



Dutch Cheerleaders place fifth at state competition.

See Cheers for Dutch Cheerleaders, pages 8-10



High school student Jessie Randall Earns Trip to Germany



Photo: Jessie Randall on the right pictured with Frau Susan Davis, Manchester High School German teacher.

— photo/kk

Tobias Takes State

See page two.



Jessie Randall: Recently, I was given the opportunity to apply for an all-expense paid trip to Germany.

To be eligible, I had to answer five essay questions, be interviewed by two teachers, the athletic director, and the principal. Much to my surprise, I won the trip.

I will be leaving on June 20th and be flying to Washington, D.C. There, I will meet with other students who won the opportunity. Each state will send one student.

Next, I'll be flying off to Germany. Sight-seeing, dinners and parties are on the agenda. I'll return home on July 12th.

Needless to say, this will be a very exciting experience for me. I will be learning a lot about German culture and traditions. This experience will prepare me for my future in the Peace Corps since that involves a lot of travel.

I'll be counting down to June 20th. I can't wait. Editor's Note: Jessie is working two part-time jobs, at the Baker's Dozen and the Manchester Dairy Queen after school and weekends, to earn spending money for her trip. Jessie is the daughter of Kirk and Jill Randall (Jill works at Pyramid Office Supply); she has a brother Daniel and sister Kelli, both in middle school.

Nationwide Contest

Jessie is among the fifty grand prize winners of the 1998 Daimler-Benz Award of Excellence. The global awareness program sponsored by Daimler-Benz and the Goethe-Institut awards a three-week, all expense paid study tour to a student from each state.

Over 213,000 students entered from throughout the United States and were tested on their knowledge of contemporary Germany, dealing with educational, political, social, cultural and everyday issues of modern German and its reunited capital. The students viewed a video on classical as well as on contemporary German music trends and answered quiz type questions about the video.

This year's Award of Excellent Study Tour will take place against the backdrop of the celebrations of the 50th anniversary of the Berlin Airlift and through a series of lectures and events incorporated into the itinerary. The program begins on June 20 in Washington, D.C. where the winners will visit their congressional representatives on Capitol Hill and attend briefings on U.S.-German relations at the State Department and at the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in preparation for their trip.

In Germany, the group will spend time touring famous German landmarks and institutions, meeting their counterparts, joining in the celebrations of the 50th Anniversary, participating in a German class at the Goethe-Institut and visiting some of the Daimler-Benz group's extensive automotive and aerospace facilities.

They will also spend one week with host families of Daimler-Benz employees, taking part in the family's daily activities.

The Daimler-Benz Award of Excellence is a global awareness raising program conceived to foster mutual understanding and friendship between young people in North America and Germany and to promote a greater interest in Germany and its language and culture.

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Manchester High School German IV Students Win 1st Place



Left to right: Meghan Greenwald, Jodi Feldkamp, Lisa DuRussel, Hydy Paige, Jenny Manwaring, Elesa Walakonis, Katie Roberts, Cathy Lobbstael. Not pictured, Michelle Roos.

Samstag Nacht: LIVE! mit den Cheerleaders, Spice Girls, Hans und Franz u. den Tanzenden Jungs. It's all German to us — and to the judges at the 14th annual German Day competition at the University of Michigan on Friday, the 13th of March, where our high school German IV students overwhelmed other participating schools to earn first place with their skit, an hilarious rendition of Saturday Night: LIVE! — all in German.

We were privileged to be able to view the video at the celebration in German teacher Frau Susan Davis' room. (after classwork was done) last week. It was easy to see why these young people won. The skits, which they wrote themselves, and their performances were poised, smart and spirited. Frau Davis said in a mild understatement accompanied by a radiant smile, "I'm very proud of them."

Frau Susan Davis has been teaching German to Manchester students since 1970. She attended Eastern Michigan University; received her B.A. at the University of Munich in Germany and earned her Masters at the University of Michigan.

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Second Annual Manchester

Eggstravaganza

If you didn't win one of the three jam-packed Easter baskets in last year's Easter Eggstravaganza drawing, you have another chance this year as Manchester merchants provide the second annual fun and festivities day to celebrate spring, our hometown businesses, and the Easter holiday.

The Manchester Eggstravaganza is scheduled for Saturday, April 4th from ten in the morning until four in the afternoon when the eggsciting drawing will be held at Manchester Floors on the corner of Main Street and M-52.

The Eggstravaganza features a scavenger hunt. Pick up instruction forms at any of the participating businesses starting at 10 AM; visit the businesses and collect clues. Drop the clues off at Manchester Floors by 3:30 PM

The drawing will take place at Manchester Floors for three Easter baskets filled, absolutely filled, with wonderful items, products and gift certificates. (You need not be present to win.)

The three giant Easter baskets will be displayed in the front window of Great Lakes Bancorp until time for the drawing. The winners names will be drawn from correctly completed entry forms for first, second and third prize baskets.

Hopping around town will be the Easter Bunny from one in the afternoon until four o'clock. The Easter Bunny will be handing out surprises and treats, also.

The second annual Eggstravaganza is one of a variety of special days that Manchester merchants organize, inviting the community to stop by and see what various businesses have to offer; to remind us that Manchester businesses support our community, our schools, scouts, athletes, churches and organizations; and, to say *THANK YOU* for shopping in Manchester.

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Tobias Takes State — Again!

As a freshman, last year, Jeremiah Tobias captured the Division IV State Wrestling Champion, 125-pound, title, the only wrestler in Manchester history to qualify for the state meet in his freshman season --- let alone win it.

As a sophomore this year, he has done it again — becoming Manchester's first two time state champ!

State finals were held March 13-14 in Kalamazoo; Manchester sent Jeremy Smith and Jeremiah Tobias, with Smith finishing his season with a 30-11 record and 16 pins.

Jeremiah won his first round fast enough with a tech fall of 15-0. In quarter finals, Tobias defeated his next opponent impressively, 14-1. Tobias pinned his next match in one and a half minutes and won his final match 9-0. Tobias only gave up a single point at State and fourteen all season with a record of 49-0. This becomes the school record for most consecutive wins. He has total career pins of 66.

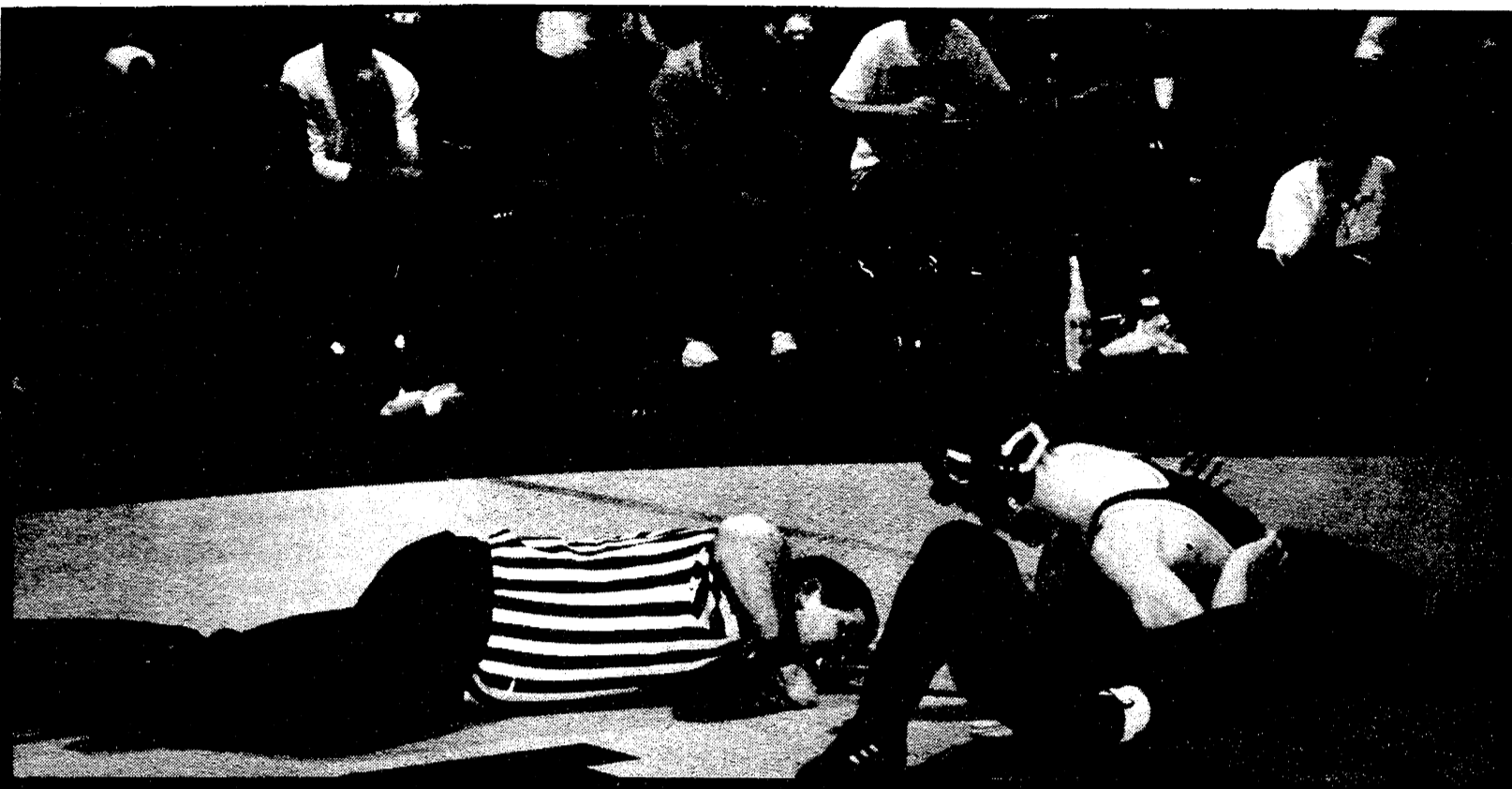
With this impressive record, it is not surprising to find out that Tobias's goal is the Olympics. "The Olympics are my ultimate goal," Jeremiah says. "First four year at states, then the Olympics."

Tobias has been wrestling since fifth grade, improving every year, and amassing titles along the way, so that competing with the U.S. team seems a very realistic objective.

He placed eighth wrestling Freestyle in fifth grade, placed second in sixth grade. In seventh grade he placed first and was on Team Michigan which is the best of the state, remaining undefeated in several different tournaments against other wrestlers from other states. Tobias was second in eighth grade as a first-year Cadet.

In ninth grade, Tobias again was on Team Michigan and went to the Nationals in Fargo, North Dakota where he placed in the top twenty-five at 132 pounds. He also went to World Trials!

Jeremiah started wrestling Modified in the seventh grade and wrestled two years at the junior high level. In his freshman year he took second at Districts, first at Regionals and was first at State with a 47-0 record.



Hometown, and out of town, fans watched Jeremiah Tobias pin yet another opponent at the Division IV Individual Regionals held at Manchester High School, to qualify for State. A sophomore, Jeremiah went on to win the State Championship for the second year in a row. photo/story ---kk

He works hard to be the best he can be. He has gone to the Steve Fraiser's Technique Camp and for two years to the Bad Boys Camp, also attending Gramby Camp between his freshman and sophomore years.

Jeremiah Tobias is a Scholar Athlete with a 3.5 GPA.

Besides working toward his ultimate goal of the Olympics, he has some other objectives.

Jeremiah Tobias wants to accomplish and to be:
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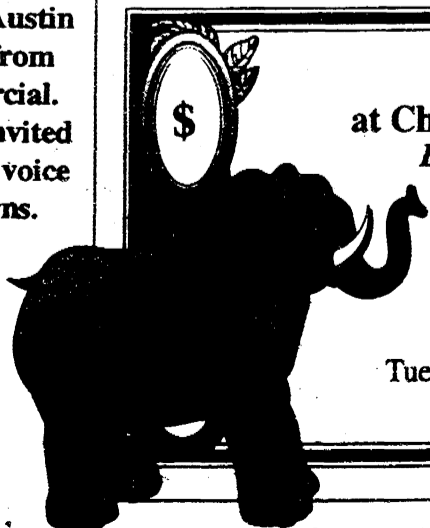


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Manchester Township Library News

— by Ann Fowler

Is It Possible To...

TRACE the routes of the explorers and the route of the Underground Railroad in Michigan? At the Manchester Township Library there are two wonderful volumes: *Historical Maps on File* and *State Maps on File-Midwest*. Both are reproducible.

LOCATE places in the news or vacation spots visited by friends? The Library has complete Atlases as well as *Webster's New Geographical Dictionary* which lists cities, states, political divisions, rivers, lakes, etc., with brief descriptions of them.

FIND information about the art, literature, political situations, famous people from a particular time period? *The People's Chronicle* at our library is well-indexed, and has such facts from prehistory to the present by centuries, decades and years.

DETERMINE the age of actors or other famous figures such as Olympic stars, or obtain statistics about population, land area, etc. for countries? *The World Almanac*, issued annually, updates such information and also has sections about business, taxes, world events, and sports.

IDENTIFY particular types of books written about a time period, a specific country or ethnic group? Browse through *What do I Read Next?* to find fiction arranged by these specifics and by authors who are similar in their approach.

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SATISFY curiosity about authors, plays, history of literature, and specific literary names? A great resource is *Benet's Readers' Encyclopedia* which has much detailed information and is interesting reading in itself.

FILE Federal and State Income Taxes without calling the IRS or driving to one of the offices? The Manchester Township Library has many tax forms including the less common ones which can be reproduced for a small charge.

So — enjoy the reference area at the Library. The round table on the first floor is handy to it and holds the *Unabridged Dictionary*. And, for the most recent information, the computer is available here.

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Easter Bunny to Visit Pighoppers

Saturday, April 11th, Noon-5PM

The Easter Bunny will be making his second annual visit to his bunny friends at PigHoppers, the nation's only nonprofit sanctuary for rabbits and pigs, located in Clinton, southwest of Manchester.

On Saturday, April 11 from 12 noon to 5:00 PM, children may have their photograph taken with the Easter Bunny for a \$10 tax-deductible donation per photo. They may also visit with and feed real rabbits and pigs. The public will also be treated to free sanctuary tours and will have the opportunity to help raise funds for the animals through a Silent Auction and Yard Sale or through purchasing PigHoppers T-shirts and sweatshirts.

Every Easter, thousands of parents purchase a live rabbit for their children, often without sufficient knowledge as to the physical, emotional and social needs of these sensitive animals. Children soon lose interest in the rabbit which is often kept in a small cage or worse, a backyard hutch, where their needs go unmet. The animal receives little attention or mental stimulation. Sadly, at least 80% of these Easter bunnies die within their first year due to neglect or abandonment. Just as Easter is soon forgotten, these Easter mascots are as well.

This Easter, rather than giving their children a real rabbit, parents are asked to instead bring their children to PigHoppers where the youngsters may visit with real rabbits and watch them interact with each other in a more natural setting than a cage. The rabbits are free to hop about their straw-filled Rabbit Barn, Bunny Con-

dos, and outdoor yards; they live in structured social groups; and, they groom each other and snuggle.

Lake Jacobson, PigHoppers director, states, "Most of the 95 rabbits at the sanctuary were once pets, discarded when children grew weary of caring for them, the family moved, a member of the household developed an allergy to the animal, or the rabbit was deemed too destructive, or its cage too unsanitary, to be kept inside the house. About half of our rabbit residents were one-time Easter bunnies."



Rabbits who were neglected in a cage before arriving at PigHoppers change dramatically as they encounter other rabbits and are given the freedom to live as rabbits should.

"Some of the rabbits' personalities have truly blossomed in the Rabbit Barn," notes Jacobson. "Scared and angry rabbits who would try to bite and scratch anyone who came near them have grown into calm, gentle bunnies who seek out human attention and petting. It truly is heartwarming to see these animals become so happy."

Rabbits can make excellent house pets for the right humans. Many rabbit owners have relationships with their bunnies as close as other people have with dogs and cats. Rabbits can often be litterbox-trained, although it is common for them to leave droppings outside of the litterbox as a way of marking their territory. Rabbits, especially younger ones, have a strong tendency to chew things, including furniture legs, carpeting, electrical cords and moulding.

Most rabbits do not like to be held, although most love having their head stroked. They need a great deal of exercise and room to run and leap. Since in a natural environment rabbits live in groups called warrens, it is best to have two rabbits rather than just one. The needs of most rabbits simply are not met because people do not understand these sensitive and inquisitive animals.

"This Easter," says Jacobson, "let our bunnies be ambassadors for the rabbits of the world. Come to PigHoppers and get to know rabbits without taking on the responsibility of providing a proper home for a live animal."

PigHoppers was founded in 1995 as a safe and permanent home for abandoned, abused and neglected rabbits and pigs. The sanctuary is also home to ducks and chickens, many of whom were Easter ducklings and chicks, discarded even quicker than bunnies.

Visitors to PigHoppers will be able to meet all the animals, including 37 potbelly pigs and six farm pigs. Donations received from Easter visitors will be used for the care and feeding of the animals, and will help ensure that needy animals will continue to find a safe haven at PigHoppers. PigHoppers has no paid staff and all donations go directly into caring for the animals.

For more information, the public may call PigHoppers at (517-456-6044).

PigHoppers is located just off U.S. 12 in Clinton, about 10 minutes from Manchester. From U.S.-12, turn south onto Currier, (which is one block east of the traffic light in downtown Clinton. From Currier, turn left onto Kehoe. PigHoppers is at 3780 Kehoe, about three-quarters of a mile down and on the left.

Fusilier appointed to Task Force

The issue of farmland preservation in Michigan is going to get a well-deserved look from agricultural leaders, including Mike Fusilier of Manchester. Mike Fusilier and wife Kathy own and operate Fusilier Family Farm and Greenhouse in Manchester Township.

The Michigan Farm Bureau announced the appointment of the 11-member Purchase of Development Rights task force to execute policy issues regarding farmland preservation, primarily through the Purchase of Development Rights or PDRs. The PDR task force was called for by voting delegates at the 1997 Farm Bureau annual meeting.

The first activity for the newly appointed task force is a farmland preservation tour to Pennsylvania and Maryland to meet with local, county and state officials who have spearheaded several innovative and successful farmland preservation programs in those states.

Scott Everett, Legislative Counsel for Michigan Farm Bureau, said "We're going to take a look at everything that's in its infant stages here in the state of Michigan — Purchase of Development Rights, Transfer of Development Rights and Agricultural Security Areas. Those are the things that they've been doing on the East Coast for 20 years and it's time, here in Michigan, to take a serious look at these programs. These programs have a proven track record for preserving farmland while curbing urban sprawl and, most importantly, they are widely accepted by the general public."

Eight different county programs and two state programs have helped to preserve more than 160,000 acres in the Lancaster County, Pennsylvania area. Lancaster County is the number one non-irrigated agricultural county in the country, representing almost \$1 billion in agricultural sales annually. They also happen to be right in the path of several major cities, including Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, D.C.

"From 1980 to 1990, when we lost more than 850,000 acres of farmland, our state's population grew a mere 0.4 percent. Projections from the Planning and Zoning Center, Inc., peg our growth from 1990 to the year 2020 at nearly 12 percent. That means the conversion of farmland to residential development will only be accelerated unless we do something to reverse farmland losses," said Everett.

Those population projections are apparently underestimated. Recent census figures show that Michigan's population grew slightly more than 5 percent in just seven years, from 1990 to 1997.



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Because I had to work at a township planning commission meeting Tuesday, March 24, I missed an exciting and poignant event in Manchester: the presentation of five merit badges to Eagle Scout Del Ludwick — 72 years after he earned them.

Ann Arbor News staff reporter Sarah Hollander wrote about the occasion in the March 25 edition of the *News* and area Boy Scout commissioner John Hugel filled me in with the details.

John, who has been involved with Manchester scouting for many years and who had recently been appointed commissioner for southeastern Michigan, was having lunch with Del in the Emanuel church dining room during one of the twice-weekly senior meals served there. As they shared conversation about the importance of scout organizations, Del casually mentioned to John that he had earned his Eagle Scout rank, scouting's highest rank, back in 1926 but that there were five badges he had never received.

Four of the badges were hiking, rifle shooting, bugling and animal science. "Those badges were easy to obtain," John said; scouts can earn those same badges today."

The fifth, semaphore signaling, which is like the Morse code but with flags, is now obsolete, but it was finally found at a scout memorabilia show. These five badges were formally presented to a proud Del Ludwick at the Manchester Boy Scout's Court of Honor, Tuesday, March 24th.

