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Nick Davis: Rushing to Success

— Photo by Ray Meyer



■ Mid October: *The Jackson Citizen Patriot* calls running back Nick Davis Manchester High School's football team's best weapon, quoting Addison's coach, "We told the kids...you're not going to hold him under 100 [yards.] That's not realistic." The 5'10", 180-pound senior had 165 rushing yards that game for a total 3,664 career yards by the end of the game.

■ November: Nick Davis is named *Ann Arbor News* First Team Offense Player of the Year (B-C-D) with 4,114 yards on 403 carries. This season Davis carried the ball 203 times for 1,883 yards and 22 touchdowns.

He scored 52 touchdowns in three seasons and punted for three years, averaging 32.9 yards a punt.

As a defensive back, he added 24 solo tackles and 17 assists in 1997 for a career total of 103 tackles. His career intercepted passes totaled 14.

■ December: Davis is selected to represent Manchester High School in the Michigan High School football All-Star Game, to be held in August.

■ January: Davis is chosen as the first-ever from Manchester to receive a full football scholarship from a Division I college, choosing University of Wisconsin. Recruited as a running back, the school may also use Davis as a receiver or defensive back.

What are the odds of a football player from Manchester High School being invited to attend a Division I university on full scholarship? Coach Wes Gall

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From the Manchester Township Library: "Thank you, Stu Evans Ford!"



Left to right: Charlotte Majors, president of the Manchester Township Library Board; John Evans, owner of Stu Evans Ford in Manchester; Dorothy Davies, director of the library; and Carol Johnson, staff librarian.

Stu Evans' Ford recent donation of \$5,539 to the Manchester Township Library assured the Library of being able to participate in a grant totaling over \$14,000 to be divided among Manchester, Milan and Clinton libraries. From the middle of January to the first of February, the Manchester Township Library was closed so that staff and volunteers could enter data on new computers, and bar code books and periodicals.

"This is part of our commitment to the community," John Evans said. "We feel the Township Library not only has historical significance but plays an important role in the lives of young people and adults alike in the area. We are honored to be able to help."

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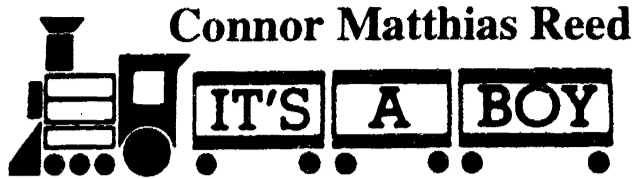
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Connor Matthias Reed

John and Laurel Reed of Clark Lake are proud to announce the birth of their son, Connor Matthias Reed, January 29, 1998, 21 inches long and weighing 9 lbs. 1 oz.

Grandparents are Keith and Judy Reed of Clark Lake and M.G. and Kathleen Chapman of Howell.

Work at Home

If you have a computer at home, a nice opportunity to earn money with just a few hours of work each month has recently become available.

The Oak Grove Cemetery Board is in need of a treasurer. Present treasurer, Karen Tucker, has had to relinquish her duties because of increasing demands in her position as Clerk for the Village of Manchester.

Karen said, "This would be an opportunity for someone to earn extra income, for someone who likes to work with figures. It requires just a basic knowledge of bookkeeping, entering receipts and expenditures."

Oak Grove, a central part of the community's history since 1856, is run by a nonprofit organization. For further information, contact Village Clerk, Karen Tucker at 428-9212, or Oak Grove Cemetery Acting Board president, Marilyn LaRock at 428-8849.

The Chronicle Desk

As I put the February issue together, it looks like it is turning into the Love and Laugh issue. When Frank, the chef of superb talent (and wicked humor) at the Black Sheep, asked what a classified cost, I replied, "A buck a line." Please see his classified on page 13.

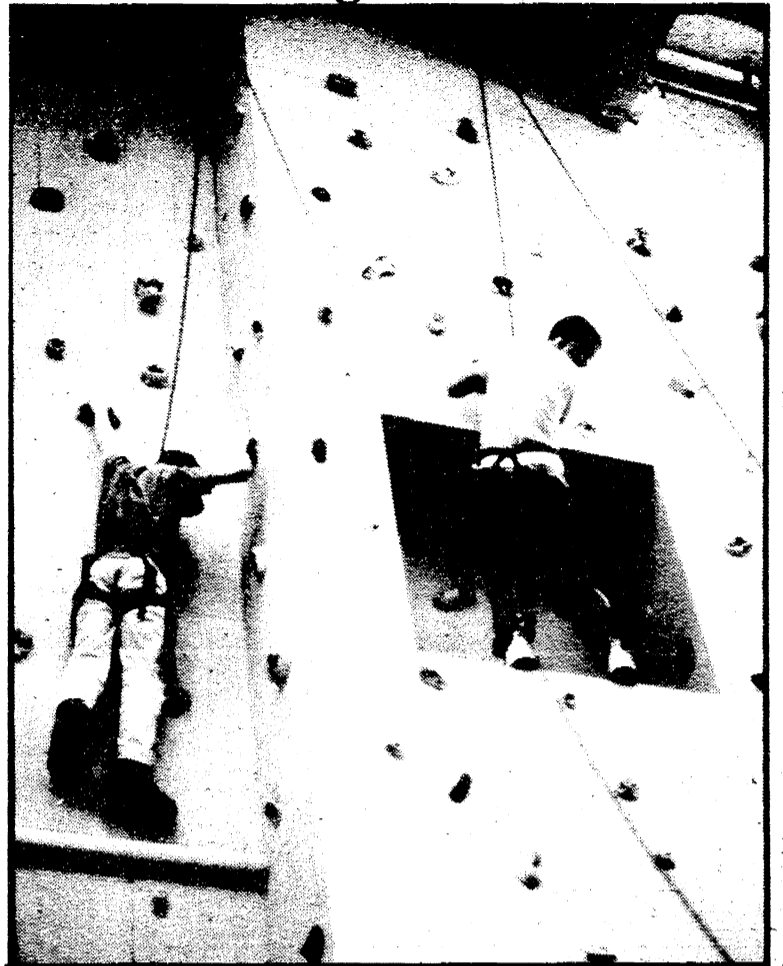
At the bottom of subscription renewal forms and sometimes the form for new subscribers, if there's room, in each issue, I ask for Comments, Criticisms, Ideas, Suggestions... It was because of a suggestion by a subscriber (Dawn) that we listed and wrote about many volunteer activities and community projects in the January 15 edition of the *Chronicle*. We talk about more opportunities throughout this issue.

A family in Manchester has taken concern and compassion for others to a new dimension. Not only have Paul and Michele Kluwe adopted three daughters from an orphanage in Moldova, an impoverished country in the former Soviet Union 5,000 miles from Manchester, but also Michele has worked tirelessly to bring children with medical conditions, correctable in the United States but untreated in Moldova, to this country for surgery. Paul built a guest house for parents of the children to stay while the children are being treated.

Michele Kluwe was featured in the heartwarming account, *Women Who Make a Difference: Rescue Mission*, written by freelance Ann Arbor writer, Karen Thomas, in the January 6th *Family Circle* magazine. The story relates how Michele arrived in Moldova in October of 1995 to adopt two sisters, Ina and Cristina. During her two-month stay, Michele met children suffering from medical conditions such as cleft palate or club feet, and Aurica Opera, a 14-month-old with a serious heart condition. Michele promised Aurica's mother, Tamara, that she would find doctors in America to help get Aurica the surgery she needed. Michele obtained medical visas for the mother and child and persuaded Dr. Edward Bove, an interna-

Winter has scouts - - -

climbing the walls!



Above: Boy Scouts from Manchester's Troop #426, Dyon Evans (left) and Michael Fuerstnau, scale a wall at an indoor climbing gym in Albion. For the complete story, and more photos, read Scout Ryan Maggetti's report, page 7.

tionally known pediatric cardiac surgeon at the University of Michigan Medical Center to donate his skills. After Aurica's successful surgery, Michele returned to Moldova, toured orphanages and hospitals and met with officials to discuss treatment for other children. It was also on this second trip that Michelle fulfilled an earlier promise to return for 14-year-old Lilia, whose adoption was final in May of 1996 and who has joined her new family in Manchester. Pretty, vivacious and an honor student, Lilia's photo was on the front page of the *Chronicle* December 4th as part of the *Expressions of Art by Manchester Students* story.

The *Family Circle* story concluded with these words from Michele: "In their native country, the odds are against these kids on so many fronts...but I'm determined to improve things. Step by step, child by child, we're doing our best to make their lives better."

Michele is a sales representative at Stu Evans Ford in Manchester.

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Tony's Entertainment Corner

— by Tony Farina

Friends, Manchestarians, and Lovers, lend me your ears. I have come to praise the Entertainment Corner, not to bury it.....OK, enough with the Shakespeare. I just thought since it was February, I'd go for the whole Valentine's day thing and it didn't turn out that way. Maybe I should have gone for Romeo and Juliet instead of Caesar.

That being said, Chapters and Verses, our downtown books, music and more store, wants to make sure it turns out that way. The ladies over there gave me some book ideas that will be the perfect Valentine gifts.

First, there's the book version of James Cameron's *Titanic*. The thing is with the book there is no special effects so you concentrate on the love story. It turns out sad, you know that already, but your hearts will melt.

There is also a fiction and nonfiction duo of books that will be great for the heart of holidays. Nicholas Evans' *The Horse Whisperer* and Monty Roberts' *The Man Who Listens To Horses* come highly recommended by Edna and my Mother. And if you can't believe your Mom, who can you believe?

There is also a new series of books for young adults titled, *Love Stories for Young Adults*. I don't want to give anything away with the name there, but there are...well, love stories that should make you all goseepimply. Finally, for the wee ones, Carl Norac's *I Love You So Much*, gives kids a look at their favorite valentines, Mom and Dad.

Speaking of wee ones, Disney's *Hercules* is out on video this month, Toni at Video World would like you to know. Paul Shaffer, James Woods, and Tate Donovan lend voices to this heroic, not so valentine like romp, through Greek mythology, but rent it so the kids will watch it and you can have that romantic dinner.

When they're asleep get yourself the man of the hour, the most powerful man in the free world. No, not the president, but

Harrison Ford AS the president in *Air Force One*. He's mean, he's lean and he beats up bad guys; who doesn't like that? If you want lean and mean and female, get *G.I. Jane*. Demi Moore, shaved head, navy seals, fun-fun-fun. The acting is wonderful as well.

If you want some comedy instead, (or in addition to) rent Bill Murray in *The Man Who Knew Too Little*. Bill plays a bumbling private eye who really doesn't know much, but should make you laugh. If that isn't your thing, check out Alicia Silverstone, without the bat suit in *Excess Baggage*. She plays a spoiled brat trying to get her father's attention. She produced this one herself. Its a great black comedy.

If you want pure romance for Valentines day, a great choice is Greg Kinnear and Lauren Holly starring in *A Smile Like Yours*. Just the title sounds warm and fuzzy, doesn't it?

Well, that's about it from the Corner, so have a good Valentines day, and this is Tony saying, yummy yummy yummy I've got love in my tummy.

Just around the corner



Unfortunately, Brenda Britt's BB Crafts shop moved out of the Mill in Manchester to a new location.

Fortunately, she did not move too far away. Just to our neighboring town of Clinton, in fact.

Brenda, who lives in Clinton with her husband Don and three children (Thomas 10, Kimberly 8, and Travis 5), said she had been keeping her eyes open for a location closer to home.

"When this location became available, I had to make the decision. It was a little difficult because it has been such a great experience doing business in Manchester, however, I had to choose to be closer to my family. It makes it easier to take part in my children's after school activities."

The building BB Crafts now occupies use to be The Wooden Box and is on Michigan Avenue, US-12, on the same side of the street as the Village Restaurant and The Wild Swan gift shop. The building provides more space then she had in the Mill, and not one to have an empty corner for long, Brenda has rented out some of the extra space to other craftspeople and antique dealers, so that now the business sign reads: BB Crafts, Collectables and Antique Mall.

The rough-hewn ceiling beams, stained-glass window panels and wide open arrangement in the shop adds to the atmosphere of cozy continuity.

Brenda offers sweatshirts, t-shirts, tote bags, aprons and other wearables appliued with many different themes, both seasonal and classic. She also makes items for the home such as pillows, and ceramics for house and garden.

Brenda isn't the only talent in the family. Husband Don crafts wood items for sale such as Beanie Baby furniture, knick-knack shelves, and clothes racks custom made for any room, any decor.

