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Manchester Metrics



Above: Chris Kemner hands baton to Matt Horodeczny

Below: Rachel Fleck 1600 Relay; and
Right: German exchange student Gisela Emberger in the Discus event



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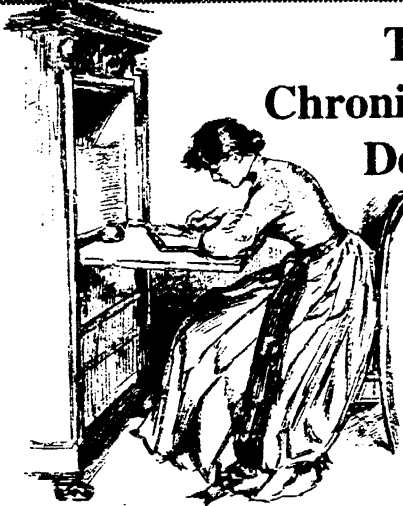
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"Thank you for Ray Meyer's middle school track photos [May 4th Chronicle] - they were great!"

"We really appreciated the photos by Ray Meyer of the track team. Enclosed is a check for a subscription to the Chronicle. Thanks again."

Q. "After seeing the middle school track photos, I was wondering why there weren't any photos of the high school track kids?"

A. See pages 8 and 9, along with the front page, of this issue of *The Manchester Chronicle*. I try to get to home competitions as often as I can to take photos of your kids and grandkids. Fortunately, for Chronicle readers, Ray Meyer, who is a great sports photographer, gets to some events also. After we publish the photos, Ray has graciously and generously made them available (as my photos are also) here at the Chronicle office for anyone to pick up. (Or, as a special favor to subscribers, I will mail photos to you.)

AIRTOUCH CELLULAR TOWER UPDATE

The Manchester Township Planning Commission, in an unanimous vote at their regular meeting May 26, turned down the AirTouch application to erect a 250-foot cellular tower just outside the village limits.

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Manchester members of the Chelsea Painters are Sandy Knapp, Nancy Feldkamp, Nancy Michaelson and Alice Swainson who will be showing their work on June 6 & 7 at the Chelsea Medical Center grounds.

The Chelsea Painters will hold their 25th annual Art Fair on the grounds of Chelsea Community Hospital on Saturday, June 6, and Sunday, June 7, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Award winning artists will exhibit and sell original art, water colors, acrylics, oils, prints, drawings, collages and cards.

A percentage of the proceeds will enable us to award the Palmer Medical Scholarship. Since 1974, the Chelsea Painters have given more than \$12,000 to this fund.

The Chelsea Community Auxiliary will assist with refreshments and there will be entertainment by Marianne Murphy. This event will be held rain or shine and is open to the public.

Dear Manchester Friends, The Village People, American Legion Auxiliary, Senior Meals Council,

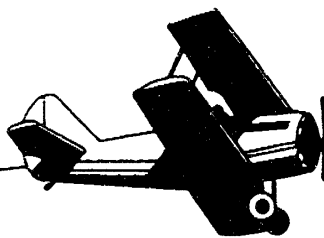
My heartfelt thanks to you for my wonderful surprise birthday card shower with the lovely handwritten messages. I will file them with my Manchester memories dating back to 1931.

Do you know how many cards I received? Would you believe 90!?! I told that to my new friends in Florida when I visited Doc and Mae until the first of May. Everyone repeated "90? I can't believe it." My answer was: I can't either!

It's fun being 90, isn't it, Shorty Wheeler? Happy Birthday! I'm glad T.V. doesn't proof read this, but she will be 90 some day (that is if Del lets her) and I'll send her a birthday card Christmas 1998 'cause she's my friend.

*My thanks sincerely,
Edna Hopkins Knauss*

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Merry, Manchester: How Does Your Garden Grow?

Manchester Beautification Committee Presents First of Season's Choice Awards

When the Manchester Beautification Committee chose the first two area gardens for the first two season's Choice Awards, they could have placed the plaques in either front, side or backyards.

Ann and Anthony Kastanis, of 307 Ann Arbor Hill, reside at this showcase along the north entrance to Manchester with their son Alex and daughter Sophie.

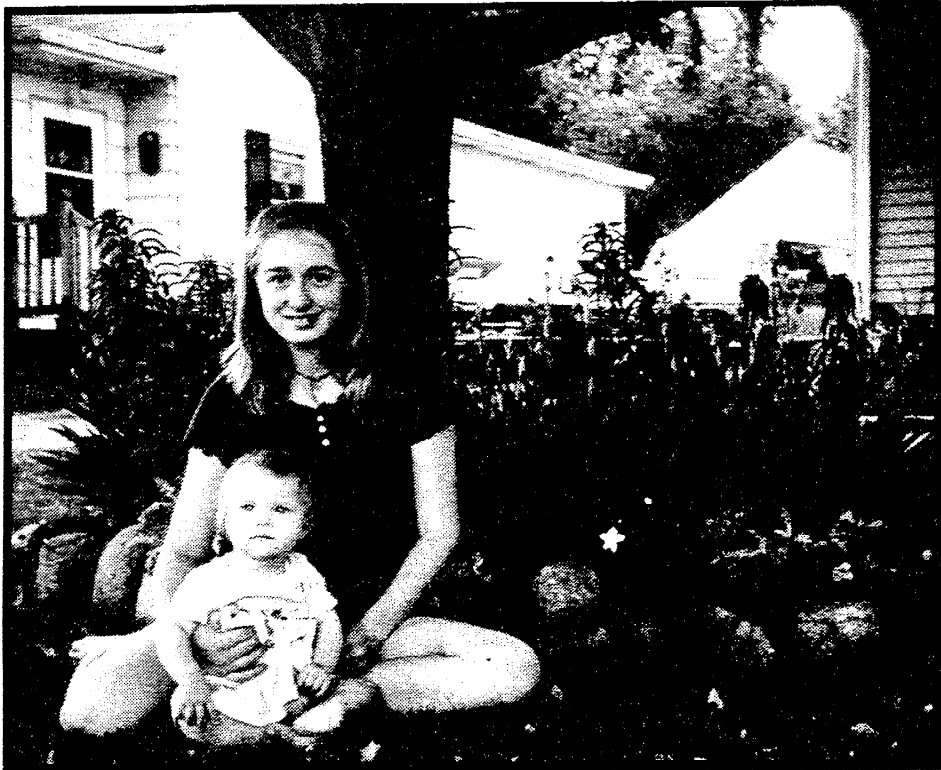
They have planted perennials behind the rocks at the sidewalk and have added zinnias for later summer color.

Next to their front porch is a charming rock garden planted with fragrant herbs such as thyme and lavender, low growing asters and alyssum. The rocks, Ann tells us, came from her parents home in Ann Arbor. The rocks had been gathered by her grandparents who lived along the Huron River in the 1940s near a railroad depot and abandoned quarry.

