

Signs of Spring



Left: **Bill Alber** pitching for the Manchester High School varsity baseball team at the April 8th game against Whitmore Lake. Manchester won 9-3

Right: **Courtney Whitaker**, pitching for the high school varsity softball team against Whitmore Lake. Manchester won 6 to 5.

See more action photos from both games on pages 8 and 9. The Chronicle goes to the games.

— photos by Kathy Kueffner



Request for Rezoning from Agricultural to Commercial

Public Hearing held April 1st: Manchester Township Planning Commission to Discuss at next meeting, Tuesday, April 28th, along with AirTouch Cellular Tower Request

— Kathy Kueffner

Bill Kerns, owner of Manchester Collision at the corner of Grossman and West Austin Roads, submitted an application to Manchester Township to have a piece of property rezoned from agriculture to commercial. Kern purchased the 3.5 acre parcel in June of 1997 for \$40,000 according to the Property Transfer Affidavit. He wants to build four mini storage units and, if the property is rezoned, will still have to apply for a Conditional Use permit and comply with conditions listed in the new ordinance, (Article 9, Section 9.04K).

There are some problems.

The new Manchester Township Zoning Ordinance adopted January 12, 1998 and effective February 21, 1998, states:

The minimum area for a parcel of land to be zoned CD [Commercial District] shall be 20 acres (Article 9, Section 9.05A).

Township officials have discussed the possibility of considering, in theory, the general area when computing the 20-acre requirement. Kerns' 3.5 acres added to Manchester Collision's 1.86 acres, along with Schaible Masonry's 2.75 acres (contiguous properties), then skip across Grossman Road to add in Alber Excavating's property, cross West Austin to include the veterinary clinic, then east to Atlas property. Viola! — 20 acres. Well, not quite, but perhaps close enough at 19 point something.

If the property is rezoned to commercial, there are a number of other uses that would be permitted, of course; for instance, grocery

store, laundermatte, clothing store, hardware store, clinic, motel, mortuary, restaurant, automobile dealer, gas station, etc. Thereafter, parcels of land could be added if contiguous.

Here are the problems:

- The present Land Use Map shows present locations of commercial zoning in this area. It does not show an intent to expand the commercial zoning in this area.

- The present Land Use Map (sometimes called the General Development Plan) was updated and approved by the township board just a few months ago, in November, 1997.

At the Public Hearing April 1st, area residents voiced other concerns.

- Commercial lighting intruding on the adjoining residential properties;

- Diminished property values on the adjoining residential properties;

- Road safety — West of Kerns' property on Austin Road is a "blind" curve on a hill. The posted suggested speed to negotiate that curve is 40 mph. Coming out of that curve, traveling east, there is about 5 seconds of travel time before a vehicle passes the area where a driveway would be located. Less if vehicles were traveling faster than 40 mph.

As township supervisor Ron Mann advised at the hearing, it would cost the township around \$75,000 to hire a police officer to enforce the posted suggested speed limit. Obviously impractical.

Discussion of the Kerns' application to rezone to commercial is listed on the Manchester township planning commission's agenda for their regular meeting, Tuesday, April 28, at 8:00 p.m. Meetings are held in the township hall.

Minutes of the April 1st Public Hearing are published on page four of this issue of The Manchester Chronicle.

AIRTOUCH CELLULAR SENDS LETTER OF INTENT TO TOWNSHIP

The Public Hearing to consider the request of AirTouch Cellular to locate their tower adjacent to the Consumers Energy substation on Gieske Road was held March 23rd.

On March 30th, AirTouch sent a letter to the township saying the Telecommunications Act of 1996 requires municipalities considering applications for wireless communications tower facilities to do so in accordance with the zoning ordinance in effect as of the date of the application (the township's old ordinance), and cites court cases that have upheld this interpretation.

The letter continues that even if the AirTouch application were to be governed by the new ordinance, AirTouch believes the facility is permitted as a Conditional Use in the agricultural district. The new ordinance limits the height of the tower to 180 feet; AirTouch plans a 250-foot tower that will accommodate two additional carriers.

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FFA at Manchester High School

— by Matt Horodecny
FFA Reporter

The Manchester FFA Chapter has been growing constantly for the past two years. The addition of a new advisor, Mr. Ryan Rowe, has really sent the chapter in a new direction. The chapter participated in the National Convention in early November sending twelve students to Kansas City. From here we have grown as a group and a team.

The chapter had five participants in the District Leadership contest this spring. Competing in public speaking contests were Erin Makielski with *Greenhand Public Speaking*, Marie Haeussler and Angela Makielski with *Job Interview*, and Lisa Burmeister and Laura Haeussler with *Extemporaneous Speaking*. This led to the continued competition of Marie Haeussler to participate in Regionals and finally receiving a silver award at the state level.

Fourteen students for Manchester FFA made the trip to the 70th Annual State Convention in March. At this convention, the chapter received the "Plus 8" award having at least eight new members join this year. Marie Haeussler received her State Degree representing the chapter on the Wharton Center stage.

While at the convention the chapter visited Superior Growers hydroponics operation. We would like to incorporate hydroponics as a part of our Plant Science Curriculum.

In addition to building our curriculum, we have also gained strides with the chapter. This year we developed an advisory board for the Manchester FFA Chapter and the Agriscience program. The board consists of Lyle Wahl, Gary Bross, Walt Horodecny, Karen Weidmeyer, and Bill Wheeler.

We have set several chapter goals for the upcoming year. One of the goals is to have ten new members join this fall, to raise the number of members to thirty.

The week of February 21st was National FFA week. The Manchester FFA Chapter participated in various ways. The chapter, consisting of twenty members, all came together to portray the FFA as a agricultural leadership organization. On Monday, the week began with official dress. All of the members wore their official dress that consists of the FFA jacket, tie, white shirt, and black pants. On Tuesday, everyone met at Kim's Kountry Kitchen. Wednesday the chapter held a raffle at school. The prize consisted of one large pizza, a bag of chips, and a bottle of pop. The winner of the raffle was Cheryl Pfaus. On Thursday, twelve members drove their tractors to school. It was extremely fun and we hope to do it again next year. On Friday, to finish the week, we all wore Carhartt apparel to school.

If you or anyone you know is interested in participating in the FFA or the alumni, please feel free to contact Mr. Rowe at the school at 428-7333.



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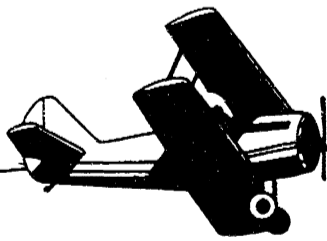
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Historical Society meetings are held in the Blacksmith Shop, 324 E. Main St., Manchester. With the meetings are always special programs dealing with local history or topics of area-wide interest. After the gatherings, explore the Society's collection,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

General membership meetings are the third Tuesday of each month. The public is always welcome.