Another advantage to her new location that Brenda appreciates is a large workroom to the rear of the sales counter, behind cafe doors. "I can work on my projects while I'm

here," said Brenda. "And it is easier to move a finished project the few feet from my workspace to display. I've liked that part a lot."

We know Brenda is missed in town because people are still stopping to ask about the craft shop, but like one lady said just recently, "Oh, she's in Clinton; that's just around the corner — great!"

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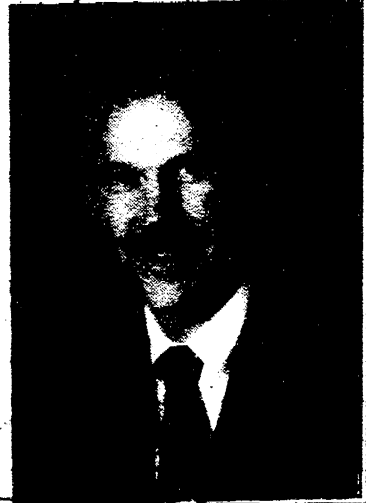
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Farm Bureau Members Attend Annual Meeting, Begin Membership Drive



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Washtenaw County Farm Bureau announced their annual membership drive. Membership co-chairs are Kathy Fusilier, of Manchester, and Lynn Finkbeiner.

At the annual kickoff event, held February 5th, people had the opportunity to learn about the organization, programs and services available. For more information about joining Washtenaw County Farm Bureau, call the county office at 663-3141.

Delegates representing each county discussed and voted on 180 policy resolutions developed from 850 recommendations submitted by county Farm Bureau groups. The policies approved by the delegates will guide the activities of the organization through the next year. The policies addressed issues such as wildlife crop damage, tuberculosis in white-tailed deer, local control of roads and land use planning.

Farmers attending the Michigan Farm Bureau annual meeting had the opportunity to explore the ideas of value-added cooperatives and farmland preservation during educational sessions.

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Babyhood

Book Review — by Rachel Vanover

Babyhood is a book by Paul Reisner (star of the TV situation comedy "Mad About You.") It is about the experiences he had from the time him and his wife decided to get pregnant until after the baby was born. He finds funny and unique ways to look at everyday fears parents have. Some of these fears you may have never realized were this funny,

In one chapter, he talks about his fears of things he'll do wrong, one of which includes:

"Your wife asks you to bring her a pair of scissors and without thinking you hand the kid the scissors and say 'Quick, run!'"

Another one he talks about is "affectionately rubbing the baby's head after walking across a thick carpet and the static electricity makes the baby's diaper catch on fire!"

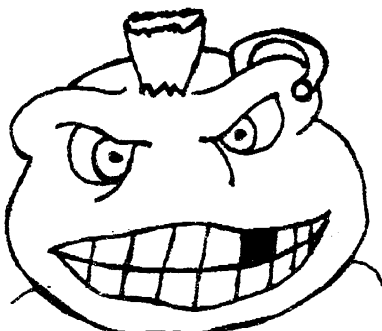
One more that really stuck out was you would have a magnet on the refrigerator which the baby eats and though it doesn't hurt him, twenty years later he gets lost on a camping trip because his compass keeps pointing to his stomach.

This book has four pages full of nothing but little fears like those.

Paul Reisner finds something humorous about everything. I think this book is good for anybody to read but especially for women with children.

The book *Babyhood* is available for purchase at Chapters & Verses Book, Music and More Store on Main Street in downtown Manchester.

Wanted by kids everywhere: Meanies



— sketch by Rachel Vanover

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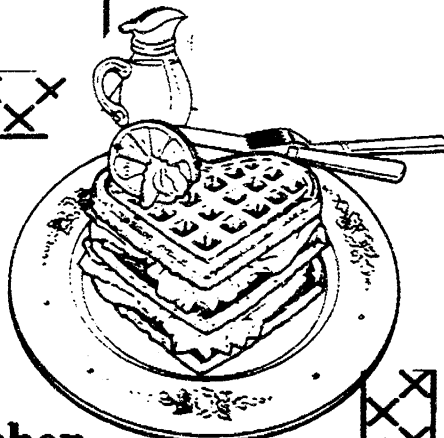
For instance: Armydillo Dan — the fighting machine; Borissaurus, indescibeable; or Navy Seal who protects the world with all his might; Bart the Elephant; Sledge the hammerhead shark; Matt, the fat bat who cannot fly; Snakeyes Jake, the serpent...!

There are twelve outrageous characters all together (well, actually thirteen, but you'll

have to inquire at Chapters & Verses Bookstore to find out the details.)

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Education takes the forefront in National and State Speeches

What it may mean for Manchester

As the Baby Boomers' 500-pound canary begins to circle closer to the Social Security nest egg, both President Clinton and Governor Engler seem to be getting the message that education is our only hope for the 21st century. What kind of actions back up those words remains to be seen. And the role each of us chooses to play will contribute to the success or failure of any plans that may be proposed.

In the State of the Union address, President Clinton commended Congress and the American public for moving forward on the 10-point education plan he proposed last year. That plan focused on expanding education choices through charter schools, putting every classroom on the Information Superhighway, and making sure every third grader can read. This year, the national plan does much more to embrace the needs of public education and the families who rely on it: Smaller classes, teacher testing, and building improvements.

Echoing some of the same sentiments, Governor Engler credits his administration with providing the highest funding in history for education; 50% above the level seven years ago when he delivered his first State of the State address. Coupled with increased funding are improving test scores which prompted U.S. Education Secretary Richard Riley to identify Michigan as the "most improved player" among the nation's schools.

Lots of apparently good things have been provided through the national and state plans. Unfortunately that's just what they are — THINGS. To make sure that the nest-egg is still in place once the 500-pound canary settles in takes more than just things, and that's where our community comes in.

— by Gini Patak

It's wonderful that the national plan will ensure that every classroom can reach the outside world through the Internet, but it's not the connection itself that matters. The value is in the people who connect our students to the 21st century skills that will enable them to find and effectively apply the information they have gleaned from the World Wide Web.

The President hopes to address some of the needs by offering help to test, train and rigorously certify teachers in the foundation classes, such as reading, that support the rest of a student's education. He hopes to launch a program that will invest \$12.4 billion over seven years to help local public schools provide small classes with qualified teachers. The goal is to reduce class size in grades 1-3 to a national average of 18 while providing funds to help local school districts hire 100,000 new teachers.

The \$1 billion Durant settlement, which the governor said "put to rest the 17-year battle over equitable funding for special education," will among other things:

- Provide \$20 million to help high school students receive high quality technical education that will qualify them for high-paying jobs without getting a college education.

- Provide almost \$67 million this year for special education focused on children who need the most help

More help should be on the way from the Federal government to help offset the costs of building new classrooms and modernizing the ones we have. The President would like to commit \$22 billion to this effort. Half of it would go to the 100 school districts that serve the largest number of low-income children. The remainder will be allocated to the states.

The President is also proposing expanded funding for school-business partnerships that will include additional money for classroom construction and renovation.

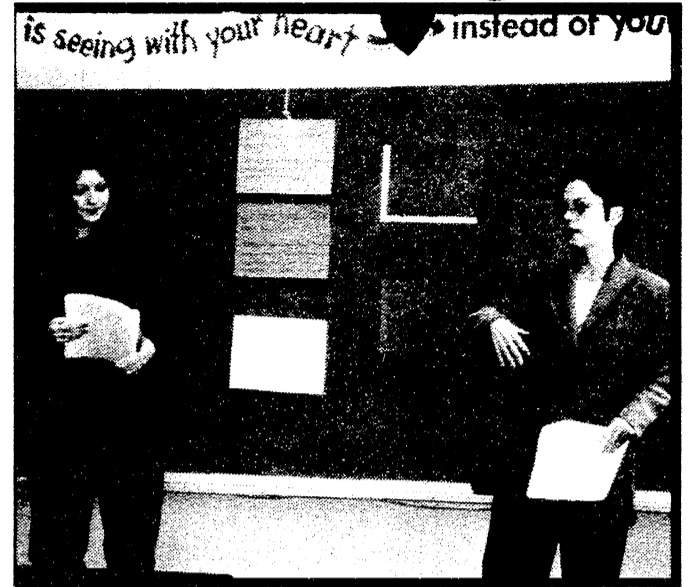
Both levels of government are focusing on third grade reading as the basic measure of success. Both the President and the Governor have deemed the ability to read by the end of third grade an educational milestone that cannot be missed. The President proposes to provide aid to continue a program that joins college students and early elementary students in helping the latter learn reading fundamentals. The Governor proposes to launch the "Reading Plan for Michigan (RPM)." His plan will put reading readiness kits in the hands of parents so they can effectively support the work being done in school.

Even if all the proposals become reality, it would still mean only that we have resources at our disposal. If we apply them well, they will allow us to help our children grow to be the kind of citizens that will continue our society as we know it. If we are careless, or worse, don't think it's our job to worry about someone else's kids, we're all going to realize how fragile the shell of our nest-egg really is.

Tax-cuts and budget surpluses are transitory. Surely we must have learned that by now. Given the quick and decisive impact of events in Asia and the Middle East, we must, by now, also be forced to admit that we are indeed citizens of the world as well as of our own nation. As such we are subject to forces that will dictate the security of our nest-egg and our future and which can be managed only by those whose reason and skill have been honed through careful education. An orderly transition from this generation to the next is essential if we, as a people, are to stay the course and provide for ourselves.

At November's town meeting we got a good start on goals that are clearly in step with those being proposed at the state and national level. It's up

Students Host January Chamber Meeting



Above: Alternative Education teacher Kathryn MacKercher (right) and student Rachel Vanover explain the school-to-work program to Chamber members. — photo/kk

The general membership meeting of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce was held at Manchester High Schools' Alternative Education Pleasant Lake building, the 21st of January.

Chamber members were there to listen to a presentation from the students about a school-to-work program that would create links among employers, schools, teachers, students and others in the community.

Students introduced themselves, stated their career interests, such as: cosmetology, veterinarian science, truck driving, nursing, sports training, engine repair, and computers, and explained the benefits of the program to students and businesses.

The program is beneficial to the students because it helps them gain competitive work skills at labor market standards, linking classroom education and a supervised

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Chamber of Commerce Visits Pleasant Lake School -- continued from previous page

work experience. The program is an incentive to obtain more knowledge in school and produces a direct relationship between high school and full time employment after graduation.

Credit for graduation is given for a combination of school and on-the-job instruction. Students may be paid for their work by the employer, but it not a requirement.

There are benefits to the employer. The program provides an excellent means of evaluating prospective candidates and improves the personal selection process by using actual on the job performance as a basis for permanent hiring decisions. The program provides a source of screened, interested part time employees and gives the employer valuable teacher/coordinator assistance through the training process. Additionally, it increases the retention rate of permanent employees because of a positive school-to-work experience.

There are different ways community businesses can help this program succeed:

- Offer tours for students, teachers, and parents.
- Work with teachers on curriculum and special projects.
- Provide job-shadowing opportunities.
- Be a "guest" teacher.

For more information, please contact Pleasant Lake Alternative Education teacher Kathryn MacKercher or assistant Bob Johnson at the school, 428-8196.

"Students are in this program because of choice: they will exceed your expectations," said MacKercher.

Chamber member and high school principal, Bob Smith, commented how pleased he was with the success of the Alternative Education school, "A good teacher and good students are making this work," he said.

OTHER CHAMBER NEWS

Thank you for contributions to the downtown Christmas lights to: Len & Lucile Bruner, Chapters & Verses Bookstore, Craft Clinic of Chiropractic, Comerica Bank, The 18th Century Shoppe, Women of Emanuel Church, Great Lakes National Bank, Deb Havens and Dave Limbaugh, Hickory Sticks Golf Course, Holiday Lighting, Kleinschmidt True Value Hardware, Livingston Electronics, Manchester Chronicle, Manchester Enterprise, Manchester Kiwanis Club, Manchester Pharmacy, Manchester Veterinary Clinic, Mark and Carol Palms, J. Proctor Co., Stein Electric, Sutton Insurance Agency, Woodbrook Enterprises.

Donations are still welcome to help offset the cost. Make checks payable to the Manchester Chamber of Commerce and mail to P. O. Box 521, Manchester, MI 48158; or stop by the Chamber office in the Mill, open noon through five o'clock most days of the week. You may also phone the Chamber office at 428-MACC (6222).

A few 1997 Christmas Ornaments are still available for purchase at Raisin Valley Antiques and Suzanne's Interiors in the Mill. At only \$10 each, these beautiful *limited edition* collector ornaments are a bargain and help support your community Chamber.