Del said he became a scout as a teenager and earned badges along the way through high school. After he left for college, he said he never took the time to collect the last five badges he had earned, and later regretted it.

Now, thanks to the effort of John Hugel and other avid scouting supporters, Del Ludwick, at age 87, has the badges he earned.

In appreciation, Del presented his red and white semaphore flags and his 1920s Flying Eagles Troop flag (a white rectangle with a red eagle) to the Manchester scouts.

Congratulations, Eagle Scout Ludwick!

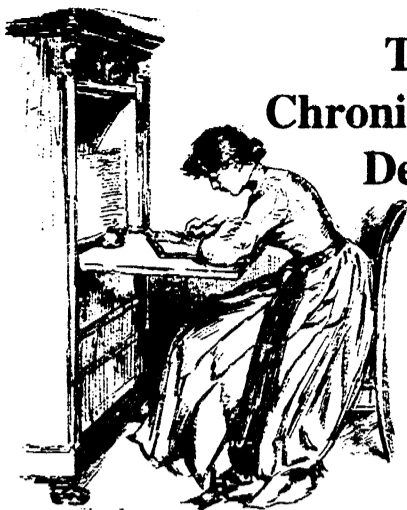
The Manchester Travel Club will travel to the Toledo Museum of Art Tuesday, April 21 to attend the 18th century French art exhibition: *Intimate Encounters*. The group will then travel to Blissfield to enjoy a French countryside luncheon at the historic Hathaway House. The cost of the trip is \$49 per person and all are welcome. For more information, please call John and Pat Danovich at (734) 669-2970.

You can still view the Ann Arbor Women Painters Annual Winter Exhibition (through April 3rd) at the Pierpont Commons Gallery, North Campus Commons, University of Michigan, 2000 Bonisteel Blvd., Ann Arbor. The exhibition includes two merit award winners from Manchester — Sandy Knapp's *A Mystery Dance* and Nancy Michaelson's *Untitled*.

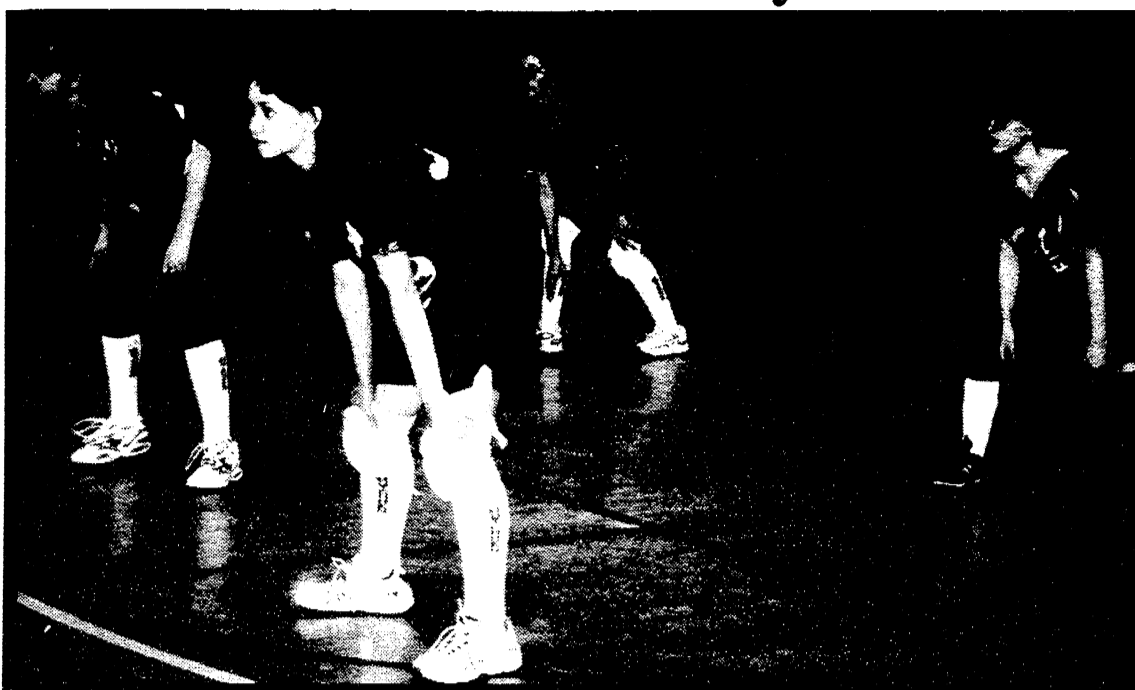
When we hear the Manchester Fire Department trucks leave the downtown station, we whisper a prayer. Because we live in a small community, often the trucks are racing to the home of someone we know. This week, dear friends and neighbors, Linda and Harry Pendergrass on Mahrie Road suffered devastating fire damage to the interior of their home and the heartbreaking deaths of their beloved pets. We sorrow along with them and wish them courage and comfort as they recover from their pain.

Kathy

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Middle School Volleyball



To watch a middle school volleyball game is to watch a group of youngsters having a lot of fun, and learning the game thanks to the patient and devoted efforts of a good coach, in this case seventh grade coach Jill Peters. The two young ladies in the foreground, Shelby Trolz and Briana Clark, and teammates behind them, Tracie Beckington and Katie Ray, looked poised, professional, and ready to return their opponents' serves. —kk

Annual Manchester Mill Run

Sunday, April 5th

**All proceeds benefit Manchester School
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Put on your running shoes — or your power walk shoes. Snap a leash to the dog.

On your mark, get set: It's the annual Manchester Mill Run, Sunday, April 5th.

The one-mile fun run and walk begins at 11 AM; the five mile race twenty minutes later. The entry fee is \$15 and you may register up to and including the day of the race, although the fee is two bucks more that day.

A pancake breakfast, served by a local youth group and a tee-shirt is included in the registration price. Also included is a raffle and gift certificates, plus a flower for your jogging suit lapel. Nonparticipants may also enjoy the breakfast for only \$3.50.

Age group winners of the Mill Run will receive a signed, matted original race print created by Manchester artist Bill Shurtliff.

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North Sharon News

— by Triscia Stiles

Friday, March 13, was a day I will long remember. It was not only the last varsity volleyball game of the year, but also the last game of my high school years, and very possibly, the rest of my life. When I got home from the tournament, I held my uniform in my hands and reminisced about all of the fun times I had had this year. We did not win many games or obtain any titles; we did not even take home any trophies, but the time we spent together was worth more than all of the winnings in the world. We learned how to work together, tolerate mistakes, and improvise when faced with our shortcomings.

I have never felt a feeling of belonging and trust as I do with my friends at North Sharon. I have written before that I thought of our group as a family as opposed to just a class, and that is true now more than ever. As I approach my final days of high school, it becomes more evident to me now how much my friends have influenced and supported me. I am an unique individual, but there is a little bit of everyone of them inside of me. I find this comforting because, maybe someday, when I am engrossed deeply in the perplexities of life, I will find peace in the memories of their smiles and laughter — the memories that I keep hidden away in my heart.

My hardest and most difficult times were spent with these few individuals, but they were always there for me mentally and emotionally, and I think, now that I am faced with the possibility of separation from them, I am reminded of how important they are in my life.

This not only applies to my friends, but also to my faithful and selfless teachers. They have each given so much of their time and love to ensure my future. Every goal I accomplish and every dream that is fulfilled must be partially because of their influence. I have so much to be thankful for — that a written article cannot possibly contain the mere simplicities of — and I hope and pray that I will never forget the gratefulness that I feel right now.

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meets 3rd Monday 7:30 at MHS media center, 710 E. Main St., 428-9711

Coach Jean Wojtas Cheers for Dutch Cheerleaders

—An interview by Minnie Fuerstnau

As energetic and enthusiastic as the cheerleaders she coaches, Jean Wojtas is a familiar figure in the halls of the high school. Among the many hats she wears are being an advisor to the Key Club, Chairman of Ways & Means in Band Boosters, volunteer coordinator and supporter of the 100-minute study/tutor program. Jean can be found every lunch hour functioning as "Gym Mom" supervising open gym basketball.

Outside of the high school, Jean is a member of Kiwanis and also works at the middle school in various areas. Her motto: Always Kids First!

Jean's patient and understanding husband, Ben, works for Ford Motor Co. Her daughter Sarah is a junior and her son Benjamin is in 7th grade. Jean also works part-time as a nurse to help support her family.



Left: Pam Lindsey, JV Assistant Coach, right, Jean Wojtas, Cheerleader Coach.

Coaching high school cheerleaders came as a surprise to Mrs. Wojtas. She had worked last school year as a volunteer with the JV squad. Over the summer, the previous coach resigned and a posting and search for another did not produce one. After offering and being accepted as the paid varsity coach, Jean hustled off to get some official training. She attended cheerleading camp with the girls, joined both the Michigan Cheerleading Coaches' Association and the American Cheerleading Coaches' Association; and, after attending camp this coming summer, will hold national certification in safety.

Coach Wojtas is ably assisted with the JV squad by Mrs. Pam Lindsey. Mrs. Lindsey also works in the front office at the middle school.

Both ladies are looking forward to next year's program. They hope to integrate some weight training in the new weight facility to develop a stronger team. They plan to focus on the junior varsity as the place to lay a foundation of education and proper training to facilitate the flow of eighth grade girls into the high school setting.

The middle school cheerleading coach, Connie Zimmer, has a great program herself for preparing future varsity cheerleaders.

One area Mrs. Wojtas would like to work on is that of increasing student support of JV sport teams. Neither team players nor cheerleaders "should feel ashamed of being JV — we need to fill those empty bleachers." Because Manchester has a small student population, there is no pep squad and the cheerleaders are vital to promoting school spirit and good sportsmanship. Posters in the halls, decorating athletes' lockers and providing cookies are some of the ways the girls show support to the teams.

One of the highlights of this first year of coaching for Jean was at the fall sports award night when the football team recognized the cheerleaders' contributions during the ceremony. It was clear that they did notice and appreciate the efforts made on their behalf.

All but one cheerleader was awarded scholar athlete pins for GPA for both fall and winter. This is notable because, like many of our high school youth, these young ladies are active in many other areas: Key Club, German Club, National Honor Society, church youth

groups, and part-time jobs. They also practice every day for two hours, go to all games and get in extra weekend practice before competitions. Those that cheered both fall (football) and winter (basketball) have been busy since August 11th with only a one-week break between seasons.

Coach Wojtas was understandably pleased when the girls expressed a desire to attend both regional and state competitions (See results this page.) It was her first year to see these competitions not as a parent but as a coach.

Her favorite memory of this hectic, but fulfilling year? "The girls! Absolutely the girls. Watching their smiles, seeing their pride in what they do, hearing them cheer their hearts out!"

Coach Jean Wojtas would like to thank the school staff and administration for their support. And a special thank you to the equally supportive and justifiably proud parents of her first official cheerleaders.

And we would like to add, Congratulations, Coach Wojtas and Mrs. Lindsay and Thank YOU!

Cheerleader Mom: Sue DuRussel

Since 1994, I've enjoyed watching the MHS cheerleaders support our football and basketball teams.

Over the years their cheering style has greatly improved with the addition of gymnastics making them a joy to watch. These girls practice for two hours daily with exception of game days and when competition time rolls around. Practices are two plus hours per day, seven days a week.

I'm really going to miss being a cheerleading parent, having all the girls over for dinner on game days with no notice. From sign parties to working at Buck-a-Burger nights, it has been a great four years!

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WHO THEY ARE

Varsity Cheerleaders: **Lisa DuRussel**-Captain; **Amanda, Coutts, Amber Cullip, Joanne Eversole, Annie Hinkley, Alexis Panches, Katie Roberts, Michelle Roos, Katie Sondeen, Sarah Wojtas**

JV Cheerleaders: **Jenny Robinson**-Captain; **Arianne Chartrand, Diana Dillon** (competed at Cascades Conference), **Emily Hughes, Rhonda Johnson, Rachel Landry** (joined varsity at State), **Sarah Luckhardt, and Holly Sutton** (joined varsity at State).

WHERE THEY COMPETED

Fall Football Cascade Conference: Varsity-2nd place; **Lisa DuRussel**-All Conference; **Alexis Panches**-Honorable Mention

Winter Basketball Cascade Conference: Varsity-2nd place; **Lisa DuRussel**-All Conference; **Michelle Roos**-All Conference. Regional: Varsity-1st place. State Class C Finals: Varsity-5th place (up from last year when they entered state competition for the first time and took 6th.)

Senior Reflections

Seniors were asked how long they had been cheering, if they had any special memories and whether or not they had good luck charms and nicknames. They were also asked what their plans were for after graduation, what they liked the least, and what they would miss the most.

JENNY ROBINSON (JV Squad Captain)

I've been cheering for two years and what I like most about it is that it's a lot of fun and we're like a family.

I wore flannel socks last year for good luck.

I plan to go to Washtenaw College or Spring Arbor.

I will mostly miss Mrs. Lindsey for always being there for us and for making us better cheerleaders.

LISA DURUSSEL (Varsity Captain)

I've been cheering since the winter of my freshman year. I like the fact that everyone is so close. We aren't just teammates we're all good friends. The thing I least like is when we fight - we don't get anything accomplished and it's just not fun.

My special memory is when I first tried out for the team. I made JV by one point! The next season I tried out I made varsity. I've always had fun cheering. It's been a big part of my life. Our parties were always a blast.

My nickname? Well, when someone wants to get my attention, I hear, "Hey, Du!" As for a mascot, we've got a lot. My Tickle Me Cookie Monster is special, but so are all of the Beanie Baby puppies our coach gave us before state. I named mine Wiener.

After graduation, I'm going to attend MSU and maybe even be a part of their cheer team! Majoring in Environmental Engineering is a possibility.

I want to thank my mom and dad because they spent a lot of money for me to participate in this sport! I'm

going to miss all of the wonderful friends that I've made and all of the special memories that we've had. We've all done a lot to give Manchester a name on the map and I'm just glad to have been a part of it.

KATIE ROBERTS

I've cheered every season since 7th grade, twelve seasons and I've never missed a season or game. One of the things I like is the closeness you feel with the eleven other girls you spend almost every day with.

There are so many wonderful memories of cheerleading, I don't know where to start. The memory that stands out the most is very recent. It was when our squad was getting ready to take the mat at state competition. It was exciting to hear the fans cheering us on! It is such an incredible incentive to go out there and do your best when you know you have all this support.

My nickname is Dinka. One of the girls started calling me that in 7th grade and it just seemed to stick. My good luck charm is my sister Kim. When she's there we always do well.

I plan to go to MSU after graduation and major in Law. I hope to become a government attorney or a judge.

I'd like to thank my family, Mrs. Wojtas and Mr. Niedzwiecki. My family has been at every competition and have been my strength and courage. Mrs. Wojtas came and stepped in when no one else would. She helped get us where we wanted to go. Without her we wouldn't have been able to have a squad. So I thank her and all the girls for making my final season the best I have ever had. And, finally Mr. Niedzwiecki for being the only one from administration to come to a competition.

I will miss most working with the girls and all the good times we've shared. And I will miss cheering the MHS football and basketball teams to victory next year.

PYRAMID POWER



MICHELLE ROOS

I've been cheering since 7th grade and what I like most is being with everyone on the squad. We all get to be really good friends. I also like being able to go to all of the games to support our team. I like performing for people and getting the crowd all fired up. I also like being a role model for younger kids. I love to see the little girls in the stands who cheer with us. I don't like it that we are not considered a sport or when other people mock us. The good things, though, always override the bad things.

I will always cherish the memories. I love the fact that we can go to compete at a state level and I will remember all the fun times we had this year.

My nickname is "Mitch." Lisa calls me Mitchelena Bucannon from Mitch Bucannon of Baywatch; I'm not quite sure how we are connected.

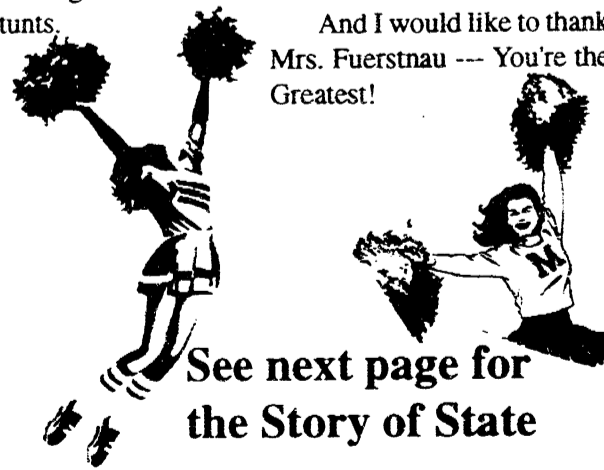
This year, at all the competitions, I have taken this HUGE mouse my boyfriend and I won at a fair — it's nice to squeeze when the nerves kick in.

After high school I am planning on attending Eastern Michigan University to study in the field of criminal psychology. I would love to travel more, like Europe, but I probably won't be a world scholar — but it's nice to dream.

I would like to thank my parents for all the support (\$) they have given me. I also would like to thank everyone on the squad for giving me all the great memories, our coaches, Mrs. Wody and Mrs. Lindsey, and Derek, for always being there for me.

Mostly I will miss my friends and the excitement of the games and when the crowd is amazed at our stunts.

And I would like to thank Mrs. Fuerstnau — You're the Greatest!



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Four seniors and a lucky mouse



Above: Jenny Robinson holding The Lucky Mouse, Lisa DuRussel, Michelle Roos, Katie Roberts

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Photo above: Senior cheerleaders with their dads who cheered for them during state finals competition, left to right, Michelle Roos, Katie

Cheerleaders Compete at State

— by Minnie Fuerstnau

Friday afternoon, March 13th, found a caravan of vehicles with twelve cheerleaders, with all their gear and personal belongings, making their way north to Saginaw. Snow flurries started to fly as the excited Manchester girls and their families arrived, but it didn't seem to chill their spirits.

The varsity squad was coming to the Michigan Cheerleading Coaches Association Class C State Finals as regional champions. They had also placed second in the Cascades Conference with Lisa DuRussel and Michelle Roos taking All-Conference medals there. So it was with high hopes and happy smiles that they all trooped into the Holiday Inn.

Arriving the evening prior to competition allowed the cheerleaders time to unwind, laugh, eat, and get a good night's rest. This was Coach Jean Wojtas' purpose in going up the night before — to relax and have fun. "They deserve it," she remarked.

The indoor pool and hot tubs were popular (after snacks of course!) — and the rooms and halls quieted down early. This was undoubtedly due to the tireless exertions of Brad Roberts who led the girls in rousing dances in the Garden Room near the pool.

Coach Wojtas arrived safely with her charges at Saginaw Valley State University at 7:30 AM in spite of treacherous roads and one wrong turn. The squad looked good during warm-up time and did not exhibit much nervousness.

Perhaps that was due to the huge outpouring of support in evidence in the bleachers. Parents, friends, siblings, aunts, uncles, boyfriends — all had come to root for these talented young athletes. Manchester fans roared the loudest during the fan participation section of the cheers!

While waiting for the scores to be tallied, a spontaneous conga line dance began including all ten competing teams and their coaches. Then fans were treated to demonstrations by individual cheerleaders of gymnastics, tumbling and "Rockette" style line kicks. It provided a much needed stress relief for all.

When the scores were totaled, Manchester placed fifth. This was a close finish: Manchester scored 497, fourth place team scored 498, and third place had 500. Really tough competition! Last year, in their first state competition, Manchester placed sixth. Great job of improving!

After lots of smiles, hugs and photos, everyone headed to lunch and then home — tired, happy and carrying another trophy for the high school showcase.