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As the Gazebo Concert committee tune their instruments, they agree that at least one evening of summer entertainment is assured. Reaching perfect pitches on flutes, tin whistles and kazoos are committee members: Jack Falk, Bill Peterson, Kathy Kueffner, Carol and Ron Driessche, Carol Palms, Sharon Curtis, and not pictured, Bill Schwab.

Manchester, and visitors to Manchester, shall be thoroughly entertained Thursday evenings beginning June 11 through August 13 at the Gazebo Concerts in the park. The Manchester Recreation Task Force Gazebo Concert committee will have seen to that by arranging for the best in musical and variety performances available.

Just so you don't have to worry and wonder before the schedule is announced, the answer is Yes, our wonderful Manchester Raisin Pickers are scheduled — for July 2nd. (Their concert last year raised a record amount — the most of all the concerts — of contributions when the baskets were passed during intermission.

Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts have been offered the opportunity to sell popcorn and lemonade during the concerts. For updates, further information (or advance sponsorships of concerts), or to join the Task Force (tin whistles provided or you may bring your own), contact a committee member or the Community Resource Center at 428-7722.

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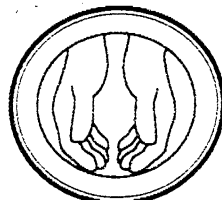
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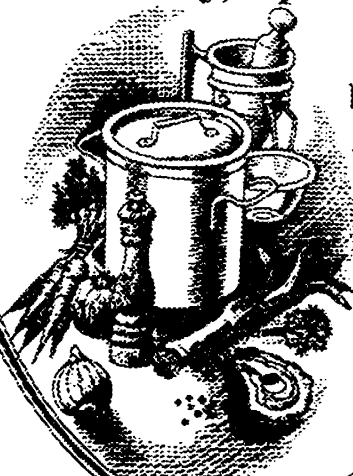
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Manchester Township Planning Commission Public Hearing • April 1, 1998

Request to Rezone to Commercial

Chairman Fusilier called the Public Hearing to order at 8:00 PM.

Applicant for rezoning, Bill Kerns, gave his presentation. Kerns stated he owns Manchester Collision, located at the corner of Grossman and West Austin, and he did not want residential next to his body shop business so he bought the acreage next to it. Although the Public Hearing was for rezoning purposes, Kerns said he did not have a problem stating his intended use of the property is for mini storage buildings.

Chairman Fusilier read two letters from area residents that stated their concerns. One neighbor stated that a mini storage was not a small business and she was worried that this would adversely affect the property value of her home; that such a business would require a lot of lighting which would be an annoyance to neighboring residential homes; and, that there is a sharp curve in the road to the west of the proposed mini storage business and the possibility of additional traffic entering and exiting the business would be dangerous.

Another resident wrote that their concern was with light pollution, that commercial lighting would further illuminate their home.

An audience member representing the estate that owns adjoining property, wondered about buffers that would be required that would not include a metal fence

with concertina wire; and, wondered about the environmental effect of this business on the creek that runs through the property.

Kerns explained that the township has addressed the question of buffers and has some conditions that must be met that are in the ordinance. He said he will be staying away from the creek so that should not be a factor.

Ron Mann said that this meeting was a public hearing for rezoning, and that if it were rezoned any of the uses permitted in a commercial district could be moved in there. Mann said that he trusted Kerns but if Kerns' plans fell through, any of the permitted uses could be moved in there from gas stations to restaurants. Chairman Fusilier added that other uses also would apply if Kerns' intended use was discontinued at any time in the future.

Mann added that there are certain conditions that must be met for a mini storage business. Kerns first must apply for a conditional use permit in a commercial district. Conditions such as acceptable screening and lighting must be met. The applicant then must go before the planning commission for a site plan review.

A resident of the area said his family moved recently to the area and one of the things that attracted them was all the things Manchester does not have. He asked:

> if Manchester Township had a Master Plan and if this area was anticipated to be fully commercial at some point or a mix of residential and commercial;

> does the planning commission have the power, if the zoning goes through, to limit the size of the operation, insist on more trees and vegetation, limit the lighting, decide on the exterior of a building;

> are there other commercial properties available or is this the only location available to Mr. Kerns;

> does the planning commission feel a responsibility to the residents who have already chosen this area to live, adding that generally speaking where there is commercial, residential property values plummet;

> once an area is zoned commercial does it ever return to agricultural, once it's gone, is it ever returned to green fields and open spaces?

Chairman Fusilier replied that some of the concerns can be addressed if there is a Conditional Use, however, the planning commission has less authority if rezoned to commercial with all the permitted uses.

A resident asked if there was anyone complaining that this property was being lost to agricultural use.

Ron Mann replied that the property is

not being used for agricultural purposes now and said he personally felt a low-intensity use such as this would be a better buffer between a commercial area and a residential area.

A resident asked if consideration had been given to the traffic because of the dangerous curve and the possibility of serious accidents.

Kerns replied he had talked with the Road Commission and they indicated what would be needed is an acceleration/de-acceleration lane so people could get out of the way as they're turning in or turning out, that there are footage requirements and he does meet those requirements.

Steve Alber of Alber Excavating asked how many buildings were planned. Chairman Fusilier said although this was a hearing for the rezoning it was his understanding there were six buildings planned. Kerns said he planned four buildings. Alber said he thought the property would look better with landscaping. Kerns said he thought the property would look better than what is there now and that it was his attention to have something that looked nice.

Realtor Jim Mann said he would hate to have his property condemned to be kept as open space just for the neighbors and asked what is the best use of this property.

An audience member asked if this property had been purchased or, because there is a Mann Real Estate For Sale sign out front, if the sale of the property was contingent on it being rezoned.

Kerns said he has purchased the property. Jim Mann said that the sign belongs to him as the realtor who is handling property for sale behind Kerns' property, owned by Tom Walton, with legal egress off Grossman Road and that he was given permission by Kerns to put the sign where it is more visible from Austin Road.

Commissioner Widmayer asked if there were wetlands on the property. Kerns said he had called people to find out about it and the answer he received was to hire a company to come out and make that determination. Kerns said he doesn't plan to disturb that area so he will be able to avoid wetland issues.

A resident of the area said she would like to add her concerns about the traffic and the location close to the bad curve and wondered if the speed limit could be adjusted.

Ron Mann said the road commission could ask the State Police to lower the speed limit but it would take a good couple of years. He said that enforcement of the recommended speed limit would do more good but to have a deputy out in the township at \$75,000 for forty hours would not be practical since the township only takes in \$100,000 in property taxes.

There being no further questions, Chairman Fusilier closed the public participation portion of the hearing and opened for discussion among commissioners.

Commissioner Widmayer asked if all four units would be built at the same time. Kerns replied he would like to, that he has done some pricing. He has some quotes on stick-built and metal building prices. Fusilier asked if the zoning was approved when would he begin the project. Kerns said he would like to start it late this year before winter.

