas Dinner at Emanuel United Church of Christ for those who might otherwise be alone on Christmas Day. For the past two years, Dawna and Mike Stockwell and their crew of family and helpers have served dozens of people who may not have had a home style Christmas Dinner without this generous Christmas gift.

This is yet another way that members of our community spread Christmas joy. Mike and Dawna, your special effort is appreciated by one and all - those who partake of your dinner, and those who admire your Christmas spirit.

If you would like to attend this dinner at no charge, please call Dawna for reservations at 428-7821. Don't hesitate to call, even if it is Christmas Eve! You will be welcomed at this gathering.

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Santa Arrives in Manchester!

Santa Claus finds out what Bridgette, Bryce and Betsy Dettloff want to find under their tree.

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Community Calendar

Scheduled Meetings

Bridgewater Twp.
Carol Peacock, Supervisor
517/456-7303
Karen Weidmayer, Clerk
13360 E. Austin
428-8641
Planning Commission
2d Monday 7:30
Township Board meeting
3d Wednesday, 7:30

Freedom Township
Town Hall 428-7545
11508 Pleasant Lk. Rd.
Robert Little, Supervisor
Julie Schaible, Clerk
13785 Pleasant Lk.
428-7241
Township meeting
2d Tuesday 8:00
Planning Commission
meets on First Tuesday
of all even numbered months

Manchester Township
Town Hall 428-7090
Ron Mann Supervisor
275 S. Macomb
Kathleen Hakes, Clerk
Township meeting
2d Monday 8:00
Planning Commission
4th Tuesday
FIRE DEPARTMENT
428-9439 non-emergency

Sharon Township
Supervisor Gary Blades
5340 Hazel Rd., Grass Lake
428-9518
Teri Aiuto, clerk
428-7002,
17250 Bethel Church Road
Township Meeting
1st Thursday 8:00
Planning Commission
2d or 3d Thursday

Manchester Board of Education
Paul Kluwe, President
Meetings
3d Monday 7:30
M.H.S. Media Center
Superintendent - Ron
Niedzwiecki 428-9711
Village of Manchester
Larry Becktel, President
Jeff Wallace, Manager
428-7877
Village Council Meets
1st & 3d Monday, 7:00
Planning Commission
2d Tuesday after the first
Monday, 7:30 PM

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Monday

1st Monday: Manchester Township Library Board meets 7:30 pm.
1st Monday: Manchester Masonic Lodge, business meeting 7:30
1st & 3d Monday: Manchester Village Council, 7:00
2d Monday: Bridgewater Township Planning Commission meets 7:30
2d Monday: Manchester Knights of Columbus meets 8:00 PM. Ed Barnard, Grand Knight
2d Monday: Manchester Township Board meets 8:00
2d & 4th Mondays: **Manchester Optimist Club**
3d Monday: School Board meets MHS Media Center 7:30
3d Monday: United Way Board Meetings, 7:30 at First of America Bank

Tuesday

2d Tuesday: Freedom Township board meets 8:00
2d Tuesday after 1st Monday: Village Planning

Commission, 7:30 PM
2d Tuesday: Manchester Area Senior Citizens, 9:30 am
2d Tuesday: 20th Century Club, 7:30 pm.
2d & 4th Tuesdays: **Shakespeare Club, 2:00 & 4:00**
3d Tuesday: Manchester Historical Society, 7:30 at Blacksmith Shop
4th Tuesday: **La Leche League 10:00 am call 428-8831 for location and info.**
4th Tuesday: **Klager PTO 6:30 PM at the school. Call 428-8321 for info.**
4th Tuesday: **Manchester Township Planning Commission**
Every Tuesday: **Boot Stompers meet at American Legion 7-9 PM**
Every Tuesday At Your Home: **RECYCLE - put containers at curb by 7:30 AM**

Wednesday

1st Wednesday: Raisin Valley Land Trust, at the Blacksmith Shop, 7:30 PM
1st Wednesday: Veterans of Foreign Wars, 7:30 pm

2d Wednesday: American Legion Auxiliary 7:30 PM
2d Wednesday: Manchester Recreation Task Force, 7:30 at Blacksmith Shop
3d Wednesday: **Manchester Men's Club 7:30 PM**
3d Wednesday, **WIC Program, 9:30-3:00 Senior Citizens Bldg.**
3d Wednesday: **Bridgewater Township Board, 7:30 PM**
4th Wednesday: Manchester Township Fire Department meeting, 7:30 PM
Every Wednesday: **Community Band - 7:30 PM**

Thursday

1st Thursday: Sharon Township Board meets 8:00
1st Thursday: American Legion Post #117, meets 7:30
2d or 3d Thursday: Sharon Township Planning Commission
3d Thursday: **Cub Scout Pack Meeting, 7:00 pm**
4th Thursday: Community Resource Center Board, 7:30
Every Thursday: **AWANA 6:30-8:30 for kids ages 4-6th grade at Community Bible Church**

Friday

Every Friday: **AA meetings 7:00 PM At Emanuel Church Kitchen. All are welcome; for more information call Church office 428-8359**

Notices

1st & 3d Saturdays: **Manchester Kiwanis meets. Call 428-7722 for information on meeting place and time.**

Coming Events

Wednesday, December 18: **Foodgatherers at St. Mary Parish Center**

The Community Calendar is a regular feature of the Enterprise. If your meetings or special events should be listed here, please call us at 428-8173.

EARLY DEADLINE FOR NEXT WEEK'S ISSUE

The Manchester Enterprise requests your articles, display ads, classifieds and photographs for the December 26th issue by

5:00 PM Thursday, December 19th

So that we may enjoy the holiday season with our families.

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Dial-A-Garden, a service of the Washtenaw County/Michigan State University Extension Service, is a system of pre-recorded gardening messages. The feature has a format which lets callers with a touch-tone phone select which message they wish to hear. The messages are changed monthly. To contact Dial-A-Garden, call 971-1129. Enter one of the 3 digit codes listed below. Persons with a rotary phone should call 971-0079 and hold on the line for the operator.

December 1996

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- 102 Growing cyclamen
- 103 Freesia
- 104 Caring for holiday plants
- 105 Why won't houseplants flower?
- 201 Pest control for houseplants
- 202 De-icing sidewalks
- 203 Live Christmas tree
- 204 Choosing a Christmas tree
- 205 Keep your Christmas tree fresh
- 301 Winter protection of trees and shrubs
- 302 African violets
- 303 Salt injuries on plants
- 304 Snow mold
- 305 Making a grape vine wreath
- 401 Recycle your Christmas tree
- 402 Indoor light gardening
- 403 Using wood ash
- 404 The MSU soil test
- 405 Plant and insect diagnostic service

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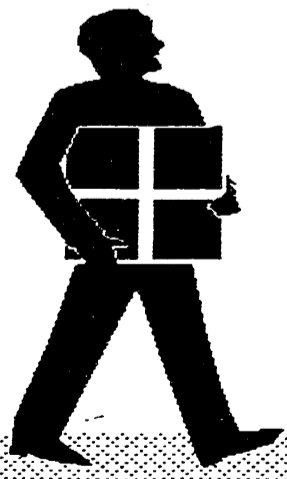
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The Second Front Page

Luminaria & Live Nativity - In One Night!

A Special Anniversary

Twin traditions; twenty years old; telling a story as old as time; and still as fresh as today. What could it be?

Twenty years ago this Christmas season, the Emanuel Church began the beautiful tradition of the Live Nativity. One year later, Manchester's Luminaria tradition began. Each creates a beauty of its own and for the second year in a row these two traditions will merge and meet on Christmas Eve to once again tell the timeless story of the birth of Jesus Christ.

Luminaria are said to have their origins in sixteenth century Mexico. The tradition began as the Mexican Indians set bonfires on the patios of their churches and on the flat roofs of their adobe homes on Christmas Eve, to light the way for the Holy Family.

In the larger cities of Mexico, the bonfires came to be replaced by paper bags weighted with sand and a small candle placed inside. The American version began in the southwest and has spread across the country.

Ann Arbor Hill was home to Manchester's first luminaria display in 1977. The tradition was brought to our town by Karen Hinkley, who literally knocked on doors that first year to invite people to participate. She then obtained all the supplies, and even dug sand at the Washtenaw County Road Commission yard that year. Karen felt that if she could show the effect of the luminaria's beauty on just one street in town, that the idea would spread in subsequent years.

And spread it has. Through rain, fog, sleet, snow, and balmy weather, each year since 1977, the luminaria have lit the way for the Holy Family to find Manchester. . . and for Manchester to find the Holy Family. For those who chance to pass through Manchester on December 24, the luminaria have spread the message of Christmas a little further each year.

For the first few years of its existence, the luminaria was sponsored by the Manchester Art Guild. More recently, since 1983, in fact, it has been the charge of the Historical Society. It has grown as not only village homes, but rural ones as well, have joined in the tradition.

Two of the most remarkable visions of rural luminaria occur along Pleasant Lake Road between Kothe Road and

Fletcher Road; and on Schneider Road between Austin and Bethel Church. There the lanterns stretch in an unbroken line as far as the eye can see; in each case for over a mile. Both scenes are master-minded by a dedicated few who make sure that their own and their neighbors' roadsides are lit by luminaria candles.

And since the luminaria are expected to lead the way to the Christ Child, it is only fitting that Emanuel United Church of Christ's Live Nativity is at the center of this landscape. And lo, the seekers will find the shepherds, wise men, angels, animals, and the Holy Family in the courtyard of the church, in the middle of downtown Manchester.