Ann loves to use sun motif garden accessories so she has terracotta smiling suns displayed on their backyard gate and a jaunty sun flag waving from the corner of their house. Although she didn't have to, Ann explained the wire cages protecting her flowers on the side of the house. The reason was pretty evident: that is where their son Alex's basketball court is located.

Below: Twelve- (almost thirteen) year-old daughter Clair holds one-year-old neighbor Emily Bortmas in front of one of the flower beds at the Krauss residence.

307 Ann Arbor Hill



507 East Duncan

Laura and Dave Krauss, of 507 East Duncan Street, have created islands of lush greenery and bright color all around their residence. In the backyard, they even have a pond surrounded by perennials, annuals, and water plants. Along the driveway is an unique wrought iron fence, designed and made by Dave. The flower beds are peopled here and there by whimsical wood or ceramic characters.

"Now, we have quite a few perennials blooming" said Laura, "but when we first began establishing the garden beds we used annuals — 32 flats of annuals the first year!"

Today iris, lilies, tulips, foxglove, bee balm, sweet William, snapdragons, poppies and English wallflowers are among the many varieties that take their turn, each in their own time, blooming and showing off their color throughout spring, summer and fall.

To nominate your garden, your friends' gardens, your neighbor's garden, just call Josie at A & J Travel 428-8307, or Amy at 428-1853. Numerous winners will be chosen this summer. There will be a special award for those gardens which feature the free seeds that were available from the Manchester Beautification Committee earlier this spring.

(After the plaque has been placed in your garden, please call me at the Chronicle so we can set up a convenient time for a photo and chat about your flowers. Kathy, 428-1230.)

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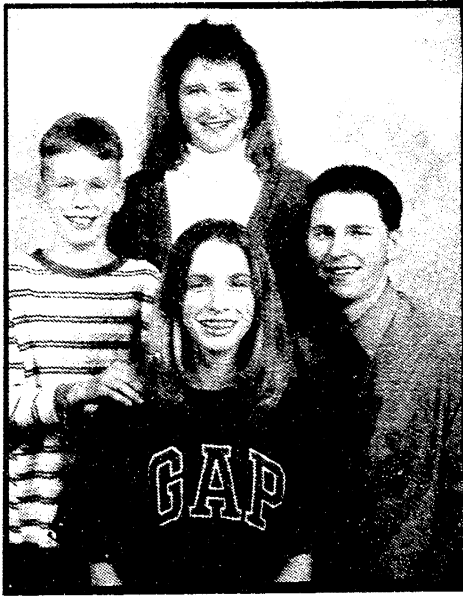
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Meet the Candidates

Questions posed by *Manchester Chronicle*
School News Editor GINI PATAK



Anita Greca is the mother of three children and works in the Office of Student Services at the U of M School of Education in Ann Arbor. She feels she will bring her skills of leadership, community service, organization, dependability and communication to the School Board. Anita's volunteer service includes: Girl Scout leader, Troop Services Director, classroom parent, vice-president of Manchester Co-Op Preschool and member of the Band Booster for ten years.



John Hochstetler is past vice president of the Band Boosters, former school board member and the first Manchester board member to be state certified.

Also Running for School Board: Ron Ellison and Brad Roberts

We finally reached Ron Ellison with our fourth phone call. He said he had not returned earlier calls because he had mailed his answers and a polaroid photo. It appears they were lost in mail. Since there were no copies of either item, it was impossible to bring you his response.

Brad Roberts also did not respond to our letter. In a brief phone interview, Roberts indicated that he has lived in the Manchester area for 43 years and everyone knows what he thinks. He commented, in addition, that his job requires that he work 14-18 hour days. *Editor*

How To Tell When the Spirit is D.O.A.

"Doctor, the patient is not responding," is a phrase familiar to fans of *ER*. It usually means that despite the best efforts of the medical team, the heart's not beating or brain activity has stopped. In the next scene the nurse gets the signal to pull that blanket up over the remains while the doctor writes DOA (Dead On Arrival) on the form, and that's the last we hear of the non-respondent.

The same kind of thing sometimes happens with politicians. They become unresponsive. The heart's just not in the job or awareness can't be focused on constituents' needs. The only real difference between the medical setting and the political arena is in our ability to monitor responsiveness.

In the *ER*, there are sophisticated charts and instruments that let doctors know when the spirit has departed. It's harder with politicians. They keep on talking even when they're not responding, making lame excuses and providing non-answers to questions. That should be our cue to grab the corner of the blanket and start tucking. The service spirit is DOA.

What is your personal experience with Manchester Community Schools?

GRECA: My personal experience with Manchester Community Schools is varied. I have three children: Jeff (18), Angela (16) and Tim (11) and they have been involved in various activities: Band; sports - football, baseball, basketball, volleyball, track, cheerleading; theater - middle and high school; class officers; MEAP Award recipient; Science and Social Studies Fair, etc.

BRANNOCK: My personal experience with the schools as a whole has been good. Having had many parent/teacher conferences at all three schools, I feel our teachers put forth a great effort to help students and parents in the education process.

SPRING: By and large, I am satisfied with my own experience having my daughters in Manchester Schools. Both have had the distinct advantage of having some enlightened, dedicated, and wonderful teachers. However, my experience has been more favorable than that voiced by others to whom I have spoken. I have been less than satisfied with what I perceive to be a lack of information, direction, and leadership from the Superintendent's office. Communication from the Superintendent and the Board is critical in maintaining community support for education and I will work hard to see this change.

HOCHSTETLER: Did not answer

Why are you seeking office?

GRECA: I am running for school board because I have been committed to the community and the school system since I moved to Manchester ten years ago. I am very positive about the future growth of Manchester and I think I can be a voice of the community as a school board member.

BRANNOCK: I have chosen to run for School Board at this time due to problems I am having with the current board and administration. While having these problems, other parents have informed me that they are experiencing the same difficulties. One of the main problems is the accountability of the administration. When questions arise, quite often the questions go unanswered or ignored altogether. We, the taxpayers, should have no problem receiving answers. When serious problems arise, parents and students should receive answers quickly, not "in a timely manner...", or not at all.

I have a genuine concern for children and a belief that they are basically all good kids rather than all bad. My main goal as a board member would be to advocate for the students and encourage programs that would help students, i.e., the Pleasant Lake Alternative School

SPRING: I have decided to seek one of the open positions on the Manchester School Board in hopes of bringing balance and first hand educational experience to the Board. I am dedicated to public education and believe that with all that Manchester Schools has to offer, there remain several areas which would benefit from closer attention.

HOCHSTETLER: Did not answer

Summary of Board of Education Minutes — May 18, 1998

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The special meeting of the Manchester Community Schools' Board of Education was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by President Winzenz.