Education...by Gini Patak continued from previous page

to our school board and administration to make sure that Manchester claims whatever resources are available. It's up to teachers to grow and change in synch with our growing and changing knowledge base; to adopt the tools of an information age and teach students to apply them effectively. It's up to students, parents and community members to rise to the challenges education presents. Students can't and/or won't learn without unified adult support. The message we send has to be clear and consistent.

"Education matters more than anything. Get a good one."

FEBRUARY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The February meeting of the Manchester Board of Education will be held at 7:30 PM on Monday, February 16, 1998. Meetings are held in the Manchester High School media center. For more information, call the board offices at 428-9711.

Scouts Challenge The Loft

— by Ryan Maggetti, Troop 426 Scribe

On Sunday, February 1st, Boy Scout Troop 426 took a trip to *The Loft*. It is an indoor climbing gym located in Albion, Michigan. The day was filled with learning about all the knots and equipment that were needed, exciting climbs up 30 foot walls, and finally doing a few rappels down. We learned a lot at the gym, and left sore and satisfied.

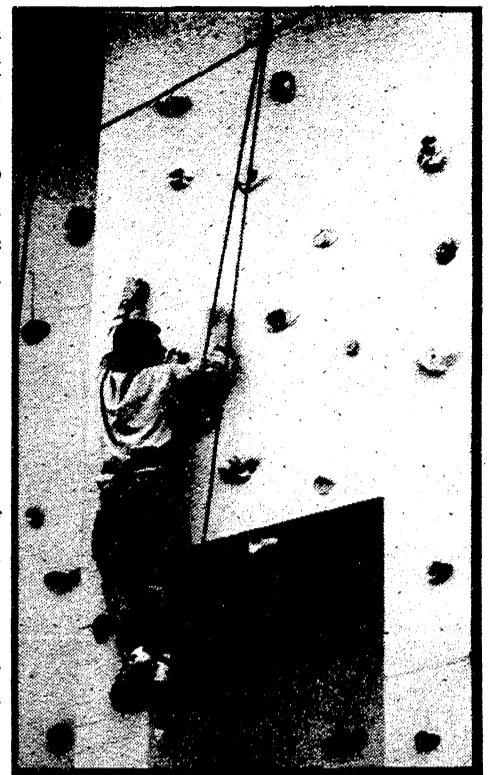
The day began early; the troop met at Wacker's at 7 am. The trip to the gym took about an hour. When we arrived, we were amazed at the size. From the outside, it didn't look too big. We also stood in awe at the obstacle course above. We were disappointed, though, because even 8 hours didn't seem like enough time.

We started by learning all the proper knots and all about the equipment. This took the whole morning, and then we enjoyed Domino's pizza for lunch. After lunch the real fun began!

The troop learned how to belay, or spot, the climbers. After that, they set us free. Everyone was required to do 3 climbs and 3 rappels. The walls had many indentations and skirts to add to the difficulty of climbing up. After everyone got in their climbs, we worked on the rappelling down. That was pretty easy for everyone.

At the end we learned about first aid and the proper clothing to wear. We also learned about where and when it is a good time and place to go rappelling or climbing. We arrived back at Wacker's around 6:30 pm. We all will receive our Climbing merit badge for completing the course.

(For further information, call *The Loft* at 517-629-5591, ext. 296.)



Above: Ryan Maggetti looks for the next handhold.

— Photos by Tom Taddonio

Manchester's Boy Scout Troop #426 in front of "the wall."



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A Winter's Respite



Above: View of one of the suites in the Brooklyn Hotel. Right, Michele's. Below, the Bistro.

While looking at the menu, you may imagine you're in a cafe along the Champs Elysee in Paris. After you have tasted the fare, you may be convinced.



That's because chef John Lindower specializes in French cuisine at the Brooklyn Hotel in the heart of the Irish Hills, in the heart of downtown Brooklyn.

John and his wife Michele have created a unique dining experience, complete with bed and breakfast accommodations, in this small town just twenty minutes or so from Manchester: They have two restaurants available in the historic Brooklyn Hotel — the *Brooklyn Bistro*, featuring a casual atmosphere, and the elegant *Michele's*. And they have four spacious suites upstairs furnished in period antiques.

The walls of the Bistro are decorated with old advertising signs from area towns, including one from Manchester about farm equipment, cotton feed sacks, and plants on the window sills, to look like a rural cafe from the 1930s.

Michele's is, well, pretty. The tin ceiling panels have been painstakingly painted to accentuate the raised detail and is reflected in the glass-topped tables like a serene image in a quiet pond. Artwork from area painters decorate the walls: landscapes, sketches, pastels, watercolors. Michele Lindower stenciled the pattern underneath the ceiling just last month. John explained: "We close for the month of January and do a project each year. This year, Michele did the stenciling."

The Lindowers are also the parents to five children under the age of seven so they spend a lot of family time together in January.

The menus include some surprising fare, but "I don't want anyone to be daunted by the term 'French cuisine,'" says John. Our recipes have been lightened to be healthier, however, our recipes are true to the French philosophy of good tasting food."

John, who trained at the Culinary Institute of America, said that he likes to think of his menu as an adventure across continental France.

"We encourage our customers to try some of the different items we have such as the deep fried pickle. Once they try it, they're surprised to find they like it." Traditional steaks, fish and poultry are there, too.

The saga of the hotel reads like an adventure in itself. It began in the late 1880s as the Cosmopolitan Hotel, a men's boardingroom house, stagecoach stop, and livery in the rear. There was a bar in the basement that was operated during Prohibition as a private club. Henry Ford visited and ate at the hotel in the 1940s while visiting his mills in the area. Later the building housed offices and retail stores.



It had been empty for over ten years when craftsman Tom Ellis rescued it from demolition and began what was to take three years of careful and faithful restoration in 1991.

"The only way that four to six inches of accumulated debris, mud and dirt could be removed from the basement was carrying it out in buckets," John told us. "The workers formed a bucket brigade. Just about everything in the building had to be rebuilt; the roof was collapsing, floor falling in — it was a tremendous project to undertake.

"But," and John proudly extends his arm to include the restaurants' expanse," it turned out like this."

Gracious hosts, Michele and John Lindower, have a special winter offer of dinner and a hotel suite for \$75. Call (517) 592-0700 for details. Restaurant hours are Tuesday through Friday 11am-10pm, Saturday 8am-10pm, Sunday 8am-3pm; closed Mondays. Reservations are suggested for Michele's Friday and Saturdays; reservations are not accepted for the Bistro.

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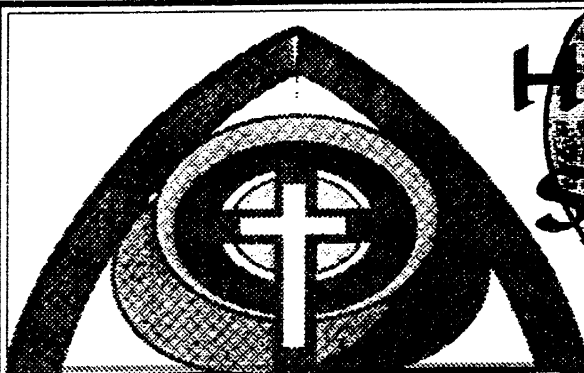
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commandments, and abide in his love. These things I have spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy may be full.



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Manchester Area Churches



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Rev. Richard Hardy
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428-8000/429-7155 - Service 9:30 AM.

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Rev. Richard Coury
13300 Clinton-Manchester Rd
517-456-7510 - Sunday School 9:30 AM;
Worship 10:45; Sun. Eve 6:30; Wed.
Prayer, Bible Study Youth 7:00 PM.

COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH

Pastor Jody Riethmiller -
8400 Sharon Hollow Rd., Manchester Twp.;
428-8709 - Worship: 10:00AM;
Sunday School: 11:30 AM;
Wed. Bible Study & Prayer 7:30PM

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Rev. Vincent Carroll
324 West Main Street, Village; 428-8359 -
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Coffee and Fellowship: 11:30 AM.

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Tom Butterfield, Pastor
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7:00 PM.

MANCHESTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Thom Davenport, Pastor
501 Ann Arbor St., Village; 428-8013
(Parsonage); 428-8495 (Church)
Worship 10:30 AM.

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Robert Burton, Assistant
Pastor, Tim Butterfield,
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Evening Church 7:00 PM;
Wednesday Bible Study and
Youth Meeting: 7:00 PM.

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Rev. Erling Aaserud, Pastor
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Bridgewater
429-7434 - Sunday School:
9:15 AM;
Sunday Worship 10:30 AM.

**Friday, March 6: 1:30 PM
World Day of Prayer Service at
Manchester United Methodist
Church**

**Lent begins on Ash Wednesday,
February 25: It is a period of time set
aside to help us prepare to celebrate
the death and resurrection of our
Lord for us. Lent prepares us for
Easter. Beginning on Ash Wednesday,
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Worship and Sunday School: 9:30 AM.

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Friday 8:30 AM; Thursday 7:00 PM;
Saturday 5:00 PM; Sunday 8:30 & 10:30
AM. Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 4:00
to 4:45 PM.

ST. THOMAS LUTHERAN CHURCH

Rev. John Kayser, Pastor
10001 W. Ellsworth Road, Freedom Twp;
663-7511 - Sunday School: 9:30 AM
Worship 10:45 AM.

SHARON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Peggy Paige, Pastor
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Twp.; 428-7714 (Church); 428-8430
(Parsonage) - Sunday School: 10:00 AM;
Worship 11:00 AM.

VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Jon King
423 S. Macomb Street, Village - 428-7506 -
Sunday School: 9:45 AM; Morning
Worship: 11:00 AM; Evening Worship:
6:00 PM; Wednesday Bible Study and
Prayer: 7:00 PM.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor David Hendricks
3050 S. Fletcher Road, Freedom Twp.
475-8064 (Chelsea) Worship 9:30 AM.

ST. VALENTINE'S DAY

Valentine's Day is a special day set aside to remind us of our sweethearts and loved ones. February fourteenth is always the designated day of this holiday because, strange as it seems, that was the day that St. Valentine was beheaded. St. Valentine epitomized Jesus' teaching to love our enemies as ourselves, and he loved all of God's creations; but most of all, He loved our Lord.

During this holiday, children pass out valentines at school, teenagers purchase heart-shaped boxes of candy, and husbands and wives purchase cards by the millions to show how much they love each other. We don't have to wait until Valentine's Day to show or tell someone how special they are to us. A telephone call, a letter, or a card anytime of the year would probably be appreciated by our dear friends and loved ones. Every day can be Valentine's Day by passing around God's love.

...Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends...

Revised Standard Version 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Church News In Brief

Emanuel United Church of Christ
Wednesday, February 11: Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner, 4:30-7:00 PM
Wednesday, February 25: 7:30 PM Ash Wednesday Service at St. John UCC
Mondays: 1st & 3rd - 6:30pm Daisies; 2nd & 4th - 6:30pm Optimists
Tuesdays: 1st & 3rd - 6:30 Cub Scouts; every - 7pm Boy Scouts and Country Dance
Wednesdays: Every - 1pm Emanuel Quilters, 6:30 Bell choir, 7:30 Adult choir; 1st - 9:30 AM Women of Emanuel; 2nd & 4th - 6pm Cub Scouts, 6:30 Webelos
Thursdays: 1st & 3rd - 6:30 Brownies; Every - 7pm Bible Study
Fridays: Every - 7pm AA

This is my commandment: That ye love one another as I have loved you. St. John 14, 15

The Queen of Hearts

— by The Bridgewater Vet
Dr. William K. Wellman



It is mid-February when, as the saying goes, the days grow longer and the cold goes deeper.

It's ten to six and I'm ready to leave for the evening when the door bursts open, the exit door. A breathless blond woman, well-dressed and attractive, looks at me with pleading eyes and quivering lips.

"How can I help you?" I ask with a certain amount of apprehension. (I wondered if this meant I was going to miss my supper.)

"Do you take care of muskrats? I have a pet muskrat and I think he has a fever. He's very gentle. Oh, please, please try to help him. I love him."

The words tumbled out of her without a single pause for breath. I was really afraid she was going to drop to her knees and wrap her arms around my legs. (How embarrassing.)

I broke in gruffly. "Of course I'll take a look at him. Bring him in. (Actually I'd never met a veterinarian who took care of muskrats. A fever she said, how do you take a muskrat's temperature? Just like anything else, I supposed.)