First enacted twenty years ago, under the direction of Rev. Joseph Wise, the tradition of the Live Nativity Scene at Emanuel has continued and grown under a succession of pastors and associates over the years. Each year over these two decades, Emanuel has vigilantly stood watch three nights prior to Christmas in anticipation of the birth of Christ. It is a special celebration for Emanuel's members and friends to commemorate the birth of Jesus each year. Several devoted members have participated throughout all twenty years of the Nativity's history.

In the December 16, 1976 issue of **The Manchester Enterprise**, it was announced that "Emanuel United Church of Christ will present a Live Nativity Scene beginning Monday, December 20, through Friday, December 24. The scene will be presented each evening from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Approximately sixty persons of the church will be involved each evening.

"Costumes for the live characters were made by the women of the church. The lighting and staging were also done by church members. Live animals will be used to add to the authenticity of the birth of Christ as it is recorded in the scriptures.

"The public is cordially invited to view the scene each evening during the week prior to Christmas Day."

And the response to the first Live Nativity in Manchester was provided in a letter to the Editor in the December 30th issue of the same year.



Enjoy the glow of the Luminaria this Christmas Eve!

"I would like to publicly congratulate Rev. Joseph Wise and the people of Emanuel Church. As a result of their efforts many people were graphically reminded of the Biblical Scene of the Savior's birthplace. Without question the involvement of so many people required a great deal of dedication and cooperation. The fact that the winter weather blew in with such vigor made the carrying out of the project even more of a sacrifice.

"May the Christ Child reward all of the participants. And may the wonder of Christ's Coming fill us all with the desire to serve him with fidelity." "Father Raymond R. Schlinkert."

The tradition continues in

1996 on December 21, 22, and 23 (see ad, page 17), and all are invited by Rev. Dr. Vincent Carroll, and by the entire congregation of Emanuel Church, to watch and wait with them for the birth of the Christ child. It promises to be some of the most inspirational moments you spend this Christmas season.

And if, by coincidence or by design, you happen to be following the light of the luminaria through downtown between 4:45 and 5:00 PM or between 10:45 and 11:00 PM, you will witness the true miracle and meaning of Christmas as the members present a special and fleeting - view of the Live Nativity on Christmas Eve.

These two beautiful traditions add a spiritual dimension to the celebration of the holidays in Manchester, and avoids having the spirit of Christmas swallowed up by commercialism and cynicism. The participation of so many dedicated people in both of these events brings the true meaning of Christmas closer to our hearts, once again this year.

To help you purchase luminaria equipment, the Historical Society will be at the Blacksmith Shop on December 21, 22 and 23 from 3-8 PM. Further information will be found in the ad on page 14. To volunteer to participate in the presentation of the Live Nativity, call the Emanuel Church office at 428-8359.

- Marsha Johnson Chartrand

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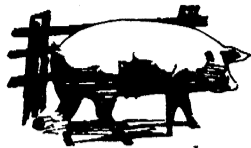
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Editorial / Opinion Page

Out of the Pen



by garlene

The stresses of a long day were getting to garlene on Monday and she decided she needed a new perspective on life. She was able to find this perspective by taking a walk on a snowy night. She discovered that the miracles that happen this time of year aren't limited to Christmas miracles - although the season enhances this feeling.

Did you ever notice how the snow seems to muffle all the extra noises you usually hear when you're outside? A snowy night is one of the most peaceful times of all to be outside.

Far away it seems - but in reality it's only a few hundred feet away - a group of piglets are enjoying the snowfall. Their voices and laughter don't echo as they might otherwise. It is the muted sound of joy (probably compounded by anticipation of a possible snow day the next morning. . .)

Walk past an evergreen tree or bush on a snowy night. The fluffy white stuff sticks to the branches and looks like something from a picture book. Then a soft breath of air from who knows where knocks a small pile of snow from the tree onto the ground. One more little miracle of the snowy evening.

The sight of tiny, colored sparkling lights peeking through

a snow covered bush is one that just can't be duplicated in words - or even in a photograph. Perhaps a talented artist can capture this magic.

The smell of a snowfall recalls the long ago days when garlene used to wear woolen snow pants and jacket and play outside on a Flexible Flyer with red runners. These days, her piglets wear waterproof nylon jackets and jeans and use plastic sleds sprayed with silicone to make them go faster. Were ours really the good old days? But garlene still wears her woolen mittens on a snowy night; as they get wet from the snow she gets a whiff of nostalgia.

As she walks along garlene can't resist opening her mouth and catching a few snowflakes on her tongue. Acid rain, yellow snow, and other warnings can't stop the piglet in her. This time she gets the taste of a few sentimental feelings. It feels pretty good.

Returning home looking like the abominable snow pig, there is a kaleidoscope of snowflakes on her coat. She recalls that no two snowflakes look alike, ever.

garlene realizes that the new perspective has been achieved. Mission accomplished. Sleep in heavenly peace.

The Manchester Enterprise

welcomes letters to the Editor, Guest Editorials, and your comments, suggestions and opinions.

We ask that all letters submitted for publication be signed!
Should there be extenuating circumstances for withholding your name, we will give that full consideration.

We reserve the right to edit letters for publication

Teresa Benedict

The Manchester Enterprise: Manchester Little League Association wishes to extend to you our Holiday Greetings and Thank you for your participation in our 1996 Season. Without the generous support of our community many of our children would not have the experience of playing organized Baseball. Whether you sponsored a team or underwrote a tournament team, it impacts on the youth of our community with positive role models, teaching them to interact and work together.

We hope that you can continue to see improvement and growth. Convincing you we are an organization you are glad to be associated with, and when planning your contributions for the coming year will include the Manchester Little League Association.

Looking forward to a fun filled 1997 Season.

Sincerely,

Doreen S. Birnie, President
Manchester Little League Association

To the Editor:

I am a Manchester High School Junior. I have lived in Manchester for almost six years. Yet I do not live outside of town, or even in town, I live on top of the town, in the apartments above the businesses. I only have to glimpse out my window to see the busy little town at work. I see a variety of people constantly. I guess you could say that I am right smack in the middle of everything that goes on in town.

When I first moved here, I thought I'd never make any friends. Yet, I met some of the most interesting people I know to this date. As a matter of fact, I do not think I have ever met anyone in the town who was just a horrible person that I could honestly use the word hate against. Although I feel a hate from others simply for the fact that I am in the age bracket of 13-19, in other words a "TEENAGER."

Back in the day, kids were grouped all over the town, on the bridge, at the mill, and other various spots. Adults among these kids, also. Everyone just kinda hung out without the worry of being patted down and searched for the simple "fact" that you wear baggy pants and a

hat turned backwards. Can you honestly tell me that an adult is more likely to get harassed than a teen? No, because they pay the tax dollars.

Kids have been being pushed into a corner and forgot about. This town could be a lot worse, yet no one is given credit for that. Not that I am saying there isn't mischief connected with teens, but what about the ones that aren't? It just doesn't seem fair seeing that we supposedly live in the "home of the free" and can't stand in front of a business without getting a ticket. Why don't they just start handing out tickets for being a teenager? It would save a lot of time.

The reason I wrote this is because I want all the adults to know that you DO NOT HAVE TO BE INTIMIDATED by me and my fellow teen friends. I am pretty fed up with this constant humiliation. We have to start being realistic about behavior from both sides of the age bracket. I guess that is all I have to state, except that adults, please remember- you were teenagers too at one point, so why can't we all just get along?

Simone Kolleck



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Local Government

PROPOSED SYNOPSIS regular meeting - Manchester Township Board December 9, 1996

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 PM. with all Board members present. Also present were Fire Chief Wiedmayer, Frank Lover, and Chuck Beck.

Bids were opened for the 1966 Ford C850 fire truck. The Board accepted the bid of John Kemner in the amount of \$1248.

Minutes from the Board's regular meeting of 11/11/96 and special meeting of 11/23/96 were approved as presented. The Treasurer's report was accepted. Approval was given for bills that have been paid and for payment of outstanding bills.

Fire Department activity report for November included 4 fires, 8 medical, 5 personal injury, 3 miscellaneous, for a total of 20 runs. Chief Wiedmayer presented his report.

The Constable/Zoning Inspector's report was accepted. Nine complaints were written as constable, twenty-five inspections were performed as zoning inspector.

A resolution of appreciation was adopted in recognition of retiring Constable Earl Alber, who served the township for over 50 years as constable and as a member of the fire department.

Widmayer reported that the Planning Commission will discuss comments taken at their public hearing on the draft zoning ordinance at a work session meeting January 14, 1997 at 8:00 PM.

Variances were granted to Manchester Gravel and Concrete Products from certain provisions of Ordinance #39, the mineral extraction ordinance. The Board will allow 30 days to make formal application, including permits and fees as stated in the variance document.

Timberlake Road was approved as a private road, on a conditional basis. The road is located at 18500 West Austin Road.

LoRen Trolz, Fred Zimmer, and Terry Harris were appointed as members of the Board of Review. Carl Macomber was appointed as the Township Board's representative to the Board of Appeals.

In other business requiring no action from the Board, a sample credit card resolution was presented, Mann explained tentative property value ratios, and Hakes explained that she is exploring the benefits of a payroll processing company. Correspondence was noted and is on file.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:42 PM. A complete copy of these minutes may be obtained at the township office during regular office hours, which are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:30 AM. to noon.

Submitted by Kathleen M. Hakes, Clerk
Approved by Ronald E. Mann, Supervisor

APPROVED PROCEEDINGS Manchester Village Council DECEMBER 2, 1996

The regular meeting of the Manchester Village Council was called to order by President Becktel at 7:00 PM. Council members present: Ames, Becktel, Brooks, Conaway, Mahony, Marshall, Vought (7:04 PM.) Also present: Clerk Tucker, Manager Wallace, Gary Wiedmayer-DPW, Sgt. Haensler-WCSD, Don Limpert, John and Julie Hinkley.