Samonek said he wanted to make it very clear in his mind what the intention was and asked Kerns if he intended to use the property for mini storage and not anything else. Kern replied that was true.

Ron Mann said for public information the planning commission holds the public hearing, considers the issue, then makes a recommendation to the township board. That recommendation is submitted to the county planning commission who makes a recommendation back to the township board. The township board makes the final decision and rezoning takes place 30 days after that so if everything clicks, it still takes 2-3 months and up to 6 months to become official. The county planning commission has up to 120 days to review and make a recommendation. Petitions to revoke the township board's decision must be made within 30 days after the township board votes. After rezoning there would be another public hearing relating to the Conditional Use application, and, following that, a site plan process.

An audience member asked for an explanation of the Master Plan as it pertains to Austin Road. Fusilier said that presently the commercial areas are as shown on the map.

There being no further comments, Chairman Fusilier closed the public hearing adding that there would be discussion about the application for rezoning at the next regular meeting of the Manchester Township Planning Commission, Tuesday, April 28, 8:00 PM at the Manchester Township Hall.



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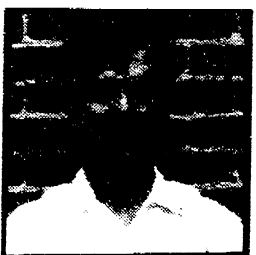
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Second place: Jesse Gehringer



Left: Third place - Tara Cochran, pictured with her niece; and right, the essential Manchester Easter Bunny

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"What can I say?" Phil smiles, "I love the business. It's what I want to do full time when I retire from Ford's in a couple of years." In the meantime, Phil credits talented, friendly, hard-working employees to handle the management of each of the shops while he's at his day job.

"We love weddings!" says Wendy Jackson enthusiastically. Wendy is the interim manager of Floral in the Mill, and has her 21-year-old daughter Amy helping. "Yes, weddings are our favorite because of the challenge to create incredibly beautiful arrangements for that very special day in people's lives. There such a sense of satisfaction when the flowers are perfect and everyone's happy."

Floral in the Mill has fresh, silk and dried flowers and is associated with all wire services, FTD, Teleflora and AFS. Phil said they accept major credit cards and will open in-house accounts. China, porcelain and Czechoslovakian crystal flower vases will be a Floral in the Mill specialty, adds Phil. These are wonderful heirloom quality pieces that will last long after the flowers have faded.

For the present time, Wendy said their hours will be 10-5 Tuesday through Friday and 10-2 on Saturday. "We would like to stay open at least one evening a week as soon as possible," Wendy said. "We'll see what our customers would like, when it is most convenient for them to stop in."

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The Committee will also once again plant the Garden Awards signs in yards of area residents as the season progresses.

There are many other projects planned, for instance: replacement of those electric blue trash containers on Main Street, benches on Main Street, cleaning up and planting the river banks on the either side of the bridge, encouraging residents along M-52 to plant more flowers around mail boxes, purchase or procurement of garden books, videos and other instructional materials, placement of Welcome to Manchester signs, perennial plant exchanges, and holiday decoration awards.

Fund raisers will include bulb sales, garden tips from Manchester residents and friends, award winning garden tours, and a garden book sale. There will be workshops scheduled to make hanging baskets in the summer and wreaths in the winter, plus all about composting and gypsy moth prevention.

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Worship 10:45 AM.

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

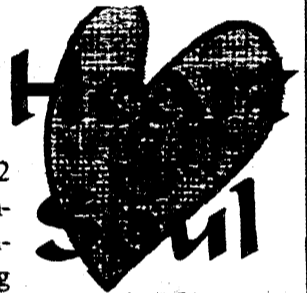
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Worship: 11:00 AM; Evening Worship:
6:00 PM; Wednesday Bible Study and
Prayer: 7:00 PM.

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475-8064 (Chelsea) Worship 9:30 AM.

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Heifer Project International

The children in the Emanuel United Church of Christ congregation are participating in an important worldwide mission: savings pennies for the Heifer Project International. The Heifer project was founded a little over 50 years ago to assist families in need not only to survive, but also to achieve self reliance.

Carefully screened families in many countries receive heifers, or chickens, or rabbits, or goats, or pigs, or other small animals. They raise and care for these animals as they begin a flock or herd that will provide a living not only for them but also for the family they pass the first calf or piglet along to. This becomes the beginning of a chain of independent, self reliant families in a country that is becoming stronger, healthier and usually better educated.

A mailing received by Emanuel from Heifer International told about the Ark of Hope, It said: "The Heifer Project Gift Ark carries hope to people who are poor and hungry. A gift of \$5,000 launches an Ark, 15 kinds of life-giving animals begin their voyage two-by-two wherever they're most needed. And 30 families begin a journey toward better health, more income and self-reliance. From Tanzania to Kentucky, each family who receives livestock from the gift will pass on one or more of the animal's offspring to other families in need. Like a stone dropped in water, your generosity will ripple out for years to come, providing family after family the means for a better life."

The animals aboard the Gift Ark would include: 2 flocks of chickens to help two Kentucky families improve nutrition and care for their land with pastured poultry, 2 sheep to help New York state families produce wool, 2 trios of rabbits to provide food and income to families in Guatemala, 2 beehives to help Dominican Republic families earn money through the sale of honey and beeswax, 2 guinea pigs to help Ecuadorian families add protein to their diet and earn income. 2 llamas to improve livestock bloodlines and produce wool

for Bolivian families, 2 camels to help two Tanzanian families earn income by transporting agricultural and industrial materials, 2 donkeys to supply draft power for women farmers in Cameroon, 2 goats to help two Ugandan families provide milk for their children and extra income, 2 oxen to pull plows and carts in Zimbabwe, 2 cows to bring milk and income to a Polish village, 2 trios of ducks to help two families in Thailand generate income through sales of eggs and birds, 2 water buffalo to help Filipino families increase rice production through animal draft power, 2 flocks of geese to help two families in China better their nutrition and increase income through production of eggs and meat, 2 pigs to enable families in Vietnam to attain greater self-reliance.

The Ark, Emanuel's newsletter says, "The children exhibit their understanding of one very important part of Christianity, giving and helping others, as they continue to bring their weekly offerings and pennies to share on Sunday mornings.

Spring Fever

Spring fever can be described as a lazy, laid-back, "want to do nothing" feeling that everyone gets now and then. Sometimes it is a condition that seems to happen when it is time to begin our Spring chores; however, it may affect us any time of the year. Mild spring fever can actually be enjoyable and usually persists for only one or two days; however, we must be careful that this lazy feeling does not hang around too long. A person can occasionally become lazy not only in their daily chores, but also in their spiritual life. Sometimes it is so easy to neglect to do some of the things that we know we should do. God wants all of us who are able, to be active and to be the best that we can be. The Bible tells us not to be lazy and to serve the Lord with a heart full of devotion.