As the lady hurried back out the exit door, I conjured up a vision from my childhood. We lived near a marsh, almost on a marsh located right across the road. Not infrequently a bull muskrat would cross the road loaded for bear to pick a fight with our poor Sally dog. If we ever chanced to see him coming, which was rare because he got more courageous at night, we would hurry and lock the dog in the woodshed. It was called a woodshed but it never did have any wood in it that I can remember and we didn't heat with wood. Actually that's where the Maytag wringer washer with the kick-start engine stayed, but woodshed it was just the same.

Sally knew all about muskrats but she never did learn that when one came across the road she was surely going to take a whipping. She would have done well to slink off for the woodshed on her own hooks, but she figured she could outsmart a muskrat and by rights she should have.

But the muskrat had her number. Sally would approach the rat snarling and filled with terrible purpose. All the muskrat had to do was jump at her a time or two, stay out of her reach and just keep backing up, backing up, until he got under the car in the driveway. By then, Sally was so furious — as well as not being too smart — that she'd go right in under the car after it, crawling on her belly; there was no room for her to stand up.

Whichever way she turned, she got chewed. Finally, after a lot of screaming and howling, one of us would come to her rescue and drag the poor foolish bleeding thing out from under the car. The victorious muskrat would stomp on home, his blood-lust satisfied.

And I'm suppose to examine such a gentle, loved creature?

The exit door flew open again. There stood the blond — along with Oh Queen Live Forever, my wife. Cradled in my wife's arms was a furry lump —

which she quickly unfolded to reveal her mother's ratty, to be sure, old mink jacket! It seems my wife concocted this scheme with her friend to prove that I was gentle and tame. It's a girl thing. The blond agreed that I had handled the situation very well and that if she had a pet, (God forbid), she would certainly bring that pet to me. I was noncommittal about the episode, still hoping to have supper sometime soon. As I stood there dumbly, with my jaws politically closed, I harkened back to a previous 14 February some three years ago.

We were just sitting down to dinner when an urgent message arrived, handwritten and scribbled in haste, that some people by the name of Fish were coming from quite some distance bringing a dog named Oscar. I muttered something to the effect that I couldn't recall anyone by the name of Fish and I was positive that there was no dog by the name of Oscar in my records. But I sent a message back to have the people come right away and I would work them in, right after dinner that is.

Up until this point, Oh Queen Live Forever and I were enjoying the evening when she took from me the slip of paper and read its message herself.

"You are going to be treating a fish. And the name of the fish isn't Oscar, it IS an Oscar. That's the name of a species of tropical fish."

She continued on to tell me how in a previous life she had owned two of these amazing creatures that knew their names and came when called, that hid in the shrubbery of the aquarium when company came because they were so shy, how they smiled and rolled their eyes, and liked to be petted, how they built two nests and moved their eggs each day, cleaning the nest in preparation for the next day.

"How intriguing," I said. (I didn't believe a word of it.)

Mister and Missus Magee, from about forty miles south, lurched into my parking lot and, I swear, got out of the car before it stopped rolling. They toted between them a large picnic cooler which they ran with into the office.

I began to get suspicious that there might be something to the fish story and motioned them directly into the exam room. The top was pried off the cooler and there lay, on its side with one pectoral fin waving feebly — actually seeming to beckon to me — a beautiful fish with orange and black stripes weighing about two pounds. (This fish is big enough to eat, I am thinking.)

The Mister and the Missus both began talking at once in what may have been two different languages. Fortunately, Oh Queen, who knew all about these things, took over the public relations. She soon convinced them that they had come to the right place and that their pet was in the best possible hands.

I stood dumbstruck, wondering what to do next. My mind then went to work (with the speed of lightening.) I'd been seasick — I knew seasick when I saw it. The poor thing had sloshed in tepid water for about forty miles and lord knows how long. He was almost dead. I had to do something

quick if I was going to get paid. I grabbed a small oxygen bottle that happened to be handy and began bubbling it into the water near the fish's gills. He recovered almost immediately, righted himself and began swimming normally. His colors became more defined, which The Queen was quick to point out.

I mentally patted myself on the back and then remembered with a sinking sensation that the Magees hadn't hurried to me these many miles as opposed to all other intervening vets because Fred (that's what they called him, Fred Fish, I suppose) was seasick.

As the hysterical story unfolded, it seems that a naughty mean child of unknown as well as doubtful ancestry had thrown a small green gummy rubber frog into the fish tank. Oscars being gulpers, Fred had, true to form, gulped first and tasted later.

Initially they thought he might throw it up, but he didn't. They waited for the frog to pass from the far end, and it didn't. Fred was bound up. Intestinal blockage. All the symptoms of severe constipation, as they put it. They'd called other vets but nobody would look at him. Someone suggested they run him into Chicago to the Shedd Aquarium. Another suggested they give him a good dose of mineral oil, but again they demurred. Fred needed experienced professional help, and right now. And that's why they came to me.

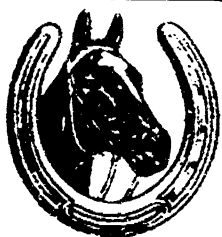
Looking very closely and carefully as well as surreptitiously at the anal opening, I thought I spotted a suspicious fragment of fluorescent green. I donned my official magnifying spectacles with their little adjustable scopes and, sure enough, it was the toe of a green rubber frog.

With fine mosquito forceps, I was able to grasp the toe and then the foot. All of this time the Magees were hysterically explaining to Oh Queen Live Forever how Mary, the mate to Fred, had become frantic and inconsolable when they took Fred from the tank and deposited him in the picnic cooler. Her colors had faded and she was trying to bury herself in an apparent attempt at suicide as she balefully watched them depart on their fateful journey.

The frog was made of very soft, stretchy gum rubber. I had a hand towel wrapped around Fred so that I could hold onto him. With my right hand under water, I — with amazing surgical skill — stretched that gummy frog until he was about three inches long (which made him overall much thinner) and out he popped, much to the amazement and admiration of the Magees.

They were overwhelming in their gratitude. When I suggested that perhaps we should x-ray Fred, they thought that was a marvelous idea. I got to see what a fish looks like on x-ray, and they very gratefully got to pay for it.

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The Queen of Hearts
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The Magees had no more than arrived home an hour or so later when they called to reiterate their gratitude and to tell me that Mary, after giving Fred a good snubbing for putting her through such a scare, had become very loving. Her strikingly contrasting colors had returned to their original splendor. They expected her to spend the rest of the day massaging him and inspecting his sore bum.

About an hour after that, the florist arrived with two lovely bouquets of cut flowers. The first card I opened said, "Thank you and a happy Valentine's day to our favorite veterinarian from Mary and Fred."

The second card said, "For my darling on Valentine's day." My heart was filled with dread. It was too late to order flowers. How could I make such an admission? What a cold uncaring clod I am.

Then a scheme came to me. A way to buy some time. Maybe even get by and not get caught at all. It would depend on the Magees. Certainly they wouldn't call to inquire about the flowers? I made a card of the proper size and wrote, "Happy Valentine's Day, Oh Queen Live Forever," and signed it. I inserted the card in place of Mary and Fred's. Oh Queen seemed quite pleased that I remembered through all the uproar, but she's no dummy. For awhile anyway, at least until my conscience got to bothering me, I had bought some time.

With a certain chagrin at being duped by a combination of a blonde and a redhead who it seems had conspired to make me feel foolish and had succeeded, I snatched the ratty mink from the enfolding arms of Oh Queen, held it away from me and tossed it into an upper cage, slamming the door shut.

"With your permission, madam, I feel that it is my duty to quarantine this abominable critter for the safety of the community. It may be rabid. As for you, I believe that you are without a fur to protect you from the elements. I think we should proceed immediately to remedy that situation."

I bowed deeply to the blond, wished her a happy St. Valentine's Day, and drove away feeling, though at some expense to myself, I had for the moment, gained the upper hand.

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When determining where to put your aquarium, several factors should be considered. You should not put it in direct sunlight since this will cause algae to grow on the glass and plastic accessories.

You should not put it on your best carpeting since during water changes it is possible for some water to splash on the floor.

You should be sure to put it on a firm stand since water is heavy.

You will need a quality filter. Chelsea Pets can

give you proper advice in choosing from among several types of filters depending on the size of your aquarium.

And, an air pump. Since I have hardy goldfish in my Chronicle office aquarium, I didn't think an air pump was absolutely necessary. However, since I've added one, my three fish are a lot more active.

Most tropical fish require an environment maintained at around 75 degrees. You, therefore, will need a good heater and an aquarium thermometer.

DECORATING

Here comes the fun part. Chelsea Pets and Plants has a great selection of multicolored gravels, highly decorative backgrounds and ornaments as well as plastic plants so real in reproduction that it's almost impossible to distinguish them from live plants. Your selection will be based on the size of your aquarium, the extent of your imagination and exercising a little self-control — did I mention the store has a great selection?

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| <p>♥ "Love, like a spring rain, is pretty hard to be in the middle of without getting some on you." — Frank Clark</p> | <p>8 6:30 Optimist Club 8 M'r Twp Board 8 Fair Board 8 Bridg'r Twp Plan Cm 8 Knights of Columbus</p> | <p>9 Vilg Curbside Recyc 9:30am Sr Citizen yoga Noon Sr Dinner 8 Village Plan Comm 8 Freedom Twp Board</p> | <p>10 8:30 Merchants Assoc at Blk Sheep 9am Beautification Comm. at Wh' Stop 7:30 Amer. Legion Aux 7:30 Rec Task Force Emanuel Spaghetti Dinner 4:30-7. Pg 5.</p> | <p>11 Happy February Birthdays to Sr Citizens: Dorothy Hamilton (7), Helene Kemner (9), Georgiana Huber (10), Elsie Mollenkopf and Charlotte Timmerman (13), Elmen Kopka (16), Helen Meyer and George Goodell (25) Lincoln's Birthday</p> | <p>12 HAPPY ST. VALENTINE'S DAY 9am Village Piecemakers at Emanuel</p> |
| <p>♥ "Of all earthly music that which reaches farthest into heaven is the beating of a truly loving heart." — Henry Ward Beecher</p> | <p>15 7 Village Council 7:30 School Board 7:30 United Way President's Day</p> | <p>16 Vilg Curbside Recy 9:30 Sr Citizen yoga 11:15 Sr Clergy Noon Sr Dinner 7:30 Historical Society</p> | <p>17 8:30am Merchants at Black Sheep 9am Gen/Chamber mtg 4:30 MS Basketball v Napoleon at home 7:30 Men's Club 7:30 B'water Twp Brd</p> | <p>18 9am Chamber Board Noon Sr Dinner 12:30 Sr Citizen bingo 7 Middle School Parents 8 Sharon Twp Planning Comm</p> | <p>19 ♥ "In comparison with a loving human being, everything else is worthless." — Hugh MacLennan</p> |
| <p>♥ "Love is the forgetting of oneself in the service of another." — R. Ainsley Barnwell</p> | <p>22 6:30 Optimist ♥ "To love for the sake of being loved is human, but to love for the sake of loving is angelic." — Alphonse DeLamartine</p> | <p>23 Vilg Curbside Rec 9:30 Sr Citizen yoga 11 Sr Citizen blood pressure check Noon Sr Dinner 8pm Manchester Twp Planning Comm</p> | <p>24 Ash Wednesday See page 9. ♥ "Those who love deeply never grow old; they may die of old age, but they die young. — Sir Arthur Wing Pinero</p> | <p>25 12:30 Sr Citizen bingo ♥ "We are shaped and fashioned by what we love." — Johann Wolfgang VonGoethe</p> | <p>26 ♥ "Love looks through a telescope; envy through a microscope." — John Billings</p> |
| <p>MARCH 1 Parenting Awareness Month Parenting with Patience programs next three Saturdays. See page 13.</p> | <p>27 7:00 Village Council 7:30 Library Board 7:30 Masonic bus mtg</p> | <p>28 Vlge Curbside Recyc 9:30 Sr citizen yoga Noon Senior Dinner 7 Band Boosters 7:30 Freedom Twp Planning Comm Manchester Family Serv annual mtg See p 13</p> | <p>3 8:30 Merchants Assoc at Black Sheep 7 Athletic Boosters - high school 7:30 VFW 7:30 Raisin Valley Land Trust at the Blacksmith Shop</p> | <p>4 Noon Sr Birthday Dinner 12 Sr Citizen bingo 7:30 Purple Heart 8 Sharon Twp Board</p> | <p>5 ♥ "They who love are but one step from heaven." — James Russell Lowell</p> |
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Community Resource Center Seeks New Board Members

The CRC is a nonprofit governed by a Board of Directors, serving the Manchester School District. Board members represent the community schools, local governments, Manchester United Way, local churches, Manchester Recreation Task Force, Chamber of Commerce and the community-at-large. Volunteers are appointed to a two-year term which begins in March at the annual meeting. To find out more information about volunteering to serve as a Community Resource Center board member, call nominating committee members, Sue Gisting 428-7853, David Little, 428-8153, Chris Brooks, 418-1447, or the Community Resource Center, 428-7722.