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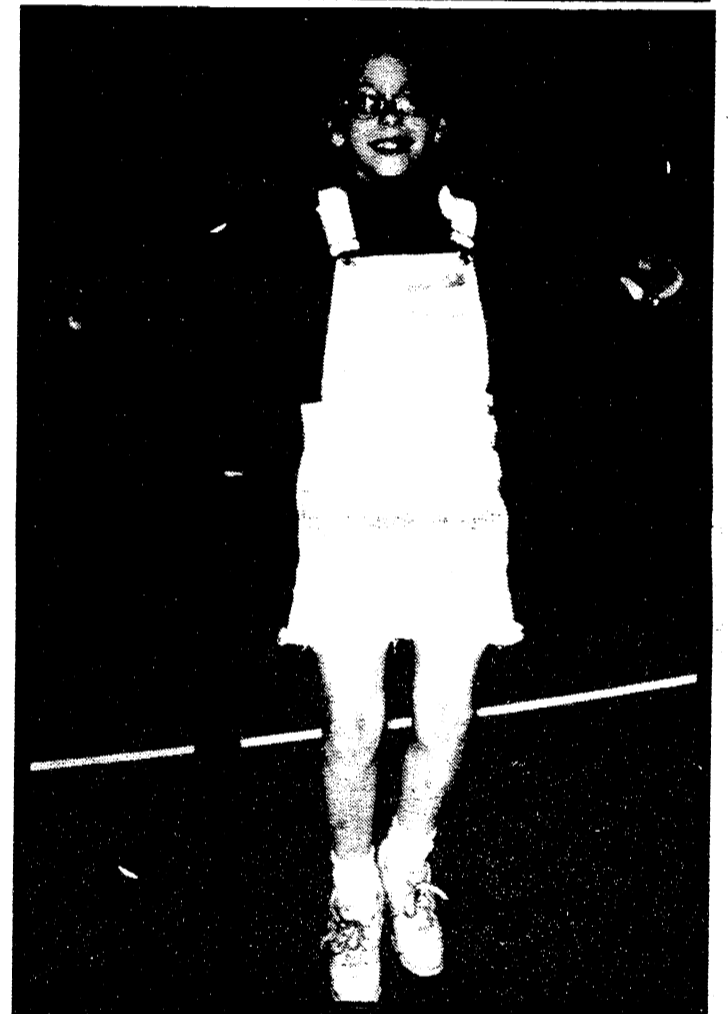
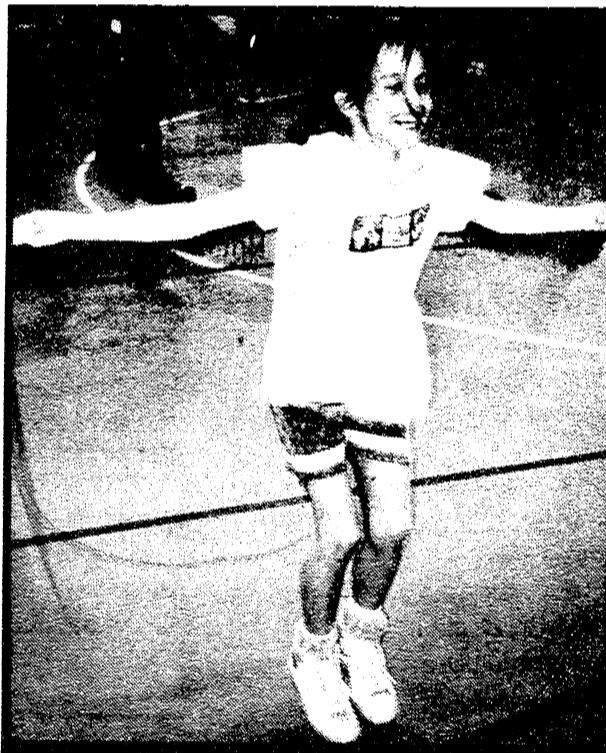
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Jump Rope For Heart at Klager

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Right, Crystal Poertner and below, Melisa Blades were two of 136 third and fourth graders participating in the sixth annual Jump Rope For Heart event which raised \$5,800 in pledges to benefit the American Heart Association. The event was coordinated by Connie Achtenberg and Sandy Sheats.



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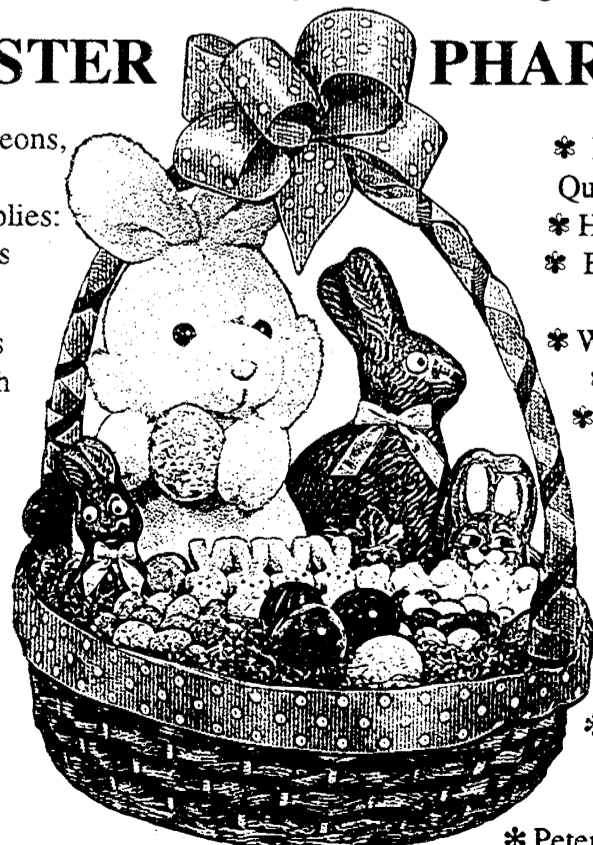
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— photos/kk

CRC Recruiting Volunteers

The Community Resource Center (CRC) Board held its annual meeting Thursday evening, March 26, 7:30 at the CRC office, 122 W. Main St. (lower level). Board meetings are open to the public and are held the fourth Thursday of the month. For more information, call the CRC office 428-7722.

In addition to meeting the human service needs of low income people, the focus for programs centers around improving the quality of life for all residents of the Manchester School District.

Current programs include the Teen-Parent Safe Driving program, Manchester Coalition for Health, Manchester Coalition for Drug-Free Youth, Christmas in April@Washtenaw-Manchester Unit, organizing transportation volunteers, and the policy review committee for the Manchester School District.

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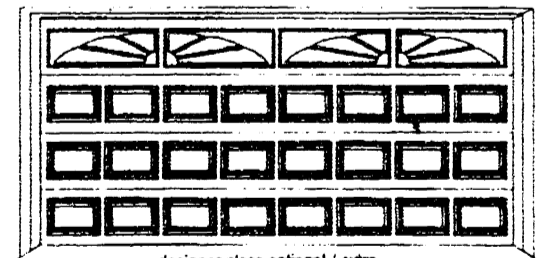
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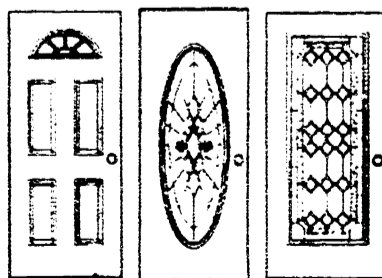
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OPINIONS & EDITORIALS



Save the Endangered Animals

— by *Roxanne Emmet*

Why? Why? Why? Why are we killing and slaughtering wildlife? They have not done anything wrong. Like the rhino. It's a harmless animal but it's almost extinct because of the poachers and the destruction of forests.

According to *Encarta, 1995*, species such as the California condor are those that probably cannot survive without direct human intervention. Today the majority of the world's environments are changing faster than the ability of most species to adapt to such change through natural selection.

Species become extinct or endangered for a number of reasons, but the primary cause is the destruction of habitat, drainage of wetlands, conversion of scrub lands to grazing lands, cutting and clearing of forest.

Please help by adopting a rain forest or part of a coral reef because by the year 2,000 if destruction continues at its present rate, a lot of habitats will be destroyed.

Please help. The animals need you!

Smoking Stinks

— by *Amy Maisano*

When you walk into any restaurant the first thing you and your family are asked is "Smoking or nonsmoking?" Why do they ask that? When you say nonsmoking, you are still getting secondhand smoke.

It is against the law to smoke in any school within the state of Michigan. People are not allowed to smoke in airplanes or at athletic events, in hospitals or in any government places.

According to *Healthy Choices*, the average smoker begins at age 12-1/2. About 3,000 kids become regular smokers every day. There are two kind of smoking: firsthand and secondhand smoking.

Smoking really stinks. So don't do it. If you do smoke around kids, that is secondhand smoke. People are really dumb if they do that. You are supposed to take drugs at age 18. I am not saying take them but this is true. Smoking and other drugs can kill your brain cells. **SO DON'T DO DRUGS!!**



VR Troopers

— by *Mark Trinkle*

I think the television show VR Troopers is very violent. My younger brothers think they are cool. I think they are violent because they do karate and other violent moves. I think VR Troopers are very violent because they hurt people in the show.

When the show VR Troopers is over, my brother does karate kicks and teaches my little one-year-old sister, too. My parents said not to do that. But my brothers still do it. I tell them not to do it. My little sister hits people, which she thinks is fun to do.

The people who like the VR Troopers are the little people. The little people think that they are cool. I don't think that. The little people do the karate moves and hit people. They can get in big trouble. I bet that their parents tell them not to do that.

The people who don't like VR Troopers are big people. The big people think that they are so violent they don't want it on TV. The big people dislike them. The big people would not like their children to watch it.

My friends think that the VR Troopers are violent, too. My friend Jordan's brother watches VR Troopers, too. Jordan's brother hits and punches others, too. The VR Troopers said that they are not trying to be violent. But they are violent.



Stop the Smoking

— by *Sam Mahar*

Smoking is bad for you. People never look at the warning sign on the box. Over 50 million die every year because they are smoking. They breathe it into their lungs. That is bad for your body and for you.

Smoking kills brain cells. It can give you lung cancer and yellow teeth. You can smell like an ash tray because you smoke.

It's hard to stop smoking after you start. Stay off drugs. They mess up your body. Don't start smoking.

Why do people smoke? Maybe because of peer pressure. A lot of people think that it is cool, but it is not cool

No Commercials

— by *Elizabeth Flahie*

I don't like commercials. When you are watching a good TV show and something exciting starts to happen then a commercial comes up. Most of the time there are more commercials than there is TV show. Most shows are twenty minutes long when the broadcasting company gives them a whole half an hour.

When the Olympics were on and I was watching them, there was only one competition between five or six commercials. Who needs to know more about the new sale on the Big Mac at MacDonalds or about the new dollar days at K-Mart? I think that if commercials really want you to buy their product they should not bug people so much and let them decide for themselves.

Many times, people start to smoke because of bad commercials. They try to persuade you to think that if you don't smoke that you are not cool. The actual facts are that you are just another kid wanting to do something that you are not allowed to do.

Commercials are not only on TV, they are also on the radio. Many stations only have ten or eleven songs between a long boring period of commercials.

Before a movie, most of the time they have a slide projector to show more advertisements or commercials. They have a special one which caught my attention. It shows a boring desert, then it says "A terrible thing happens without advertisements: Nothing! So advertise in our theaters now." This really made me mad! I think that many things do happen without commercials and advertisements.

So if you want less commercials on the radio and television, please write or call your local radio station or TV broadcasting company. Make a difference.



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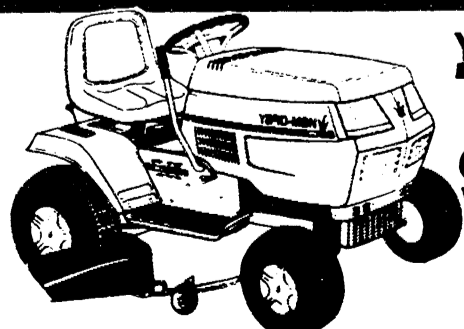
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More fifth grade editorials and opinions in the next issue of The Manchester Chronicle



Save the Rain Forest

—by *Brianne King*

I think we should save the rain forest. I think the rain forest is so beautiful. I think it's ridiculous to cut down trees and lose the wildlife.

Since the 1970s the rates of tropical deforestation has accelerated greatly. Some forests have been almost totally destroyed. There is growing concern about the loss of biodiversity and global warming. And the loss of species is by far the more important concern that can glide from one tree to another, an efficient mode of travel in a rain forest. And the human impact, there are a large number of phenomena and human activities. The rain forest has the most diverse ecosystems one earth because of the enormous numbers of animal species present. Most of the animal diversity is made up of insects but many other invertebrate groups are also represented.

Violence on TV

—by *Derek Ricamore*

Hey, parents, do you have any idea what your kids are watching?

These days there are a lot of violent shows on. If you have seen the Power Rangers, they may mean to give the right idea, but they're not. By battling monsters, kids think it's right to fight.

Now I like some of the violent shows. I'm old enough to handle it, but there are some kids who can't. It has been proven that the shows on TV make kids think that it's good to fight. It also effects them in school. Seven shows are Power Rangers, VR Troopers, Spiderman, Batman, Superman, Ninja Turtles, Silver Surfer. Parents, we need to do something about this or else our kids will think that fighting is right. And, it's not.

Now I know why producers make these shows, to entertain the children, and they are, but it's giving kids the wrong idea. We need more shows that give out the right idea.

There are those who don't know what it's doing to kids. But I do. So do parents. So do producers. But they don't care.

It isn't right to fight, but kids think that it's okay by watching the show. Will they stop? Maybe. But not before you do something about it. Our kids will be happy once this stops. Then they can do something else, like do their homework!



One Too Many

—by *Dustin Guenther*



I think you should not smoke. I believe smoking is harmful and deadly.

When you smoke, your teeth will turn yellow and your mouth will smell like an ashtray. You will get more wrinkles.

If you smoke, your risk for lung cancer is greater. Smoking can increase your risk for a heart attack and it will make you cough. If you smoke while you're pregnant, your baby will be smaller.

Some people think it's a good idea to smoke because they will look cool or older. I think smoking doesn't look cool and it definitely isn't cool to do.

Why would you smoke when there are warnings that tell you the dangers? I feel smoking is dumb and cigarettes shouldn't be made. If you smoke, you're buying your own death.



Save the Bengal Tigers

—by *Crystal Cloke*

I believe that killing Bengal tigers is wrong. It's an endangered animal. It's killed strictly for its fur coat. Women who wear a Bengal coat like it because it's white and black. Its fur is really soft.

Bengal tigers are bred only in zoos because its home is being destroyed. It use to live in north and east India. Bengal tigers need an environment that supports dense cover and its food needs. They eat large wild hoofed mammals. They only have 1 to 6 cubs in two years. I got my information from the computer.

If people would stop killing Bengal tigers, we would have more of them. People don't need to wear their fur coats. It looks better on them — not you. That's what I think.

It's a beautiful animal, but a very endangered animal, too.

I asked 10 people what they think about Bengal tigers. All of them thought they were beautiful animals. I do, too. I can see why people like to wear their fur coat.

Some people don't think it's wrong to kill Bengal tigers. I think it's wrong. Bengal tigers are fine the way they are. What do you think?

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MHS Attendance Policy Still a Major Concern for Parents

— by Gini Patak

The majority of the March meeting of the Manchester Community Schools Board of Education meeting focused on parents' concerns about administration of the attendance policy for the high school. The other issue that sparked community concern was the planned charge for students wishing to use the new fitness facility that is due to be completed soon. These items weren't on the agenda but clearly they were at the forefront of community concern.

FITNESS FACILITY ISSUES

Following up on a letter to the school board from Ken Branch, president of the Manchester Athletic Boosters, Booster Brad Roberts demanded to know the reason for the board's plan to charge students for use of the soon to be completed fitness facility. While the Boosters believe that the planned charges are reasonable (\$1 per use or memberships at \$12/month, they believe that students should have access to the facility without charge.

The reason for concern is the limited opportunities that now exist for students to participate in physical education. Manchester meets state guidelines, but those guidelines are not high enough to assure true physical fitness. Today, to have the opportunity for no-cost, supervised daily workouts, students must either be enrolled in gym class or must be part of a student team. In general, school gym facilities are not available for individual students who might just want to work out. The current availability limitations are due

in large part to use of existing facilities by school teams and community-sponsored athletic organizations.

Members of the school board contend that the charges are warranted if the district is to retain qualified staff for the facility. Trustee John Ochs is fearful that the district will never earn enough money to cover operation costs for the facility. Trustee Marilyn Knaouse also noted that moving some of the community activities, like aerobics, out of school gyms will make room for other school-related activities. She added that the committee charged with running the facility is actively looking for other sources of funding to ensure successful operation.

Superintendent Ron Niedzwiecki explained that surrounding communities have similar charges and stressed the importance of finding qualified supervision to keep the facility open and available to the community.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

A large body of parents appealed to the board for help in dealing with problems resulting from passage of a new attendance policy that takes away class credit from students missing more than 12 days of school during a semester.

Parents claim that they were not properly notified of the change in policy because it was not included in the student handbook, nor had it been sent to students' homes. They also claim that the high school office has failed to keep accurate attendance records and has failed to meet the notification standards set forth in the policy itself. Finally, they believe that the tribunal process is not effective and does not properly value the parents' or guardians' role in evaluating the nature of an excused absence.

This issue, which first appeared at the February meeting, has now escalated with two of the parents having contacted student advocates who provided copies of legal settlements which cited the unfairness of a similar policy in another school district.

Trustee Knaouse reiterated the board's belief that all parents want their children to be in school as scheduled. MHS principal Bob Smith cited the statistics that were presented when the policy was approved, stating that studies have shown that 92% of students who miss 12 days of school are not qualified to pass.

Statistics and board members' beliefs notwithstanding, the parents faulted administration of the policy rather than the students' actual attendance or the policy itself. While one or two parents complained that the absent time was inadequate to allow for medical or orthodontic appointments, the majority questioned the schools' right to devalue a parents'/guardians' assessment of a student's ability to attend school.

One mother claimed that her son had been injured in an automobile accident and despite doing his homework throughout the recovery period, he was fearful that he would lose credit for the semester because he had been absent more than 12 days.

Another mother claimed that she could not allow her son to make college campus visits because he did not have enough days left to do so. She

Balloons, Beakers & Bubbles 6th Graders Enjoy Chemistry Demonstrations



Above: John and Chelsea were invited to participate in an experiment. They dipped flowers into liquid nitrogen then shattered the almost instantly frozen petals and stems against the table.

University of Michigan American Chemistry Society students, invited by middle school teacher Roger Boyce, shared some exciting moments in the world of chemistry with sixth graders last week.

Demonstrations, explanations and hands-on experiments totally absorbed the youngsters as they watched the U of M chemists: pound a nail with a banana which had been frozen in liquid nitrogen; create foaming clouds of dry ice; produce flaming soap bubbles with methane gas; and, a favorite, surprise them with a big boom by mixing hydrogen and oxygen.

Students commented — Lauren Inglis: "The whole demonstration was great. It really makes us all interested in chemistry."

Nicki Feldkamp: "It was great. I learned a lot from the demonstrations."

Michael Taddonio: "It was real cool and I learned a lot. Plus lighting the balloon was s-w-e-e-t!"

stated that even though she considers college visits to be a valid reason for absence it is not acceptable to the tribunal.

Finally, board vice-president Joe Turk sought to end the unscheduled discussion by moving to start an investigation of the implementation of the policy with a report planned for the April board meeting.

ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION UPDATE

Sandra Dunn and Kathryn MacKercher presented a very positive report on the first year of Manchester's Alternative Education program. Proposed just a year ago, the program seeks to provide a learning environment where students who have given up on traditional education can succeed and earn a high school diploma.

Of the 17 students who enrolled, four have earned enough credit to graduate this year. Another has already started classes at Washtenaw Community college as part of a dual-enrollment program that allows high school students to take for-credit classes in both high school and college simultaneously. And, the new approach has received high marks from all students.

At present the program is staffed by one teacher, MacKercher, and one paraprofessional. There has been a great deal of interest expressed both by students currently enrolled in the district and others who are attending traditional school in other districts and looking for an alternative experience.

The Manchester Alternative School Advisory Board made up of parents, MHS students, students currently active in the alternative education program, and school administrators want to expand the program for the 1998/99 school year. If a second teacher is added, the program could accommodate an additional fifteen students.

The board was clearly pleased with the results but concerned over the cost of expanding the program. Niedzwiecki explained that the district needs to watch costs carefully and while bringing back a

student who has left the district does bring additional state funds, moving students from the existing program simply shifts funding from one pocket to the other. Despite these concerns, he and the board agreed to look for ways to make the expansion possible.

DRIVERS' EDUCATION PROGRAM

Under Public Act 387, effective April 1, 1998, Michigan school districts have the option of discontinuing drivers' education classes or charging tuition for them. The board plans to continue offering drivers' education for no charge to resident students at least through August 30, 1998. Nonresident students will be required to pay additional tuition to cover the costs of the program. After 1999, the board will vote annually on continuation of the program.

Community Resource Center director Dianne Schwab reported that the response of parents attending the newly added parent component of the program has been overwhelmingly supportive. This sentiment was echoed by board vice president Turk who had just completed one of the parent sessions on behalf of his youngest son who is currently enrolled in the program.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER PAY INCREASED

Starting March 16, substitute teachers will receive a base of \$60 per day rather than the old rate of \$50. The raise was approved in order to bring Manchester's rate in line with surrounding districts. It was reported at the February meeting that the tight labor market and high illness rates have made it difficult to find qualified substitute teachers and that the comparatively low pay rate has severely compounded the problem.