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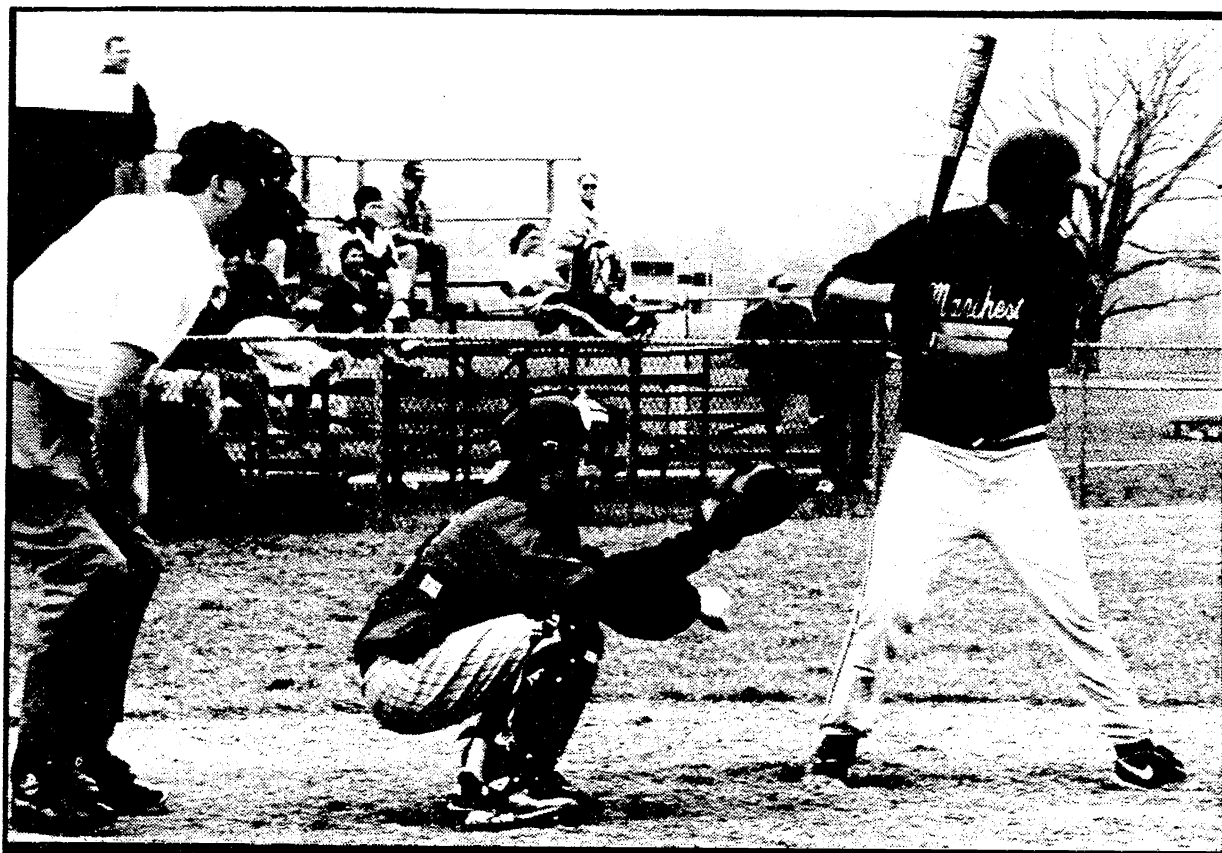
Signs of Spring: Manchester High School Varsity Baseball

Wednesday, April 8:

Manchester 9 vs Whitmore Lake 3

Winning pitcher — Bill Alber
Four hits: Eric VanBogelen
Two hits: Ted Roberts, Nick Rose
2nd base: Vanbogelen, Rose and Alber
Season to Date: Manchester is 2-0

In the April 8 game against Whitmore Lake, Nick Rose's doubles in the third and sixth innings drove in four runs. Rose finished 4 for 4. Eric VanBogelen was 4 for 4 with three runs batted in.



Above: Eric VanBogelen at bat. Below: Nick Rose leads off third base as Justin Turk attempts to bring him in.



Varsity/JV Softball - 4:30 PM

Varsity Coach-Wes Gall;
JV Coach-Nicole Reinhardt
Mon, Apr 13 v Vandercook Lake, away (JV-Home)
Wed, Apr 15 v Napoleon, away (JV-Home)
Fri, Apr 17 v Addison, home (JV-Away)
12 noon, Sat, Apr 18 v Blissfield, away (JV-Home)
Mon, Apr 20 v Hanover-Horton, away (JV-Home)
Wed, Apr 22 v E Jackson, home (JV-Away)
Fri, Apr 24 v Michigan Center, away (JV-Home)
9AM Sat, Apr 25 v Tecumseh Invit, away
Mon, Apr 27 v Grass Lake, home (JV-Away)
Wed, Apr 29 v Hudson, home (JV-Away)
Fri, May 1, v Vandercook, home (JV-Away)
12 noon, Sat, May 2 v Greenhills, home
Mon, May 4 v Napoleon, home (JV-Away)

Varsity/JV Baseball - 4:30 PM

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Signs of Spring: Manchester High School Varsity Softball



Alyse Geyer protects first base.



Amy Gall rounds 2nd base.

Wednesday, April 8:

Manchester 6 vs Whitmore Lake 5

Winning pitcher — Amy Preston
Two hits: Chrissie Abbott, Ahja Zang
2nd base: Amy Gall, Amy Preston
3rd base: Courtney Whitaker

In the game April 8 against Whitmore Lake, Amy Gall's base hit in the bottom of the seventh brought home the winning run.



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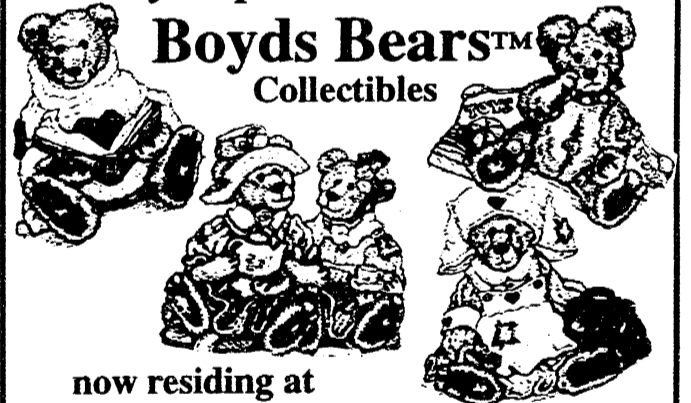
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9 AM Sat Apr 18 v Grass
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East Jackson, away
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Relays, away
5 PM Tues May 5 v
Hanover-Horton, home