Grandparents and Relatives as Parents

— by Karen Smith

There is a crisis in America. The family is disintegrating. Three million children live with their grandparents, many others with aunts, uncles and other relatives.

Why are these children left without willing or able parents?

Families are being devastated by social problems: drug and alcohol addiction, teenage pregnancy, poverty, crime, AIDS, violence and abuse.

And what about this new breed of care givers?

They need help. Changing roles bring disruption to their normal pattern of life. A nurturing grandparent is thrust into the role of disciplinarian. An aunt suddenly faces the challenges of adding nieces or nephews to her responsibilities as she struggles to raise her own children.

Many times these care givers must interact with the school system, the Department of Social Services and the criminal justice system. They may be sandwiched between caring for ailing parents and caring for their children's children, perhaps as their own health and resources decline.

The stress of raising these children is compounded by the fact that they are often extremely needy, emotionally damaged and angry children. Many are born from drug or alcohol addicted parents and suffer from fetal alcohol syndrome, attention deficit disorders and malnutrition.

These grandparents and relatives as care givers are fighting an important battle. They provide stable homes, rules and routines, all of which help to bring order to a child's life and a chance for success. It is because of their effort and strong commitment that these kids will survive.

Grandparents and Relatives as Parents is a weekly support group sponsored by the Catholic Social Services and Faith in Action. Care giving grandparents and relatives from Chelsea, Manchester and Dexter are invited to meet Wednesday afternoons at St. Mary's Church, 14200 Old US-12, Chelsea from 1-3:00 PM. The program offers care givers the opportunity to share common experiences, to better understand the needs of these special children, to locate resources and to gain information from community professionals.

For more information, please call program coordinator, Virginia Boyce at (313) 712-3625 or Faith in Action at (313) 475-3305.

"Parenting With Patience" is winning theme

The community of Manchester will join hundreds of other Michigan communities to draw attention to the critical importance of effective parenting for creating children who grow up to be happy, healthy, independent adults.

The Community Resource Center, Manchester Community School staff and the Community Education Department are involved in a collaborative effort to plan community programs that help to celebrate the toughest and most rewarding job a person faces: Parenting.

Manchester Community School staff participated in a Parenting Awareness Month theme proposal project. Twelve theme ideas were proposed. Klager School third grade teacher Pat Coelius submitted the winning proposal PARENTING WITH PATIENCE. Mrs. Coelius received a gift certificate for two dinners at her favorite Manchester restaurant.

Letters have been mailed to organizations, churches and the business community with an invitation to share program ideas or sponsor an event.

Manchester Community Education director Vickie Bolan and Community Resource Center director Dianne Schwab are setting up programs for children and adults three Saturday afternoons in March. Baby-sitting will be offered by Senior Girl Scout Troop #274. The girls are 16-plus years old. There will be no charge for baby-sitting, but donations will be accepted to help the scouts raise funds for a trip.

The Manchester Middle School will be the site of the parent enrichment programs and Super Saturday classes for children grades K-6. Please use the class participation form printed in the Manchester Chronicle to register for the adult enrichment programs and baby-sitter service. Registrations will enable planning for materials, snacks, etc.

Enrichment class size is limited to 25 except for the presentation by Mr. Al Dicken on March 14.



Pictured above is Community Resource Director Dianne Schwab and Klager Elementary School principal Brian Kissman. Dianne is presenting a certificate to third grade teacher, Pat Coelius who had the winning theme for March is Parenting Awareness Month: "Parenting With Patience."

Parenting with Patience: Enrichment Opportunities

March 7, 1998 — Manchester Middle School

- 12:00 (37A) There is a Fly in My Soup (Health in the Kitchen)
- 1:00 (37B) Gender Equity
- 2:00 (37C) Tobacco Talk from Teens (For Parents Only)

March 14, 1998

- 1-3:00 Mr. Al Dicken: Parenting for Prevention

March 21, 1998

- 12:00 (321A) How To Talk So Kids Will Listen
- 1:00 (321B) Run for Your Life: Time Management
- 2:00 (321C) How Far Is Enough: Setting Boundaries.
- 3:00 (321D) Fathers are Parents, Too: Fathering

Classes are free. Donations will be accepted to support future programs. Class registration is due one week before date scheduled. For more information, contact the CRC 428-7722.



Parenting With Patience Registration

Please circle class identification number as listed above.

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Phone _____ Babysitting? _____ yes

Ages and Names of Children _____

Babysitting is free. Donations will be accepted to support a Girl Scout trip. Please mail to: Community Resource Center, P.O. Box 433, Manchester, MI 48158-0433

Black Legion Presentation

Stirs Faded Memories — by M. S. Clinansmith

At the November 1997 meeting of the Manchester Historical Society, I made the first public presentation of the results of research that had dominated my spare time for 27 years. It was about an organization known as *The Black Legion* (formally known as *The United Brotherhood of America*), which terrorized southeastern Michigan from 1931 to 1938. Only by accidental discovery of them through a celebrated murder case were they able to be relentlessly rooted out.

I first wrote about the Black Legion for a college term paper which was later published in *Michigan History* in the fall of 1971. Since then, I have expanded my research and completed a revised version which has been submitted to Wayne State University Press for publication. As yet, I have not received word regarding when it will be published.

As a result of my presentation and the questions and comments raised subsequently, I have decided to write out that part of my effort which deals with the western Washtenaw/eastern Jackson County area for those who could not attend the Historical Society meeting and for those who wanted me to repeat it. So, here goes —

The Black Legion grew out of the prosperity and turmoil of the 1920s and 1930s. Specifically, it owed its birth to the success of the Klu Klux Klan which was reborn in 1915 and continued to exist until 1944.

There is often confusion when the KKK is mentioned because there has actually been more than one Klan. There have been at least six based on my count. The first was a fun fraternal organization organized by several town rowdies near Pulaski in south central Tennessee in 1867. This gave way to the second Klan formed shortly thereafter to combat Federal Reconstruction in the South. This second Klan was exterminated in 1876-77 because of their attempts to derail Reconstruction. The third and most famous Klan grew out of a book, *The Clansman* by Thomas Dixon, and a motion picture, *The Birth of a Nation*, produced by D. W. Griffith in 1915. Influenced by the movie, several Georgia fraternalists formed the third Klan and had it incorporated in Georgia shortly thereafter.

By 1924, this third Klan's reincarnation was powerful enough (variously estimated between 2 and 6 million members nationwide) to become a major political issue that year in the Presidential election and swing that election and that of 1928 to the Republicans.

For all of its success, however, the Klan suffered from internal strife. Most of its members saw the organization as an opportunity to get together and hold parades and picnics while dressed in flowing white robes and pointed hoods and expressing a standard Americanist rhetoric that was basically anti-Black, anti-Jew and anti-Catholic. Few were called on to back their thoughts with anything more than words. Some did, however, and they soon became the target of several law enforcement agencies, most notably the FBI.

Other Klansmen saw their group as not quite living up to their full potential. One of these people was Dr. William Shepard of Bellaire, Ohio. A minor health official in Belmont County, he was also the head Klansman in the Wheeling, West Virginia area. He protested the lack of initiative by the Klan beyond election time. Prior to a Klan gathering in Buckeye Lake, Ohio in August 1925, he and his fellow Klansmen from Belmont County decided to make their protest visible and dyed their white robes and hoods black. Thus attired they made their appearance at Buckeye Lake, much to the chagrin of the national and state Klan leaders in attendance.

Warned of his imminent ouster from the Klan if he did not discard the black version of the official Klan uniform, Shepard refused to bend and was summarily ousted from the Klan. Thus was born the Black Legion or what Shepard dubbed his "Night Riders."

Taking advantage of the withering of the Klan and its more secretive ways, the Night Riders prospered until 1931. In that year, a freelance electrical engineer from Lima, Ohio, Virgil "Bert" Effinger wrested control of the Night Riders from Shepard and reorganized them as the United Brotherhood of America, or what he called the Black Legion. He gave himself the title of Major General (the only one) and reorganized the group along military lines. He then began to franchise out membership recruitment efforts.

In response to Effinger's revisions, an ex-Detroit motorcycle patrolman who had lost his leg in a traffic accident and retired on disability, secured the Michigan franchise. Within a very short time, Isaac "Peg Leg" White became the "Godfather" of the Michigan branch of the Black Legion. An estimated 60,000 Michigan men from all walks of life joined the Black Legion.

"Joined" is an imprecise term when describing the Black Legion recruitment methods. Actually, its burgeoning membership was coerced by secret rituals, and blood curdling oaths, into joining an organization they did not know existed but knew that he was "their man."

Once the oath was administered, the Black Legion hierarchy assumed that the new member would stay loyal ... or, at least, not divulge their existence. To back up their beliefs, they liberally used the threat of violence and death against straying members.

Black Legion recruitment was often limited to cities, but some branches sprang up in rural Michigan. One of these was centered in Napoleon, Michigan, and drew members from the communities as far away as Clinton and Tecumseh to the east, and Jackson, Grass Lake, Norvell and Brooklyn to the west. As active and loyal members of the Black Legion, most of these recruits spent their time in holding the organization together through terror.

Most active of the Black Legion members were three brothers: Ray, Clarence and Glenn Ernest. Together with the Hawley family, including Dite Hawley, they perpetrated several crimes in ruling the Black Legion with an iron hand. The two most notorious acts of this branch of the Black Legion was the flogging of Paul Every and Harley Smith, both mentioned as wayward members.

— To be continued —



Cleaning up the Shop



The call went out last month: Come to the January Manchester Area Historical Society meeting at the Blacksmith Shop and help with a few chores — cleaning and polishing and dusting; sorting through old photographs; inventorying artifacts; entering data on the computer.

There was quite a response: many arrived in blue jeans and sweatshirts, ready to roll up their sleeves, pitch in — and perhaps partake of the delicious refreshments, which is the usual fare at the monthly meetings.

February's meeting is the 17th. You are invited to visit Manchester's yesterdays with the unique video interview of lifelong area resident Loren Trolz. Hear Trolz as he shares nearly century-long remembrances of the Manchester area. A lifetime resident of the Iron Lake area, he lives on land that has been farmed by his family for generations. He resides in the same English Road home where he grew up. This valuable historic record is sponsored by the Raisin Valley Land Trust, filmed by Harry Savourin, with interviewer Bob Kellum. After the presentation, visitors are invited to share their special memories of the area as well.

Monthly meetings are held in the historic John Schneider Blacksmith Shop, 324 E. Main St. on the third Tuesday of the month. With the meetings are always special programs dealing with local history or topics of area-wide interest. After the gatherings, explore the Society's collection, share tasty snacks and punch, talk with old friends and make new ones.

Above: Brandon Brown, left, and Michael Santos, both juniors at Manchester High School, helped out during the evening. Below: Calendar committee member Don Limpert, along with Society president Diane Hough and secretary Betty Cummings, discuss historical photos laid out on the table.



Below: Area blacksmiths Tim Armentrout and Dave Goodrich, and his wife Margaret Goodrich, examine and inventory historic tools of the trade. — photos/kk



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Manchester Township Library News

— by Ann Fowler

Interview with the president of the Manchester Township Library Board, Charlotte Major

Ann: Now that the Library is open, what can the public expect? What will be different?

Charlotte: Now that the Library is reopened, the majority of the book collection will have a bar code on the back cover. There will be two new computers to be used in place of the paper card catalogue. The paper card catalogue will remain in the Library for an indefinite time.

Ann: Then the automation is not completed? What more must be done?

Charlotte: To complete the automation process, software needs to be installed into the new computers, staff needs to be trained in the automation process, bar codes for the book collection and periodicals need to be put on, and the patrons will need new library cards.

Ann: I understand that volunteers assisted during the two weeks the Library was closed. How many, and how many hours total were spent?

Charlotte: There were 27 volunteers who contributed a total number of 780 hours in the first week with additional volunteers helping during the second week.

Ann: In the end, how will the conversion from the paper card catalogue to computers and bar coding affect the

Library staff and their work?

Charlotte: Initially, automation will significantly complicate the Library staff's work. After training, software addition, and patron education, automation should help the staff with faster check-out time, more efficient record keeping with over-dues, status of books, more accurate statistics, and number and residency of patrons.