The minutes of the November 18, 1996 regular meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Marshall, support by Ames. Vote: Ayes-all. Abstain: Brooks, Mahony.

The proceedings of the November 18, 1996 regular meeting were approved as corrected, on a motion by Conaway, support by Marshall. Vote: Ayes-all. Abstain: Brooks, Mahony.

The agenda was approved as amended, on a motion by Mahony, support by Ames. Vote: Ayes-all.

Enter Vought 7:04 PM.
TREASURER'S REPORT - Motion by Mahony, support by Brooks to accept the Treasurer's Report for November, 1996 as presented. Vote: Ayes-all. **AC-COUNTS PAYABLE** - Motion by Brooks, support by Mahony to approve the payables in the amount of \$114,046.59, as presented. Roll Call Vote: Ayes-all.

DPW REPORT - LEAF PICKUP - Gary figures that they have about 5 loads to go and

reported that they are using a different farm for the last few loads. **PORTABLE RADIOS** - Two radios are in need of new batteries and Ed's radio should be replaced.

MANAGER REPORT-WATER FILTERS - Discussion was held on the continuing problem with the water filters. Wallace has asked Larry Wight of Layne Northern to attend the December 16th Council meeting so that they can answer any questions that Council may have.

PLANNING COMMISSION - APPOINTMENT - Motion by Becktel, support by Marshall to appoint Laura Sutton to fill Joan Schiller's term on Planning Commission. Vote: Ayes-all.

PLANNING CONSULTANT RECOMMENDATION/ CONTRACT - The Planning Commission unanimously picked Carlisle-Wortman. The Planning Commission figured that it will take one year to complete the Zoning Code. Motion by Becktel, support by Conaway to approve the contract with the addition of Carlisle-Wortman providing the Village with a disk copy in our word processing program, in the amount of \$6,000. Roll Call Vote: Ayes-all.

Motion by Becktel, support by Vought to adjourn, at 7:55 PM, Vote: Ayes-all.

Karen Tucker
Village Clerk

NOTICE

The Village Office will be closed for the Holiday Season on the following days:

Tuesday, December 24
Wednesday, December 25

Tuesday, December 31
Wednesday, January 1

Police Beat

Reports from Station 4, Washtenaw County Sheriff Department, Village of Manchester. December 10-16, 1996

Tuesday, December 10:
11:59 AM Suspicious incident on West Main

Wednesday, December 11:
8:44 AM Parkin Violation, Ann Arbor & Auburn Streets

2:14 PM Traffic crash, Duncan & Macomb

4:22 PM Family Dispute, South Clinton St

7:09 PM Juvenile disturbance, Furnace Street

8:45 PM General Assistance on East Main Street

Thursday, December 12:
1:05 PM Checking forgery, East Main St residence

2:08 PM Forgery at West Main Street business

8:10 PM Suspicious person West Main Street business

Friday, December 13:
4:27 PM Medical Emergency, Territorial St.

6:25 PM Animal problem, Manchester Manor

7:14 PM Suspicious person, West Main Street business

8:20 PM Warrant Arrest, East Duncan St

9:06 PM Drive off at Hop In

Saturday, December 14:
12:24 AM Juveniles gathering in parking lot, business district

2:05 AM: OUIL/OUID, Hibbard and Main St

9:27 AM: Alarm set off at Klager School

6:28 PM Drive off at Hop In

10:34 PM Juveniles gathering in parking lot at St Mary Parish Hall

Sunday, December 15:
Attempted Breaking and Entering, nothing taken, Schaffer Ct.

Monday, December 16:
Car Vs. Deer, M-52 & Mound St.

Sgt. Haensler reports four tickets were issued during this period. One 17-year-old arrested for OUIL; three tickets for minors in possession.

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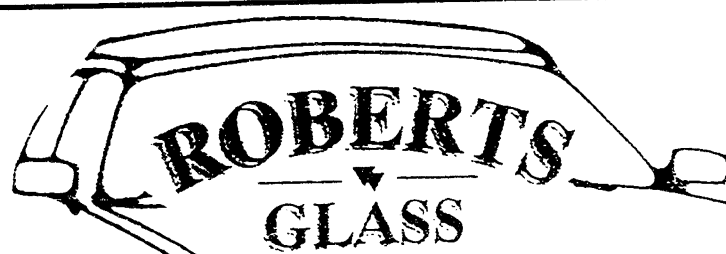
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Eating Healthy

HOLIDAY SURVIVAL TIPS TO PROTECT YOUR WAISTLINE



by Terrie Holewinski, R.D.

The holidays are now upon us and associated with the holidays are parties, laughter and food. It is estimated the average person gains approximately six pounds between Thanksgiving and New Years Day. Here are a few survival tips to help you stay in control and still be able to enjoy the season.

- Plan ahead. When you know a holiday party is coming, plan your eating pattern a day or two advance by eating more fruits and vegetables and eating fewer high fat foods.

- Never go to a holiday party starving. Eat a piece of fruit or drink a glass of low fat milk prior to the party. That will help you make wiser food choices and you won't feel the need to eat everything in sight.

- Watch the alcohol. When you drink alcohol you tend to lose control in making smart food choices.

- If you are at a Dinner Party, remember to eat slowly. Put your fork down between bites. Remember, it takes 20 minutes for a signal to reach your brain telling you your stomach is full.

- Drink water. It will help to fill you up. In a restaurant, ask your waitress for salad "dressing on the side." That way you can control the portion size.

- Don't forget to squeeze in a little exercise. The holidays can be a very stressful time. Exercise can help relieve some of the stress as well as burn calories and fat.

It is no secret that chocolate is one of America's favorite flavors. Chocolate can be part of your diet if you keep it in balance. You can reduce fat in your favorite chocolate recipes by making a few modifications to your recipe. Here are some quick and easy tips to reduce fat.

- Use unsweetened cocoa, in place of baking chocolate for chocolate flavor with less fat - some recipes.

- Replace some of the oil or shortening with fruit purees - apple, prune or banana. Purees also add moisture to recipes.

- Use a reduced-fat spread in place of some of the stick margarine or butter. You may need to adjust the recipe to compensate for additional water contained in the spread.

- Use reduced fat or non-fat dairy products - milk, yogurt, sour cream, cream cheese, cottage cheese - whenever possible.

Terrie Holewinski is a registered dietician and a Manchester High School graduate, currently living in Ann Arbor. "Eating Healthy" will be a regular feature in the Manchester Enterprise



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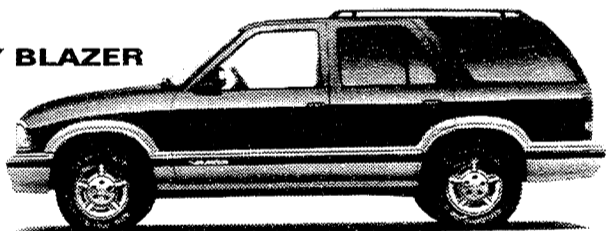
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CATHOLIC CHURCH

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH—Rev. Francis J. Murray, Pastor; Telephone 428-8811; Masses: Monday thru Wednesday, Friday 8:30 a.m., Thursday 7:00 p.m., Saturday 5:00 p.m., Sunday 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

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ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH—Rev. Erling Aaserud, Pastor Austin Road, Bridgewater; Telephone 429-7434; Sunday School 9:15 AM; Worship 10:30. Various mid-week & Bible study groups.

ST. THOMAS LUTHERAN CHURCH—Rev. John Kayser, pastor; 10001 W. Elsworth Rd., (5miles North and 6-1/2 East of Manchester); Telephone 663-7511; Schedule: Sunday School 9:30 AM; Worship 10:45

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH—Pastor David Hendricks; 3050 S Fletcher Road, Chelsea; Church Office 475-8064, Susan Wiley, Secretary 428-7268. Sunday School 9:00AM; Worship 10:15 AM

UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES

MANCHESTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH—Rev. Thom Davenport, Pastor; 501 Ann Arbor St. Phones: Parsonage 428-8013, Church 428-8495. Worship 10:30 AM

SHARON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH—Rev. Peggy Paige, Pastor, Corner of M-52 and Pleasant Lake Roads; Church- 428-7714, Parsonage- 428-8430; Sunday School 10:00 AM, Worship 11:00 AM

MORMON CHURCH

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NON-DENOMINATIONAL CHURCHES

COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH — Pastor Jody Riethmiller; 8400 Sharon Hollow Rd. Telephone 428-8709; Worship Service 10:00 AM; Sunday School 11:30 AM; Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer, 7:30PM. All are welcome!

IRON CREEK COMMUNITY CHURCH—Tom Butterfield, Pastor; English and Sharon Hollow Roads; Sunday School 10:00 AM; Morning Church 11:00 AM; Sunday Evening 7:00 PM

CLINTON ASSEMBLY OF GOD—Rev. Richard Coury; 13300 Clinton-Manchester Road; Phone 517-456-7510; Sunday School 9:30AM; Worship 10:45; Sunday Eve 6:30; Weds Prayer, Bible Study, Youth 7: PM

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BETHEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST—Rev. Richard E. Hardy, minister, 10425 Bethel Church Road at Schneider Rd.; Phones: Parsonage & Church 429-7155/428-8000; Church Service 9:30AM

EMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST—Rev. Dr. Vincent Carroll, Pastor, Phone: 428-8359; Sunday School 9:15 AM, Worship 10:30 AM, Fellowship 11:30 AM

ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST—Rev. Dr. Nancy M. Doty, Pastor; 12376 Waters Road, Waters and Fletcher Roads, Rogers Corners; Worship and Sunday School 9:30AM

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COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH

Thursday, December 19: AWANA begins 6:30-8:30 PM

Sunday, December 22: Worship Service 10:00 AM; Sunday School 11:30 AM.

MANCHESTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Wednesday, December 18: 12:00 noon U.M.W; 6:30 PM. DISCIPLE Bible Study

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Thursday, December 19: 9:30 AM Senior Exercise; 12:00 noon Senior Meal

Saturday, December 21: 4:00 PM CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Sunday, December 22: 9:00 AM Sunday School; 10:30 AM Worship; 11:45 AM Choir Practice

Tuesday, December 24: 7:30 p.m. FAMILY CANDLE-LIGHT WORSHIP; 11:00 PM TRADITIONAL CANDLE-LIGHT WORSHIP

Wednesday, December 25: MERRY CHRISTMAS!

EMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Wednesday, December 18 1:00PM Emanuel Quilters; 6:15PM Girl Scouts; 6:30PM Basket weaving; 6:30PM Bell Choir; 7:00PM PASS meeting; 7:30PM Adult Choir

Thursday, December 19: 6:30PM Brownies; 6:30PM Worship; 7:00PM Bible Study

Friday, December 20: 6:30PM Christmas Caroling; 7:00PM AA

Saturday, December 21: 7:00 - 9:00PM Live Nativity

Sunday, December 22: 10:30AM Advent Worship Service and Christmas Cantata; 11:45AM Confirmation Class; 3:00PM Service at Saline Home; 7:00 - 9:00PM Live Nativity

Monday, December 23: 3:30PM Children's Choir; 6:30PM Girl Scouts; 7:00PM Boy Scout Leaders Meeting; 7:00 - 9:00PM Live Nativity

Tuesday, December 24: 4:45 - 5PM & 10:45 - 11:00PM

EMANUEL CHURCH (CONTINUED)

Live Nativity; 5:00 & 11:00 PM Candlelight Services

Wednesday, December 25: 10:30AM Christmas Eucharist Service; 4:00PM Christmas Dinner

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Wednesday, December 18: Cub Scout Meeting, (church basement) 5:30-6:30 PM; BeFrienders Meeting (church Basement (7:00-9:00 PM; Agape Group (parish Center) 7:00-8:30 PM

Friday, December 20: Children's Choir, 3:30-4:30 PM.

Sunday December 21: Adult Choir, 9:30 and 11:30 AM.; Thomas Group (church basement) 11:45 AM.

Tuesday, December 24: Christmas Eve Mass, 5:00 PM. & 10:00 PM.

Wednesday, December 25: Christmas Day Mass, 10:00 AM

SHARON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Wednesday, December 18: 8:15 PM Chancel Choir practice

Thursday, December 19: 6:30 PM Women's Christmas Dinner and Devotional Program

Sunday, December 22: 11 AM Worship

Monday, December 23: 7 PM Caroling, meet at the church

Tuesday, December 24: 8 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight service

BETHEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, December 22: 9:30 AM 4th Sunday in Advent Worship Service; SS 3 & 4 & Kdg; 10:30 AM SS grades 1-8; 7:00 PM Children's Christmas Program

Monday, December 23: 7:45 PM Senior Choir rehearsal

Tuesday, December 24: 5:30 PM Christmas Eve family service; 8:00 PM Christmas Eve Carol/Candlelight service

ST. THOMAS LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, December 22: Sunday School, 9:30 AM; Worship Service 10:45 AM

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN, BRIDGEWATER

Wednesday, December 18: Jr. Choir, 6:30 PM; Bell Choir, 7 PM; Midweek Advent Service, 8 PM; Senior Choir, 9 PM

Thursday, December 19: Men's Bible Study, 8 PM at C. Kruger's

Sunday, December 22: Sunday School, 9:15 AM; Worship, 10:30 AM

Tuesday, December 24: SS Program, 7:30 PM; Candlelight Service, 11:30 PM

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Wednesday, December 18: 7:30-9:15 PM In depth Bible Study

Sunday, December 22: 9:00 AM Special Crafts for Sunday School; 10:15 AM Worship - Choir Christmas Music; Coffee Hour

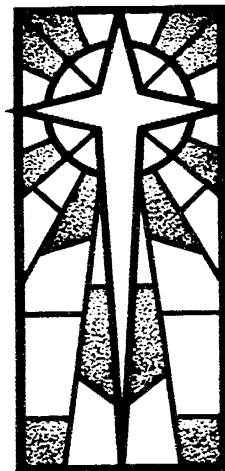
Monday, December 23: 6:00 PM Carol for shut-ins with Choir; meet at Manchester Market

Tuesday, December 24: 3:00 PM Special Communion; 7:30 PM Candlelight Service with Holy Communion; 11:15 PM Candlelight Service with Holy Communion

ST JOHN'S UCC, ROGERS CORNERS

Sunday, December 22: 9:30 AM Worship Service, Christmas Caroling to shut ins following worship

Tuesday, December 24: 7:30 PM Christmas Eve Service of Candlelight & carols



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Sharon Church's Chancel Choir will present a cantata, "King Jesus Is His Name," arranged by Joseph Linn, on Sunday morning, December 22, during the 11 o'clock worship service. Mrs. Sharon Miller is the Choir Director and accompanists will be Mrs. Nancy Feldkamp and Mrs. Marian Voegeding. It is a beautiful cantata with some familiar music woven in here and there and the cantata is filled with the message of His coming.

The Church School will present a program on Sunday evening, December 22, at 7:30 PM, followed by a Birthday Party for Jesus. Everyone is invited to go caroling on Monday evening, December 23; meet at the church at 6:45 PM.

One of the most special times of worship during the year is Christmas Eve—the singing of carols, the special music, and hearing once again the message of God sending His Son. The Christmas eve candlelight service is at 8:00 p.m. with pre-service music beginning at 7:40. At the close of the service each person present will light a candle of commitment.

Everyone is welcome at all the special services.

ST. MARY CHURCH - 1996 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Individual preparation

Thursday, December 19: 4-4:30 PM; 7:45-8:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 21: 11:30 AM - Noon; 4-4:30 PM

Monday, December 23: 4:30-5:00 PM; 7:00 to 8:00 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Group Preparation

Wednesday, December 18: St. Mary, Chelsea at 7:30 PM

Celebration of Liturgy

Christmas Eve: Tuesday, December 24: Children's Choir Program at 4:30 PM

Mass at 5:00 PM

Adult Choir Program at 9:30 PM

Mass at 10:00 PM

Christmas Day: Wednesday, December 25: Mass at 10:00 AM (Congregational Hymns)

New Years
Eve: Tuesday, December 31, 1996, at 5:00 PM.

Day: Wednesday, January 1, 1997, at 10:00 AM

OBITUARIES

Sieglinde G. Back

SIEGLINDE G. BACK of Grass Lake, Age 81, died Friday afternoon December 13, 1996 in Waterloo Township, as a result of an automobile accident.

She was born June 15, 1915 in Betzdorf, Germany the daughter of Johann and Elizabeth (Steiner) Neumar. Sieglinde was married to Oscar J. Back, in April of 1935, in Niagara Falls, NY and he preceded her in death. Mrs. Back came to the United States in 1930, and moved to Ann Arbor in 1982 until 1989 when she moved to Manchester; she had lived with her daughter in Grass Lake since the spring of this year.

She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, in Manchester. She was an advocate for Social Justice and Equality, always helping the needy and poor. For several years she was Home Health Aide for I.H.N.C. She was a most remarkable woman.

Surviving are her five children Linde Zara of Grass Lake, Ronald Back of Falls Church, VA, Kathleen Thorpe of Muskegon, MI, Oskar Back of Denver, CO, and Marliesa Back of Manchester, as well as four grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son Christopher Michael Back, a granddaughter, Sandra Back, two brothers and a sister.

A memorial mass will be held Saturday, December 28 at 11:00 AM at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Manchester. Burial in the spring will be in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Niagara Falls NY.

As an expression of sympathy, when you see the needy help them in memory of Mrs. Back. Arrangements by the Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home.

Lois E. Cray

Lois Natalie Easton Cray passed away on November 29, 1996. She is survived by her husband William K. Cray; children Candace J. Cray, Constance C. Rhodes, William K. Cray, Jr., M.D., and Bruce E. Cray. Contributions to "Fortune Lake Lutheran Bible Camp in Memory of Lois E. Cray" may be mailed to First National Bank of Iron Mountain, 231 S. Stephenson Ave., Iron Mountain, MI, 49801.

Mrs. Cray resided in Manchester with her family, from 1970-1976.



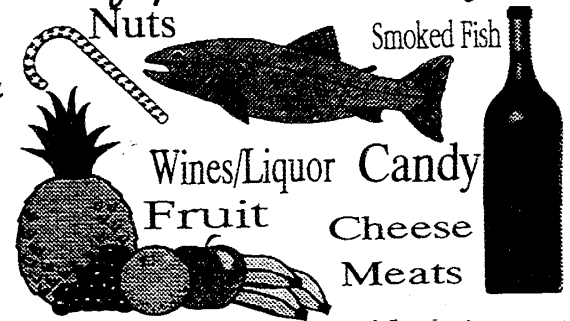
...And a wonderful time was had by all, at the third annual Christmas Open House at the White House Parsonage, hosted by Rev. Vince and Molly Carroll. Over 300 guests were treated to the sights of the parsonage and the taste of homemade cookies and goodies of the season.