Key athletes
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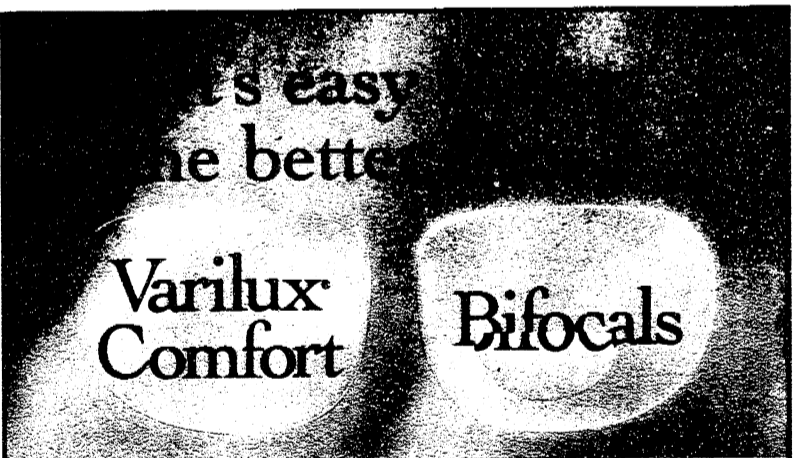
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Nick Gordon-
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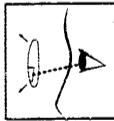
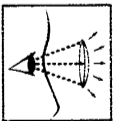
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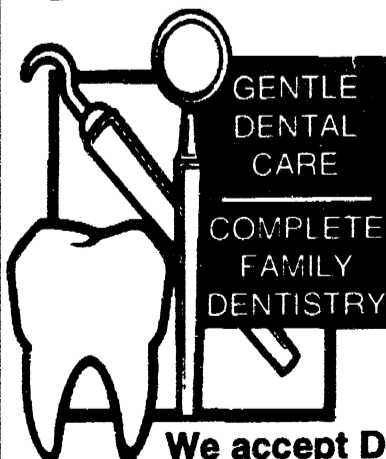
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Manchester Kiwanis "Shines" at the 1998 Spring Divisional

Eight members of our Manchester Club, president Rhonda Ash, vice president Tom Ash, secretary Pat Vaillencourt, treasurer Bill Schwab, immediate past president Dianne Schwab, Amy Fielder, Glen Lukas and Jeanne Wojtas, attended the Division 10 Spring Divisional meeting at Chelsea Hospital on March 27th. This year's theme was "Shine Your Service" and that is exactly what our Manchester Club did!

The Manchester Club is one of twelve members in division 10. Other clubs include Chelsea, Saline, Dexter, Brighton, Howell and six from the Ann Arbor area. Although Manchester is one of the smallest clubs, they were the only one to receive awards in all four categories for their 1997-98 year. Awards for Growth, Administrative, Service Projects and Donation to World-wide Service Project qualified them to receive the Distinguished Club Award. It was a tremendous honor for Dianne and Pat to receive the club patch along with the Distinguished President and Distinguished Secretary pins and certificates.

In addition to the Distinguished Club Award, Manchester received a Round Robin Inter-Club patch for visiting all eleven other clubs, a Sponsored Youth patch for sponsoring the Manchester High School Key Club, a Sponsored Youth Fund Contribution for funds raised at the annual volleyball tournament do-



minated to Mott's Children's Hospital, a 92-100% score for nine months (the highest in the division) and the Governor's patch for eight new members in 1997-98, the most in the division.

Some of the Kiwanis local service projects include Adopt-a-Highway, support of the Safety Town program, sponsoring a Little League team, donations for band uniforms, the July 4th fireworks, Christmas downtown lighting, and an

annual Co-Op Preschool scholarship. They are currently working with the Klager PTO on developing a playground beautification project.

The Manchester Kiwanis Club meets the first and third Saturday of each month at the Black Sheep Tavern Restaurant. A family style breakfast is served at 7:30 a.m. and the meeting begins at 8:00 a.m. Visitors are always welcome.

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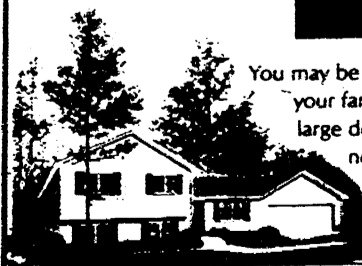
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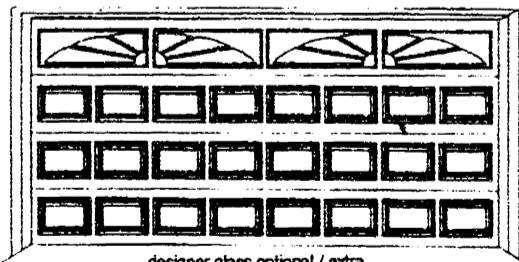
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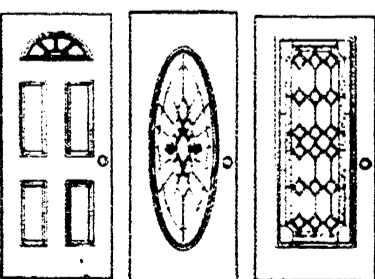
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Walk & Write Class Visits the Chronicle



Middle School teacher, Mrs. Laura Betzoldt, brought her seventh and eighth grade Walk & Write class to the Manchester Chronicle last week to ask questions and jot down answers that will later be compiled and included in their class assignment. The class will visit various businesses and organizations throughout Manchester in the next few weeks. All the students asked insightful and well-prepared questions, such as: What made you start the Chronicle? Do you have time to spend on other things? Is it hard running your own business? How do you make money (and how much)? What is your favorite story that has been in the Chronicle? Do you think your job is important? — photo/kk



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Teaching a child not to step on a caterpillar is as valuable to the child as it is to the caterpillar.
— Bradley Miller

OPINIONS & EDITORIALS

PG-10?

— by Danielle Jankins

I think there should be another movie rating. Some movies aren't rated low or high enough. I think some PG-13 really should be rated PG. But then, PG is not rated high enough. To help solve this problem, there should be a PG-10.

This means children under 10 shouldn't see this movie without parental discretion. PG-10 solves most movie rating problems, so parents know what the age of the viewer should be. If your child wants to see a PG-13 movie and he/she is 10, then maybe they should see a PG-10 movie without feeling immature by seeing a PG movie.

For example, Men In Black should be rated PG-10; it's rated too high. To solve this problem, you can write to Congress explaining your thoughts.

Smoking ... I Think NOT!

— by Megan Spring



Smoking is bad for your lungs. There are many ways to stop smoking but when people say they are going to stop they don't. This is because it's hard to stop. It's hard to stop because it's a habit.

There are signs on the cigarette boxes that say smoking is hazardous to your health. But why don't people pay much attention to them?

About 50 million people in the United States currently smoke a total of 570 billion cigarettes a year. I think that's a lot of money being made.

Why do kids smoke in the first place? Here are some reasons why they do: peer pressure, seeing their parents do it, and advertisements.

Smoking can make your teeth yellow and smoking kills your brain cells. Also smoking can give you lung cancer.

So, don't smoke!

Stop Pollution!