Ultimately, the Library staff will be able to assist patrons more quickly for longer periods to time, and more efficiently. The patrons will benefit from understanding where their books are, how soon the book will be in, and more personal service.

Ann: The Library budget has been discussed among the newly-formed "Friends of the Library" group. Can you briefly explain the sources of financing for our Library?

Charlotte: The source of financing for the Library are: State aid, penal fines, and donations from the four townships, Manchester Village, churches, patrons and businesses. The Library generates a small amount of revenue with used book sales, overdue fines, Manchester Fair gate attendance and copier fees.

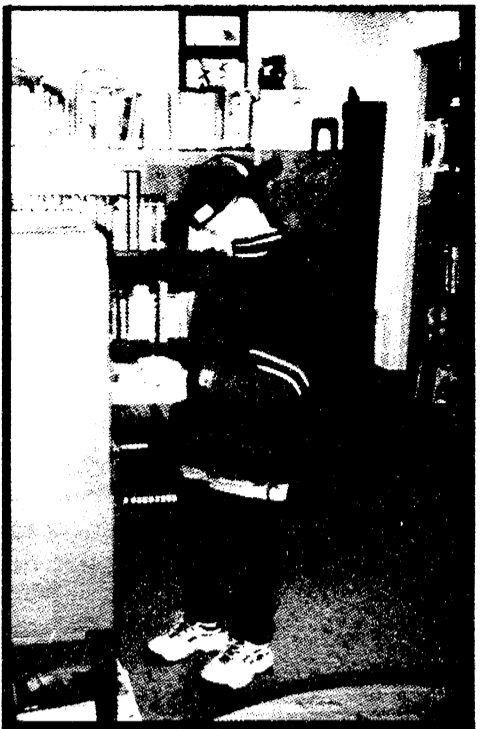
We also receive computers and services through grants and the Woodland Library Cooperative. The amount of revenue from these financial resources varies from year to year and state aid and penal fines have been decreasing. This variation in revenue creates a special challenge for the Library Board when drawing up the annual budget in June.

Ann: In line with budget matters, it was reported that director Dorothy Davies received large increases recently.

served on the Library Board for many years and remember that we were trying to bring Library salaries to a level which compared to local public and commercial payments made to knowledgeable, educated and dedicated employees. I commend the present Board for trying to accomplish this and I believe that the present staff's years of service indicates you are doing the "right thing." Please comment.

Charlotte: The one fixed expense item in the budget of recent interest to many is salaries. The Library Board is committed to being financially responsible and accountable while trying to compensate educated, competent individuals in a fair manner. In 1993, salaries for all the staff were increased by 11% in order to bring wages closer to comparable positions in the community. Increases in salaries in subsequent years have not been as high. Neither the director, an individual staff member, nor the salary budget has had an annual increase of 30% in the past 150 years. The financial problem in funding the Manchester Township Library does not lie in staff salary but in adequate and equitable funding.

In the old days...



"In the old days," Ryan Smolinski (pictured above) will say, "we looked for book titles and information in a wood file cabinet that had small drawers holding paper index cards that the librarians had to type and file by hand!" No one will believe him.

The Chronicle Desk

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Recently a subscriber suggested a list of radio stations be published in the Chronicle, so that list is included on the right. If you have a favorite station that I haven't listed, or if you would like to add to the description of programs available on a particular station, just send me a note (Chronicle, P. O. Box 697, Manchester 48158-0697), or phone, 428-1230.

CORRECTION

Manchester Township Library Board treasurer Gary Seguin phoned with the definitive figures on the library director's salary: 1997/98 fiscal year \$37,424; 1996/97 \$35,985; 1995/96 \$33,948; 1994/95 \$28,600. This year's director's salary represents 45% of the budget of \$84,148, rather than a thirty percent increase in salary. All other staff salaries combined (\$15,406) accounted for 18% of the budget, and 4% was budgeted for the purchase of new books. Apologies for the confusion. —kk

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- CFCO/630 - Oldies
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- WDOZ/1310 - Children's shows
- WPON/1460 - Talk, easy listening
- WSDS/1480 - Contry
- WAAM/1600 - News, talk, music

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- CIMX/88.7 - Modern rock
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- CBE/89.9 - Classical
- WKAR/90.5 - Clasiical, jazz NPR
- WDTR/90.9 - Education, variety
- WGTE/91.3 - Classical, jazz, NPR
- WUOM/91.7 - NPR, talk - Morning Edition, All Things Considered, Fresh Air, BBC News (9-10am weekdays), Prairie Home Companion (6pm Saturdays & 1pm Sundays), Car Talk (10am Saturdays) What Do You Know (11am Saturdays), Puzzle Master (8:30am Sundays)
- WLTI/93.1 - Adult contemporary
- WCSX/94.7 - Classic rock
- WKQI/95.5 - Adult top 40
- WYST/97.1 - '70s hits
- WJLB/97.9 - Urban contemporary
- WLLZ/98.7 Rock
- WRIF/101.1 - Rock
- WDET/101.9 - Contemp., NPR
- WDZR/102.7 - Hard Rock
- WOMC/104.3 - Oldies
- WQRS/105.1 - Classical
- WJZZ/105.9 - New jazz
- WWW/106.7 - Country
- WQKL/107.1 - Oldies
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Juniors: All A - Brandon Brown, Kirsten Miller. **Honor Roll** - Michelle Barker, Eli Bragg, Joseph Brooks, Stanley Ernst, James Fuerstnau, Danielle Funk, Amy Gall, Elise Geyer, Nicole Hlavka, Melissa Hoelt, Sarah Jefferson, Megan Kennedy, Denise Koffman, Erika Kornow, Marilyn Maher, Julie Porter, Alexis Panches, Amy Saunders, Peter Schulte, Patrick Schulz, Sarah Wojtas, Paula Young

Sophomores: All A - Lauren Adler, Brandon Baier, Kari Binder, Nic Gordon, Kyle Harris, Daniel Johnson, Brandon Maggetti, Katherine Sondeen, Erin Wiley. **Honor Roll** - Christina Abbott, Brandy Aiken, Michael Boehmer, Lisa Burmeister, Sara Cooper, Amanda Coutts, Patrick DuRussel, Rachel Elliott, Rachel Fleck, Erin Fox, Ann Hinkley, Amber Hoelt, Jaclyn Hughes, Lilia Kluewe, Philip Krall, Elisabeth O'Dell, Katherine Okey, Emily Parr, Jessica Randall, Josiah Shurtliff, Meghan Staffeld, Jeremiah Tobias, Angela Tyler, Valerie Urda, Jordan Wahl.

Freshmen: All A - Audrey Bennett, Kirsten Taddonio. **Honor Roll** - Amber Cullip, Michael DeBurghgraeve, David DuRussel, Heidi Ernst, Randi Foster, Shannon Green, Meggie Hartley, Holly Horodeczny, Kathryn Horodeczny, Rachel Jefferson, Andrew Jones, Tristan Kladzyk, Donna Kruse, Rachel Landry, Nicole Leverett, Sarah Luckhardt, Brett Maki, Taryn Meyer, Candace Miller, Jacqueline Palms, Rachel Pfaus, Amy Preston, Ashleigh Sewell, William Slocum, Anthony Smith, Holly Sutton.

News from the High School

— by Karen Smith

Bob Smith, Manchester High School principal, and Dianne Schwab, director of the Community Resource Center, held a meeting for interested parents of Manchester High School students on Thursday, February 5 in the media center at the high school. The goal of this meeting was to discuss recent proposals related to school improvement made at the town meeting held by the Manchester Board of Education in November.

Mr. Smith opened the meeting by expressing his desire to work with parents, students, faculty and the community in making strategies which will maximize our children's opportunities for future achievement. His goal is to create a working relationship that will help prepare our youth to successfully meet the challenges of the 21st century.

Mr. Smith is enthusiastic about making the high school classroom a more exciting place to learn. He would like to see more electives made available to students, computers placed in classrooms, and some classes scheduled in 90 minute blocks of time to provide quality education and cooperative teaching efforts. Mr. Smith also expressed an interest in long distance classrooms, an interactive process that would allow our children to benefit from the educational opportunities offered at places like Washtenaw Community College.

After some discussion, the participants of this meeting broke into groups and discussed the proposed ideas for improved education. They came up with the following list of priorities:

- Self-paced classrooms to promote creativity and interest
- A fine arts program that would start at a young age
- An improved school-to-work program
- An opportunity for parents to go to school in their child's place for one day
- Computers in every classroom
- Teaching values and respect for diversity in a multi-cultural society
- Community education
- Promoting a healthy athletic program for all instead of an elite few
- Making resources available to teachers, students and parents in an effort to battle social problems that interfere with education
- A community service program for teenagers which would provide high school credits
- Critical thinking taught as a life skill.

Mr. Smith closed the meeting by saying that he would be turning these ideas over to a cross section of 20-30 students to discuss and improve on. And then the real work begins. Parents, students, faculty and community will come together with concrete plans to implement change at Manchester High School.

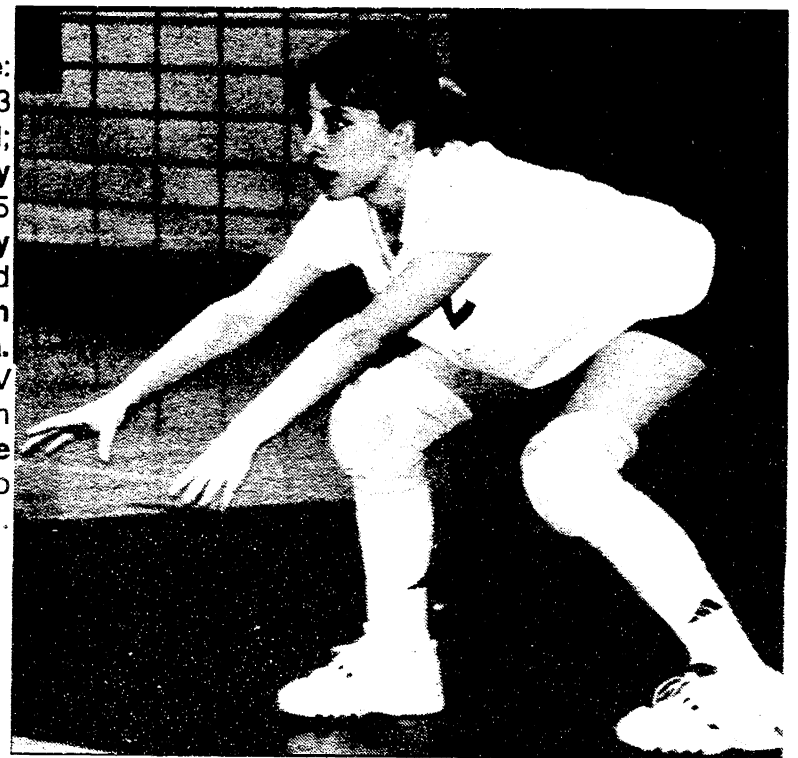
This is an exciting time. It is a grand opportunity to inspire and promote quality education in our community and success for our children.

JV/ Varsity Volleyball

— photos/ kk



Above: Varsity #13 Amy Gall; also Kelly Parr, #15 Mary Barrett, and Carmen Kapa. Right: JV freshman Jackie Palms set to return.



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VARSITY/JV BASKETBALL-6:00PM

Varsity Coach Matt Seidl
 JV Coach Bryan Barnard
 Tuesday, February 10 v Addison (A)
 Friday, February 13 v Michigan Center (A)
 Friday, February 20 v Hanover-Horton (H)
 Tuesday, February 24 v Clinton(A)
 Friday, February 27 v Napoleon (H)
 Friday, March 6 v Vandercook (H)
 Monday, March 9, MHSAA Districts, time tba

VARSITY/JV VOLLEYBALL-6:30PM

Varsity Coach Paula Palmer
 JV Coach Dan Roughton
 Monday, February 9 v Greenhills (A) — 5:30
 Thursday, February 12 v Napoleon(A)
 Monday, February 16 - Hudson Scrimmage (A)
 Thursday, February 19 v East Jackson (A)
 Saturday, February 21 9am Pinckney Varsity Inv (A)
 8am JV East Jackson Tourn (A)
 Thursday, February 26 v Hanover-Horton (H) — 5:30

VARSITY WRESTLING

Coach Steve Vicek
 Wednesday, February 11 6:00 v Addison (A)
 TBA Saturday, February 14 Conf E. Jack (A)
 Wednesday, February 18 TBA Team Dist. (H)
 Saturday, February 21 TBA Individual Dist (H)
 Wednesday, February 25 TBA Team Regionals (A)
 Saturday, February 28 TBA Indiv Regionals (H)

MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL-4:30PM

7th Grade Coach Jill Peters
 8th Grade Coach Brenda Settle
 Monday, February 9 v Michigan Center (H)
 Wednesday, February 11 Pinckney Scrim (A)
 Tuesday, February 17 v Dexter (H)
 Wednesday, February 18 v East Jackson (A)
 Monday, February 23 v St.Francis (A)
 Wednesday, February 25 v Grass Lake (H)
 Monday, March 2 v Napoleon (H)
 Wednesday, March 4 v Vandercook (H)
 Saturday, March 7 v Columbia (A) — 9am
 Monday, March 9 v Hanover-Horton (A)

JV/ Varsity Volleyball

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Varsity Erin Fox and Mary Barrett poised for return.