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

Following a welcome by president Winzenz, Superintendent Niedzwiecki presented service awards to the following people: For 10 years of service — Harold Arnett, Eleanor Baker, Cheryl Call, Donna Clark, Anita Huffman. For 15

years of service — Howard Poley, Janelle Sellers, Janice Stautz, Carol Wiethoff. For 25 years of service — Susan Ediger, Mary Ann Fielder, Janice Little, Mary Lowery. A reception followed.

The regular meeting of the Manchester Community Schools' Board of Education was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by president Winzenz.

The minutes of the regular meeting April 20, 1998 were approved as presented. The April treasurer's report was approved with a cash balance in the amount of \$653,708.99; total bills payable of \$2,016,929.97.

Correspondence included: Thank you note from the family of Janice Horton, letters from South & West Washtenaw Consortium, Varsity Girls Volleyball Team, Manchester Community Schools' Alumni Association.

Visitor Input:

> Shannon Fleck, Kathy Fusilier, and Andy Supers spoke in support of Paula Palmer, Varsity Volleyball Coach

> Kathy Donnellon thanked the Board for their support of the music program this past year.

> Richard Spring asked when the Visitor Input policy was adopted and questioned its legality.

— Gini Patak

In the last year, approximately how many school board meetings have you attended? If you have attended meetings, was your attendance a result of general interest or was it the result of interest in a specific issue? Please explain.

GRECA: I have attended only a couple of board meetings this year. I attended for the fifth grade teacher issue and for band interests.

BRANNOCK: I have attended four board meetings so far this year. I started attending meetings in February this year as a result of a specific issue, the fact that the school was illegally taking away academic credit from certain students based on their attendance policy. Although this started as a result of my son having his credit removed and then reinstated, I still attend the monthly school board meetings to try to get this policy changed and try to get all other students' credits reinstated. Although the Administration stated at the April board meeting that all students' credits have been reinstated, some parents in the audience stated this was not true and their child's credit has not been reinstated. As I stated earlier, I have volunteered my time to be on the new Attendance Policy Review Committee to try to eradicate this problem.

SPRING: This year I have attended eight Board meetings. It has been related to my interest in a wide variety of educational issues, and not due to any single issue or concern. I have been disappointed in the Board policy regarding not giving any response to specific concerns voiced during the visitor input times. I am even more disappointed when they are issues which resurface and do not appear to get any more than a cursory glance.

HOCHSTETLER: Did not answer

> Mike Gleason supports the new Visitor Input procedures and encouraged the Board to respond to requests and concerns in a timely fashion

> Bill Brannock inquired as to the time line for the hiring of an attendance clerk

> Jim Achtenberg asked for the rationale regarding the posting of class lists in August at the elementary school.

The resolution appointing election inspectors for the June 8, 1998 School Board Election was approved as presented.

The resignation of Carrie Funk was accepted with regret.

The resignation of Connie Zimmer as middle school cheerleading advisor was accepted.

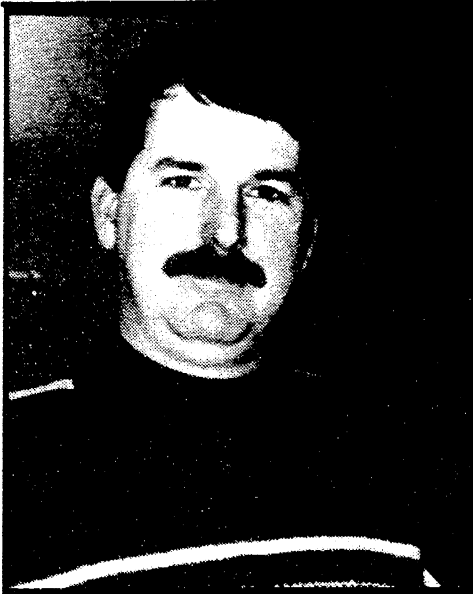
The retirement of Jane Raus after 39 years of serving the children and community of Manchester was accepted with sincere gratitude and appreciation.

The following fall and winter coaching appointments for the 1998-99 sports season were approved as presented.

Wes Gall-Varsity Football, Mike Blumenauer-Varsity Assistant Football, Jim Fielder-JV Football, Jim Krzyzaniak-JV Assistant Football, Curt Fielder-8th Grade Football, Brian Schick-7th Grade Football, John Wilkins-Varsity Girls Basketball, Dennis Steele-JV Girls Basketball,

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School Board Election June 8, 1998



William Brannock, age 35, currently has six children enrolled in Manchester Community Schools. Brannock is active in the American Legion, the Manchester Sportsman Club and has served as judge for the Middle School Social Studies/Science Fair. Brannock serves on the newly-formed attendance policy review committee at the high school. Past elected offices include Service Officer, Hall Manager and Sergeant-at-Arms for the American Legion. While attending monthly meetings, situations include budgeting monies and prioritizing spending, maintaining property owned, planning for the future and fundraising. Brannock is elected vice president of the Sportsman Club. Regular monthly meetings cover budgeting monies and maintaining properties. Brannock has also served as a volunteer for the past three yearly Hunters' Safety classes which teach safe conduct while hunting to children and adults.

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Richard Spring: I have lived in Manchester for fifteen years (I believe that I still qualify as a newcomer), I am married and the father of two Manchester Schools students. I am employed as a school social worker for the Ingham Intermediate School District. I have over fifteen years of experience working in the schools. I have served on the Boards of the Michigan Association of School Social Workers (8 years), Midwest School Social Work Council (5 years), and the School Social Work Association of America which I helped form four years ago. Recently I was appointed to fill out the remainder of a term on the Manchester Township Library Board. I previously served on the Governor's Task Force to Revise Special Education Rules, and was a chair of a subcommittee. I have a Bachelor of Science from Eastern Michigan, and a Master of Social Work from the University of Michigan.

I hope that after careful consideration of the qualifications and views of all of the candidates that you will consider casting one of your votes for me.

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Mark Ball-7th Grade Girls Basketball, Steve McCalla-8th Grade Girls Basketball, Dan Galaska-Varsity Golf, Craig Vitale-Varsity B/G Cross-country, Jeanne Wojtas-Varsity/JV Cheerleading Dan Roughton-JV Volleyball, Brenda Settle-8th Grade Volleyball, Jill Peters-7th Grade Volleyball, Matt Seidl- Varsity Boys Basketball, Bryan Barnard-JV Boys Basket-

What can the board do to help Manchester stay competitive in the quest for top-quality teachers and resources?

GRECA: Make use of student teachers available through colleges in our area.

BRANNOCK: To help Manchester stay competitive for top quality teachers, the board should certainly work out a multi-year contract with teachers. Next to the kids, teachers are the most important part of the education process. Prioritizing spending for resources is always difficult. In my opinion, the \$300,000-plus which is about to be spent on inter-connecting the schools' computers could have been better spent on other programs for students.