— by Megan Kanta

I don't think people should pollute, kill animals, and keep building.

The reason I think we should stop some building is because we are taking up animals' land and people think that deer are dumb. Well, they have nowhere else to go.

Deer have also been here before man. Killing animals to me is really bad! That's why animals are endangered. Animal fur should stay on animals, not on people!

People should stop polluting too because we won't have any more animals or trees or any other natural resource. Without them, we couldn't live.

Garbage on the roadside really, really, really smells, too.

Killing animals is bad. During hunting season I can see people killing some animals, but some people just kill animals for fun. Let's keep our animals.

In an opinion poll of my fifth grade classroom, 21 out of 22 students said they think pollution is wrong.

Marijuana

— by Mike Tremblay

More people are smoking marijuana. Some people actually think that is cool but it's not. It messes you up and it could kill you.

In some states they allow marijuana. Luckily in this state they don't allow that, but still people smoke marijuana without thinking about their future.

I will not get started on any drugs. I'm planning on a good future. Many people have died from smoking or second-hand smoke.

I hear people talking about smoking and they're talking about it like it's cool and they want to smoke. People plant marijuana in their yards, but I hope that will stop.

People get cancer from smoking and it's on the news, but the people who smoke do not care. Is it peer pressure, or do you see your parents doing it? Does that make you want to smoke?

Once you start, most of the time you can't quit. The nicotine will make you crave for more and plus cigarettes are cheap.

Young people, ages twelve through seventeen, have smoked marijuana. Marijuana can effect your memory and learning which are just some of the side effects.

The effects last at least a day after smoking. For regular users, this would mean their ability to learn is influenced just about all the time. Combined with the higher strength now found in marijuana, this adds up to serious obstacles to learning for many students.

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

What About Older Kids???

— by Matt Church

I think Manchester needs something for the older kids to do. Sure, younger kids can play at the park but what about the older kids? You won't see a 13-year-old on the slide at Carr Park. And what about the kids who don't have base- or basketballs? Us older kids need something to do!

Like maybe we could kill two birds with one stone with a swimming pool. People young and old could swim in it AND we could have a swim team at the same time! It WOULDN'T attract people from Saline or other cities like that because they already have a swimming pool. It would be perfect.

Or we could get a roller skating rink. It would be the same as a pool and it wouldn't attract people because they have one, too. AND we could get a roller HOCKEY TEAM like Saline, Adrian, etc.

Those are just some of the suggestions I have, and I do not expect everybody to agree with me. This is only my opinion.

Stop the Power Rangers

— by Jordan Forner

I think the Power Rangers are violent. My friend Mark has a little brother that thinks they are cool. Mark doesn't because his little brother tries to beat him up but, when he tries, he gets hurt and cries.

Little kids, like my cousin, like them but older kids don't like them because they are violent.

I think that the Power Ranger movie was a bad influence to kids. All they want is money. They don't care about the kids.

The Power Ranger maker is probably making more Power Ranger stuff while we're getting beat up.

I think people watch the Power Ranges because they are violent. I can watch it because I can handle it.

You can find Power Ranger toys almost everywhere. You can find them at Meijers, Target and a whole lot of other places.

Please help and stop your kids from watching the Power Ranges.

Thank you.

Frogs

— by Christina Copeland

Frogs, frogs, frogs. What can we do? They look like jumping hyenas. Green slimy things that like to jump.

There is an expression that goes like this: Before you can find your handsome prince, you have to kiss quite a few toads. Will kissing toads give you warts?

Frogs can be cool in some ways. Some people think they're gross, but they're not. They help people. How do they help? Well, it's easy. All they do is eat up the mosquitoes and flies.

Some frogs can be very dangerous, like some kinds of frogs that live in the forests.

Some of the frogs you see around Michigan are getting killed. Their ponds are sinking into sand. That means the ponds are drying up. They're also getting killed by predators. The teenagers are making a fire and throwing the frogs in with sticks.

What's the problem? If I were the president, I would make them stop. See, the frogs help us by eating all the bugs. STOP! It's not fair to the frogs.

More Restaurants in Manchester

— by Scott Clark

I believe that there should be more restaurants in Manchester. There are already three in town; there is not enough to choose from.

The restaurants are not even open on Monday morning. The only one that is open is Subway, but they don't serve breakfast.

The new restaurants should be in town by the old K of C hall, or in that general area. I think that we should have the Chicken Broil more in the summer.

I think that the restaurants should be McDonalds, Burger King, A&W and Big Boy. Think about the jobs school kids could get and make more money. You would not have to go to Ann Arbor or Chelsea to get food such as Chinese or Mexican. And, they can have fund raisers or something like that.

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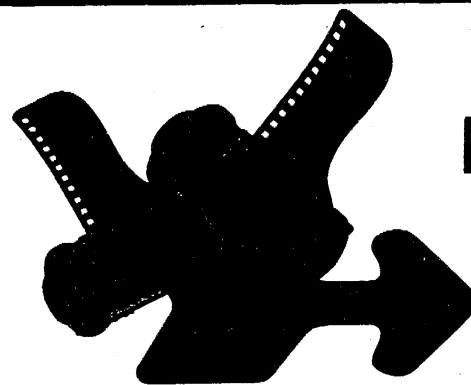
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The District Library: An Investigation

— by M. S. Clinansmith

Included in the recent mailing of the Manchester Community Education newsletter is a Survey of the Public from the Friends of the Manchester Township Library. Please take the time to fill out and return this form; it is very important to the future of the Library. —kk

Last September, Manchester area residents were shocked by an announcement that the Manchester Township Library was bankrupt after the passage of less than six months into their 1997-98 budget. After a month, while the message sank in, several library supporters met at the Manchester Township hall to form a "Friends of the Library" association and propose new ways of meeting the financial crisis.

To gain a proper perspective on the Library crisis, I began my own investigation using three relatively close local libraries as comparisons.

To understand what this would mean to the surrounding proposed service area, I took a survey of three nearby district libraries and present the findings, without interpretation, for your use as potential users of a proposed Manchester District Library.

Pat Thomas, director of the Plymouth District Library, recognizes that real challenges exist in keeping a library in step with the demands of its patrons.

"We were lucky," she points out. "We had a vast patronage already in place when we decided to seek, first, city library status in 1981 and, finally, district library status nine years later."

When the Plymouth branch of the Wayne County Library system decided to break away, it was still housed in the remodeled (late 1950s) structure adjacent to the Plymouth City Hall. With the population explosion of the 1990s, the Plymouth library took another step forward in abandoning and leveling its structure and rebuilding a new \$9,000,000 library on the same site. Through this conversion, the Plymouth District Library continues to serve over 33,000 area residents of the heavily congested Plymouth-Canton school district. And the growth has not stopped yet.