JV Audrey Bennett set to serve



**Summary of Board of Education Minutes
 January 19, 1998
 Not Official Minutes**

The regular meeting of the Manchester Community Schools' Board of Education was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by President Winzenz.

Members Present: Evans, Ochs, Winzenz, Abbott, Turk, Sahakian (arrived at 7:35 p.m.). Absent: Knouase.

The minutes of the regular meeting of December 15, 1997 were approved as presented. The December treasurer's report was approved with a cash balance in the amount of \$994,820.79; total bills payable of \$708,233.93.

Correspondence included: Thank you note from Elizabeth Beuerle; MASB Headlines - New Michigan Law on Conflict of Interest; request from Graduate Service, Inc., Herff Jones.

Visitor Input: Kathy Donnellon, Band Booster president thanked the Board for the support they have given the band program over the past year and requested that they give serious consideration to hiring a choral director for the upcoming year.

Superintendent Niedzwiecki presented certificates of recognition to the Board members and thanked them for their service on behalf of the students, staff, and community.

The Board approved the agreement between Manchester Community Schools and Labor Relations Services at an annual fee of \$7,000 per year for a period of July 1, 1998 through June 30, 2001.

Once again the Michigan School Energy Cooperative proposal and contract was tabled and the Board requested further information and clarification from the district attorneys.

A recommendation that the Board of Education approve all unexpended bond proceeds at approximately \$12,000 be appropriated for expenditure for the purpose of acquiring furniture and equipment in accordance with the original ballot language of the bonding proposal of March 20, 1995, was approved.

The Executive Committee of the Board submitted the committee assignments and the charges that each committee is being asked to complete. President Winzenz stated that it is the desire of the Board to keep the issues raised at the Town Meeting at the forefront. Committees will be asked to make reports to the Board on an annual and semi-annual basis.

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

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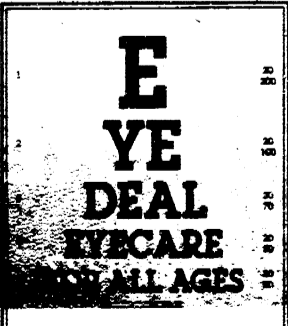
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JV Dutch Basketball Action

— photos by
Ray Meyer



Left: Freshman
Evan Wahl on
defense



Right: Kevin
Turk scores off
a good inside
pass

Below, right:
Chris
Benedict
shoots from
3-point range

Nick Davis ---continued from page one

said seven or eight athletes were chosen from eight *thousand* high school seniors throughout Michigan.

So it is with understandable pride that coach Gall speaks of the long road to the present landmark in Nick Davis' career.

It doesn't happen overnight.

The process begins in a talented athlete's sophomore year in high school.

"That's when I began sending out information about Davis to recruiting organizations," Gall said. "At that

time, they want to know the young prospect's 40-yard dash time, his height, his weight."

Approaching Davis' senior year, Gall began sending game videos to colleges and universities.

"The coaches now want to watch a player's stamina throughout a game. They also want to see if he has the ability to play different positions; can he perform on offense and defense, can he play special team. They're looking for versatility, athletic ability, strengths and weaknesses."

During his senior year, Gall and Davis began to pile up correspondence. "Davis was receiving a letter a week from Nebraska,"

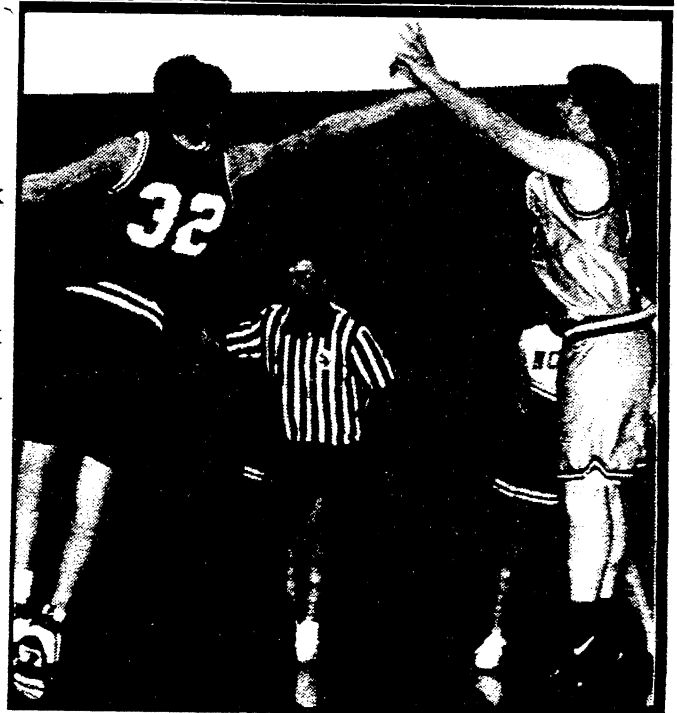
Gall said. "And the phone calls. We call the colleges and universities our athletes are interested in. We talk to coaches. Quite a few hours are spent on the phone over a couple of years during the process."

Athletes put in extra hours also. Davis attended every University of Michigan home game, games at East Lansing and games out of state.

Potential recruits are allowed five official trips where the college will pick up the tab for transportation, lodging, food, according to NCAA rules.

"Before visiting a college campus, though," Gall continues, "the NCAA requires students to apply to a national clearinghouse. After paying a \$20 fee, student athletes send transcripts, ACT scores and GPAs. They must comply with thirteen core curriculum requirements. The whole process is quite involved."

We asked coach Gall what most impressed him about Nick Davis and his accomplishments. Gall said: "Nick deserves this success. He has this tremendous work ethic. That, as much as his talent, has brought him to this moment."



Kyle Davis drives past an out of position defender. Below, Nick Puscas handles the ball on top.

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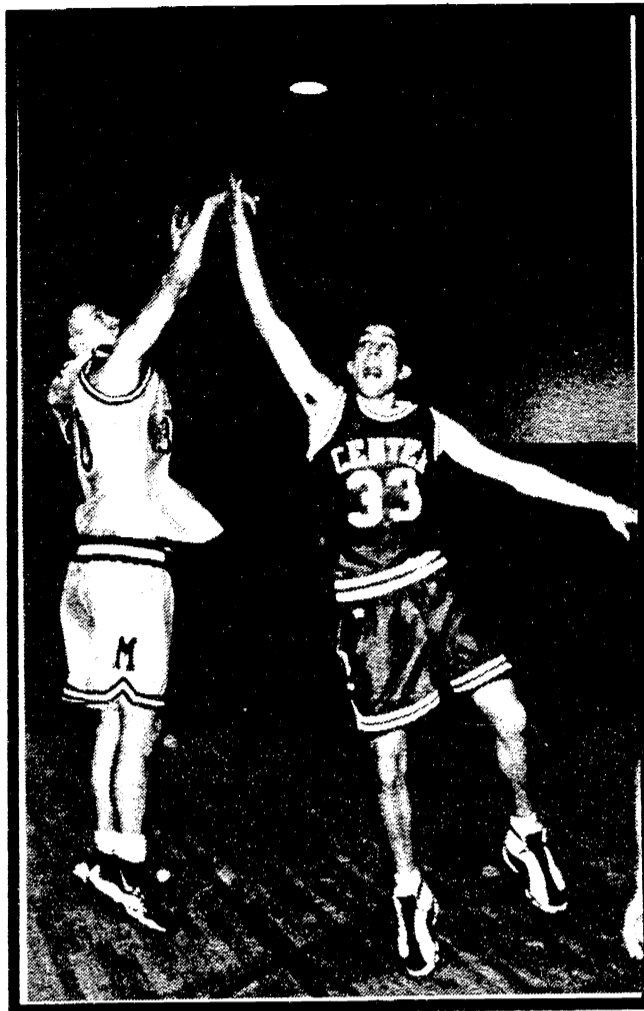
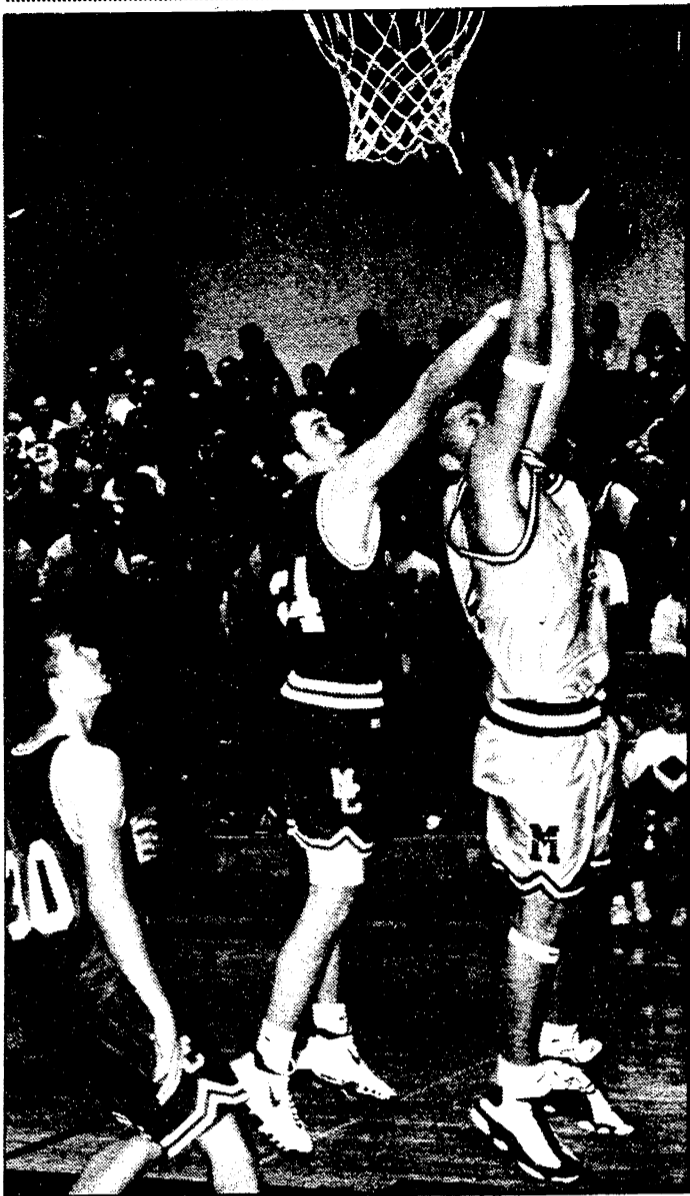
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Varsity Dutch Basketball Action



Nick Niehaus lines up a shot.

Chris Kemner scores from inside.



Derrick Hanewald shoots over Michigan Center defender

Highlights of the Athletic Booster Club of Manchester Meeting of January 7, 1998

Athletic Director's Report

I. A facility and equipment improvement list was presented that included:

- a. High School/Middle School track
- b. High School/Middle School football
- c. Middle School basketball
- d. High School Boys/Girls Basketball

II. There will be a posting for a new middle school track coach that is needed for spring.

III. The Boosters will run the concession stands during the district and regional wrestling tournament that will be hosted by Manchester this year.

OLD BUSINESS

I. Update on the weight facility was discussed.

II. A new track board to be installed at the high school will be ordered

III. New gutters will be installed at the concession stand at athletic complex

IV. Different options were discussed in regard to the installation of water at the athletic complex.

V. Discussion was held on the U of M basketball concession stand and whether the Boosters would be interested in participating in this as a possible fund raiser.