NEXT MEETING

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

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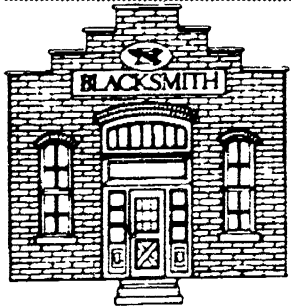
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Manchester Area Historical Society

The Manchester Area Historical Society held its regular monthly meeting at the Blacksmith Shop on Tuesday, March 17. Mr. LoRen Trolz continued his reminiscences in Part II of the videotape made by the River Raisin Land Trust.

Mr. Trolz served his community on the Board of Review for over 40 years, on the school board, and on the zoning board. Before the county took over the roads, the farmers took care of them. A farmer was paid \$7/hour which included use of a team and a man to haul the gravel. In those days the road commissioners were elected and a path master appointed to make sure the roads were scraped and gravel put on them.

He remembers building barns and that the neighbors all helped each other, as they did with threshing and buzzing wood. He said it was fun to get out and help. Osage Orange trees were planted on English Road as fencing because of their denseness and thorns.

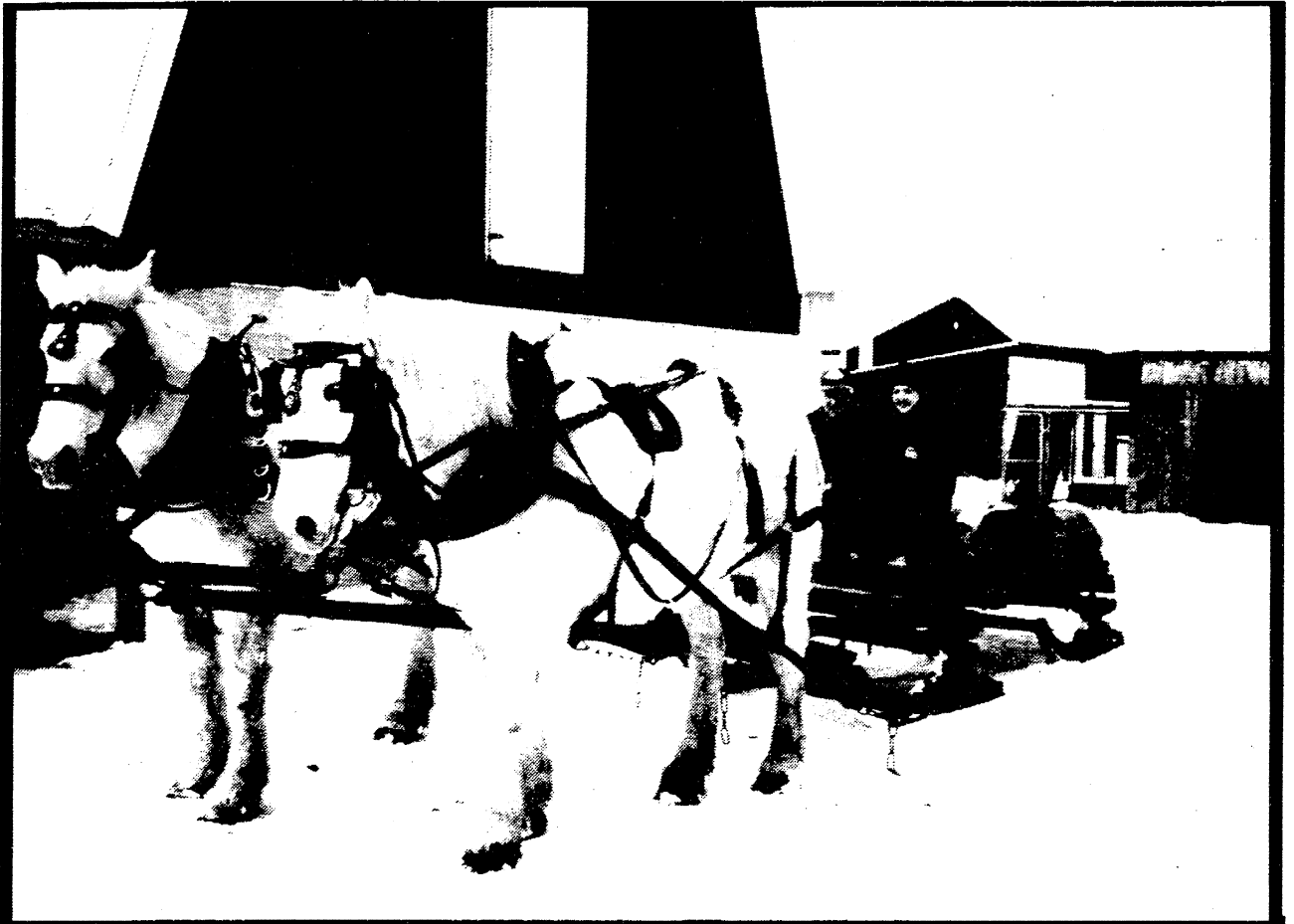
Diseases prevalent were scarlet fever, diphtheria and whooping cough. Sometimes whole families were quarantined and a sign placed on the house. Some people were afraid to drive by quarantined houses. Appendicitis was serious because of the risk of peritonitis. There were two doctors in Manchester: Doctors Scheurer and Kent. Two of Mr. Trolz's children were born at home and attended by Mrs. Dresselhouse who would come and stay a couple of weeks to help. One of his children was born in Mrs. Gumper's maternity ward. She lived south of the old town hall and had several beds in her home.

Mr. Trolz said he is concerned about all the development in the Manchester area and that with the loss of farmland there could be a food shortage.

He went to a one-room school. Teachers only needed a high school diploma to teach. There were about 20 to 25 students in the country school and students had more contact with their teachers.

As farmers in the neighborhood died or could no longer work their farms, Mr. Trolz and his sons worked

Winter Cruise — Manchester Style



We've had two snowfalls this year, one in March on the first day of spring, and the other on January 27th. It was on the 27th of January that George Macomber invited next door neighbor Anne Marie Anzalone to go on a winter cruise — Manchester style.

George's two Percheron mares, Connie and Topsy, were hitched up to George's restored antique bobsled and off they went for a cruise around the farm.

George reported that Anne Marie enjoyed the ride, and added that Anne Marie often carries carrot treats out to the team of horses so that now "they nicker and whinny for her as much as me!"

them. They worked eight farms at one point, renting some land and working some on shares. He said he made a better living when he farmed with horses because farm equipment was so expensive. Today, a four-wheel-drive tractor costs \$135,000.

The Iron Creek Church split in 1967 when Rev. Hicks was pastor. The congregation was the biggest it had ever been and they needed more room. Some insisted they build another church. Quite a few of the older people did not want to go into debt and they were entering their centennial and did not want to abandon their

historic structure. Mr. Trolz tried to convince them to build 15 to 20 feet on to the church but not enough agreed. About eighty people left and formed Faith Community Church.

Next month, on April 21st, Carl and Sharon Curtis will present a program on automatic music machines. The public is welcome to attend. Meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM at the Blacksmith Shop, 324 E. Main St., Manchester.

— Betty Cummings, MAHS Secretary

Summary of Board of Education Minutes - March 16, 1998 --- Not Official Minutes

The regular meeting of the Manchester Community Schools' Board of Education was called to order at 7:46 PM by president Winzenz.

Members present: Evans, Ochs, Winzenz, Turk, Sahakian, Knouase; Absent: Abbott

The minutes of the regular meeting of February 16, 1998 were approved as presented. The February treasurer's report was approved with a cash balance in the amount of \$1,168,317.86; total bills payable of \$849,032.68.

Correspondence included: Letter from Ken Branch, president of Manchester Athletic Boosters; announcements from Jean Wojtas informing the board of the cheerleaders accomplishments this year, specifically their 1st place division rating and 5th place state rating. Sympathy cards to Anita Huffman upon the death of her father-in-law; Lyall Birnie upon the death of his father; Tom George upon the death of his mother; Eleanor Baker upon the death of her stepdaughter; Val Nordin upon the death of her father; Sherri Hankamp upon the death of her father-in-law. Thank you note from Tom George's family.

Visitor Input

- Brad Roberts supported the letter from the athletic boosters and asked the board to refocus on the purpose of the new building and to take another look at the fee structure.

- Karen Smith, Rita Burkhardt, Diane Hughes, Debbie Earhart, Richard Spring, Bill Brannock and Gini Patak asked the board to reconsider the high school attendance policy. Joe Turk suggested that the policy be an April agenda item focusing on the following: legality, communication, options, and administration.

- Steve McCalla spoke on behalf of many of the recreation league coaching staff and voiced their support for Matt Siedl and the great job he has done with the varsity basketball team this year. He asked the board to do whatever it takes to retain him as our varsity coach. Lou Way agreed wholeheartedly with Mr. McCalla.

- Rita Burkhardt voiced her concern about Matt Siedl and stated that not everyone felt the same way as Mr. McCalla.

- Brad Roberts asked the board if they were aware that the cheerleaders had to pay \$100 out of their own pockets to rent a place to practice. He asked that the facility use be closely monitored and that the kids of Manchester come first when it comes to gym and facility usage.

- Paula Hartman, a substitute teacher, asked the board if they were aware that substitute custodians are paid more than substitute teachers.

- Kathy Domellon provided the board with student projections for band during the 1998/99 school year. She stated that the band will need new uniforms and again emphasized the need for an additional certified instructor to handle the increased enrollment in the program.

Tyler Resh was granted admission to the Manchester Community Schools as a tuition student for the remainder of the 1997/98 school year.

The board approved that the Manchester Community Schools continue to provide a driver education program through August 30, 1998 and will not charge resident students tuition for the balance of the cost of the program not covered by the state stipend and any required local district match. Nonresident students will

be charged the difference between the actual cost minus the state stipend. The Board of Education will review the continuation of the program annually by June 30th.

The 4th year MHS German students were recognized for the first place in Division IV competition at U of M on March 13th.

The school calendar for 1998/99 was approved as presented.

The substitute teacher daily rate of pay was reviewed and set at \$60 per day effective March 16, 1998.

The following coaches were approved for the 1997/98 spring sport season

Varsity Baseball-Scott Stull
JV Baseball-Tony Panches Varsity Softball-Wes Gall
Varsity Boys Track-Craig Vitale
Varsity Girls Track-Dennis Steele
Assistant Varsity Boys/Girls Track-Bryan Hoeff
7/8th Boys/Girls Middle School Track-Gay Thacker
Assistant 7/8th Middle School Track-Michelle McElroy
Sandra Dunn and Kathryn MacKercher were present and updated the Board on the Alternative Education Program. A recommendation was made to the board that the program be expanded for the 1998/99 school year by adding an additional teacher which would allow the program to accept 15 additional students.

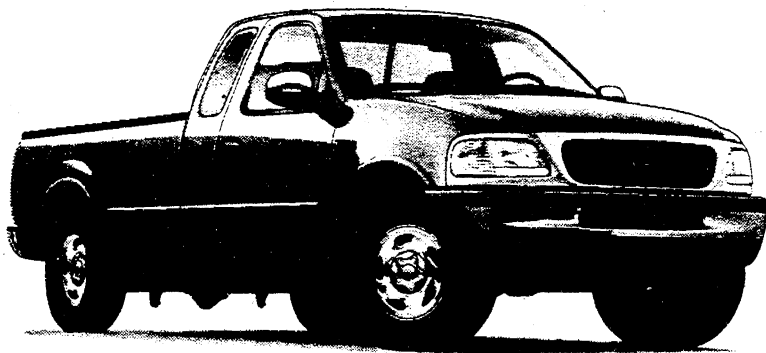
The board entered into closed session at 9:25 PM to discuss pending litigation.

The board returned to open session at 9:45 PM to approve the recommendation of council to accept the settlement (Honer & Montgomery vs Manchester Community Schools) as discussed in closed session.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM.

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News from North Sharon

— by Triscia Stiles

While deeply engrossed in an animated and entertaining game of Win, Lose, or Draw on the chalkboard, I felt a slight but persistent tug on my heart. It was our high school Valentine's Day party, and the guys had gone out to the gym for a few rounds of ping-pong. As our small group of high school girls, seven to be exact, laughed mockingly at our drawings, I began thinking to myself. We've been together so long that we're more like sisters on an emotional level. We aren't just friends; we are family.

Though I want my friends to be successful and to accomplish their dreams, I can't stand the thought of their leaving. It seems as though changes must be one of the most difficult parts of life. Maybe not the most difficult, but, by far, the most uncomfortable. We form these habitual relationships and schedules, and it's discouraging to have our lives abruptly rearranged.

In a more positive sense, change also brings about great opportunities and advantages. The excitement of maturing and becoming dependent upon my own character and judgment arouses curiosity and ambition within me, as it does in the beating heart of anyone standing on a hypothetical cliff, staring down into the pit of life while wondering if it is safe to jump.

There are so many choices and decisions to be made, and only I can make them for me. I can't be sure of what the future holds, but I am sure that the influences in my life have prepared me for whatever may be lying ahead.

School Board Election — Two Board Seats Open

The annual school election for the purpose of electing school board members will be held on Monday, June 8, 1998. Two seats on the Board of Education will be vacant. The four-year terms held by Patricia Sahakian and Joseph Turk will expire in June.

Nominating petitions for these Board of Education positions may be obtained from the Manchester Community Schools, Central Administration Office at 710 East Main Street, upon request, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Completed petitions and affidavits of identity are due no later than **Monday, April 6, 1998 at 4:00 p.m.**

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"How deliciously, indeed, does Manchester hospitality and humor sparkle through the month of March."

—paraphrased with literary license and a smidgen of blarney from an old Irish proverb.

The Manchester Area

Chamber of Commerce presents the Manchester Area Web Page

The Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce has developed and now sponsors a web page that describes the Manchester area.

Our intent is that this web presence will be a useful resource for those already in the Manchester area, and can attract new people and new businesses to our growing community.

During the course of the year, the page will be continuously updated with information about upcoming special events.

We are presenting the initial version of the web page at our March general Chamber meeting, Wednesday the 18th at 7:30 p.m. in the Klager Elementary School computer room.

Bill Wagner, Chamber board member, and Tim Hollosy, a senior at Manchester High School, will present the web page as it has been designed.

Representatives from ICNet, the internet service provider that hosts the Chamber's web site, will be available to answer questions about their internet service.

Date: Wednesday, March 18 Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Klager Elementary School on Ann Arbor Hill in the computer room

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT Roast Pork Dinner with dressing, salad, vegetable, rolls & butter, & pudding dessert WEDNESDAY, March 11th Serving 4:30-7:00 P.M. Emanuel United Church of Christ 324 W. Main St., Manchester (734) 428-8359 \$7/Adults \$4/5-10 year olds Free/Age 4 & under

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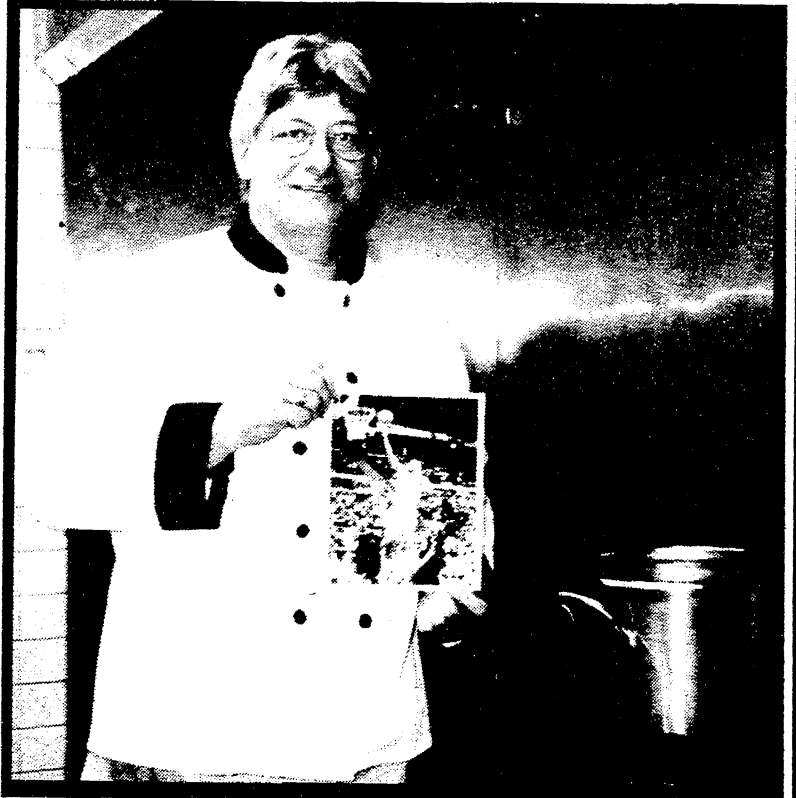
Chef Frank Rynicki's Chili #1 With Detroit Pistons

The Black Sheep Restaurant's chef, Frank Rynicki, recently provided the Detroit Pistons — coaches and players — with his famous Manchester Two-Bean Chili.

It was a hit! So much of a hit that Frank received a thank you letter on behalf of the Pistons and an autographed picture of Grant Hill.

The letter said: "The chili was enjoyed by everyone." and "It is infrequent that the catering choices satisfies both the coaches who are concerned with healthy foods, and the team who want food that simply tastes good. The chili met both requirements."

Pistons spokesperson, Dusty Kozloff, has predicted Frank's famous Two Bean Chili will soon be Frank's WORLD famous Two Bean Chili. We will be sending Frank's autographed photo to Hill.



Above: Black Sheep Restaurant Chef Frank Rynicki, next to a pot of his famous Two Bean Chili simmering on the stove, and holding the autographed photo of Grant Hill. —kk

Dinner and Comedy at the American Legion Saturday, March 28th

Two couples walked into the American Legion Hall for the Bill Barr Comedy Dinner Show on March 28th...

I asked Bill if he would finish the joke for my article and he said he would. But since I haven't heard it yet, I can't give you the punch line.

I'm very much afraid it will be outrageous.

I already regret asking him even though I qualified the request: It must be a Manchester joke that I could print in The Chronicle.

Oh well, I just hope this isn't one of those fools go where angels fear to tread lessons in life. So, Bill Barr — Who is he. Who is he?

Just an Ann Arbor comedian who's very, very funny and has appeared in many area locations — sometimes even invited. (Just kidding, Bill.)

He was the featured entertainment at Haarer's Meeting Place during two February Winter Festivals in Manchester. He was the special guest at Carol Britten's party at the Manchester Community Fair last year, honoring Carol as president of the Fair Board.

Bill is outrageous, irreverent and doesn't mind involving members of his audience in his shenanigans — although we remember Jennifer DuRussel gave as good as she got at last July's performance at the fairgrounds.

Bill will trade jokes, laughs, and good-natured ribbing at the American Legion Hall on Saturday, March 28 after an all-you-can-eat dinner served at 6:30 in the evening. Show starts at 8:00.

Also performing is Ron Parker, a classic rock 'n roll guitarist. They say that Parker's music will have the audience rockin' and his humor has audiences rollin'!

Tickets are on sale now at all three Manchester banks: Great Lakes Bancorp on Main Street and Comerica on the corner of Main and Adrian Streets, in downtown; and,

First of America on M-52 at Sharon Valley Road just north of town. The cost is only \$17.50 for a great (Dawna Stockwell) buffet dinner and music and comedy.

You'll want to get your tickets as soon as possible — before they're sold out.

The event is a fundraiser for the American Legion which does so many good things for our community. (See elsewhere in this issue photos of the Cub Scout banquet at the American Legion; and, Social Studies/ Science Fair pictures at the American Legion.) You can have a great meal, enjoy fabulous entertainment, and contribute to a good cause all in one evening!

Hope to see you there! —kk

Manchester's American Legion Fundraiser COMEDY NIGHT starring renowned comedien BILL BARR and classic rock 'n roll guitarist RON PARKER at the American Legion Hall ★ 203 Adrian Street (one block south of Main Street in Manchester) Saturday, March 28th 6:30 PM Dinner 8:00 PM Show All-you-can-eat Buffet Dinner and Comedy Show \$17.50 per person (BYOB) Dawna Stockwell Catering Tickets Available at Manchester Banks — Comerica Bank on Main Street at Adrian First of America Bank on M-52, north of town Great Lakes Bancorp, downtown Manchester ★★ Get your tickets TODAY — Before they're sold out! ★★ Limited number of show-only tickets available from Legion Commander Gary Shear (734) 428-8701 at \$11/person

Four candidates for three council seats; two vie for council president

Incumbent Mayor Larry Becketl responded to a Chronicle letter.