SPRING: To stay (or become) competitive in the quest for top quality teachers you have to pay competitive wages. We must ensure that the staff feel empowered and listened to by the board and administration. I am a believer in **fiscal responsibility**, and I realize the tremendous costs of running a school district. Therefore, If we cannot realistically compete with wages available in other area districts, we must make sure that our staff have tangible evidence that they, their ideas, and expertise are valued. We need to give them every opportunity to grow professionally and to try innovative ideas. The administration and the Board must recognize and acknowledge the efforts of their employees. At the same time, we must take a close look at those employees who are not interested in moving forward and either help them to make needed improvements or have the courage to evaluate them honestly; and, when appropriate, to let go those who do a disservice to the District or to the children.

HOCHSTETLER: Manchester needs a crash course in management-teacher relations. We are losing teachers and bus drivers at an alarming rate. MEAP scores are down for three years in a row. We need to work together with teachers and parents to reverse the drastic downhill slide.

ball, Jim Krzyzaniak-8th Grade Boys Basketball, Curt Fielder-7th Grade Boys Basketball, Steve Vlcek-Varsity Wrestling, Jason Woods-7th/8th Grade Wrestling, Jeanne Wojtas-Varsity/JV Cheerleading

The migrant summer school program for 1998 was approved as were the wages for their staff.

There will be a Public Hearing on the 1998-99 Budget at 7:15 p.m., Monday, June 15, 1998 in the high school media center.

There will be a Public Hearing regarding the use of Headlee Underfunding Settlement Funds at 7:00 p.m., Monday, June 15, 1998 in the high school media center. Proposed projects include the reconstruction of the athletic track, replace high school lockers, replace section of the middle school roof, and technology network.

The annual Organizational Meeting of the Manchester Board of Education will be held Monday, July 13, 1998 in the high school media center.

Improved facilities was cited as a top need at the town meeting. How should we meet this need?

GRECA: We've updated the elementary and middle schools and we are in great need of a new high school. The first proposal a few years ago of building a new high school, making the present high school a middle school, making the middle school third through fifth or sixth grade, and making Klager kindergarten through second grade, is one we should still try to get approved, or start working towards. The "band-aid" hasn't solved the problem. I am a taxpayer just like everyone else, but I still feel that our community needs these facilities and soon.

BRANNOCK: There will certainly need to be new school buildings very soon. Portables won't work to say the very least. Extra money spent now will save money down the road. I hate to see my taxes raised as much as anyone, but it will be necessary. Proper planning now will save later.

SPRING: We are being forced by the growth, and potential growth, of our District into a position where a new facility may be necessary in the near future. The high school facility is in need of immediate attention. We must have the foresight to construct a facility not just for when it is built but with attention to what will be needed in the future. I have been told by several that we have been penny-wise but pound-foolish. I will work to make sure this does not continue to be our method of operation. Whatever we ultimately decided to do will require the support of our entire community. Anything worth doing, is worth doing thoughtfully and well.

HOCHSTETLER: If we need a new high school, we should start planning for it now. Twenty million dollars is a lot for this small town. Maybe we should put a tax on all new homes of \$25,000 per house. This would help pay for a new high school. Only 800 homes would it take to pay for a new school.

The Board unanimously decided to adopt Option 2 and continue to opt out of the schools of choice program.

Brian Kissman and Lorie Kosinski presented the new textbook and supplementary materials being recommended by the Math Curriculum Committee for grades K-8. Following their presentation, the Board approved the committees' recommendation for adoption and use.

Comerica was awarded the financing of the new school bus at an annual interest rate of 4.85%.

The premium rates from SET-SEG of \$10,050 for property; \$7,122 for general liability; \$1,707 Underground storage tanks; \$1,012 Boiler insurances; and fleet insurance from Sutton Agency at \$7,855, for the 1998-99 fiscal year were approved as presented.

The agreement confirming a partnership with Washtenaw Community College in providing college programs via two-

How would you address the need for a greater focus on the arts in Manchester schools?

GRECA: I have always been an arts promoter since I have had three band members. Jeff was a band member for eight years and attended Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp for four of those years. He was quad player for the marching band and was also a varsity football player. (Teacher John Korican commented to me when Jeff left the football team bus at halftime to play with the band, "That was the first time in 30 years I've seen that happen.") Angela has been a band member for six years, attending Blue Lake, and was also chosen for middle school honors band. Tim is a first-year band member. We are in need of an assistant band instructor because our band program has grown and is still growing. We also need a choir instructor.

BRANNOCK: A greater focus on arts, or any program that will help the children with their learning process, is more than worth the money spent on them.

SPRING: I have attended and participated in the Town Meeting. I was encouraged and hopeful during that meeting, but since then we have had very little follow up by the Superintendent or the Board. I find this discouraging and I'm sure that sentiment is felt by many who attended. The time for giving lip-service is over. The children, the community, and the staff of our schools deserve better. To attract those who would like to come to our community, but more importantly to maintain and nurture those children whose educations are currently in our hands, we must make sure that we are educating the whole child. The arts are critical and recent research on the development of the brain has revealed this to be true. The wishes of the community expressed through the Town Meeting are that we do more arts education. The cookie cutter is broken, and we have diverse needs. We need to honor and respect this diversity if we hope that our children will do the same.

HOCHSTETLER: Did not answer

way interactive television to students, staff, and residents of the Manchester Community Schools' district was approved as presented.

Representatives from the Kiwanis and Klager PTO presented information regarding the donation of a play structure for Klager Elementary School.

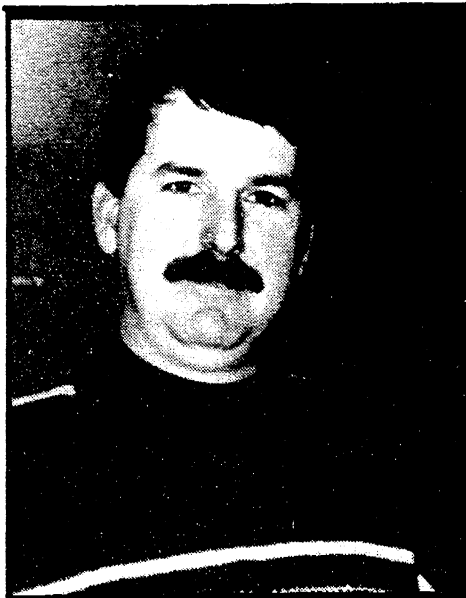
Dianne Schwab, George Patak, and Jim Sewell were present to outline the proposed revision to the Tobacco Use and Possession policy.

Superintendent Niedzwiecki presented the following list of recommended projects for the 1998-99 school year: Technology Network, resurface parking lots, repair middle school steps, repair baseboards in high school halls, interior and exterior painting, band instruments, and miscellaneous.

The 1998-99 preliminary budget was presented.

The meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

School Board Election June 8, 1998



William Brannock, age 35, currently has six children enrolled in Manchester Community Schools. Brannock is active in the American Legion, the Manchester Sportsman Club and has served as judge for the Middle School Social Studies/Science Fair. Brannock serves on the newly-formed attendance policy review committee at the high school. Past elected offices include Service Officer, Hall Manager and Sergeant-at-Arms for the American Legion. While attending monthly meetings, situations include budgeting monies and prioritizing spending, maintaining property owned, planning for the future and fundraising. Brannock is elected vice president of the Sportsman Club. Regular monthly meetings cover budgeting monies and maintaining properties. Brannock has also served as a volunteer for the past three yearly Hunters' Safety classes which teach safe conduct while hunting to children and adults.

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Richard Spring: I have lived in Manchester for fifteen years (I believe that I still qualify as a newcomer), I am married and the father of two Manchester Schools students. I am employed as a school social worker for the Ingham Intermediate School District. I have over fifteen years of experience working in the schools. I have served on the Boards of the Michigan Association of School Social Workers (8 years), Midwest School Social Work Council (5 years), and the School Social Work Association of America which I helped form four years ago. Recently I was appointed to fill out the remainder of a term on the Manchester Township Library Board. I previously served on the Governor's Task Force to Revise Special Education Rules, and was a chair of a subcommittee. I have a Bachelor of Science from Eastern Michigan, and a Master of Social Work from the University of Michigan.

I hope that after careful consideration of the qualifications and views of all of the candidates that you will consider casting one of your votes for me.

Summary — Board of Education Minutes - May 18, 1998 (continued from previous page)

Mark Ball-7th Grade Girls Basketball, Steve McCalla-8th Grade Girls Basketball, Dan Galaska-Varsity Golf, Craig Vitale-Varsity B/G Cross-country, Jeanne Wojtas-Varsity/JV Cheerleading Dan Roughton-JV Volleyball, Brenda Settle-8th Grade Volleyball, Jill Peters-7th Grade Volleyball, Matt Seidl- Varsity Boys Basketball, Bryan Barnard-JV Boys Basket-

What can the board do to help Manchester stay competitive in the quest for top-quality teachers and resources?

GRECA: Make use of student teachers available through colleges in our area.

BRANNOCK: To help Manchester stay competitive for top quality teachers, the board should certainly work out a multi-year contract with teachers. Next to the kids, teachers are the most important part of the education process. Prioritizing spending for resources is always difficult. In my opinion, the \$300,000-plus which is about to be spent on inter-connecting the schools' computers could have been better spent on other programs for students.

SPRING: To stay (or become) competitive in the quest for top quality teachers you have to pay competitive wages. We must ensure that the staff feel empowered and listened to by the board and administration. I am a believer in **fiscal responsibility**, and I realize the tremendous costs of running a school district. Therefore, If we cannot realistically compete with wages available in other area districts, we must make sure that our staff have tangible evidence that they, their ideas, and expertise are valued. We need to give them every opportunity to grow professionally and to try innovative ideas. The administration and the Board must recognize and acknowledge the efforts of their employees. At the same time, we must take a close look at those employees who are not interested in moving forward and either help them to make needed improvements or have the courage to evaluate them honestly; and, when appropriate, to let go those who do a disservice to the District or to the children.

HOCHSTETLER: Manchester needs a crash course in management-teacher relations. We are losing teachers and bus drivers at an alarming rate. MEAP scores are down for three years in a row. We need to work together with teachers and parents to reverse the drastic downhill slide.

ball, Jim Krzyzaniak-8th Grade Boys Basketball, Curt Fielder-7th Grade Boys Basketball, Steve Vlcek-Varsity Wrestling, Jason Woods-7th/8th Grade Wrestling, Jeanne Wojtas-Varsity/JV Cheerleading

The migrant summer school program for 1998 was approved as were the wages for their staff.

There will be a Public Hearing on the 1998-99 Budget at 7:15 p.m., Monday, June 15, 1998 in the high school media center.

There will be a Public Hearing regarding the use of Headlee Underfunding Settlement Funds at 7:00 p.m., Monday, June 15, 1998 in the high school media center. Proposed projects include the reconstruction of the athletic track, replace high school lockers, replace section of the middle school roof, and technology network.

The annual Organizational Meeting of the Manchester Board of Education will be held Monday, July 13, 1998 in the high school media center.

Improved facilities was cited as a top need at the town meeting. How should we meet this need?

GRECA: We've updated the elementary and middle schools and we are in great need of a new high school. The first proposal a few years ago of building a new high school, making the present high school a middle school, making the middle school third through fifth or sixth grade, and making Klager kindergarten through second grade, is one we should still try to get approved, or start working towards. The "band-aid" hasn't solved the problem. I am a taxpayer just like everyone else, but I still feel that our community needs these facilities and soon.

BRANNOCK: There will certainly need to be new school buildings very soon. Portables won't work to say the very least. Extra money spent now will save money down the road. I hate to see my taxes raised as much as anyone, but it will be necessary. Proper planning now will save later.

SPRING: We are being forced by the growth, and potential growth, of our District into a position where a new facility may be necessary in the near future. The high school facility is in need of immediate attention. We must have the foresight to construct a facility not just for when it is built but with attention to what will be needed in the future. I have been told by several that we have been penny-wise but pound-foolish. I will work to make sure this does not continue to be our method of operation. Whatever we ultimately decided to do will require the support of our entire community. Anything worth doing, is worth doing thoughtfully and well.

HOCHSTETLER: If we need a new high school, we should start planning for it now. Twenty million dollars is a lot for this small town. Maybe we should put a tax on all new homes of \$25,000 per house. This would help pay for a new high school. Only 800 homes would it take to pay for a new school.

The Board unanimously decided to adopt Option 2 and continue to opt out of the schools of choice program.

Brian Kissman and Lorie Kosinski presented the new textbook and supplementary materials being recommended by the Math Curriculum Committee for grades K-8. Following their presentation, the Board approved the committees' recommendation for adoption and use.

Comerica was awarded the financing of the new school bus at an annual interest rate of 4.85%.

The premium rates from SET-SEG of \$10,050 for property; \$7,122 for general liability; \$1,707 Underground storage tanks; \$1,012 Boiler insurances; and fleet insurance from Sutton Agency at \$7,855, for the 1998-99 fiscal year were approved as presented.

The agreement confirming a partnership with Washtenaw Community College in providing college programs via two-

How would you address the need for a greater focus on the arts in Manchester schools?

GRECA: I have always been an arts promoter since I have had three band members. Jeff was a band member for eight years and attended Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp for four of those years. He was quad player for the marching band and was also a varsity football player. (Teacher John Korican commented to me when Jeff left the football team bus at halftime to play with the band, "That was the first time in 30 years I've seen that happen.") Angela has been a band member for six years, attending Blue Lake, and was also chosen for middle school honors band. Tim is a first-year band member. We are in need of an assistant band instructor because our band program has grown and is still growing. We also need a choir instructor.