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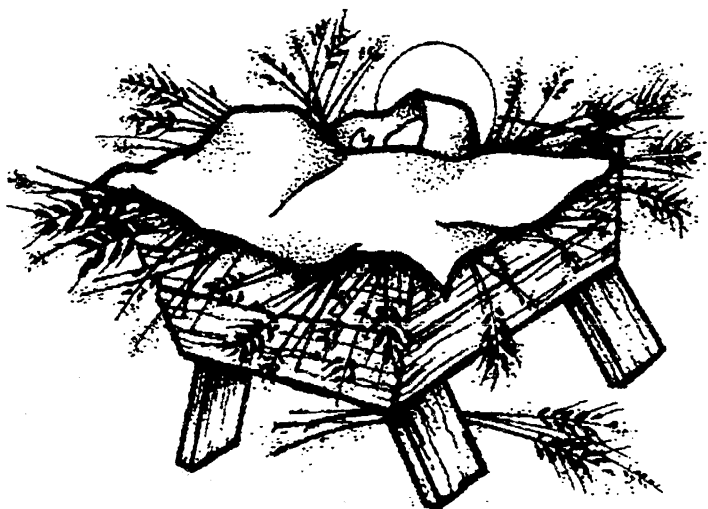
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Christmas Dinner At Klager

20th Annual Senior Citizens Dinner Held at Klager

Missing an important ingredient in official Turkey Carver and Potato Peeler, Mr. Ted Kuyda, the Klager Kids changed their menu but not their brand of Christmas Cheer for the annual Senior Citizens Dinner.

After 20 years of helping the children peel and cut potatoes every year without fail (and without casualty!), Mr. Kuyda passed away in October and his cheerful presence was missed by staff and kids alike at the Senior Citizens Dinner. The bottom of the day's program dedicated the event to Mr. Kuyda's memory. Mrs. Esther Kuyda was in attendance and due to the menu change, was able to take a more relaxed role in this year's dinner.

The big change in the menu was from a traditional turkey dinner to ham, escalloped potatoes, green beans, and rolls. The committee of Karen Ellsworth, Kay Miller, Shirley Marston, Carrie Neff and Sharon Ervin, aided by Super Volunteer Dawna Stockwell in the kitchen, coordinated the event and kept alive an important annual Christmas tradition at Klager School. An invocation was presented by Father Francis Murray to begin the meal.

For one last year, the program was held in the Klager multi-purpose room, and everyone crowded in one more time. Next year, with the enlarged and improved facilities soon to be at our disposal, the Seniors will once again experience a change, and will have a new view of the school as they eat their Christmas dinner. A tour of the new building was pro-

vided to visitors by third and fourth grade hosts.

Christmas music and sound system was provided by Small Town Sounds, also known as second grade parents Pete and Melissa Dunny. Mrs. Sandi Graff, substitute music teacher, conducted the kids singing their hearts out in a wide variety of holiday music.

Other important volunteers were the Leadership Club and the Key Club members from the high school who donated their time to help with this event. And Klager school would like to acknowledge generous donations by Manchester Market, Gordon Foods, Village Bakery, Frank's Place, and Stevenson's Milk.

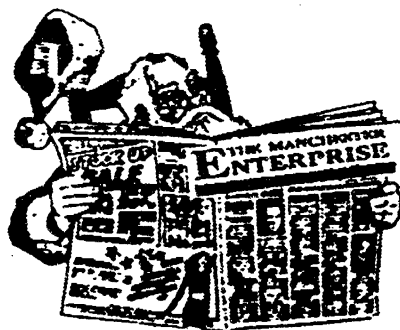
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SATURDAY NIGHT'S ALRIGHT!

With a young family, Saturday nights can be a relaxing time of T.V., visiting friends and family, or catching up on whatever - NOT! If you have active fourth, fifth, or sixth grade boys in the Manchester school district, fall and early winter Saturday nights can be running, jumping and sometimes wall-sits. Not for you, thank God, but for the boys.

For the past three years, Steve McCalla has organized and administered a twelve week program of instructional and tournament basketball open to all district kids. The High School gym becomes the training area for tomorrow's athletes, as more than fifty boys (and girls, coached by Ken Branch on Saturday afternoons) gather to hoop it up. For the first six weeks, they are run through conditioning and skill building drills, including lay-ups, dribbling and suicide sprints. In addition, mini group shooting contests are held with gym laps as incentive. Strategic picks, passing and defensive moves are taught, as well as the basic rules of the game.

The second six weeks are devoted to team play. Teams are divided out and named by Coach McCalla. Volunteer referees call fouls and keep score while a running clock and a spattering of parents cheering from the top of the closed bleachers keep things interesting. Team standings are kept and the very last night of the program is a single elimination tournament.

The young hoopsters bounce around almost as much as the basketballs. High fives and words of encouragement abound throughout the twelve weeks. They can talk the talk and sure are learning the walk. The gym reverberates with fifty boys bouncing basketballs and shouting acclaims. And just when they seem completely out of control, Coach blows his whistle and within seconds the gym is quiet with anticipation of his next instruction. These little dribblers hustle in a big way and are all winners on Saturday nights.

-Julie Schaible

FINAL STANDINGS

	W	L
KENTUCKY	12	1
MSU	10	3
INDLANA	8	5
UCLA	6	7
MICHIGAN	6	7
KANSAS	4	9
DUKE	3	10
NORTH CAROLINA	3	10

Youth Hoops Flourish This Year

Manchester Youth Hoops held a single elimination tournament on Saturday evening the seventh of December. This tournament was the culmination of 12 weeks of basketball practice and games for boys in grades 4-6. The young men had spent the first 6 weeks learning the fundamentals of the sport. For many of the boys, this was the first experience they have had with the game of basketball. Various drills which emphasized dribbling, shooting, and passing helped the boys develop the skills needed to be successful in the game of basketball. In week 7 the boys were split into 8 teams and they then played a schedule over the next 5 weeks which included 13 games concluding the regular season.

Following the regular season the single elimination tournament was held. INDIANA beat DUKE and then upset MSU to advance into the finals against KENTUCKY. KENTUCKY had beaten MICHIGAN and UCLA to advance. In a close and exciting game KENTUCKY beat INDIANA 38-34 to win the tournament.

This is the third year that this program has been offered through the Manchester Athletic Dept. In that time the boys registrations have grown from 44 to 53, the girls program offered on Saturday afternoons has seen a growth from 25 to 37. The cost of this program is \$30.00 and each child receives a Manchester Youth Hoops t-shirt

with their last name on the back. All of the surplus money from the registration fees goes toward the Junior High basketball program. This money enabled the boys and girls in both the seventh and eighth grade to wear new uniforms this year. The girls program was run by Ken Branch from 2:00-4:00 PM. on Saturday afternoons. Thanks to Ken and his helpers, Jennette Branch, Cortney Whitaker, Lindsay Hosmer, Emily Parr, Amber Hoeft, and Amy Gall. Steve McCalla runs the boys program each Saturday night from 6:30-9:00 PM. Steve would like to thank Larry Aiken, Bruce Breilein, Lou Way, John Crispin, Bob Smith, Dan Galaska. A special thanks to Brent Leverett and Jeff PUNCHES for their help.

Mr. McCalla would like to give a special thanks to Mr. John Eisley, the Athletic Director at the High School for all of his support. Tremendous improvement in the kids skills and increased self-confidence were seen by both coaches and parents. Several opponents who saw the kids play at halftime of both the boys and girls Varsity and Junior Varsity games commented on how good the kids were for such a young age. Let's hope that the enthusiasm and effort shown by the kids can be matched by our athletic program and our basketball coaching staff so that this program can continue to grow and flourish.

- Steven C. McCalla

Youth Hoops Teams

KENTUCKY- JOSH MCCALLA*, COLIN MOORE*, PAT SPENSLEY, CHARLIE SEARS, ANDREW LITTLE & THOMAS BREILEIN

UCLA- JON SCHAIBLE*, RYAN HENDRICKS*, CRAIG VANBOGELEN, MATT CHURCH, TED RUNYON, ANDREW WAY

DUKE- JOEL MAKIELSKI*, GRAYSON ADLER*, WILLIAM ALDRICH, DYON EVANS, TYLER MESTER, BRYAN TIRB

MSU- JEFF MILLER*, JOE MULLIKIN*, DAVID ARMSTRONG, TIM TYLER, JOSH REETER, STEPHEN JANKINS, RODNEY POSKY

INDIANA-NATHANSMITH*, PHILIP HUGHES*, MIKE COVAL, JAMIE POWERS, BRENNAN CRISPIN, ALLEN SHARPENBURG

MICHIGAN- LANCE AIKEN*, DAN SCHULTE*, ROBERT BEACH, JESSE POWERS, JORDAN TALLMAN, BRIAN MEADOWS, R.J. LAYHER

NORTH CAROLINA- DAVID EVILSIZER*, TYLER HUGHES*, AARON KWOLEK, TERRIS AHRENS, BRETT MELCHER, DAN RANDALL, DUSTIN GUENTHER

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School

High School gets into the Spirit of the Season

All around the high school preparations for the upcoming holidays have been taking place. The leadership class sponsored a can food drive, bringing in over 1300 cans, Mrs. Clark's class winning with over 2000%. The leadership class also took part in the senior citizen dinner at Klager, serving up ham, beans and scalloped potatoes in the annual event.

Student Council has been preparing for weeks for the Holly Hop, scheduled to take place on Friday, after the game until 12:30. The DJ presiding will be Boomtown Productions, and the dance is semi-formal. The admission price is \$3. The dance will be finely decorated with lights and snowflakes to get us in the mood for Christmas!!