To care for the needs of its estimated 33,000 patrons, the Plymouth District Library has a staff of 10 full time and 13 part time librarians, library aides, etc., in addition to support personnel. Total salary outlay exceeds \$800,000 and director Thomas receives \$64,000 plus benefits, which is approximately 3.8% of the total budget of \$2,351,000. The Plymouth District Library houses over 113,000 items.

Leslee Niethammer, director of the Saline District Library, is, by her own admission, a rabid district library supporter. Before she accepted the position in 1989, Niethammer said, the Saline city library was plagued by two problems, patron parking and an admittedly sub-standard collection.

"Parents traditionally took their children to the Ann Arbor Library and gladly paid the \$60 nonresident fee for its use," she conceded. "Add a parking lot that only had spaces for 12 cars," she continued, "and we had major problems."

The big change came in 1990 and 1991. After years of existing on funding through the City of Saline, which provided 90% of their funding, the crisis began when Pittsfield Township refused to contribute any more funds and the library supporters believed that other townships would follow Pittsfield. In a period of three months, the library's financial picture changed.

A referendum was organized for the creation of a new library district and in March 1991, a new library district was created by the residents of the Saline school district. Six months later, during the primary election, the residents passed a tax proposal for nine-tenths of a mill, which brings in a total of \$740,000 for the library operation.

Then I asked the crucial question: Do you think the same thing can happen for Manchester?

Several delays followed until director Niethammer indicated that Manchester had several problems to overcome before a vote on becoming a district library could take place in the best atmosphere. First was the matter of the size of the collection. She pointed out that Saline had over 40,000 volumes while Manchester had barely 14,000.

"You've got to continually justify to your patrons that their tax monies are being well spent," she flatly stated. "You can't just ask for money. The new laws covering district libraries demand a stated plan for the expenditures of that money collected from taxes."

She said she thought she had sufficient resources to pay staff salaries and defended her \$51,000 per year salary as satisfactory for her needs.

Saline library has also developed a much happier pool of patrons by being innovative in both saving money (she still uses the old wooden shelves from the former library, for example) and continually expands the technology of running her library. She stated that she must continually justify her revenues by catering to the needs of her clientele and putting her own biases aside.

With a staff of 28 and over 16,000 patrons, she has not stopped the gradual conversion process and judiciously uses the funds from the \$740,000 budget. She even employs legal maneuvers to take advantage of the Headlee Amendment so that she has only collected and spent \$625,000 over the last four years.

Niethammer describes the Saline library as busy and well-used, a description she could not easily apply to the Manchester library based on her visits. The Saline library collection is also strong in all areas, but mostly the hard-core technologies. She boasts an online computer database for magazine articles and access to the Internet. The Saline District Library is open 62 hours per week.

In reflecting on Manchester library's efforts to expand its financial base and patronage statistics, Niethammer stated that the library user pool had to make major strides in order to justify conversion to district library status.

"Better libraries are based on plans and the willingness to carry them out," she contended, "not just making more money available."

Finally, Chelsea District Library director Metta Lansdale outlined some of the growing pains that she has witnessed in the four months she has held her position.

Rumors of internal dissension were rife in the past few weeks as the original units included in the library's district began challenging the overall plan to institute the plan approved by the local electorate in January 1997. One well-informed source indicated that much anxiety arose when the library backers refused to state how much money they intended to ask for to support the library's efforts.

"They could charge up to four mills," he said, "but they have never given us a firm figure."

Lansdale has succeeded in calming tempers, inviting the library's patrons and other community members to a Community Forum in February. With the millage election for library financing mandated before the year 2000, she has put first priority on gaining community discussion on the possibility of erecting a new library building. Several criticisms of the present structure have been heard, including sharp criticism of handicapped accessibility which is mandated under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The current budget of the Chelsea District Library is about \$273,000. Major items of expense include salaries with six full time equivalent staff members requiring an expense of \$167,000 to service 12,500 patrons in the issuance of 26,718 items. So far, the Chelsea library board has asked for only two milles from the Village of Chelsea residents. The annual appropriation for books is \$30,000.

Problems? It depends who you ask. Lansdale notes that as in any new venture, the units, or as the enabling act defines them, "municipalities," have had a problem communicating with one another. The original district included the Village of Chelsea and the townships of Dexter and Sylvan. Recently this has been expanded to include the townships of Lyndon and Lima. The district keeps expanding and no one is sure how large it will eventually become.

The other problem is internal communication and the relative inexperience of the library board with library law issues and the intricacies of financing their venture. Hopes that these problems will disappear were expressed by Lansdale "as more experience is gained in their duties."

From this point, several other district libraries could be examined. It is hoped, however, that the details of creating a district library has been made a little clearer and that these illustrations will offer several talking points rather than letting tempers flare and unsupported claims from both sides rule the coming debate.

Sharon Township Adopts New Recycling Plan

— by M. S. Clinansmith

For the average Sharon Township resident, garbage collection day has been a time dictated by two actions. First, they have had to lug the week's refuse to the little brown dumpster furnished by Mister Rubbish and then continue the journey by wheeling that container to the curb for pick up.

The other part was a process of separating recyclable materials, carefully stripping off labels and washing the containers before placing them in large yellow garbage bags which were placed at the roadside for collection with the week's trash.

Through it all, Sharon Township's board has continued to receive criticism from the county's recyclable czars that they have not faithfully lived up to their end of the process. These criticisms were punctuated by threats of fund cutoffs if the process did not improve.

Last month, township officials received the last insult. In a letter addressed to Supervisor Gary Blades, Mister Rubbish representatives stated that they would have to raise the rates to cover the

cost of their services. By his own admission, Blades was flabbergasted, but was not sure what his action should be. He showed the letter to several area residents, who reportedly became very angry.

Why not end the contract with Mister Rubbish, they asked.

Blades, a committed environmentalist, saw this as not the right approach. Instead, he did some investigation and came up with a plan.

At the next meeting of the Sharon Township Board of Trustees, Blades introduced a plan to take away from Mister Rubbish the responsibility to manage Sharon's recycling program and make it a more personal effort.

Instead of roadside pick up, Blades asked George Wacker, another environmentalist, to place a dumpster on his property (G. E. Wacker's, Inc. on the corner of Pleasant Lake Road and M-52) to receive the recyclable material with the understanding that it would be hauled away after each one was filled. The Board members backed Blades' plan and by

mid-month the new recycling program was ready to go into effect.

What has been the result? To hear George Wacker tell it, it is far better than anything previously tried. He states that within two weeks, the container was near full capacity and a new one had taken its place just one month after its introduction.

The new recycling plan takes care of far more recyclable material with far less procedural preparations. The 30-cubic yard container has five to six windows clearly labelled with what recyclable items can be placed where. The types of materials accepted for recycling has also expanded.

One group of recyclable materials is labelled "Containers" and includes Number 1 through 3 plastic bottles, milk jugs, laundry and shampoo bottles, any glass containers, pyrex containers, ceramic plates, flower pots, aluminum and steel

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cans, tin, foil, empty steel aerosol cans, milk cartons, and juice boxes. Items not accepted for recycling in this category include yogurt and margarine tubs, toxic chemical containers, styrofoam cups, packaging peanuts, PVC pipes, plastic bags, appliances, drinking straws, and light bulbs.