BRANNOCK: A greater focus on arts, or any program that will help the children with their learning process, is more than worth the money spent on them.

SPRING: I have attended and participated in the Town Meeting. I was encouraged and hopeful during that meeting, but since then we have had very little follow up by the Superintendent or the Board. I find this discouraging and I'm sure that sentiment is felt by many who attended. The time for giving lip-service is over. The children, the community, and the staff of our schools deserve better. To attract those who would like to come to our community, but more importantly to maintain and nurture those children whose educations are currently in our hands, we must make sure that we are educating the whole child. The arts are critical and recent research on the development of the brain has revealed this to be true. The wishes of the community expressed through the Town Meeting are that we do more arts education. The cookie cutter is broken, and we have diverse needs. We need to honor and respect this diversity if we hope that our children will do the same.

HOCHSTETLER: Did not answer

way interactive television to students, staff, and residents of the Manchester Community Schools' district was approved as presented.

Representatives from the Kiwanis and Klager PTO presented information regarding the donation of a play structure for Klager Elementary School.

Dianne Schwab, George Patak, and Jim Sewell were present to outline the proposed revision to the Tobacco Use and Possession policy.

Superintendent Niedzwiecki presented the following list of recommended projects for the 1998-99 school year: Technology Network, resurface parking lots, repair middle school steps, repair baseboards in high school halls, interior and exterior painting, band instruments, and miscellaneous.

The 1998-99 preliminary budget was presented.

The meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

Finding Diamonds

— Kathy Kueffner

The ad in the May 4th *Chronicle* read: "I am looking for a horse I sold back in the 1970s. I understand he was sold to someone in 4-H in the Manchester area. Although he may be deceased by now, I still would be interested in knowing about him. He was a bay gelding with a white diamond. I had named him 'Navajo Diamond'. Please call me collect...Ask for Rita. Thank you".

Rita and I talked at some length determining how to word the ad, and the fact that when she sold him in 1974 he was seven years old. I tried to think of the bay geldings that belonged to youngsters I knew but none that I could recall fit the description.

However, after the ad was published there was a response. Two residents of Manchester remembered Navajo Diamond most fondly — Del and TV Ludwick. The bay gelding was owned, loved, ridden and shown in many

4-H events by Del and TV's daughter Beverly. Beverly passed away suddenly three years ago so it was with poignant and sadly sweet memories that Del and TV contacted Rita.

Del made the phone call, then came down to the *Chronicle* office to tell me about it. He told me about how Beverly bought her horse all on her own with babysitting money she had earned and saved. She rode Diamond in many horse shows, riding him in both English and Western tack. TV made a lot of Beverly's show outfits, including one red, white and blue one that took her three months!

"One time," Del related "for the heck of it she even rode him in a barrel racing contest [a timed cloverleaf pattern] Beverly had never ridden in one of these contesting games before, but she soon found out Diamond must have known what it was all about. When Beverly accidentally loosened her grip on one of the reins and so wasn't able to guide him like she wanted, Diamond raced around those barrels just like he knew what he was doing. They had the fastest time and won the race!"

Beverly and Diamond accumulated a lot of winning horse show ribbons in those days.

When Del called Rita, they compared notes over the phone, with Del referring to photographs of Beverly and her horse, and Rita recalling Diamond's exact markings including the white on his forehead which inspired his name.

I'll let Rita continue the story via this letter she sent to Del and TV and the *Chronicle*:



Del and TV Ludwick's daughter, Beverly, at one of the many horse shows she competed in with "Diamond."

"Dear Del and TV,

I never thought the ad I placed in the *Manchester Chronicle* would be answered. Certainly it would be a million-to-one chance of ever finding out what happened to my beloved horse, Diamond. Especially since I sold him in 1974.

I'm very grateful that you took the chance to call me. Over the phone our descriptions of the horse seemed to agree. Two days later I received the pictures you sent. They were indeed of Diamond. Instead of mailing them back, I asked to return them personally and maybe find out more about him.

At your house I found out what a good home Diamond had. I enjoyed looking at all the photos of him and your daughter Beverly competing at horse shows. They really were a successful team. Diamond lived a wonderful life with your family. It was more than I could have hoped for.

Thank you for the pleasure of a wonderful visit. I enjoyed every minute of your warm hospitality. You are both such nice people. I'm glad I met you!

Sincerely,
Rita S.

So, end of story? No, Rita has been invited by Del and TV to come to the Manchester Chicken Broil and visit with them again. Hopefully I will get to meet her then also.

Diamonds. A horse. Recalling beloved memories of a daughter and her special relationship with her horse. New friends.

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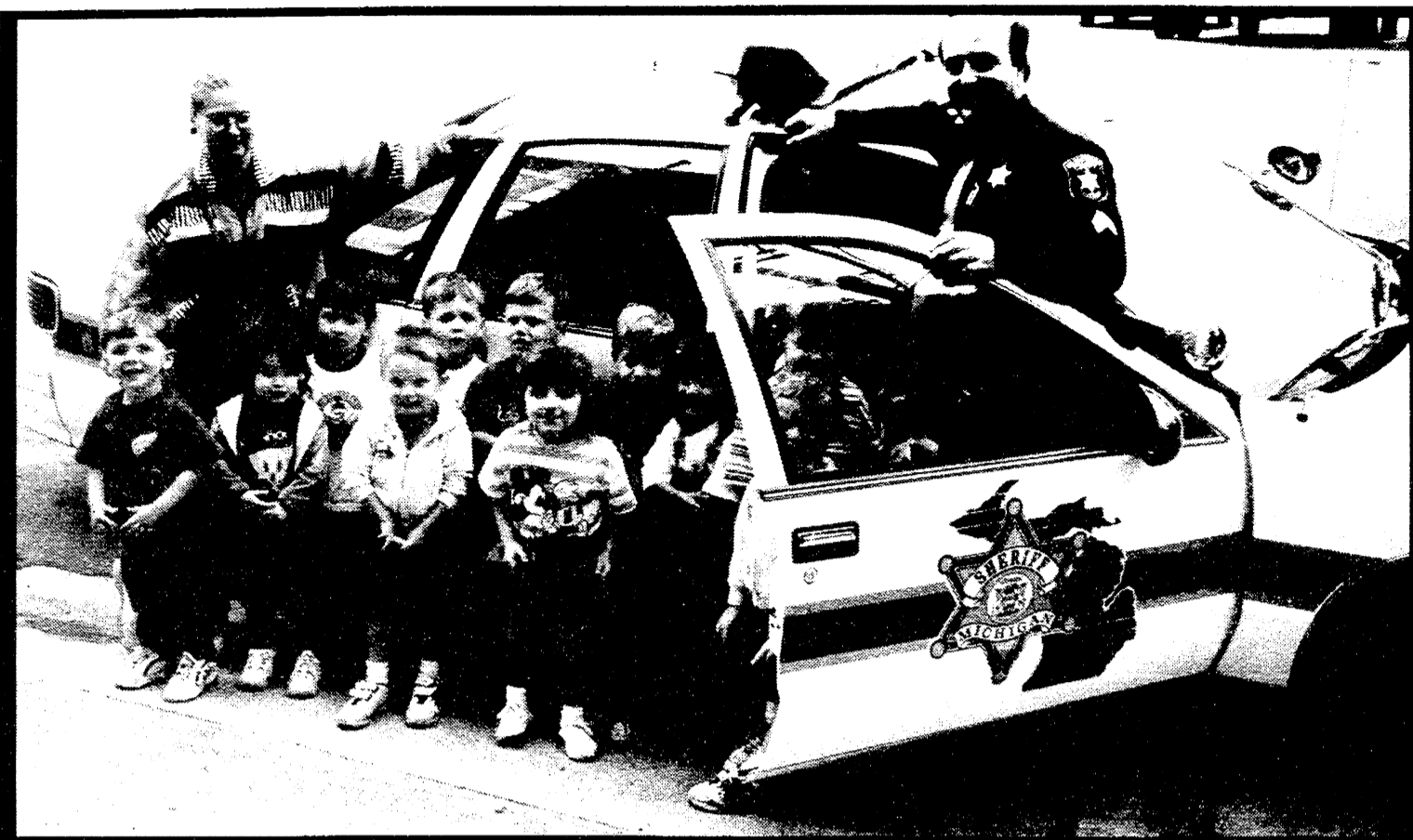
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Eleven Law-Abiding Citizens Visit the Police Department