VI. Fund raising options that were previously submitted were discussed.

VII. Middle School basketball uniforms and warm-ups were discussed.

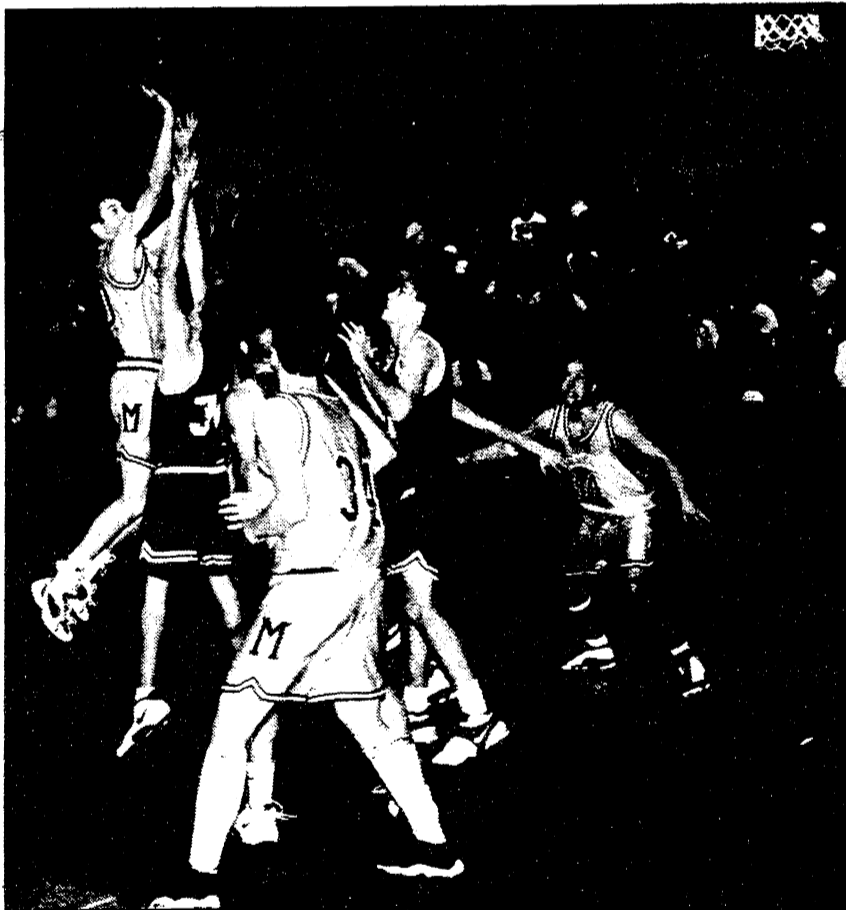
NEW BUSINESS

I. A nominating committee was formed to find officers for next year's Athletic Booster board.

II. A golf outing fund raiser was presented by Mr. Eisley. The event could take place sometime in August. More research would be needed to make sure there would not be a conflict with other events.

— Photos by Ray Meyer

Jason Schaible shoots over heavy traffic



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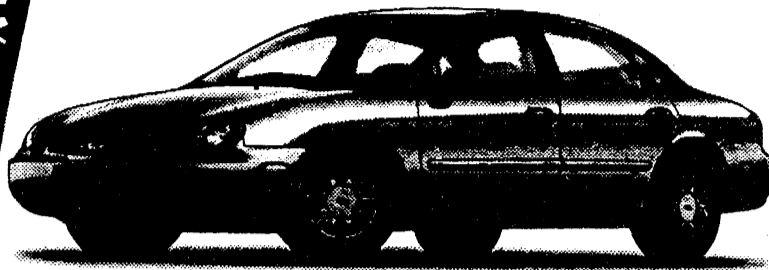
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| Refundable security deposit..... | 250.00 | Stu Evans Dsct..... | -848 |
| Customer cash down..... | 1,000.00 | Your Cost | \$12,702* |
| Tax on rebate & down pmt..... | 120.60 | | |
| Customer pays at signing..... | 1,346.48 | | |
| Total of pmts w/out tax..... | 5,209.44 | | |
| Total Mileage Allowed..... | 24,000 | | |
| Mileage Penalty..... | 15¢/mile | | |
| Closed End Lease | | | |

1998 Ranger

| Retail Lease-24 Months \$167.08* | Red Carpet Lease Advance Payment Program 24 Months \$4491.12* | or purchase | |
|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Monthly use tax..... | \$10.07 | List Price..... | \$14,020 |
| Total monthly payment..... | \$177.95 | Rebate..... | -750 |
| Refundable security deposit..... | \$200.00 | Stu Evans Discount..... | -1042 |
| Customer cash down..... | \$1000.00 | Your cost | \$12,228.00* |
| Tax on rebate & down payment..... | \$105 | | |
| Customer pays at signing..... | \$1493.95 | | |
| Total of payments w/out Tax..... | \$4029.12 | | |
| Total Mileage Allowed..... | 24,000 | | |
| Mileage Penalty..... | 15¢/mile | | |
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| Refundable security deposit..... | \$325.00 | Stu Evans Discount..... | -1,752 |
| Customer cash down..... | \$1000.00 | Your cost | \$18,523* |
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| Customer pays at signing..... | \$1846.29 | | |
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| Customer cash down..... | \$1000.00 | | |
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| Total monthly payment..... | \$216.57 | Rebate..... | -750 |
| Refundable security deposit..... | \$225 | Stu Evans Discount..... | -1333 |
| Customer cash down..... | \$1000.00 | Your cost | \$14,602* |
| Tax on rebate & down payment..... | \$105 | | |
| Customer pays at signing..... | \$1557.57 | | |
| Total of payments w/out Tax..... | \$4903.44 | | |
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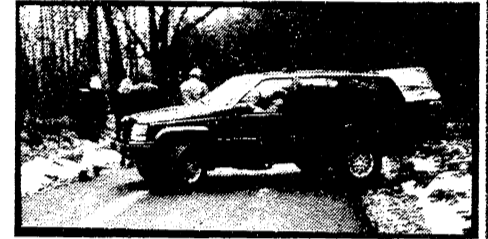
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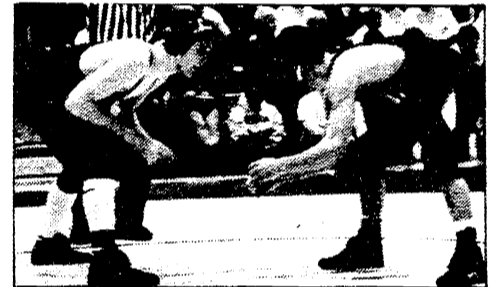


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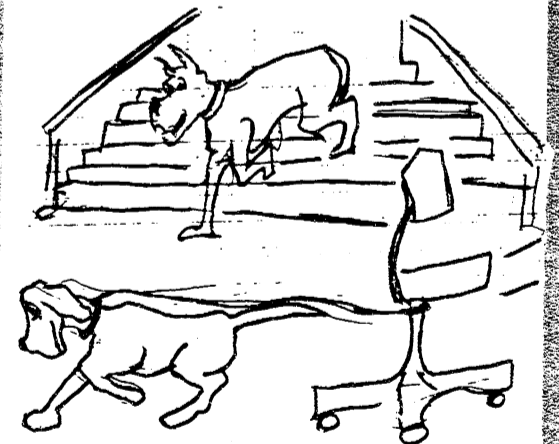


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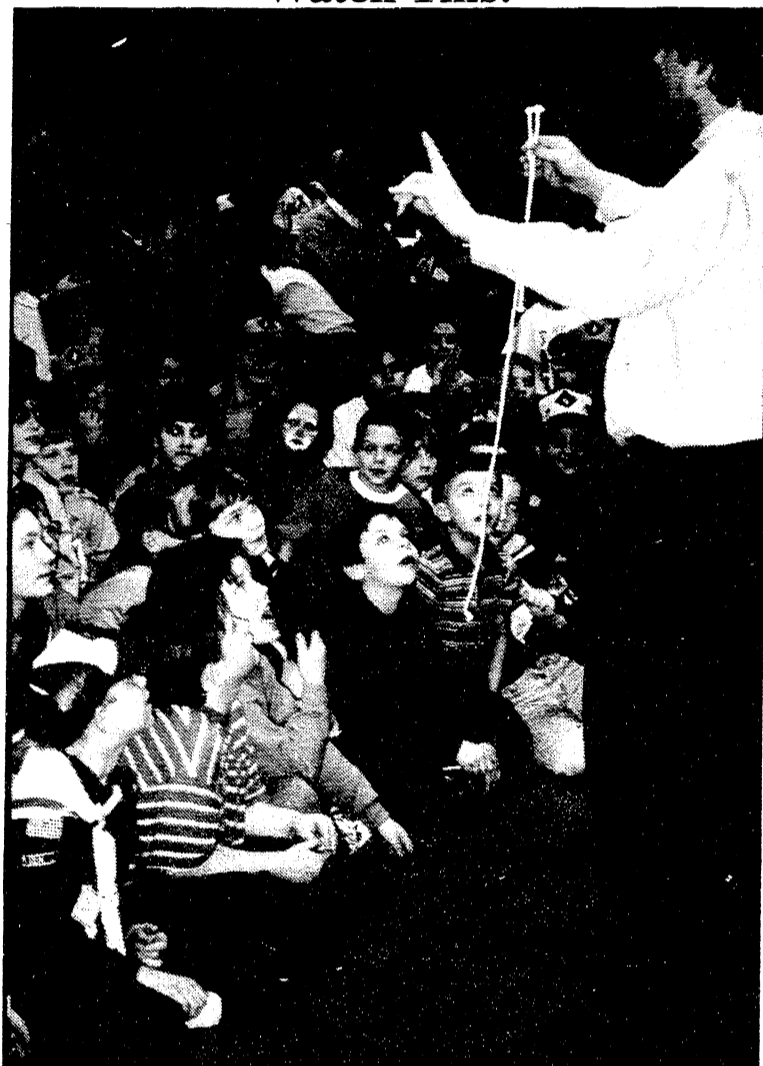
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Watch This!



Manchester Cub Scout Pack #421 held their Blue and Gold Banquet in February at the American Legion Hall. The theme was A Night at the Circus (which explained the appearance of clowns and a bearded lady). Magician Jeff Boyer was the entertainment, turning youngsters into rabbits and levitating one young girl. (See additional photos page 7.)

Cub Scouts received recognition for badges they had earned and there were prizes for table decorations each of the Dens had made. Pastor Thom Davenport of Manchester United Methodist Church said grace before the buffet dinner. Kathy Gagneau was in charge of Popcorn Sales Awards; Pack Leader Tom Weber presented Achievement Awards; and, Kelly Hone coordinating entertainment. Manchester Cub Scout Pack #421 would like to thank: the American Legion for the hall, Woodbrook for invitations, Ollie's Main Street Pizza for prize certificates, Atlas of Manchester for bird feeder and seed prizes, and Pyramid Office Supply for copies.

Manchester Girl Scouts Celebrate Their 75th Anniversary:

A conversation with Margaret Hankes, a member of this first troop in Manchester in 1923.

"We were known as 'the terrible three,'" Margaret tells us with a twinkle in her eye, and she points out the two others besides herself in a 1923 photo of Manchester's first Girl Scout troop. The other two "terrible" young ladies were Thelma Sorter and Adeline Kiebler.

There were fourteen girls in the original troop, most of them in the eighth grade and about twelve years old. The photo shows the young ladies all sporting the latest bobbed hairstyle and Margaret names them all except for one whose face is partially hidden behind another girl: Margaret Lowery, Florence Burch, Doris Yokum, Ethel Mahrle, Agnes Kent, Marie Wurster, Adeline Kiebler, Erma Marshall, Della Schafer, Marie Henzie, Thelma Sorter, Margaret Leeson, and Edna Winters.

"We read in a Detroit newspaper about a troop in the city, that's where we got the idea," Margaret recalls. "We then begged Louise Goodyear to be our leader. She lived on Main Street, keeping house for her father. She went on to become a director of Girl Scouts, first in Jackson and then in Buffalo, New York.

"We met in the old Ward School which was located where the Gazebo park is now on West Main Street, once a week. Someone would have to start the fire in the wood stove. Most of the girls lived in town but for those of us who lived outside town we never minded walking the mile or so in.

"We wanted to go to summer camp at Wampler's Lake, but we had to earn the money. Bill Kramer, who was a milk carrier at that time, bought a whole lot of apples and had them stored in a building. There was a fire and the apples were all covered with soot. Bill hired us to wipe the apples off and paid us five cents a bushel. We used burlap sacks to clean the apples and our mothers were so upset with us because we'd come home all covered with soot. But we earned enough money and that summer we went camping!"

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It Still Fits



Pleated bloomers and a matching middy made up the Girl Scout uniform of 1923. Margaret said there were only two girls who could afford to have the uniforms so they carried the flags in parades.