I have been in Manchester for the past 30 years, was the Chief of Police for five years, and, in March, will have been with Farm Bureau Insurance for 25 years. I have been on the village council for a total of 13 years, seven years as a trustee and for the past six years as village president.

Upon the first term as village president, the village of Manchester was in very dire financial difficulty. We had to do some cuts, freeze wages, and find millage to get us out of the problem. It was done with the help of a great council and the village employees.

Since then, we have implemented a number of projects such as a continuing five-year street repair and replacement program, sidewalk replacement, tree trimming and replacing ones that had to be removed and planting new ones.



Larry Becketl

We had the entire water filter system replaced at no additional cost to the tax paying residents. We are hoping for approval of a grant at very low interest rates from the State to replace, repair and loop some of the very antiquated water pipes in the ground. Again, this will be done without a tax increase or new bonding issue, using the one mill that had been used for the filter replacement.

I would like to be re-elected as village president to assist the running of the Village of Manchester into the next millennium with the assistance of the entire council and village staff and employees, and continue the projects that we have set out to do over the next two years.

Jeff Schaffer was interviewed at the Chronicle office.

Jeff Schaffer says he started working after his graduation from Manchester High School in 1966 and that is when he began his education about community service. The men he worked with were all devoted volunteers. "I remember it as a time when people freely gave up their evenings and weekends to contributing to the betterment of the community. There was involvement in the Men's Club, JayCeers..." And, although life is much more complicated now, Jeff says he likes the idea of government being as accessible as possible to citizens.

Jeff served as village president in the 1980s, filling a vacancy before he was elected when he was just twenty-nine years old. "That was a time when the village government consisted of a mayor and a clerk. Double A Products did our accounting," Jeff relates.

He has also served on the school board as treasurer, and until two years ago, on village council.



Jeff Schaffer

Jeff has two campaign promises: 1.) To be a visible president of the village council, attending various other government meetings and local events; and, 2.) To listen to all points of view.

He is employed by Wolverine Pipeline and says that now that his children are grown he has more time to devote to public service.

Schaffer is married to Connie, who served as village clerk for eight years; they have two children, and one grandchild.



Chronicle file photo: Herb Mahoney

Responding to Chronicle request by letter, Herb Mahoney

I am a life-long resident of Manchester. My wife and I and our three children live on Riverside Drive. Two years ago after reading about the lack of candidates for Village Trustee positions, I asked my family what they thought of me running for trustee. They supported me and stated that they would tolerate me being gone two evenings a month to help work on village issues.

Well, in short, we found out that there might be just a little more to it than two nights a week. The past two years have been a challenge to balance family, work, and village council business. It has been rewarding at the same time.

I feel that the village has accomplished much over the past two years. The accomplishments of the village are due to the dedicated and hard working village manager, village clerk, village treasurer and all the other hard working full time staff of the village.

Over the past two years, new personnel policies have been adopted, we have applied for and are in the final approval stages of low interest State loans to improve our aging water system at no additional cost to the taxpayers. The Manchester Industrial Park is full and industry continues to be interested in Manchester. These are only a few of the major items that have been accomplished over the last two years. There are many more.

I feel that the most important issue facing the village is growth. Through careful planning, growth can be good for the community. It is important for Manchester to keep its "village charm" without being swallowed by the growth that is spreading towards us from all directions. The village planning commission has worked hard to ensure that the village is protected while it grows. The

most recent development projects, Manchester Woods and River Ridge, have proven the commitment by the planning commission and village council to protect the village while it grows.

It is projected that over the next twenty years, Manchester will need 500 new homes. Where will the homes locate? How will they fit with the rest of the community? How will the village provide services for these homes and the people to live in them? These are important questions. I look forward to looking for the answers over the next two years if re-elected as village trustee.



Jeff Knouase

Jeff Knouase was interviewed at the Chronicle office.

Jeff Knouase is the owner of Knouase Construction and has lived in Manchester for more than twenty-five years. He and Marilyn, who serves on the school board, have three children: a son in middle school, a son in high school, and their daughter who is attending Washtenaw Community College.

He said he is running for a seat on village council because of his interest in keeping the character of the village. "I'm thirty-eight years old and I've been involved in various activities, but not government. Since there is so much growth facing Manchester now, I would like to offer what I've learned in my construction business over the years to keep the character of the village. I don't want to see everything we like about where we live destroyed by development."

Jeff, who most recently has been donating all his spare hours toward the construction of the Community Fitness Center, continues. "I think we have a wonderful place here to raise kids, and I know you can't stop growth, but I certainly think it can be handled. When these decisions are being made, I would like to be there to offer my input."



Chronicle file photo: Mary Ames being sworn in in 1996.

Mary Ames answered our letter.

Mary and her husband Mark, have two children, Jonathan age 4 and Andrew age eight months. They have lived in Manchester for four years and Mary is a stay at home Mom who is currently working on her MBA at Eastern Michigan University. She was formerly employed in personal financial planning.

Mary writes: I think the most important issue facing Council is ensuring that we have a solid infrastructure in place upon which we can grow. In conjunction with the planning commission,

we are currently working on three new residential developments within the village and are aware of several more in the surrounding townships. Schools and industry will be expanding in the coming years. It is therefore imperative that we have adequate streets, water, sewage systems and parks for the growing community. DPW, public safety and village services should remain strong.

Council has been working on updating our aging infrastructure with an eye toward the coming expansion. If council takes care of the basic needs of the village, I believe it enables the wonderful community efforts to follow, like the Fair and festivals and many recreational activities that occur during the year.

Additionally, we have an opportunity to work with the surrounding townships in Western Washtenaw County forming the shape of our community. I would welcome and encourage any community input.

Joe Marshall, who, along with his wife Sue, owns the Manchester Antique Mall downtown on Main Street, is seeking his sixth term on village council.

He says he sees a few main issues facing village government in the next two years: 1.) Continue with and expand cost effective infrastructure service (water, sewer, police, DPW) 2.) Planning and land use issues, including updating the village's general development plan (GDP) as the zoning code book is being (currently) rewritten 3.) Further investigating ways to relieve the traffic congestion at certain times of the day on M-52; 4.) Cooperation and communication with other local government boards (townships, planning commissions, etc.) under the Southwest Washtenaw Council of Governments (SWWCOG).

Joe has lived in Manchester for just over twenty years and has been involved in local government the majority of those years. He served four terms on the planning commission and five on the village council. As a member of the council, he has served on various subcommittees including a major role in the Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority, elected as that board's secretary. "The community should be proud of its recycling accomplishments," Joe says. "There has been a twenty-five percent reduction in land fill waste. And, it has been a very cost effective program."

There is curbside recycling in the village, and Manchester Township's station, located in the Manchester Market parking lot, is the second most active site in the Authority's area.

You will find Joe Marshall's name often signed in at various other government meetings. He is the council representative at SWWCOG meetings, attends village planning commission meetings and meetings with the school board "futuring" committee, besides other townships' meetings as often as possible.

"I think it's important to know what is going on not just in our immediate village government but also the four townships. We have to work together and communicate to preserve our quality of life. The integrity of our community is special and I would like to continue to serve on council to maintain it. It's why we moved here in the first place."



Joe Marshall

MOVING WEST TO CHELSEA

The front window display looks like something out of a Georgia O'Keefe painting with two bleached skulls in a landscape of chaps, saddle, coiled rope and barbed wire sculpture that evoke the legend and lore of the Old West.

Inside it's the New West.

Mule Skinner Boots and Western Wear has moved from Ann Arbor where it started twenty-five years ago to its new location at 118 S. Main Street in Chelsea.

Owner Bill Conn, who opened his first Mule Skinner store when he was only 23 years old, said he had been planning to move out to this area for awhile and is happy to finally be here. "I feel really welcomed, everyone has been very friendly stopping by to say hello and visit."

Conn's store includes what looks like an acre of boots from all the top designers: Justin, Nicon, Tony Lama in roper, western styles and work boots. Boot repair is provided and he also sells Minnetonka moccasins along with Scout boot care products.



Above: Owner of The Mule Skinner, Bill Conn, boxes up a new pair of boots for a customer.

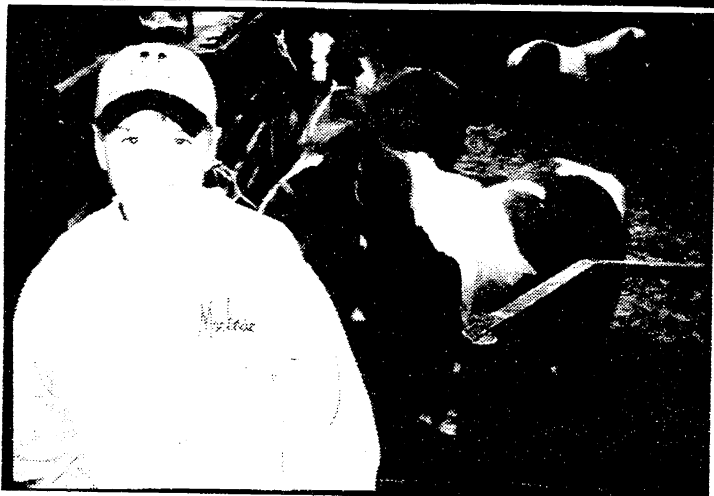
An excellent selection of hats is available, all top brand names, and hat steaming restoration is on site.

Glass showcases hold beautiful sterling jewelry — bracelets, earrings, necklaces — and buckles from three companies: Montana, Award Design, and Crumrine, to go with belts, tooled or plain, that Conn has for sale. Buckle designs include rodeo, stylized horses, eagles, hearts and many others from which to choose.

Conn says he traveled out west when he was a kid and fell in love with the history and lifestyle of the area. Through his college years at Michigan State he worked with leather, making belts, wallets, and hat bands among other items. "I don't do custom leather work any longer because the retail operation takes up all my time but I enjoyed learning the craft."

Vests and shirts by Wahmaker, and coats, both outback and frock, round out the selection of quality western wear at The Mule Skinner.

You'll want to stop by to see what the store has to offer and while there notice the collection of cowboy memorabilia Conn has gathered over the years, including autographed photos, posters such as the one from the Will James Society, and old western prints.



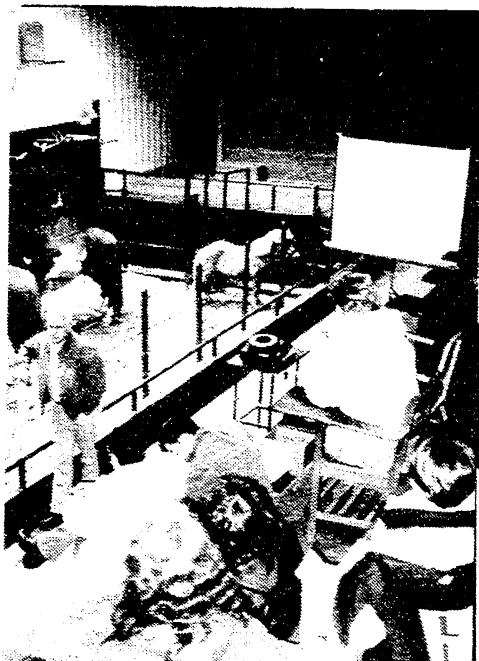
A five-week series on buying horses, basic horse care, and riding was offered through the Washtenaw Extension Office of Michigan State University.

Washtenaw County Agriculture Agent Mike Scorer, farmers, MSU Extension Agents and local veterinarians served as instructors, including, from Manchester, Dr. Dave Bucholtz of The Veterinary Standard, horseshoer Matt Kueffner, and Larry Salyer.

Meetings were held at the Michigan Livestock Exchange.

Topics included: Why a Horse? Housing and Equipment, How To Buy a Horse, Becoming a Rider, and Basic Vet Care.

Pictured above, a youngster from Ann Arbor, and in the background horses belonging to Larry Salyer. Above right, John Leech, former manager of a race horse farm, who lectured about barn construction, safe fences, and what features to look for.



Leach represents county at conference



Above: Laverne Leach (right) of Manchester, with Michigan Farm Bureau president Jack Laurie.

Laverne Leach of Manchester recently represented Washtenaw County Farm Bureau at Michigan Farm Bureau's Council of Presidents' Conference, held February 12 and 13 in Lansing. County leaders discussed issues affecting the agricultural industry and learned new ways to strengthen their own Farm Bureau organizations.

Tours of the new Michigan State University swine research facility, meat lab, dairy plant and food science facility were a highlight of the two-day event. Dr. Fred Poston, dean and vice provost of MSU's College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, addressed county leaders following the livestock facility tours.

Mike Warner, a North Dakota farmer and farmer-owned cooperative leader, spoke about value-added agriculture. Land use planning and township zoning were focused. Farm Bureau leaders learned more about their roles through a number of workshops.

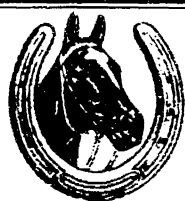
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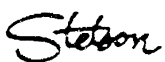
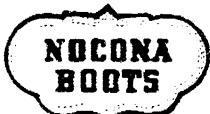
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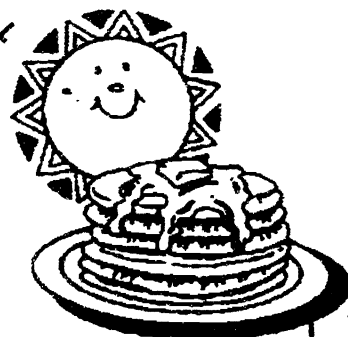
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Turnaround Trouble at Timberlake

A paved two-mile long Timberlake Road winds, climbs and dips through this scenic new subdivision off West Austin Road in Manchester Township.

"Spurs" off Timberlake Road, two of which are asphalted, wander off left and right around knobby hills, patches of woods, and along a placid lake.

Timberlake Road was approved as a private road on a conditional basis in December of 1996. It was accepted as a private road by the township board on September 9, 1997. Parcels A through Z were being sold.

So far, so good.

But when owners of a parcel off one of the spurs came to the township office asking for the procedure to name their "private road" off Timberlake Road, it came to light that not only had these spurs not been approved, nor had the developer applied for approval, but that they did not meet private road township ordinance specifications.

That was not all. There were parcels for sale that did not meet township ordinance requirements of road frontage. Building permits were denied by the zoning administrator.

And, the cul-de-sac at the end of Timberlake had been covered with top soil and seeded by the developer, after the road was approved, violating the ordinance mandate for a place for fire trucks and emergency vehicles to turn around.

These problems brought concerned citizens to the Manchester township planning commission meeting in January.

Larry Byrne, who owns Parcel Z at the end of Timberlake Road, said that residents of two new subdivisions in the township were represented in the audience: Fehr View Estates and Timberlake.

Regarding Timberlake subdivision, Byrne said he was informed by the township zoning administrator that there were illegal lots, that "spurs" off Timberlake Road were illegal, and that Larry and his wife Kim Byrnes could not build on the 31 acres they purchased because they did not have 200 feet of road frontage. Byrnes said the turnaround at the end of the road had been approved and then removed by the developer.

Byrnes said he felt it was the responsibility of the township to work with the owners of lots in the Timberlake subdivision to determine which ordinances were violated and how to go about resolving the problems.

One family said they had already built a home, now find out they do not have enough road frontage, and wondered if the township was going to have them tear down their house.

Another resident voiced his concern that the road was approved but there were no turnarounds provided for emergency vehicles and that "no one is overseeing or making sure that the developer is doing things properly. This resident was concerned about inevitable lawsuits because one of the spurs, that serves four parcels and is about 1,000 feet long, is no wider than 14 feet, with steep shoulders and swampland on either side. He said he would like to see that the developer, Charles Beck, was prohibited from selling any further lots until the road improvements were done to the satisfaction of the township and road commission.



Photo left to right: Larry Byrnes (behind an attorney), Manchester Township Supervisor Ron Mann, developer Charles Beck (pointing), from the Manchester Township Fire Department Mike Scully, and another attorney, during the tour of Timberlake.

A property owner said they were in a precarious position because they had already contracted with a builder, given him the first draw, and had a septic tank installed. Their property is located on what used to be the railroad track and is now a paved spur. The developer indicated to them that they could go through the process of naming this spur; the zoning inspector indicated to them it was designated as a private drive. They subsequently were informed that because there were four parcels off that spur it could not be considered a private drive. Their builder was denied a permit, but was informed that once a turnaround was in place at the end of the drive, a permit would be issued.

Township planning commissioner Limpert responded to citizens' concerns explaining that the planning commission is only an advisory body with no authority, nor had the planning commission been asked for input regarding land splits or private roads. Limpert said as far as responsibility, he felt that it was up to the developer, township board and zoning administrator to sit down together to get the issues resolved.

Chairman Fusilier said that as the planning commission had no authority in this matter it should be brought before the township board.

A resident asked if there was a complete set of the zoning and building ordinances available to the public. Chairman Fusilier replied in the affirmative.

And so the property owners came to the Manchester township board meeting in February, where the same concerns were expressed. The board arranged for a special meeting to be held the next Saturday at which time there would be an on-site inspection of Timberlake subdivision. That meeting included all board

members, planning commissioners Linda Harvey and Don Limpert, interested property owners, zoning inspector Lyle Moore, fire marshal Mike Scully, developer Chuck Beck and attorney, Kim and Larry Byrnes and attorneys, and The Manchester Chronicle. The meeting, which convened at 2:00 PM lasted until 7:30 in the evening, through the tour, much discussion, and final resolution.

Developer Beck agreed to escrow \$15,000 to fulfill the following conditions:

- 1.) That a turn-around be constructed (on Lot X) to standards suitable to the township, fire department and developer;
- 2.) That the driving surface on the railroad spur be widened to eighteen feet;
- 3.) That driveways across from one another be cut with thirty-foot radius;
- 4.) That driveway approaches will be put in to the right-of-way with thirty-foot radius curves.

In regard to parcels not conforming to road frontage requirements, the ordinances were interpreted by the township attorney Bruce Laidlaw as being unambiguous and ultimately indefensible. Under Article 5, Section 5.04B, it says "The minimum lot width shall not be less than 200 feet measured along the frontyard where it intersects a public right of way line." However, under Definitions of Lot, the ordinance says: "Such lot shall have frontage on a public street or on a private street approved by the Township Board..."; the 200 feet minimum is not specifically stated.

The Manchester Township Board meets the second Monday of the month; the Manchester Township Planning Commission meets the fourth Tuesday of the month, both at the Township Hall on South Macomb. There is one vacancy on the planning commission board; interested citizens may contact township supervisor Ron Mann.

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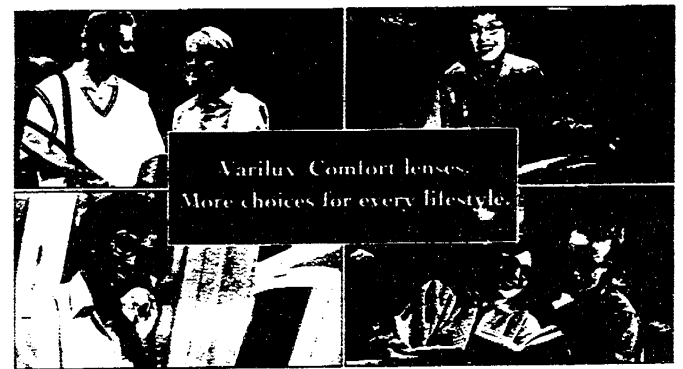
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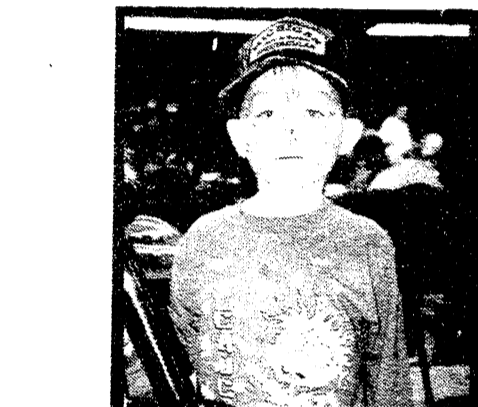
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Cub Scout Pack #421 Blue & Gold Banquet Photos

(continued from page one)

Below: Klager Elementary principal Brian Kissman presents Cub Scout Den #11 with gift certificates from Ollie's Main Street Pizza. The Scouts made paper mache circus animal heads and won second place.