Left to right: Brandon T., Marie Gray, Andrew Burch, Austin Fuller, Kevin Thompson, Nathan Dunn, Sarah S., Caleb Bailey, Tia Harvey, Ryan Fuller, Sam Curby. Eli Bates is in the photo also, however, he was in the police car (front seat), so we should amend that headline to say 12 law-abiding citizens.

Youngsters from the Manchester Co-Op Preschool, along with their teacher, "Miss Linda" (as she is known) Eversole, visited with Sgt. Jerry Haensler of the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department in front of Manchester Village Hall. The preschoolers received a tour of the Sheriff's car, listened to safety tips,

and, following the example of Chris Stein (below right) covered their ears as the Sergeant sounded the police car siren.



The Manchester Beat

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- Excuse me. Is stick up hyphenated?
- I pay your salary!!
- I thought you had to be in relatively good physical condition to be a police officer.



On a more serious note, school is almost out for the year and I've been asked by several parents and youth to review the curfew ordinance in Manchester Village. I've also been asked about the local parks and the times they close.

— Deputy Marcus Kirby

All parks are closed at dusk except for Carr Park. Carr Park will remain open at night throughout the summer and will stay open provided the park is kept clean and the noise levels stay reasonable. If you use the park, please be courteous and clean up. If you're in the park or anywhere else in the village and you see trash, do a good deed and pick it up. Keep the community looking beautiful!

— Sgt. Haensler and the Village Office

Chapter 115-CURFEW

8.201 Curfew Established. It shall be unlawful for any person under the age of 17 years to be, or remain in or upon any street or public place or to loiter in any public place in the Village of Manchester after 10:15 p.m. and prior to 7:00 a.m., on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; and, it shall be unlawful for any person under the age of 17 years to be, or remain in or upon a street or public place, or to loiter in any public place in the Village of Manchester after 12:00 p.m. midnight and prior to 7:00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday unless such person is accompanied by his parent or guardian or other person having legal custody of and above 21 years of age delegated by the parent or guardian to accompany such minor child, or unless such person is in the pursuit of a lawful business, or other legitimate purpose under the direction of his or her parent or guardian.



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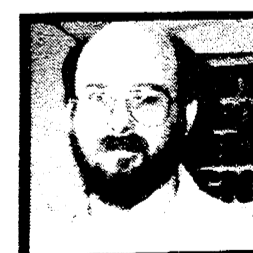
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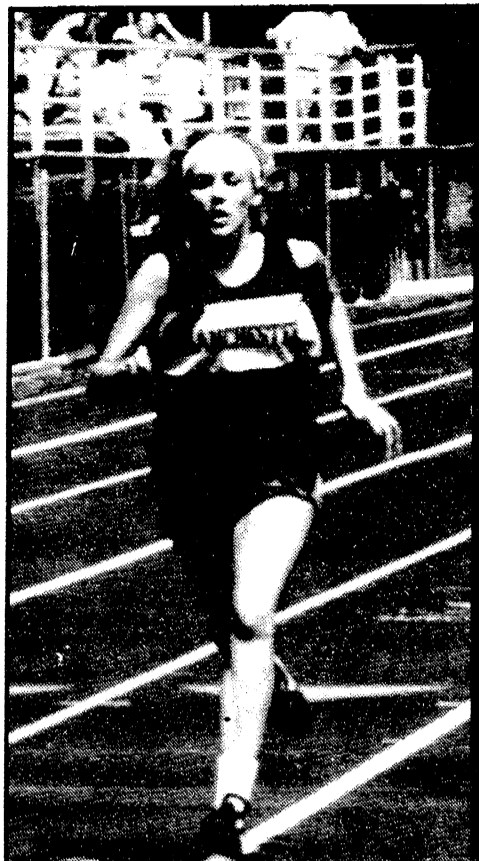
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May 9, 1998

Girls' Track Results Overall — 2nd Place



Relay: Emily Tucker



Relay: Holly Horodeczny
(placed 1st in Pole Vault)

Pole Vault: 1st — Holly Horodeczny 7-0
Shot Put: 1st — Kathryn Horodeczny, Julie Porter, Gisela Emberger 90-1-1/4
High Jump: 2nd - Erin Fox, Shannon Green, Mary Barrett 13-6
Long Jump: 5th — Cassie Clark, Barrett, Fox 38-7
Discus: 3rd — Jennette Branch, Emberger, Porter 228-9
100 Dash: 2nd - Rachel Fleck, 12.79; 5th Holly H. 13.43
6400 Relay: 5th — Fox, Amber Hoeft, Jill Weidmayer, Jackie Palms 26.21
Manchester Relay-800 Medley: 3rd — Holly H., Barrett, Erin Wiley, Emily Tucker 2:00.23
Mid-Distance Relay-800: 2nd — Fleck, Clark, Barrett, Tracey Staples
3,200 Relay: 1st — Tucker, Green, Wiley, Palms 10:49.97
400 Relay: 2nd — Fleck, Clark, Holly H., Staples
Freshman-Sophomore Relay: 1,600 Medley: 2nd — Abra Wise, Heidi Ernst, Fox, Palms 4:52.64
Buffalo Relay 400: 1st — Porter, Kathryn H., Emberger, Branch
1,600 Relay: 4th — Fleck, Tucker, Wiley, Staples 4:33.6