S.A.D.D. will be sponsoring the luminaries at the high school on Friday while the basketball game is taking place, and they will also be passing out red ribbons for your cars for the holiday season.

National Honor Society participated in a caroling event at the Evangelical Saline Retirement Home this past Sunday. 15 carolers showed up to spread cheer through the home in light of the season. Another project, the adopt a family program, was to be participated in, but in an overwhelming response all the families have been taken care of for the season!

At Chapters and Verses last Sunday, the KEY club

held the visit Santa Claus day. Santa was pulled through town on a sleigh and taken to the shop where dozens of children came to see Santa and share what they would like for Christmas. The KEY Club also helped make Cole slaw for the Klager dinner this week.

The German Club traveled to Frankenmuth on Saturday to see the colorful town

and enjoy some German Culture. Later they traveled to Birch Run to do a bit of Christmas Shopping at the huge mall. Next week the club will go German Christmas Caroling around town and hold a party afterwards.

No one can wait until Friday, when we are finally off from school for two weeks and the holidays begin!!!

- Lacea Curtis



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S.timulate
S.uccess

What Shall We Give the Children?

- ATTENTION, for one day it will be too late.
- A SENSE OF VALUE, the inalienable place of the individual in the scheme of things, with all that accrues to the individual, self-reliance, courage, conviction, self-respect, and respect for others.
- A SENSE OF HUMOR. Laughter leavens life.
- THE MEANING OF DISCIPLINE. If we falter at discipline, life will do it for us.
- THE WILL TO WORK. Satisfying work is the last joy.
- THE TALENT FOR SHARING, for it is not so much what we give as what we share.
- THE LOVE OF JUSTICE. Justice is the bulwark against violence and oppression and the repository of human dignity.
- THE PASSION FOR TRUTH, founded on precept and example. Truth is the beginning of a very good thing.
- THE POWER OF FAITH. A beacon of hope, which lights all darkness.
- THE KNOWLEDGE OF BEING LOVED beyond the demand of reciprocity, praise, or blame, for those so loved are never lost.
- THE OPEN SKY, the brown earth, the leafy tree, the golden sand, the blue water, the stars in their courses, and the awareness of these; birdsong, butterflies, clouds, and rainbows; sunlight, moonlight, firelight; a large hand reaching down for a small hand, impromptu praise, an unexpected kiss, a straight answer; the glisten of enthusiasm and a sense of wonder; long days to be merry in and nights without fear; the memory of a good home.

By Sister Conrad Ostrander

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Quiz Bowl 0 for 1 after First Matchup

Last Wednesday, the 11th, MHS Quiz Bowl competed against Whitmore Lake in the first matches of the year. After a tough battle the Varsity lost 320-210. Top scorers for the Dutch were Sean Clifford, 50 points, Brad Kemner, 50 points, and Angelo Petrino, with 40 points.

The J.V. also played their first game of the season, taking over the contest and winning by the large margin of 265-130. Team leaders for the Dutch were Amber Reed with 80 points, Eli Bragg and Brandon Maggetti, both with 20 points.

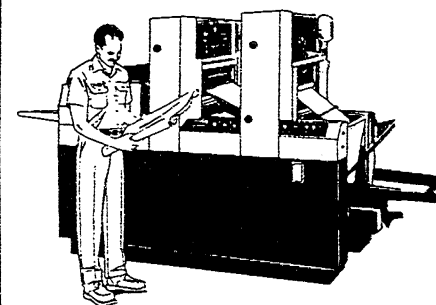
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Middle School Basketball 7th Grade

Last Monday we were at Vandercook playing our second away game. In that game our lead scorer was Clint Grenier with 10 points. Aaron LaRock and Chris Loud each scored 9 points. Jacob Geyer and Mike Walter each made 6 points. Brent Leverett scored 5 points for our team. Chris Maly scored 4 and Eric Mackres 2.

In the first quarter we started out with a nice lead of 10-2. Clint Grenier Made two buckets for four points. Mike Walter made a basket and two free-throws for four points, Chris Maly also made a basket for two points.

After the second half we had a lead of 26-3. We had an excellent game Monday, with an almost perfect defense. Jacob Geyer made three baskets for six points in the second quarter. Brent Leverett and Aaron LaRock each made a basket and a free-throw. Chris Maly and Loud each made a bucket for two points each.

Our lead kept increasing with a score of 39-7 after the third quarter. Clint Grenier made three buckets for six points. Chris Loud made two buckets and a free-throw for a total of five points. Eric Mackres also made one basket for two points.

Our lead could not be stopped. We ended the game with a final score of 51-10. Aaron LaRock made three more baskets for six points total. Mike Walter, Brent Leverett, and Chris Loud each made a bucket for two points each. We played a superior game Monday.

The following Wednesday we had another away game at Napoleon. In the first quarter of the game against Napoleon we scored 2 and they scored 4. Jeff Punches made that basket. In the second half the score was 5-7. Clint Grenier made a basket and Jeff Punches also made a free-throw. The first half was a very defensive half.

After the third quarter we were still behind 11-14. Jeff Punches made 2 two-pointers and two free-throws for a total of six points. In the fourth quarter, trouble arose. We only made one free-throw by Adam Little that quarter. In the end we lost 12-23.

Come watch the Middle School Dutchmen play basketball on Mondays and Wednesdays. Go Dutch!

8th Grade

It doesn't matter if we win or lose, if we play our hardest. Manchester's 8th grade team tried very hard in our game against Vandy. Even though we didn't win we still had fun.

In the first quarter we played very defensively, but couldn't take the lead with a score of 4-6. Jim Collins and Evan Wahl each made a bucket for two points.

In the second quarter their lead increased to 16-10. Kevin Turk made two baskets for four points. Brett Maki also made a bucket for two points.

In the third quarter we couldn't make any more baskets. The score ended up at 12-33. In the last quarter we made one basket from Evan Wahl for two points. The eighth grade had another upsetting game Wednesday against Napoleon.

In the first quarter there was a lot of trouble and the score started out 2-13. Brett Maki made that basket. In the second quarter the problem kept getting bigger. At half-time the score was 4-27. John Miller made the only basket that quarter.

In the third quarter we came to our senses and brought our score up to 13-36. Kevin Turk made 2 two-pointers. Evan Wahl made a basket and a free-throws for a total of three points. John Miller also made a bucket for two points.

The final score in the game was 19-40. In the third quarter we started coming back but we couldn't do it fast enough. Evan Wahl made a basket for two. William Robertz and Eric Walter both made two free-throws. Come see the 7th & 8th grade on Mondays and Wednesdays. The 7th grade starts at 4:30, the 8th grade is just after that. Go Dutch!

- Jeff Chapin

Varsity Basketball Falls Twice in this Week's Matchups

Tuesday, December 10, Varsity Basketball traveled to Clinton to compete in their first match of the season. The boys were pumped as they played in a tough game against the rival opponent, going into overtime for a tie. In the last few moments of the game, our Dutch fell 67-60, after playing their hearts out. Levi Earhart led the team with 13 points and 9 assists. Jason Flint, 11 points, and Ryan Fielder, 10 points and 7 rebounds also helped the team with their tight score.

Junior Varsity also played Clinton Tuesday, winning this first game of the winter season. The high scorer for the team was Derek Hanewald, with 14 points. Clinton fell 58-41 in their home chance for a win.

Friday, the boys went up against Lenawee Christian, the Varsity losing 82-69 in a tough battle. Ryan Fielder (15 points, 8 rebounds), Jason Flint (14 points), Nick Woods (13 points and 6 assists), and Nick Davis (13 points) led the team to another hard defeat. The J.V. also lost Friday with a close loss of 15 points. Also last week, the freshmen basketball team played, winning 26-20 over Gabriel Richard. Team leaders were Ricky Walakonis, Nicky Puscas, and Pat DuRussel.

This week both teams are at home against Grass Lake. Lots of Luck, boys! !

- Lacea Curtis

Dutch Volleyball 5:3 in Saturday's Tournament

Last Saturday, December 14, our lady Varsity Dutch traveled to Allen Park for their first showdowns of the year. In the first game against Annapolis, the Dutch took both matches, 15-6 and 15-4. Game #2, competing against Gabriel Richard, the ladies fell 13-15, both matches. Melvindale proved to be a better game, the girls winning 15-9 and 15-11. Wyandotte's scores were 10-15, and 15-12.

Team Leaders for the day were Carmen Kapa with 34 points, Karen Goodell (14 points), and Sarah Gould with 14 points. Dig masters were Jessica Porter with 35 and Sarah Gould with 14. Also heading with assists were Pam Preston (26) and Carmen Kapa (14). Leading with Kills were Michelle Schaible with 16, Kelly Parr (14), and Mary Barrett with 13. Blocks were headed by Kelly Parr, 4, and Stacy Mann, also with 4. Lots of Luck Saturday in the Bedford Tournament.

- Lacea Curtis

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for over 50, 4th, 5th and 6th grade boys.
Everyone's efforts are much appreciated.

From,
the many players and parents



Abigail Frances Walkowe

Patrick and Rhonda Walkowe are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Abigail Frances, on December 4, 1996, weighing 5 pounds, 8 ounces, and 16 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Ronald and Martha Evilsizer of Manchester. Paternal grandmother is Joan Walkowe of Manchester. Great grandparents are Raymond and Margaret Evilsizer, Elizabeth Sodt and Mrs. William Kirk Sr., all of Manchester.

Keith Reed announces the arrival of an early Christmas present.