Left: Den #4 won 1st place for their paper circus wagons and received camouflage hats.



Left: Den #2 won 4th place for their table decorations which were wood painted circus wagons. They won bird feeders from Atlas of Manchester along with free bird seed.



From the Fair Board

— Minnie Fuerstnau

In early January, several of the Manchester Community Fair board members attended the 1998 Michigan Association of Fairs and Exhibitions (MAFE) Convention in Grand Rapids.

Local board secretary Carol Britten was concluding an extremely busy year as she served as president of the MAFE.

The convention was held at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel and it was grand! Public rooms are beautifully and historically appointed, accommodations are most comfortable, and the food is wonderful, both in banquet halls and eateries located within the hotel.

But once above the ground floor, the sights, sounds and smells of the fair were in abundance. Booths offered samples of entertainment, concessions, banners and flyers, games...everything the well-ordered fair would need. People were universally friendly; music was always present as various singers and musicians plied their trade.

As president, Carol Britten made the opening remarks to the General Session. This included volunteer awards and committee reports, and best of all, keynote speaker NFL Hall of Fame and former member of the Miami Dolphins, Larry Csonka. And what a hit he was! A naturally gifted storyteller, he used anecdotes from his football days to demonstrate principles of teamwork and motivation.

Once formally opened, the Convention offered a wide variety of workshops and round-table discussions to attend. From animal health requirements to promotions and marketing to IRS audits, any aspect of interest to board members was covered. Most helpful seemed to be mutual question and answer times where experiences could be shared.

The final evening's banquet was a culmination of a year of hard work and dedication by all fair workers. It was a pleasure to relax and enjoy the food and entertainment — especially when the president of a state-wide organization is one of our own.

Sadly, it was a bittersweet year for Carol: she lost her dear mother Irene to illness; her mother who gave her the love for fairs that she still has today.

Carol served as Grand Marshal in "the 1997 parade of thunder and lightening storm," not soon to be forgotten. The Manchester Community Fair hosted a President's Day luncheon during fair week which included members of the MAFE from around the state. Carol's father, Richard, was right up front along with other family members and friends.

During her year as MAFE president, Carol made a personal goal to visit as many fairs as possible to learn more about Michigan and the good people who live here. She ultimately attended 42 fairs and six zone meetings, and drove 8,000 miles, often accompanied by her dad.

And in a sad twist of fate, Richard Britten passed away the week of the convention. In spite of tremendous personal loss, Carol conducted herself remarkably, appearing at all scheduled events, providing beautiful table decorations for the banquet, and a moving short speech as she stepped down gracefully from her year. It left not a dry eye as she received not only applause, but love and support from fair people from near and far.

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Tony's Entertainment Corner

— by Tony Farina

Welcome to March's corner. I've been waiting for this one for forever. Back in December, the ladies at Chapters & Verses went to a book conference and gave me some advanced copies that I've been dying to get to.

So here we go. *Teeth. Teeth. Teeth.* Read this book, you will laugh so hard that milk you drank a week ago will come out of your nose. It's brilliant. Hugh Gallagher, first time novelist, has been hiding from the spotlight, but this book throws him in it and there isn't anything he can do about it. Brilliant. Anyone, any age, any time, read it!!!!

Anne O. Faulk also has a brilliant novel out. *Holding Out* is a feminist dream, but anyone can read it. It's strong enough for a man, made for a woman, and everyone will love it. A heroine political prisoner, who runs the feminist movement from jail. That's all you get to know, go and buy it.

Finally, I know I plugged it a few months ago, but Alexandre Dumas' *The Man in the Iron Mask*, is about to be a movie and you can be first on your block to say, the movie isn't as good as the book. Go get it.

Speaking of movies, the world's greatest Disney movie is back — *Peter Pan*. I loved this book, (go pick it up); I loved this movie. But be careful, you'll feel sorry for the women in Peter's life, and still feel real good when it's all over.

The Academy has listed their nominees and *The Full Monty* was the big surprise. Get this one this month. A movie about strippers, who don't really strip. Hilarious.

Now that I've mentioned who Oscar noticed, I'll tell you who he didn't. Sean Penn, Robin Wright, and John Travolta in *She's So Lovely*. Penn plays a whack job. Wright, his real life wife, plays his wife, and she plays Travolta's too. I loved this movie, the best film I saw in 1997, so rent it from **Video World** --- a lot.

For the horror minded, we have a few picks this month. Before they were stars, Matthew Macdonagh and Renee Zellwiger did a little flick in the *Texas Chainsaw Massacre* series. I'm sure they didn't want this released, but you should like it for it's campy silliness. For a real horror movie get *Mimic* or *I Know What You Did Last Summer*. Both are creepy, realistic and will scare the bejesus out of you.

So have a happy March, read, watch movies, play in the El Nino created weather and have a ball. From the corner, this is Tony saying, I'm not going to brush until everyone in Manchester buys *Teeth*.

*** It is almost impossible to know where Irish fact ends and fiction begins. Usually there are numerous versions of each story to choose from. If you don't like any of the versions you can always make up your own — which is very Irish.

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Keeping Manchester in Stitches

— by Kathy Kueffner

Manchester has a new business in the downtown area which has to be an answer to many a wishful thought. It's a place to take dresses, suitcoats, trousers, blouses, jackets, coats, linens — the list is limited by our imagination but not the skill of two ladies who have opened a sewing shop for alterations, repair or embroidery. The name of the business is, appropriately and succinctly, Stitches.

They also do custom wedding dress sewing.

"Making someone's wedding dress may be our favorite assignment," co-owners Ruth Burch and Judy Walz admit. "First of all, it is such an important part of an important day in some young lady's life, and from the beginning to the final fitting of the dress the process is a total joy," Ruth adds.

The joy of doing something they both love to do, sewing, provides the sparkle and energy evident in talking about Stitches with Ruth and Judy. Ruth smiles and concedes: "We sit here and say Wow! This is a dream come true."

Both ladies have been sewing for quite a few years, first for their families and relatives, then later employed at a bridal shop in Ann Arbor, where Ruth was the manager of the alterations department.

Judy says she learned from the best. Her teacher has been Delores Wolff, (a Manchester seamstress who is inarguably the epitome of talent.) After gaining the invaluable experience of sewing wedding gowns and bridal party dresses, but not enjoying the daily commute out of town, Ruth and Judy began looking for a suitable location in their hometown to open a shop of their own.

"We wanted to be in downtown Manchester," Judy says, "because both had sewing that would come it was inconvenient. We both live out in the country."

A few months ago, 146 East Main Street became available. "Notice the large window in the front,"

Ruth points out. "The natural light and lots of it is great for our work area." This bright and cheery workroom is where Judy has her computerized machine that includes a wide variety of embroidery stitches available. "This is where I have fun," Judy smiles as she shows me samples of what she and her machine can do. There are daisy designs, leaves, flowers, hearts and geometric patterns. Judy can also do French sewing: those fancy nips and tucks, and freehand embroidery.

Ruth has two standard machines she uses in her specialty: alterations, which includes not only taking in seams to make an item of clothing smaller, but also enlarging so that you'd never know to look at it.

"We've also enjoyed making equestrian outfits," they agreed. "Custom-made outfits that horse show enthusiasts prefer are wonderful to create. We hope members of the various riding clubs and equestrian teams will come to us."

"Few people sew nowadays," says Ruth, "either people don't know how or just don't have the time, so we hope to fill a niche."



Stitches will have an Open House on Saturday, March 14 from nine in the morning to two o'clock in the afternoon. There will be a "special", a drawing, and, of course, refreshments.

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During the first centuries of Christianity, pilgrims to Jerusalem developed the pious practice of going to and praying at fourteen different places (or stations) along the route Jesus carried the cross to His crucifixion.

These sites were identified early and transmitted down to us through oral tradition, a tradition preserved by the Christian families that lived in the Holy Land and in Jerusalem from the very beginning of the Christian Church.

Presently Pastor Vincent Carroll of Emanuel Church is shepherding folks from our village while on a pilgrimage to the Holy Places over there. Those of us who remain can indirectly join them in spirit. And so I would like to

warmly invite all who are interested to come over to St. Mary's parish at noon every Friday during Lent and "walk" through Jerusalem's fourteen Stations of the Cross with me. People of all faiths and beliefs (or unbeliefs) are welcome.

In the 13th Century, St. Francis of Assisi was appalled at what the Christian crusaders had done to people in the Near East (including Eastern Christians, Jews, Arabs, and Phoenicians). He made a pilgrimage to the Near East with the purpose of attempting reconciliation among all who were so shamefully treated by the Crusaders. The Caliph of



— by Fr. Charlie
St. Mary Catholic Church

The Stations of the Cross on the walls of Catholic Churches replicate the "stations" (or places) in Jerusalem where Jesus carried the Cross. Anyone can thereby make a prayerful "pilgrimage" —right here in Manchester!

Islam (the supreme head of secular and religious Islam) was so favorably impressed that he put St. Francis and his friars in charge of all of the Christian holy places in Palestine, a mission they hold even today. Ironically, it was no Bishop of Rome who installed the Franciscans as the Custodians of the Holy Places, it was the Supreme Head of Islam!

To this day, when the Stations of the Cross are put up on the walls of Catholic churches, they are to be officially placed there and blessed by a Franciscan friar.

The Stations of the Cross replicate the stations in Jerusalem. A set of prayers is prayed at each one of them. Anyone can thereby make a "pilgrimage" along the Stations of the Cross right here in Manchester, a pilgrimage that exactly follows the same ones a person could make if he or she were in Jerusalem itself.

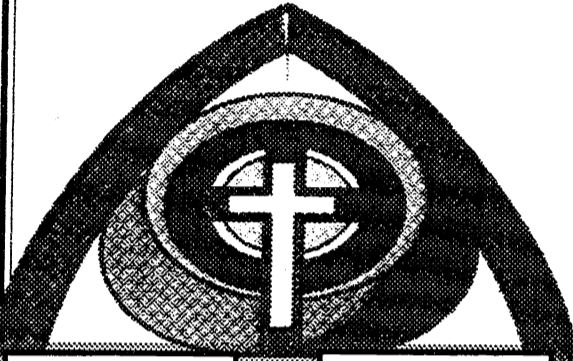
So, with that background and purpose in mind, let me again warmly invite you to come over on any or all Fridays of Lent and join me in our little pilgrimage

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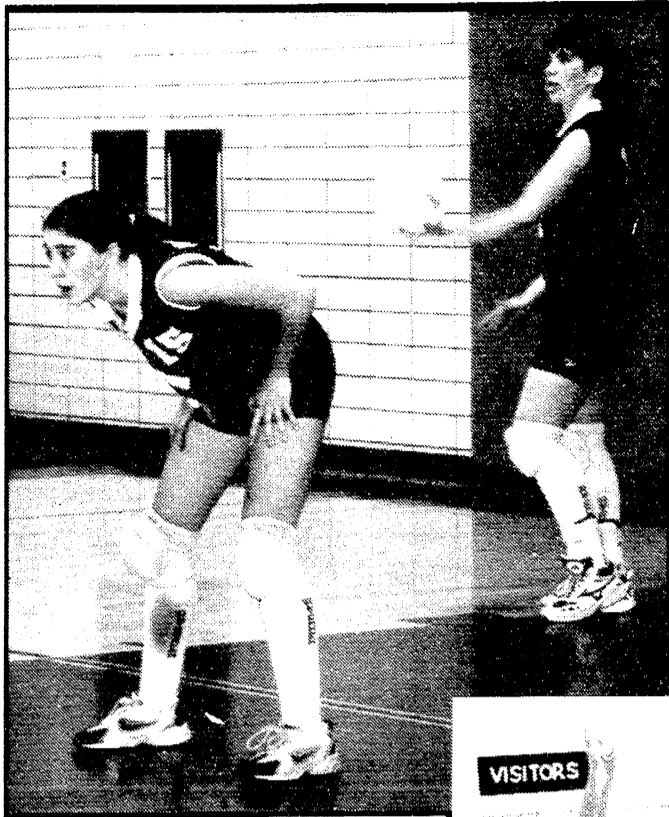
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Left: Foreground, #15 Mary Barrett (junior); setting up to serve #14 Brandy Aiken (sophomore)

'Tis A Fine Day

Right: (l-r) #13 Amy Gall (junior) at the net, Brandy Aiken, #4 Kelly Parr (senior), Mary Barrett



☘☘☘ St. Patrick's Day is an enchanting time — a day to begin transforming winter's dreams into summer's magic.
— Adrienne Cook



In the game vs East Jackson, Manchester volleyball coach Paula Palmer said, "We battled through it really well. It was a tough game and it took us awhile to get our footing but once we got our offense set up and running we did a good job and we began to pick up momentum."

East Jackson could not stop Mary Barrett who accumulated 26 kills and 29 digs. Mary served up 6 points in the third game when the Lady Dutch were down 10-14. "She brought us back into the match," says Palmer. Amy Gall had 38 assists, Erin Fox had 20 digs.

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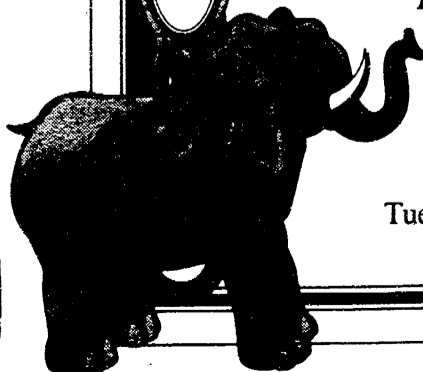


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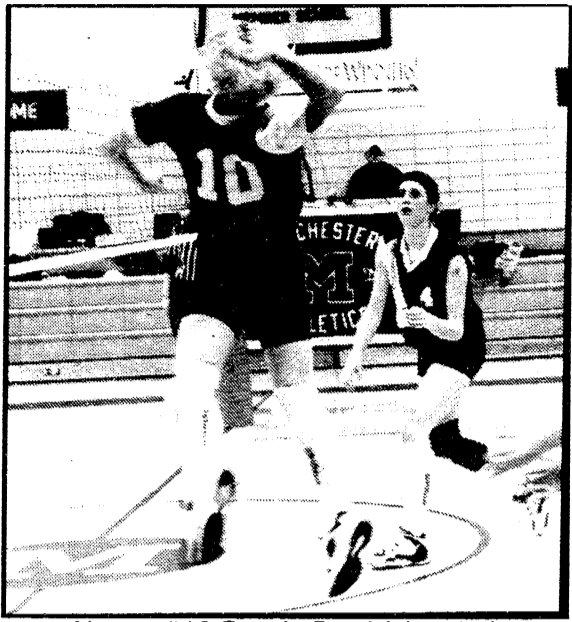
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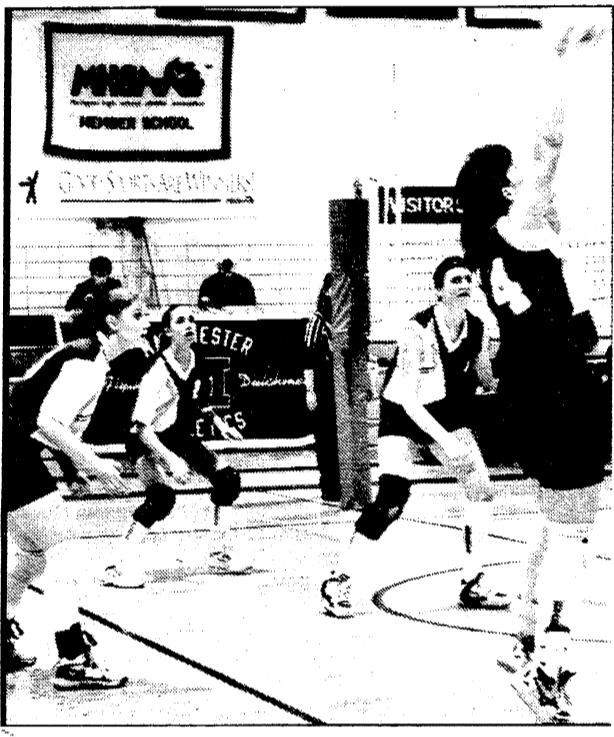


Above: #10 Sarah Gould (senior) in the air; #4 Kelly Parr

Right: (l-r) Kelly Parr, Carmen Kapa (senior), Brandy Aiken, Mary Barrett



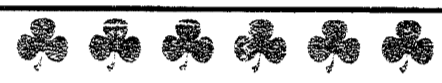
Left: (l-r) Amy Gall, Rachel Fleck (sophomore), Kelly Parr, Brandy Aiken



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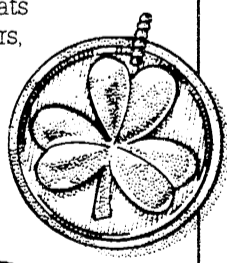
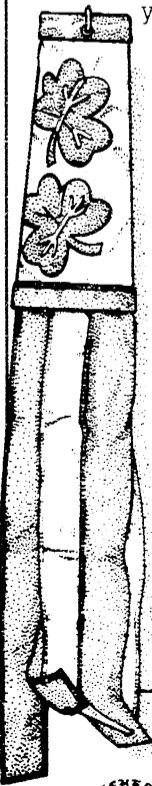
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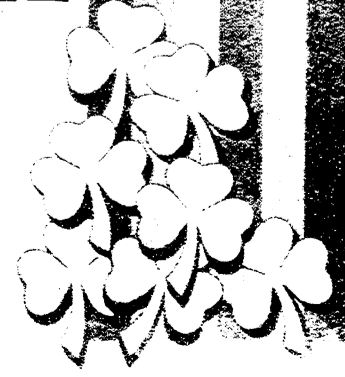
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— Irish toast



SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

MARCH

<p>6:30 Optimist Club 8 M'r Twp Board 8 Fair Board 8 Bridg'r Twp Plan Cm 8 Knights of Columbus</p> <p>VILLAGE ELECTION. Page 4</p>	<p>9 Vilg Curbside Recyc 9:30am Sr Citizen yoga Noon Sr Dinner 7:30 Vlg Plan Comm 8 Freedom Twp Board</p>	<p>10 8:30 Merchants Assoc 9am Beautification Comm. at Wh' Stop 7 Friends/Library (pgx) 7:30 Amer. Legion Aux 7:30 Rec Task Force</p> <p>Emanuel Roast Pork Dinner 4:30-7. Pg 3.</p>	<p>11 ♠ In Ireland the inevitable never happens and the unexpected constantly occurs. — Sir John Mahaffy</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>FRIDAY THE 13TH</p>	<p>14 9am Village Piecemakers at Emanuel 1-3pm Girl Scout Songfest at Sportsman Club. See page 3.</p>
<p>15 Girl Scout Sunday Mar 16-Apr 3 Ann Arbor Women Painters Annual Winter Exhibition Pierpont Commons Gallery, North Campus U-M 2000 Bonisteel, Ann Arbor Ph 734-668-7869 for more information</p>	<p>16 7 Village Council 7:30 School Board 7:30 United Way</p>	<p>17 Vilg Curbside Recy 9:30 Sr Citizen yoga 11:15 Sr Clergy Noon Sr Dinner 7:30 Hist Socy</p> <p>Happy Birthday, EMILY CUMMINGS & ANN PAT WOLF</p>	<p>18 7:30am Coalition for Health mtg. 8:30am Merchants at Black Sheep 7:30pm General Chamber mtg (Pg 3) 7:30 Men's Club 7:30 B'water Twp Brd</p>	<p>19 9am Chamber Board Noon Sr Dinner 12:30 Sr Citizen bingo 7 Middle School Parents 8 Sharon Twp Planning Comm</p>	<p>20 MARCH 20TH IS AG DAY</p>	<p>21 7:30 Kiwanis at Black Sheep ♠ May you live to be a hundred years, with one extra year to repent. — Irish toast</p>
<p>22  Happy March Birthdays to Senior Citizens: Wanda Hinz & Barbara Hunget (1), Rita Townsend & Ella Kemner (5), Marie Gilbert, Vernie Kastl & Winnie Tager (6), Adeline Stone & Arlene Walter (11), Margaret Ekin & Dorothy Willingham (12), Louise Breitenwischer & Lena Meyer (13), Max Walter (14), Jerry Hunget (16) Wayne Willingham (21), Olga Uhr (22), Helen Wahl (23), Florence Hickel (24), Florence Stark (25), Willard Schaible (26)</p>	<p>23 6:30 Optimist ♠ The men of Ireland are mortal and temporal but our hills are eternal. — George Bernard Shaw</p>	<p>24 Vilg Curbside Rec 9:30 Sr Citizen yoga 11 Sr Citizen blood pressure check Noon Sr Dinner 8pm Manchester Twp Planning Comm</p>	<p>25 ♠ The Irish, with their glowing hearts and reverent credulity are needed in this cold age of intellect and skepticism. —Lydia Child</p>	<p>26 12:30 Sr Citizen bingo 7:30pm CRC Board meeting. Phone 428-7722 for more infor</p>	<p>27 ♠ May the roof above us never fall in and may we friends gathered below never fall out. — Irish toast</p>	<p>28 American Legion Dinner & Comedy Show. See page 3</p>
<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>1 APRIL 7 Athletic Boosters - high school 7:30 VFW 7:30 Raisin Valley Land Trust at the Blacksmith Shop</p>	<p>2 Noon Sr Birthday Dinner 12 Sr Citizen bingo 7:30 Purple Heart 8 Sharon Twp Board</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 7:30 Kiwanis at Black Sheep Downtown Manchester's EGGStravaganza. See next page.</p>
<p>5 7:00 Village Council 7:30 Library Board 7:30 Masonic bus mtg</p>	<p>6 Vilg Curbside Recyc 9:30 Sr citizen yoga Noon Senior Dinner 7 Band Boosters 7:30 Freedom Twp Planning Comm</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 School Board Petitions Due. See page 2.</p>	<p>10 GOOD FRIDAY</p>	<p>11</p>

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Parenting With Patience Enrichment Opportunities

March is Parenting Awareness Month. The theme of programs in Manchester is Parenting With Patience. Eight classes are being offered as enrichment opportunities for parents and the community. The information in the presentations is appropriate for parents of all ages of children. Pre-registration is required. With the exception of the March 14 presentation by Mr. Al Dicken, class size is limited to 25. Walk-ins for adult classes only will be accepted if classes are not filled. All classes are offered at the Ackerson Middle School with the exception of Mr. Dicken's presentation which will be at the high school. Please use the registration form included in the Chronicle to register for classes.