The second category of materials accepted for recycling is "Paper and Fibers." This includes newspapers, office paper, junk mail, envelopes, paper bags, glossy surfaced paper, magazines, paper-back books, corrugated cardboard, box-board (in separate paper bags, and textiles (in separate paper bags with clean, dry cloths and no leather or nylon.)

Items not accepted for disposal in this category include fax paper, carbon paper, tissues, metal and plastic, hardbound books, waxed paper, waxed cardboard and foil backed cardboard.

George Wacker, who Blades says he has appointed to head up the recycling efforts, also plans to find ways of accepting used motor oil, old batteries and discarded appliances. Wacker, who is enthusiastic over the success of these efforts, called the response so far "a good start." He also donates the space for the siting of the facility on his property and is available to help people who come in with questions about the recycling operations.

Blades called Wacker "my key person on recycling in Sharon Township" and commended his public spirit and energies in getting the program off the ground.

In the meantime, Blades has also asked that any Sharon Township resident interested in recycling efforts contact him at (734) 428-9518 and volunteer to help in these efforts. He plans to establish a recycling board in the near future.

Breathing a sign of relief over the success of the new program, Blades exclaimed, "We don't have to put up with all that hassle anymore!" He also expressed his relief that the county board will not be harrasing him and Sharon Township officials to "clean up their act."

National Library Week features special events in Chelsea

"Zane Grey: Sportsman, Naturalist, Early Century Writer" will be they presentation given by Tom Lancaster, one of four serious Grey memorabilia collectors in the United States, on Monday, April 20 at 7:00 PM upstairs at the Chelsea District Library.

Bee boxes, pie pullers, friendly spinning wheels and other artifacts of Michigan pioneer life will be on display during the Chelsea District Library's National Library Week celebration when retired English teachers and free lance writers Allan and Deanna Malan appear at the Chelsea Depot on Wednesday, April 22, at 7:00 PM.

The Grass Lake couple published a novel titled *The Friendly Spinning Wheel* in 1997. Their book, the first in a series of historical novels that tell the story of Michigan pioneer farm families in the late 1800s, has been called "the little house book of Michigan."

The story follows nine-year-old Kati Kruger and her German-American family through Michigan's four seasons. The Malans will bring some labor saving artifacts of our pioneer past to share with their library week audience.

Chelsea artist Ben Bower and his wife Mary Lou have found an unique and special way to combine the National Library Week celebration and their fiftieth wedding anniversary. The Bowers are inviting everyone to attend a special presentation titled "Education Through the Arts," Thursday, April 23 at 7:00 PM in Gramm's Hall, First United Methodist Church, 128 Park St., Chelsea.

The Bowers will display and talk about a mural Ben painted in 1989 which portrays the history of education in the Chelsea area. There will be music, singing and a drama presented by Chelsea students, called "Come Open the Books."

Congratulations to Dave Kueffner, winning Trainer of the Champion Filly for the second year in a row!

Thoroughbred race horse trainer, Dave Kueffner, of Manchester, accepted the trainer of Champion 3-year-old Filly of the Year award recently from Marilyn McMaster, president of the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association of Michigan.

Kueffner also won trainer of Champion 2-year-old Filly of the Year with Peppen in 1996.

Kueffner classifies Peppen as the smartest horse he has ever trained, saying, "She assesses matters before reacting and not much phases her. She is a true professional."

Peppen first came to Dave's race barn in 1996 after winning two races at Churchill Downs in Kentucky. For the rest of that year under Dave's care, she knocked off four stake races in four starts, winning by a cumulative total of just under 30 lengths over the rest of the fields.

Peppen came back strong in 1997 winning two stake races and then battling it out head-to-head in the Michigan Oaks to prevail by two lengths. In the Sires Stakes, Peppen's main threat was a filly named Sports Happy and in one of the most thrilling performances at the Detroit Race Course, Ladbrook in Livonia, Peppen and Sports Happy were just heads apart throughout the whole mile and a sixteenth race. At the end, Peppen prevailed by a nose.

Peppen, owned by Pete Verbanic of Detroit, continues to race in 1998 at DRC with the Kueffner Race Stable.



Pet Sense

— by Donna Acton

Donna is a Licensed Veterinary Technician and coordinator for the Pet Therapy program that visits nursing homes and hospitals with dogs. She teaches Dog Obedience classes and the Veterinary Assistant program through Jackson Community College. Donna also does private consultations with dog owners with pet behavior problems and gives "How Not To Get Bit" dog talks to elementary school children.

Dear Pet Sense: My two Welsh Corgis, Herman and Molly, are behaving very strangely. When they don't know I'm

watching them they get on like the best of friends, just like when they were puppies. But when we sit on the couch to watch the evening news, Molly gives Herman dirty looks. During the weather report she starts to growl. We can never make it to the recap of the sports before the fight begins. I pet both of them as fast as I can, but it does no good. Do I have to give one of them away? The Ref

Dear Ref: It is always disturbing when two dogs in a household fight but there is help for you. Since Molly initiates the fights, I have to assume she is the high ranking dog. Sitting on the couch and petting them both at the same time

makes Molly feel like you are treating Herman as her equal. Consequently she has to knock Herman down a peg and that is when a fight erupts. Although it might not seem fair, when both dogs are in the same room with you only pet Molly. When you want to show Herman some love and affection make sure Molly is outside or in another room with the door shut. Then you can watch the sports recap and see the ref instead of being one.

Dear Pet Sense: When I'm home, my cat Cassandra loves my next door neighbor Pat. When I am out of town I have Pat come in every day to feed her and check on the house. Pat says that

Cassandra acts psycho when I'm gone, hissing and growling at her. Even lifting up her paw to scratch at her. When Pat told me all of this Cassandra was sitting on her lap purring. Do you think Pat is making this up and I should get my sister to take care of Cassandra? Doubting

Dear Doubting: Cassandra most likely would not be any more hospitable to your sister than she is to your neighbor. Cassandra is displaying territorial aggression. Her territory is your house and when you

aren't at home she feels it is her duty to protect it. Consider boarding her in a kennel when you're gone to avoid the problem altogether. Or continue having Pat come into your home but advise her not to try to touch Cassandra. Just feed her, check the house, then exit quickly. If necessary hold her purse between Cassandra and her ankles. I've seen signs meant to be humorous that read, "Warning, Premises Guarded by Attack Cat," but in your case it's true.

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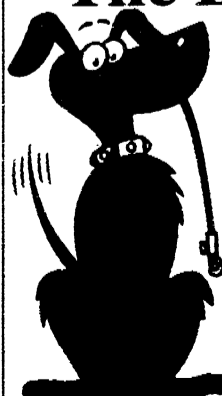
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