Shelby Alyssa Reed was born to parents Gary and Robin Reed, November 18, 1996 weighing 6lbs. 2 oz. and 19 1/4 inches long.

The proud Grandparents are Robert and Patricia Borton of Taylor and Keith and Judy Reed of Clarklake.



Elvis Makes an Appearance



Bet you didn't know that Elvis has been seen here in Manchester just recently, giving credence to the rumors that he's not really dead. Elvis is pictured here with Kim Lee in the newly renovated Black Sheep Tavern - looking for some good food? We're sure he found it.



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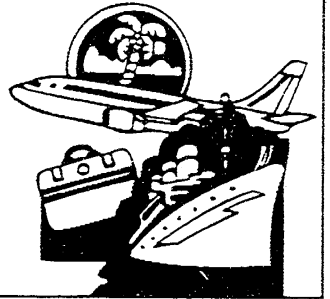


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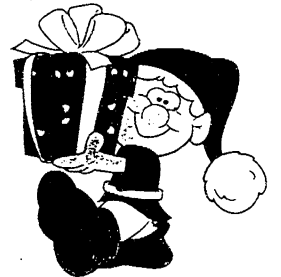
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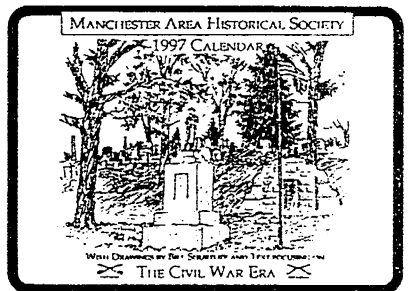
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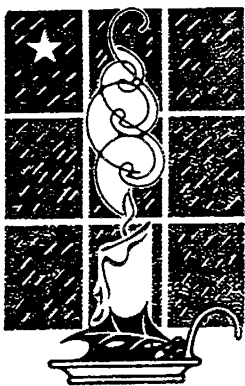
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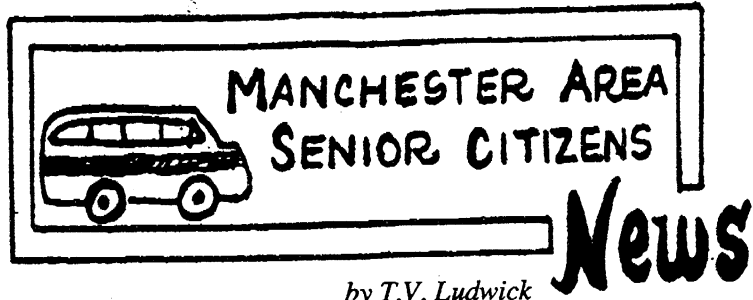
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MANCHESTER AREA SENIOR CITIZENS News

by T.V. Ludwick

We bid adieu to our long-time chairman of the Manchester Area Senior Citizens Rubena Boelter who has stepped down from her duties as of December 10 of this year. She will remain active by serving as our vice-chairman. Dorothy (Mrs. Wayne) Willingham has been elected to the chairmanship. Also elected at the Annual meeting were Mrs. Lenora (Howard) Parr - Secretary and Mrs. Naomi Eisele - Treasurer. We thank Rubena for her many years of service to our group and welcome Dorothy who will answer any of your questions by calling 517-456-7252.

Thursday, December 19: This will be our final meal for 1996 and it will be our Christmas meal served by Jan and her willing kitchen helpers. No, we don't know what you'll eat, come and see. Get your reservation in by calling Sandy Smith at 428-8495 between the hours of 9 and 10 AM.

Friday, December 20: Seniors will leave the Center at 10 for Turkeyville. This is for those who have a ticket for the dinner theater.

We wish you all a very merry Christmas and hope you have a most Happy New Year! In the Trumpeter is this for your humorous side: Men go through 4 stages: 1) When you believe in Santa Claus 2) When you don't believe in Santa Claus 2) When you are Santa Claus 4) When you look like Santa Claus!

Looking ahead to **Mon-**

day, December 30: There will be a 4 PM starting time for pickup by senior bus to go see Christmas lights. You may call Rubena Boelter at 428-8655 to place your name on the list to go.

I've held out on this Friday, the 13th 'til 1 PM so I can say a few words about the Klager Senior Program and Dinner. What an absolutely delight those children are. The first and second graders sang and sang...a total of nine songs, all about Christmas. The final repeated the phrase 'Hope, Sharing, Goodwill & Caring' and it is always amazing to me that the kids can remember most of all those verses. Next came "The Night Before Christmas" spoken with actions. We could actually understand the words in both song and the spoken words.

The third and fourth graders had their turn next. All played "Jingle Bells" on their recorders followed by selections on either recorders or on the keyboard. I believe our Klager 'kids' sang or played every Christmas song written (even Jingle Bell Rock). We commend all students, teachers and especially Mrs. Sandi Graff for the excellence of the program. WE thank all who made this a most pleasant morning. Then, a tour of the classrooms by our hosts and hostesses and a very good dinner! Ham, Escalloped Potatoes, cole slaw, Green beans, rolls and the best pie!

1996 has run out of senior activities, so will take a week off...see you in 1997!

Holiday Waste Reduction tips

'Tis the season for holiday feasts, Christmas trees and presents from Santa. The holiday season is here, bringing with it the creation of a tremendous amount of waste. This season let's all try to be waste conscious and recycling wise! The following tips may help you reduce waste, celebrate with reusable materials, and recycle the holidays away!

* Plentiful meals full of holiday tradition are central to most holiday celebrations. Unfortunately, a tremendous amount of food is wasted at this time of year. Consider the following waste reduction tips as you prepare your holiday feast:

FOOD WASTE REDUCTION TIPS

- ✓ Do not prepare excess food - cook only what will be eaten at the meal
- ✓ Compost as much of your food waste as possible
- ✓ Donate excess food to organizations such as the Vietnam Veterans or a local church group.

* All the colorful boxes, bags, bows, and wrappings that make this time of year so festive lead to a lot of waste. Do you throw away wrapping paper and gift boxes after Christmas and Chanukah? Consider the following tips to reduce or eliminate this holiday waste:

GIFT WRAP WASTE REDUCTION TIPS

- ✓ Try reusable gift bags rather than disposable - they can be enjoyed over and over in the years to come.
- ✓ Reuse wrapping paper, ribbons and gift boxes, and RECYCLE those which are torn or soiled
- ✓ Wrap your gifts in the Sunday morning comics, then recycle the paper
- ✓ REUSE brown paper grocery bags as gift wrapping by decorating with colorful ribbons and bows.
- ✓ Use brown bags as exterior wrap for packages sent through the mail.
- ✓ Reuse Chanukah and Christmas Cards as name tags on gifts.
- ✓ Donate old, unused toys to service organizations such as the Good Will and Purple Heart.

DECORATION WASTE REDUCTION TIPS

- ✓ Decorate your home with nature's treasures such as pine cones, greens and holly (Tree farms often give away loose branches and pine ones free of charge.)
- ✓ Consider switching to an artificial tree which can be stored and reused for years to come.
- ✓ Make decorations from used materials, such as cloth or paper scraps.
- ✓ Use decorations that can be saved and reused from year to year.

WHAT ABOUT CHRISTMAS TREES?

* Cut trees are by far the most popular choice for

Christmas. Due to Michigan's recent "Yard waste ban," Christmas trees can no longer be sent to landfills. The Village of Manchester provides a collection service for Christmas trees beginning about two weeks after Christmas, and the trees are chipped, providing mulch to village residents. Check with your township to find out what services are offered to residents outside the Village.

* If you are partial to the look and smell of a real tree, consider using a live tree, which can be planted in your yard after Christmas and enjoyed for years to come.

Consider the following tips for healthy live trees:

LIVE TREE TIPS:

- Before the holidays:
 - ✓ Place your tree in a shady area that is well protected from harsh winter elements.
 - ✓ Move your tree into a cool garage for a day or two before moving it into your home.

Indoors:

- ✓ Don't keep your tree inside for more than ten days - the temperature change can shock the tree and kill it.
- ✓ Move your tree indoors 3-4 days before Christmas, and move it back to the garage 2-3 days after.
- ✓ When tree trimming, use only miniature lights. Large lights are too hot, and may burn the branches.
- ✓ While indoors, check the soil daily and water as necessary.
- ✓ Return the tree to the garage for 48 hours to allow it to acclimate to the temperature change.

These are just a few tips for enjoying a waste free holiday season.

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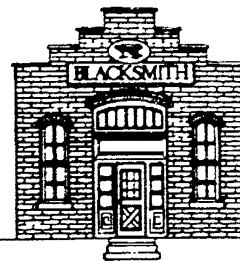
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The Manchester Area Historical Society is pleased to invite you to participate in this very special community tradition, the Christmas Eve Luminaria.

Luminaria has been a service to the community that the Society holds dear since assuming responsibility for the event in 1983. At that time, community residents paid three dollars for as many candles as they wanted and helped themselves to supplies, digging the sand for themselves out of a big pile to anchor the Luminaria bags.

Since then MAHS Board Trustee Forest Walz has structured the Luminaria event to provide smooth and organized customer service for participants: the sand is shoveled into a box for you, the candles and bags are sorted in advance to save you time and effort. A flat charge of \$5 will provide you with ten candles and bags, which will handle the frontage of a fifty foot lot just fine. The price increases slightly as the number of bags and candles that you need increases, up to \$25 for a hundred.

You can visit the Blacksmith Shop at 324 East Main Street to pick up supplies on Saturday, December 21 through Monday, December

23 from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Historical Society volunteers will be on duty to help you get the supplies you need to turn the town of Manchester into a picture book village on Christmas Eve.