Speakers for the classes are employed by St. Joseph Mercy Health Systems, Washtenaw County Cooperative Extension, Washtenaw County Public Health, The Ann Arbor Center for the Family and Washtenaw Community College.

March 7th: There is a fly in my soup. (Health in the kitchen) What is safe and unsafe when it comes to food and health in the kitchen. What you CAN'T see CAN hurt you. Food-borne illness affects millions of children and adults annually. Get easy tips to pass on to children to prevent illness.

Gender Equity. (Sex, drugs, rock and roll) How TV and advertising issues, and the messages they send, effect the attitudes and values of our kids. The presenter, who was a teen in the 60s, will use examples from the smoking and alcohol industries.

Tobacco Talk from Teens (For parents only) Insights into teen attitudes about tobacco use. • Teen feelings about arrests for tobacco use and possession • Family members and friends who use • Health education and cost of smoking
Open discussion: Teen smoking How should it be handled in the community

March 14 Parenting for Prevention - at Manchester High School. Mr. Al Dicken is a parent of teens, a teacher, coach and athletic director for West Bloomfield Schools. His focus draws attention to the importance of children taking responsibility for their actions and the role parents play in fostering the development of decision-making skills for children of all ages.

March 21 How to talk so kids will listen. A mini presentation taken from a four-week program. Discussion will focus around • Helping youth deal with their feelings • Engaging cooperation • Alternatives to punishment • Praise and more.

How Far is Enough:
• Why children misbehave
• Peaceful conflict management
• Discipline without yelling, arguing or being ignored
• Is conflict okay?
• What are the limits?

Run for your life. (Time management) Enjoy learning about using your time effectively with a mixture of humor and self reflection. Take a look at time wasters, some principles of time management and setting goals. Tips and strategies will help you gain control of time, a most precious asset.

— Dianne Schwab

Christmas in April-Washtenaw/Manchester Unit

Christmas in April is an annual one day blitz to repair and rehabilitate the homes of poor, elderly and handicapped. This year Christmas in April will occur on April 25.

Christmas in April-Washtenaw sponsors the projects in communities that participate. The Manchester Unit receives funds from business, churches, service clubs and individuals.

All repairs are paid for by Christmas in April. The work is accomplished by many volunteers, both skilled and unskilled. Numerous community minded tradespeople donate help as well as trucks, tools and other equipment.

The first meeting of the committee centered around a discussion concerning the need for more volunteers, specifically committee positions. Committees include food, publicity, volunteer recruitment and placement and house captains.

More volunteers taking a little responsibility will make the program healthier and able to function at a high level.

Volunteer forms will be mailed by April 1 to the people who volunteered in 1996-97. New interested volunteers are encouraged to call Pam Green, 428-9596 or the Community Resource Center 428-7722.

The next Christmas in April committee meeting is March 11, 7:00 at St. Mary Parish Center, 106 E. Madison. The meeting is open to all interested volunteers.

Brittney Gardner to Compete for Miss Pre-Teen Detroit Title

Brittney stopped by The Chronicle with the following letter.

"I'm 12 years old and I'm in the 6th grade. My hobbies are rollerblading, bicycle riding, babysitting and playing the flute. My favorite subjects in school are science, social studies and band."

When she was asked in her qualifying interview for the Miss Pre-Teen Detroit title, she admitted the one of the best things about competing was time off from school.

After submitting an application and taking part in an interview session, Brittney was selected to participate in competition for the 1998 Miss Pre-Teen Detroit pageant to be held in May.

Brittney will be competing for her share of over \$20,000 in scholarships, prizes and specialty gifts. She will model casual and formal wear and be judged by a Detroit panel on her personality and interviewing skills. Winners in five divisions will receive an expense paid trip to Orlando, Florida.

Brittney is the daughter of Mary Beth Gardner and Wilbur Henes. Interested sponsors may contact pageant coordinator, Maureen Gower at 800-350-9063, or contact Brittney's mother at 428-1059.



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

Class Choice: _____ Parenting for Prevention _____ How Far is Enough
_____ How to Talk so Kids will Listen _____ Run for Your Life
_____ Fathers are Parents, too.

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Manchester Girl Scouts 75th Anniversary

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And to live by the Girl Scout law.

The Girl Scout Law

- I will do my best
- to be honest
 - to be fair
 - to help where I am needed
 - to be cheerful
 - to be friendly and considerate
 - to be a sister to every Girl Scout
 - to respect authority
 - to use resources wisely
- to protect and improve the world around me
- to show respect for myself and others
through my words and actions

Anita Tyler researched the beginnings of Girl Scouts in Manchester and found in Mat Blosser's Manchester Enterprise of May 10, 1923 that the local Girl Scouts were given a surprise.

It seems that an afternoon hike was scheduled for their Tuesday meeting, however, a storm prevented the outing. Each Scout had brought a lunch but in the early evening they were asked to go to a local church parlor. There they were surprised with a "sumptuous supper" that had been planned by the mothers to celebrate the birthdays of two of the girls, Marie Wurster and Erma Marshall.

The tables were "prettily and daintily trimmed with large baskets of wildflowers and various colored candles."

Mothers and daughters marched to the table "arm in arm" and afterwards the girls gave their mothers three cheers for their "thoughtfulness and kindness...on this splendid occasion."

The Girl Scouts were also noted as having marched in the Decoration Day parade. Before the parade, the Girl Scouts, along with members of the Relief Corps and G.A.R., arranged flowers in baskets in the Young Men's Club rooms. The flowers were brought by school children: "wild flowers from the woods, lilacs and other blossoms..."

Parade participants were listed (perhaps in order of march) as: Welfare Band, American Legion, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, G.A.R., W.R.C., School Teachers, School Children, Citizens.

Troop 966

— by Betty Muszyaski and Sue Johnson

Meeting #2: Decorate pumpkins, make Good Turn Mouse #3: Discuss Good Turn Mouse, Investiture invitations, attended button swap and had a great time. #4: Investiture #5: Pinecone decorations, practice caroling songs #6: Decorate Christmas cookies, start collecting cans for Toledo Zoo trip. (Girls are paying their way with popcorn money.) #7: Thinking Day cards #8: Make snow girls out of gloves with Daisy flags #9: Make a wish for children everywhere, read Daisy book, make a sign to put up at Ollie's Main Street Pizza #10: Ollie's Main Street Pizza party, Girl Scout Birthday, put up a sign Girl Scout 86th Birthday Party #11: Collect good used books to donate to our sponsor and our church, food drive

In the spring, we are going to plant some flowers by the church we meet at. We need to plan a meeting with Brownies, will attend zoo trip. Bridge.

Margaret Hankes

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Lucile Bruner and I visited with Margaret in her lovely garden apartment at the Chelsea Methodist Retirement Community, and chatted over tea and cookies. Lucile, who has been involved with Girl Scouts since 1984, was curious about the actual camping facilities. Margaret answered that they didn't exactly rough it. "We stayed in cabins that had a cooking stove and cots, but I do believe there were outhouses."

The girls spent their days at camp swimming in the lake, sitting around campfires and singing and some evenings going to the dance hall that was located above the bowling alley. It was called the Farm Hotel. "None of us could

"We were quite the tomboys; camp was suppose to make ladies out of us but we wore pants and had a good time. There was a steep sand bank that we'd slide down and we learned to swim by the dock then gradually getting good enough to swim out to the raft. It was a wonderful experience."

We asked what they did at their meetings. Margaret said she remembered making crafts and hiking. "We'd walk around Case's Woods, where the cement plant was located. That place was quite an institution in Manchester. We'd pick wildflowers, there were so many in those days, every kind you could possibly imagine, a botanical dream".

Lucile asked if there were Girl Scout Cookies in those early years and Margaret told us that actually they did have cookies but they were made by the bakery for the scouts to sell.

As our visit came to a close, we chuckled as we thumbed through a 1922 Girl Scout manual Lucile has that mentions promoting in young Girl Scouts "erect carriage, the alert habit of obedience and the ability to think and act quickly."

Thank you so very much, Margaret and Lucile. -kk

afford many dresses so we would trade so we could wear different dresses to the dances."

Brownie Troop 280

Things that Brownie Troop 280 has done this year:

We spent a weekend camping at the lodge at Camp Crawford in August and did several fun projects including making a spray painted troop t-shirt for each girl.

We made several swaps during our meetings and attended the Manchester Swap Meet.

We had a campout at the leader's house, made swaps during the afternoon and slept out in tents for the first time — at the end of September---and, we froze, but had a blast. We went on a hayride and had a campfire at night.

We went Christmas caroling the beginning of December. For Christmas, our troop adopted a less fortunate family of a mother and baby girl. We used troop funds, \$10 per girl to buy gifts for this family.

We met with an older troop (Juniors) and learned about some things they are able to do as Juniors.

We sold Girl Scout Cookies and are having a Cookie booth followed by pizza for lunch and then going rollerskating.

We are going to participate in Scouting for Food, the Earth Day celebration at Camp Crawford, plant flowers on Main Street, march in the Memorial Day parade, go to the zoo, and ride on the Fair Parade float.

Brownie Troop 388

Brownie Troop 388, a third-year Brownie troop, has already had a very fun and active year with many activities still planned. The troop has grown to 17 girls and we are working on making the transition to Junior Girl Scouts in the fall. Some activities that the girls have already done are:

- Going through the corn maze at the Fusilier Family Farm and learning about farming.
- Learning about soil and soil erosion and what happens to our trash when it goes to a landfill.

The girls buried various items of trash at their leader's house last fall and will dig it up in the spring to see what changes, if any, have taken place.

• Working on craft activities. The girls split into three groups and rotated among three different craft activities to get a feel for how badges may be earned as Juniors and beyond. The activities were candle making, cooking (with each group choosing which food they would cook and doing the shopping for it) and scented soap and perfume making. Not only did the girls have fun and get to experience a more independent style of working but they got the chance to make some great Christmas presents for family and friends!

• Some fun sports and fitness activities like rollerblading at the indoor facility in Ann Arbor and swimming at an indoor pool in January.

• Of course, the girls had many opportunities to make craft projects like clay items at their regular meetings and had their annual Christmas party with a small gift exchange.

Activities that are planned for the rest of the year are:

• An overnight trip, possibly with another troop, to the Binder Park Zoo in Battle Creek for the "Zoo Snooze". This is a special program where groups actually get to spend the night inside the zoo and take part in activities and workshops to learn about the animals at night. Since many mammals are largely nocturnal it should provide some great opportunities. This is planned for April.

• A trip to Ann Arbor's Wild Swan Theatre to see the production "Tales of Egypt." This should be fun and educational. The girls will also do some reporting on a country of their choice and plan to make some recipes from the country.

• More exploration of our earth and nature is planned by making terrariums once spring comes and also by building birdhouses and bird feeders.

• And, of course, more craft projects are planned and a final ceremony where we will celebrate the girls' transition to Junior Girl Scouts with a family potluck at the last meeting of the season.

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Happy Birthday, Manchester Girl Scouts



Scout Barracks

Angela Tyler, from Cadette Troop 706, pictured above in the middle of the group, has worked as an honor guard at Mackinac Island for two years.

Troop 300 Service Projects

- Made Valentines for children at Mott's Childrens' Hospital
- Made bookmarks for Manchester Township Library

Field Trips: September-Alber Orchard, October-Wiard's Orchard and Linden Fall Walk, November-Swap Meet, December-Caroling in the village, January-Adrian Skatery. **Recognitions Earned:** Caring and Sharing, Her Story-My Body; **Outdoor Happenings:** Be a Reader, Cookies Count.

GIRL SCOUT



Songfest

Saturday, March 14 1-3:00 PM
at the Manchester Sportsman Club
on Grossman Road.
Current and former scouts and
leaders invited to the 75th
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Junior Troops

The Girl Scouts have a progressive program for learning to camp: Brownies have backyard cookouts, then overnights. Juniors do camping for several nights and learn more advanced camping skills; Cadettes work on planning campouts for themselves and other troops; and Seniors are ready for Primitive Camping. Manchester Girl Scouts can go to Camp Linden, Camp Crawford between Saline and Milan, or sometimes Camp of the Hills in the Irish Hills.

The girls also do public service projects such as planting flowers on Main Street around the trees.

Cheryl Smail's Cadettes, Troop 587, organized SWAP meets where the girls make pins for hats or clothes. They have done this the past two years.

We also have meetings and encampments with Western Washtenaw Area Girl Scouts which consists of Dexter, Saline, Chelsea and Manchester. The next Western Washtenaw Encampment will be in early June in the Irish Hills.

Thank you to the following contributors who made this special report possible:

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Brownie Girl Scout Troop 977

Brownie Troop 977 consists of sixteen wonderful first graders and three leaders. Our goal this year is to fulfill the requirements to become a Challenge Honor Troop. In order to reach this goal, we have or will participate in a wide variety of great activities. Some of these include:

- Manchester Girl Scout Swap
- Annual Girl Scout Cookie sales and QSP (magazine) sales
- Field trips to Fusilier Family Farm, Manchester Township Fire Station, Toledo Zoo, Timbertown and local parks.

Community Service projects include: Christmas Caroling, Scouting for Food, Memorial Day Parade, planting flowers on Main Street and at our local sponsor's Chapters & Verses, and planting a tree at Klager Elementary School, 1998 Manchester Summer Day Camp.

Most importantly our troop tries to incorporate FUN into learning.

To celebrate Girl Scout Week and the Girl Scout Birthday, our troop is participating in a special multi-age Girl Scout display at Klager Elementary and has decorated a window at Chapters & Verses. We wish a HAPPY BIRTHDAY to all Girl Scouts.

Troop 299

— by **Becky Harrison and Billie Jo Owens**

Done: Swap meeting, trip to Domino Farms Christmas Lights display, trip to a play at the Wild Swan Children's Theatre, cookie sales, magazine sales, Christmas caroling.

Plans: Trips to Michigan Space Center, Toledo Zoo, Cranbrook Institute of Science, Matthaei Botanical Garden. Also, Core Camp, Scouting for Food and Cookie Booth.

Our troop of Brownies had two close family members pass away suddenly. We have learned about "sharing and caring" by giving support to our Brownie sisters. One girl lost her grandma and we each made her a card expressing our feelings to her. The other girl's aunt died leaving four little girls motherless. We sent a basket with four teddy bears to the funeral home for the girls.

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Parents Question Administration of High School Attendance Policy

— by Gini Patak

Parents of several Manchester High School students took the opportunity during the visitor input section of the February Board of Education meeting to raise some serious questions about the administration of the attendance policy that was enacted last fall. The policy takes a no-nonsense approach to attendance and allows students only two absences, excused or unexcused, before they lose credit for a class, or all classes if they miss 12 entire days.

Accumulated tardiness figures into the attendance calculation as well. So does the commitment of the school board and administrators to make sure parents and guardians stay in the loop when a student is chalking up time off.

And this is where things get tricky. It has been a horrible year for illness with as many as twenty percent of students out on a given day. Substitute teachers have been hard to find, too, presumably for the same reason. Sick calls from students keep the phones busy at all the schools, sometimes well past nine o'clock.

When things get hectic in the high school office, student assistants help take the absence calls. These are supposed to be recorded and when a student has accumulated the equivalent of five absences, there is supposed to be a call home to advise parents. When a student has eight absences, there is supposed to be a letter. At eleven absences, the administration is supposed to schedule a meeting.

When the policy was approved, board members and administrators assured the public that accommodations would be made in the case of legitimate problems, like illness which could be verified by a doctor's note.

The parents who were appealing to the school board claimed they had never received the required notification and that the unexcused absences indeed had been excused but not recorded that way. They were concerned because their student was facing a serious loss of credit and the hearing was to be held the day after the February board meeting.

Superintendent Ron Niedzwiecki was not able to say whether the notifications had gone out as planned, but agreed to investigate administration of the policy at the request of several school board members. None of the high school administrators present addressed the parents' claim that phone calls and correspondence had failed to reach them either.

Trustee Marilyn Knaouse explained that the policy was put into place to make sure students were in class when they were supposed to be.

"Last year (1996/97) there were kids who had 200-300 tardies," she said, explaining how difficult it is to teach someone who has such little regard for school.

The board was united on the intent of the plan but several members expressed concern that students who were legitimately absent were not receiving the consideration the policy should have afforded.

While there was no resolution to the individual problem at this meeting, and the parents ended their part of the discussion talking about emotional and psychological damage, there are ways students

can protect themselves while the facts are sorted out.

Students have 24 hours following an absence in which they can be excused by their parent or guardian. Usually, this takes the form of a phone call to school to advise the office of illness or other legitimate reason for the absence. For the time being, it maybe wise to confirm this phone call with a note the student can submit when they return to school. Additionally, students can request an "Admit Slip" from the office when they return to school. By doing so, they'll know whether the absence was properly excused or not. If the absence should have been excused, they and their parents have an opportunity to deal with the problem immediately. This has the added advantage of providing a "paper trail" that may be beneficial in a hearing.

DURANT/HEADLEE SETTLEMENT MEANS ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR MANCHESTER SCHOOLS

Niedzwiecki presented terms for settlement of a long standing legal battle Manchester and other school districts have had with the state over the underfunding of special education, driver's education, bilingual education and other programs. The agreement means an additional \$472,000 for the school district paid out via a complicated formula over a period of about 15 years.

It also has some strings on how the money can be spent. Some things it won't cover are teacher salaries or most other operating expenses. It will help pay for some technology and capital improvements.

While Durant/Headlee makes some extra money available, another state-level financing decision transfers responsibility for part of the teachers' retirement fund from the state to our local district while holding the line on increasing our per student grant for next year.

So much for the extra education funding the governor promised in last month's State of the State address.

MARCH MEETING

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

They're all winners at the Middle School Science & Social Studies Fair

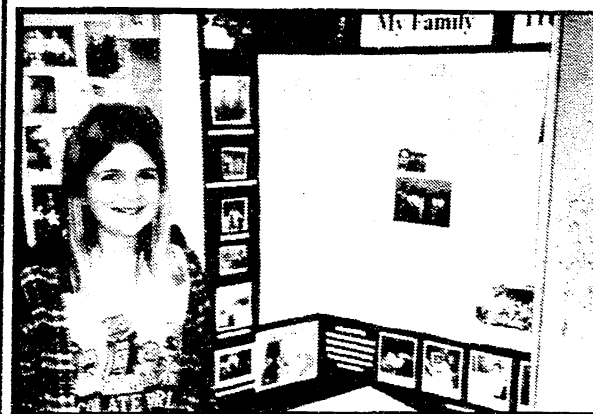


Above: Briana Clark with her Rose Bowl project. She used 1,080 Legos to build the stadium.