Also, be sure to peek in the Swainson Room for the second annual Swainson Room Christmas tree. Sandy Trolz of the 18th Century Shoppe will once again decorate a Christmas tree, donated by MAHS Past President Reno Feldkamp, in a Swainson theme. Last year's tree was a creative delight mixing Swainson family heirloom ornaments with Sandy's unusual flair for decorating.

As with so many of the activities of the historical Society, this tradition is made possible by the generous donation of time and effort of our society members and other supportive community members. We hope you will consider membership in the Society or a generous donation to keep the Manchester Area Historical Society healthy, strong, and able to continue the traditions that mean so much to the community and Society members themselves. For questions about Luminaria, please call Forest Walz at 4288234.

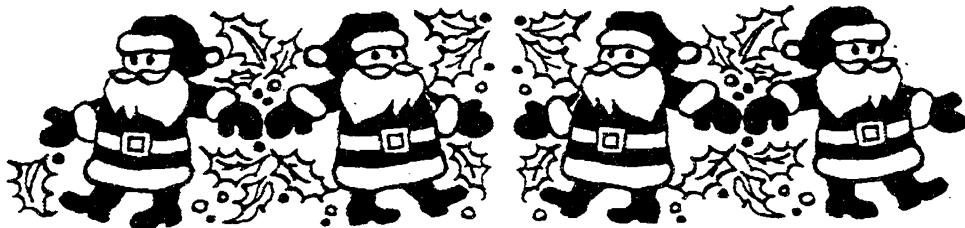


Left to right: Matt Callaway, Tom Taddonio - Assistant Leader, Michael Taddonio, Michael Chapin, Bryce Dettloff, Vickie Bolan - Leader

On November 21, 1996 the second year Webelo Den crossed over from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts following a graduation ceremony provided by Manchester Troop 426 and their Scoutmaster Dave Roberts. The following young men have earned the highest honor in Cub Scouting, the Arrow of Light Award: Matthew Callaway, Michael Chapin, Bryce Dettloff and Michael Taddonio.

Scouting continues to go forward. More boys are having the benefits of Scout training and they show splendid progress in the quality of their Scouting. Pack 421 is proud of our recent graduates and are confident that they will continue to serve their community through their Scouting endeavors.

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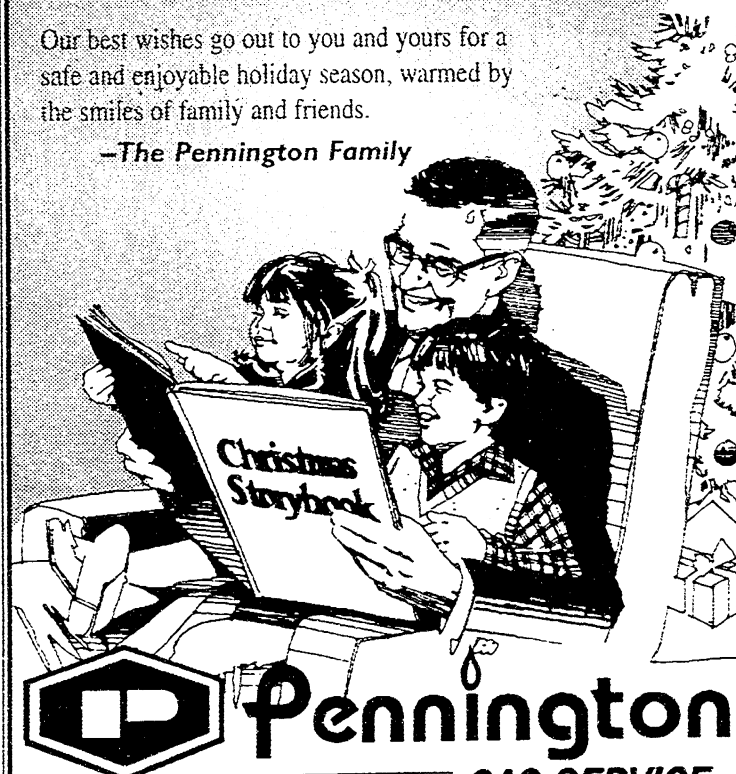
Santa Claus came early to the Manchester Coop Pre-School. During October the Kiwanis Club of Manchester built an 18 shelf cabinet to store many varieties of colored paper. Pictured above are Tom and Rhonda Ash with pre-school teacher "Miss Linda" Ebersole. Service projects that benefit children are Priority One for Kiwanis International. For information about Kiwanis contact Rhonda Ash, membership chairman, 428-1329.



May You Have A Blessed Christmas

Our best wishes go out to you and yours for a safe and enjoyable holiday season, warmed by the smiles of family and friends.

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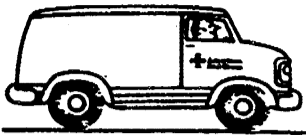
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Sandy and Chuck King

The Garry Eversole family would like to Thank Santa for his wonderful gift.

Thank You

We would like to say Thank You to all our friends, neighbors, and relatives for all the cards you have sent us; and Brenda also for all the prayers that have been said for Brenda. They all mean so much to us and her. We wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please keep the prayers up as we certainly will be needing them in the coming year. Again God Bless all of you and have a Merry Christmas.

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In Memory

In Loving memory of our beloved brother, ROBERT TASE, who passed away June 13, 1996.

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The number of shopping days left before Christmas is reaching the single digits. For late shoppers, the anxiety level is becoming serious. Consumers feeling the stress and pressure to complete their shopping are likely to spend more and get less value for their money. People who procrastinated on shopping may buy the first gift they like to save time rather than comparison shop to save money. Others, who have already begun their shopping, might now be looking at their purchases and realizing they have gone over their holiday budget but still have gifts left to buy.

Whatever your situation is, don't shop in a panic. The worst way to shop is with the goal of just getting it finished.

Begin with a plan.

"Even if you are getting a late start, make a list and a budget. You've waited this long, so one more hour won't hurt," says Michael Kelly of the Michigan Credit Union League. "If you already have shopped and think you've gone over your budget, you need to take a look at your expenses in detail. Gather all your receipts and make a list of purchases and how much you paid for them. Don't wait until the charge statements start arriving in January to know how much you spent." Besides learning what to expect on the credit card bills before they arrive, consumers need to evaluate their situation - it may be better or worse than they think. Knowing what bills to expect and what they can afford to spend allows consumers to have more control over their finances.

One simple tip to stay on your budget is to get a check register from your financial institution. Write in the total amount you have to spend on holiday gifts and then write down each purchase as you make it, deduct it from your total and balance it, just like you would a checkbook. This will help you see right away how much you are spending and how much is left.

When revising a holiday budget, remain as close as possible to the original budget.

"If the original holiday budget just wasn't realistic or is beyond repair, find other areas of your own personal spending to cut back or eliminate completely," says Kelly. Maybe it means skipping the new dress for New Year's Eve or brown bagging your lunch for the next month. It might seem like a tough sacrifice to make now, but when your bill is paid off in January you won't have any regrets. You can always return some of those purchases that broke your budget and buy something less expensive.

Review your gift list.

Is the gift necessary? If it's a token gift for someone who wouldn't really notice one way or another, you could eliminate that gift altogether. Is the gift being given because of guilt? A gift should be given for the recipient, not to make the giver feel better. If guilt or other emotions are affecting the amount or types of gifts, be aware of this and make an effort to resolve the real problem instead of throwing money at it. That could be a more important gift than anything you could buy. Consider other options such as writing a thoughtful letter or offering to do household chores (who wouldn't love that gift?).

"If your children ask for the latest fashion and swear they'll be social outcasts without the latest brand-name tennis shoes, stick to your guns," says Kelly. We could never give our children everything they want. Show them that there are limits, even on special holidays, so they can develop their own good financial habits.

Don't allow whims to be a budget-breaker.

Buy only the items that are on the holiday list. "If you have a weakness for those specialty holiday stores that pop up for two months, don't even cross the doorway," says Kelly. "Even at 50 percent off, a box of ornaments is still not a good deal if you can't afford it." Consumers will find a lot of sales the last few days before Christmas and even more after Christmas. If consumers really need an item, they can find it on sale later when they can afford it.

Keep a positive attitude.

Too often people say, "Oh well, I've already blown my savings plan this year. I might as well go all out for the holidays and get everything I want." It's never too late to stop or reduce spending. The bills will show up in January and will have to be paid for. Don't wait until New Year's Day to make a resolution about better spending habits. The time to stop increasing that debt is now. "Unfortunately, stress and pressure are as much a part of the holiday spirit as are glad tidings and good cheer," says Kelly. "Have a plan to control the dollars you're spending and always keep in mind your greater goal - to avoid debt."



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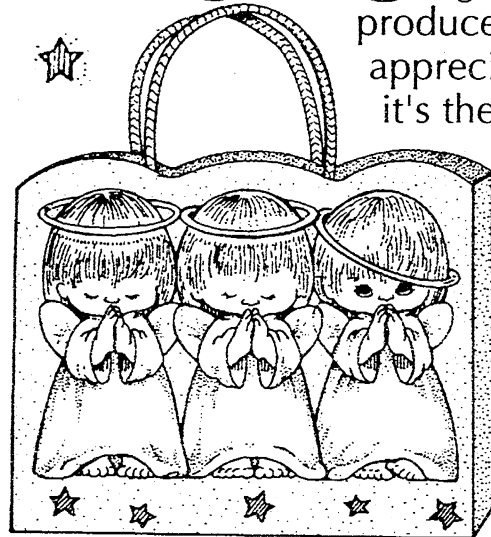


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