Julia Steinaway is in the 7th grade, her teacher is Mr. Brian Schick; her project The Ancient Olympics. Below, Cori Chrestensen compiled a report about wrestling.

Below left, Dyon Evans, who received a first place for his Auschwitz report.



Fifth grader Emily Little whose project was "My Family Tree."

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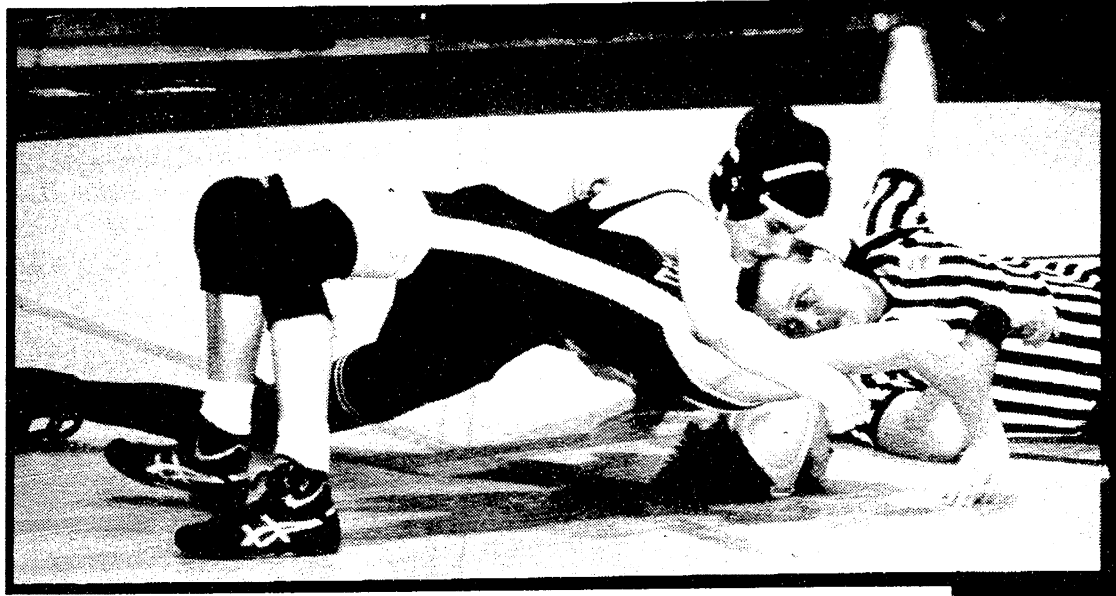
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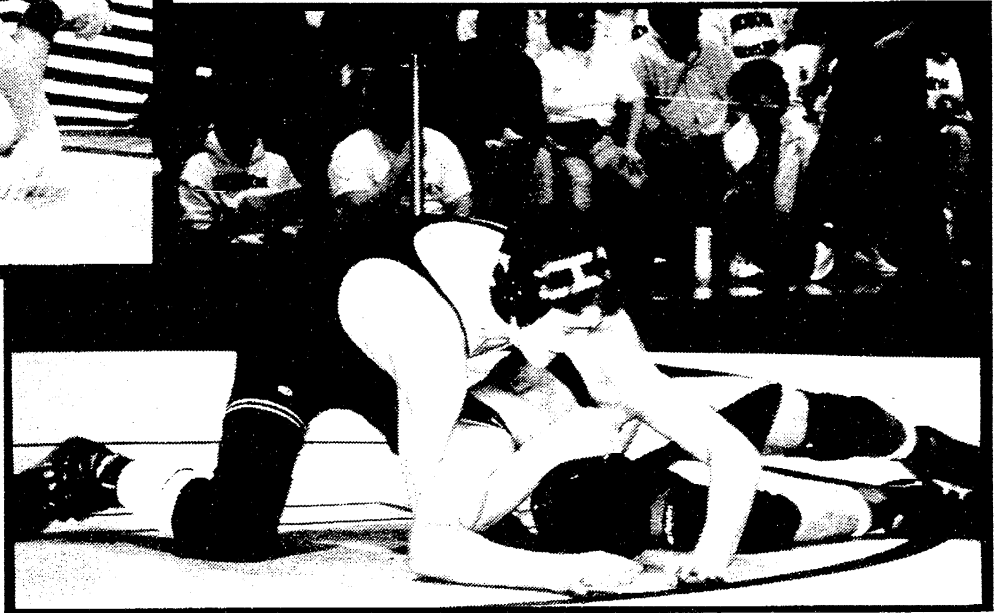
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Two Manchester Wrestlers Qualify for State

— Manchester Chronicle photos
by Kathy Kueffner



Left: Jeremy Smith, a senior, placed third, qualifying for Division IV Individual State Wrestling finals March 13-14 at Western Michigan University. His record is 28-6. Below: Sophomore Jeremiah Tobias won his rounds to qualify first in his weight division of 130. Jeremiah remains undefeated with a record of 42-0. Manchester hosted the Division IV Individual Wrestling Regionals Saturday, February 28.



Summary of Board of Education Minutes - February 16, 1998 - Not Official Minutes

The regular meeting of the Manchester Community Schools' Board of Education was called to order at 7:31 by president Winzenz.

Members present: Evans, Ochs, Winzenz, Abbott, Turk, Sahakian, Knouase

The minutes of the regular meeting of January 19, 1998 were approved as presented. The January treasurer's report was approved with a cash balance in the amount of \$1,168,317.86; total bills payable of \$849,032.68.

Correspondence included: Thank you note from Eleanor Baker; sympathy cards to Carrie Resh upon the death of her father, Brian Kissman upon the death of his grandmother, Pat Merrill upon the death of her father; Peek At The Middle; letters from Terri Monkiewicz and Carolyn Palms.

VISITOR INPUT

William Brannock addressed the Board regarding his concerns over the new high school attendance policy.

OTHER BUSINESS

Superintendent Niedzwiecki presented a plaque of recognition to Thomas George on behalf of the NCA Committee for his work with Comstock Elementary.

The Technology Committee presented the proposal from DataServ Inc. for technology consultant services. They will be responsible for planning, designing, developing bid documents, assisting in vendor selections and USF application process for networking data, voice and video within the district. The board unanimously agreed to authorize the Superintendent to enter into an agreement with DataServ Inc.

A waiver of membership was granted to Jacob Schenk for the 1998-99 school year.

Treston Lucas was granted admission to the Manchester Community Schools as a tuition student for the remainder of the 1997-98 school year.

The Board approved the resolution calling for the annual school election to be held Monday, June 8, 1998.

The Board adopted the resolution authorizing membership in the Michigan School Energy Cooperative and participation in its cooperative energy purchasing program.

The resolution regarding judgments in the Durant case was approved by the Board.

The resolution to amend the General Fund Budget for the 1997-98 fiscal year was approved as presented.

The Board entered into closed session at 8:35 to discuss property issues.

The meeting adjourned at 9:49 p.m.

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Survey: Do You Want Drivers Ed to continue in Manchester?

On September 30, 1996, Governor John Engler signed into law Public Act 387. This legislation is commonly referred to as the "Graduated License Bill." The primary purpose of this legislation is to reduce the number of traffic accidents and deaths attributable to inexperienced drivers and to better prepare them for driving safely.

The legislation required that the "graduated license" requirement take effect April 1, 1997.

The law specifies that the local public school district MUST continue to provide driver education through April 1, 1998. At that point, school officials will have the option to continue offering the program or discontinue driver education.

Manchester school district as three options: 1.) To continue to provide driver education; 2.) To not offer the course; 3.) To contract with another provider to serve the local school district students.

If Manchester decides not to provide driver education and a student from Manchester takes drivers education from another school district or from a commercial driving school, our district would be obligated to see that dollars received from the state are transferred to the provider of the driver education program.

Currently the state funds approximately \$70 per student for the program and the Manchester school district matches that amount. After April 1, 1998, local districts may impose a fee to cover costs above and beyond the matching funds.

Residents of the Manchester School district may help the school board make the decision about our local drivers education program. Drivers Education will be an agenda item for the March 16 board of education meeting.

Please fill out the following survey and mail to: Community Resource Center, P. O. Box 433, Manchester, MI 48158-0433 by March 12.

Driver Education Survey

Would you support continuing to offer drivers education through our local school system? Yes ___ No ___

Why/Why not? _____

Do you believe your school district should be permitted to charge an additional fee for making drivers education available locally? Yes ___ No ___

What changes would you like to see in the program if it is offered locally? _____

Thank you for your input. Manchester Coalition for Drug Free Youth



Manchester Area Historical Society

— Betty E. Cummings
Secretary
and Kathy Kueffner

The Manchester Area Historical Society held its regular monthly meeting at the Blacksmith Shop on Tuesday, February 17. A videotape was shown of an interview with LoRen Trolz, a lifetime resident of Manchester Township. The interview was conducted by Bob Kellum from the River Raisin Land Trust. Mr. Trolz reminisced about his childhood, his family, farm life, and the neighborhood.

He was born in 1909 and his family moved to the farm on English Road in 1912 from a farm they rented in Clinton. He still remembers coming over the Iron Creek dam with the horse and wagon the day they moved.

When he was seven years old, he started school at Matteson School on Noggles Road and went there through the eighth grade. They walked to the high school in town, sometimes following the road, and sometimes cutting through the woods following what was reputed to be an old Indian-trail that wound through huckleberry patches. During his senior year at Manchester High School, his father was quite sick so he stayed home a lot to help on the farm. His father died on LoRen's graduation night.

In the early days, he farmed with horses. Around 1930, he bought a Fordson tractor, but continued to use the horses because the tractor had trouble on the hills and the horses were better at some jobs. He usually used three horses on a single-bottom plow or five horses in a tandem hitch on a two-bottom plow. In the 1940s, he got a John Deer tractor, but continued to use the horses.

Most farmers had sheep, a few cows, and some chickens. A man by the name of Albert Green rigged up a Model T to haul milk cans, collected from neighboring farms, to town. Later a milk truck from Detroit made the rounds. They separated the milk in the early days, selling off the cream and feeding the skim that was left to the hogs.

Everyone went to town on Wednesday and Saturday nights. The banks and all the stores were open. Farmers brought their eggs to sell to the grocery store and did their shopping. LoRen's mother churned butter and put it into crocks to sell in town. Mr. Trolz worked at the C. F. Smith general store during his senior year in high school. He remembers handling 90 crates (a crate held 30 dozen) of eggs in one night, candling them

to see if they were good. The candler held three dozen eggs at a time.

In the early days of Manchester, there were stockyards west of the townhall along the train tracks. Most of the livestock was shipped to Buffalo. Some farmers drove their sheep to town and Mr. Trolz remembers driving the cattle to town. He had a three-board rack built on his farm wagon that was hinged to lay flat so the wagon could be used for hay, or raised so he could haul pigs to the stockyards.

Churches were an important part of the rural community. Iron Creek Church was organized in 1855. Families met in homes at first and in the Iron Creek School on Ely Road. In 1868 the church was built. The Trolz family usually walked to church but there was a shed behind the church in which the horses and buggies could be stabled while people were inside.

When a basement room was needed in the church for a place to put the furnace, dirt was hauled out on a sled pulled by a small horse.

Box socials, "foot" and "shadow" socials were popular. Box lunches were auctioned off and the men who bought them ate lunch with the girls who prepared them. At a foot social, a curtain was hung across a doorway and one girl at a time put her foot out from behind the drape. She then ate with the man who won the bidding. Similarly, at a shadow social, a curtain was hung with a light behind it and the men bid on the shadow cast on the curtain.

Mr. Trolz said his sisters worked as hired girls for different families; two of his sisters worked at the chair factory in Manchester and two were telephone operators in town. Farmers cooperated during threshing. The threshing machine worked off steam so piles of coal were ready ahead of time. Teams of horses pulled the wagon which held six or seven hundred gallons of water pumped out of the nearby lake.

The Trolz home had kerosene and gas lights until 1937 when they got electricity, and wood stoves until 1940 when they got a coal furnace. There was a wooden sink in the kitchen and they

Manchester Band Students Receive First Division at Festival

This past February 14, the Manchester High School Band sent five students to the annual District VIII Solo and Ensemble festival. Of the six events that these students participated in, five events received a first division. They are Jackie Palms on French horn and piano; Justin Turk, trumpet; Erin Wiley and Brandy Aiken, flute duet; and, Annie Hinkley, violin.

These students are eligible to participate in the State Solo/Ensemble Festival on March 28 at Eastern Michigan University.

Other upcoming events include the annual concert band festival for both middle and high school, and the district Solo/Ensemble Festival for middle school.



— photo by Kathy Kueffner



Above: Featured guest, LoRen Trolz (left) and Reno Feldkamp look over some historical photos after the program at the Society's February meeting.

pumped water from a cistern where water drained from eavestroughs. There were shut-offs at the eavestroughs in case the cistern got too full. Their well was dug in 1950.

During the Depression years, farmers were pretty much self-sustained, growing and raising their own food. They cut trees off their farms and hauled them to the sawmill to be cut into the boards they needed for fences. The local Ladies Aid society sewed clothes for families and the township supervisor looked after people in need.

The next meeting of the Historical Society will be held March 17 and the public, as always, is welcome and invited to attend.



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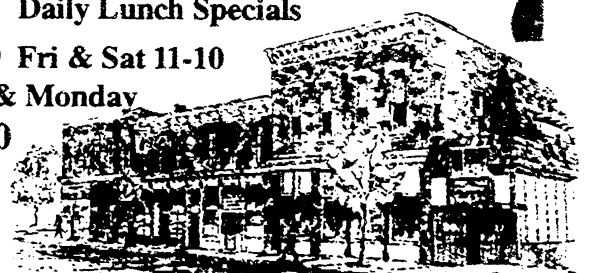
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Klager third and fourth graders hear about shoeing horses from local farrier

— Story by Ashley Donahue

Matt Kueffner came to our class. He is a farrier. He talked about his job. At first I thought he said he liked shooting horses, but then I raised my hand and I asked, "What do you mean by shooting horses?" And he said, "No, no. I said I like shoeing horses."



He showed all his tools that he works on horses with. One was the file that they cut their nails down with. He had a pick and a big nail cutter. He had the nails that he nails the shoes down. He had shoes of all different sizes with him. He has seen a horse with a hoof as big as a desk. His father works on horses at the racetrack. He has some of his father's horses at his house.

Mrs. Weber brought Matt to our class. She made a horse out of paper. She drew it because she's really an artist and she gave it to Matt after we signed it and it's probably in his house.

Matt picks up the hoof and puts the shoe on it and puts the nail into the wall of the hoof because if he put it into the soft part it would really hurt. The wall is on the side and in the front and the back. He didn't tell us where he gets the shoes. He said if the horse's hoof gets too long it could go under and really get irritated. He said his work was fun. Some horses are nippy.

He lives in Manchester but he goes out of town. Sometimes when people call him he doesn't have time just then to come to them but he can get to them later.

He's on his own time. He likes that. He doesn't have a boss. He really likes not to have a boss.

Somebody asked, "Do horses lay down on their side when they're having their shoes put on?" He said, "No."

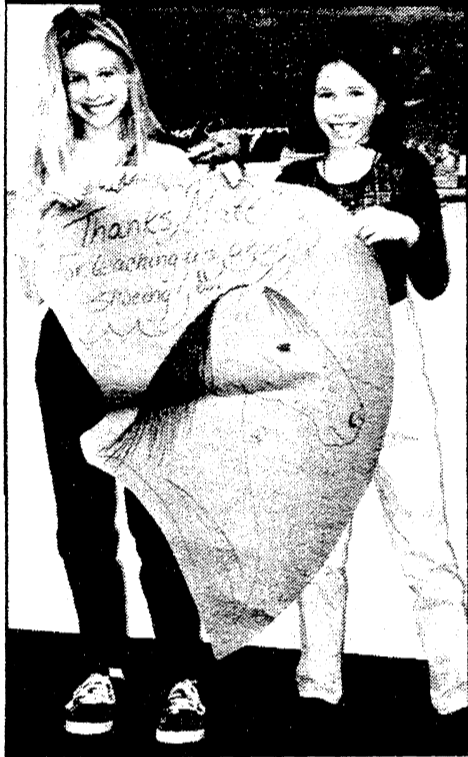
When the shoe gets too big, they have to put the shoe in really hot water which makes it bendable so you can fit it on the hoof. I don't know if he brings the hot water with him.

He learned how to do this by going to school in Oklahoma. Then he went to Texas. He worked with a girl. I don't know her name. I asked if girls can be farriers too and he said, "Yes." Somebody asked if he was married and he laughed and said, "No." They asked if he's ever been hurt or kicked and he said he has been hurt but not too bad.

We're reading *Black Beauty* and that's why Mrs. Weber brought Matt in but not just that. She thought it would be really fun to learn what a farrier's job is like. Mrs. Weber's dad used to be a farrier.

It was cool learning about his job.

The author of the story about Matt, Ashley Donahue pictured on the left with her friend Misty Neely. They are holding the horse picture, drawn by Mrs. Weber, and signed by Klager third and fourth graders.



photo/kk



Sigmund Rules

Linda Dalton, who has her TLC Farm in Freedom Township, and who has a minimum of six Great Danes at any one time at her home, stopped by last week. "Stopped by" sounds very tame when you understand that at least one and often two Danes accompany Linda on her visits about town.

This day Linda and her two Danes, *Jasmine*, the grand dam Dane who is nine years old, and *Abby*, The Puppy, came down the stairs with all the stealth of two German tanks. I recognized the sound even behind the closed door of my office. What I didn't recognize was the next sound, sort of like rocket artillery in a war movie. (You'll understand the war metaphors as I continue). The moment I opened the door to see just what all the racket was about, I thought first about quickly shutting the door, then about grabbing my camera.

It seems the pitter-patter of the Danes' paws coming down the steps had attracted the attention of *Sigmund*. Sigmund is the

lovable, irrepresible, friendly black Lab who accompanies Corey and Ron Milkey to work at the Premier Contracting office next door to mine. The end of Sigmund's leash is attached to a chair in the office. An eighty-pound Labrador Retriever has no problem dragging a chair out of the office and across the Mill lobby to greet a couple of visiting Danes.

Jasmine was nonplussed, but Abby, youngster that she is, scrambled to get into reverse gear to avoid this big black dog followed by an office chair. (Although Linda swears Abby was not retreating — she was just going home to get her couch!)

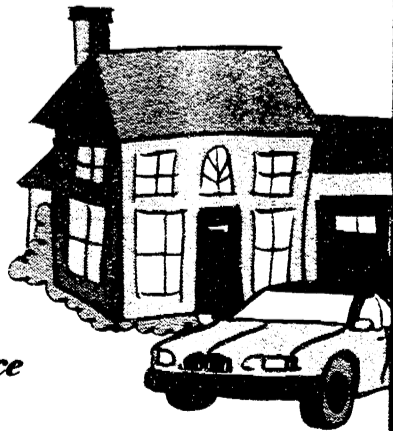


Above: Sigmund, and left Abby, the Great Dane puppy.

Abby, after her traumatic encounter with the dog-who-drags-a-chair, decided to enjoy the peaceful view out the Chronicle office window --- maybe scare some pigeons off the bird feeder or bark at the fish in the river below.

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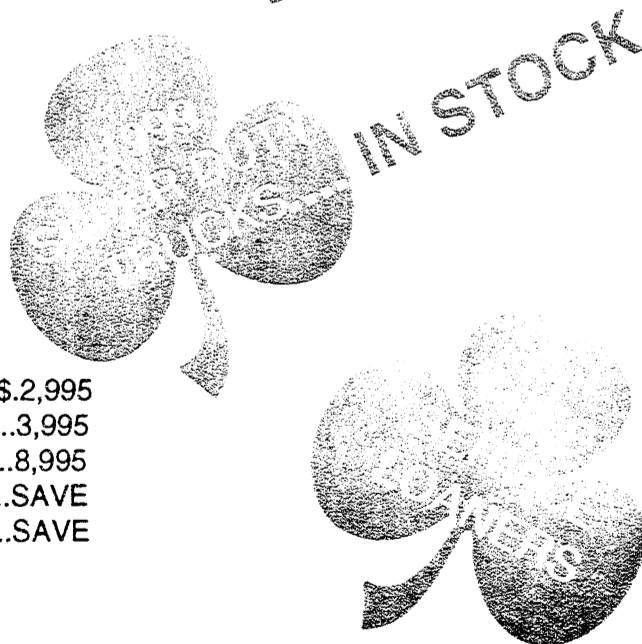
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