Long Jump: Shannon Green
(also pictured parent volunteer Karen Tucker)

Discus: Jennette Branch

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Buffalo Relay: Julie Porter



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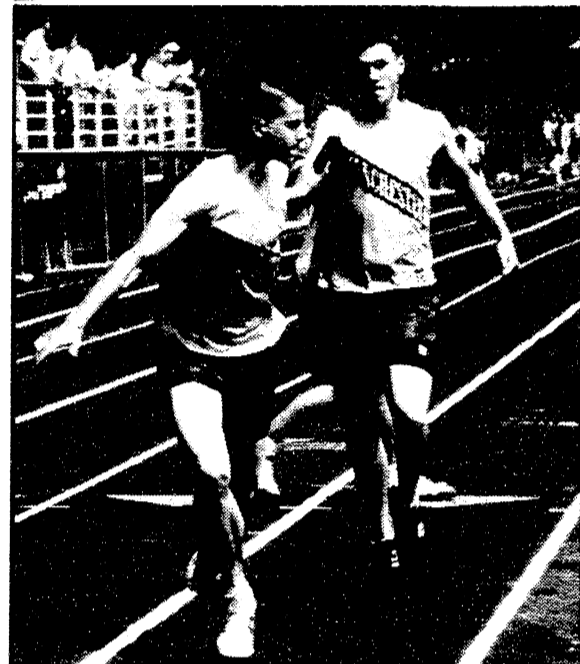
Overall — 1st Place

Long Jump: 3rd — Nick Davis, Derrick Hanewald, Matt Horodeczny 50'4"
 High Jump: 1st — Pat DuRussel, Jason Schaible, Ben Grenier, 17'
 Shot Put: 5th — Kirk Horodeczny, Lee Kodhe, Chris Kemner,
 Pole Vault: 3rd — Nick Gordon 11"
 6400 Relay: 1st — Jason Schiabe, Jeremy Smith, Kyle Harris, Eli Bragg
 100 Dash: 1st — Nick Davis 10-7; 4th Nick Gordon 11-7
 Middle Distance Relay: 5th — Phil Krall, Walter, Grenier, Harris
 3,200 Relay: 3rd — Bragg, Walter, Harris, Smith
 400 Relay: 2nd — Gordon, DuRussel, Davis, Hanewald
 Freshman- Sophomore Relay: 2nd — Gordon, DuRussel, Hanewald, Schaible 3:54.4
 Buffalo Relay: 2nd — Kirk H., Kodhe, Kemner, Matt H. 51:2
 1600 Relay: 1st — Smith, Hanewald, Schaible, Davis 3:36.3

Middle Distance Relay: Eric Walter and Phil Krall



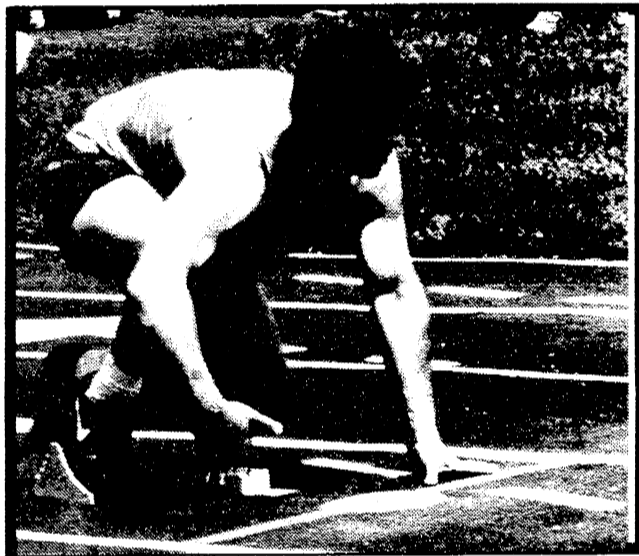
6400 Relay: Eli Bragg



Middle Distance Relay: Kyle Harris, Ben Grenier

Buffalo Relay: Matt Horodeczny

100 Dash: Nick Gordon, Nick Davis



3200 Relay: Kyle Harris, Eric Walter



Freshman/Sophomore Relay: Jason Schaible



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Manchester High School

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The alumni board met on May 19 making final plans for the 121st reunion of the graduates of Manchester High School.

The event will be held June 20, 1998 at the Manchester Sportsman Club, 8501 Grossman Road, Manchester, MI with social hour at 5:00 PM and dinner at 6:30 PM.

Reservations may still be made until June 13, by sending a \$12 check to treasurer, Wilma Lentz, 649 West Main St., Manchester, MI 48158

New Summer Session Gymnastics Program Begins in Manchester

Manchester Community Education, along with J & B Gymnastics, will be offering a new gymnastics program here in Manchester beginning in June.

Registration will be June 8 at 7:00 PM in the high school cafeteria.

Regular classes will begin June 15 and will be held on Mondays from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Each class will be 55 minute sessions. The cost is only \$35 for five weeks.

All ages are welcome from beginners through preschool ages three, four and five through skill levels I and II. (Skill level will be determined.)

The gymnastics classes will be using the multi purpose room located in the Manchester Area Fitness Facility for air-conditioned comfort (when open).

Classes having fewer than four children registered will be cancelled. No make-ups or parents week during the summer session and private lessons are available. For more information, please call Vickie Bolan at Manchester Community Education 428-9711.

Kiwanis Kicks Off Fundraiser for Klager

After traveling through surrounding local communities and playing on several playgrounds, the Kiwanis Club of Manchester came to the realization that Klager's playground was lacking in both variety and creativity. Kiwanis was convinced that this could be a great community hands-on project.

They approached the Klager PTO with a proposal to sponsor a raffle to help finance a "Playground Beautification" project.

The Kiwanis Club and Klager PTO are selling 198 tickets for a donation of \$100 each. Every ticket will admit two guests for a delicious dinner, live entertainment and an exciting evening filled with winners on March 6, 1999. The last number drawn will win \$7,000, second place number will win \$1,000, third place will win \$250.

Contact Kiwanis through the Community Resource Center at 428-7722 for more information.

Manchester Community Education and J & B Gymnastics presents

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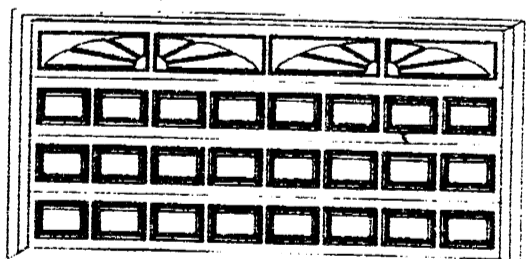
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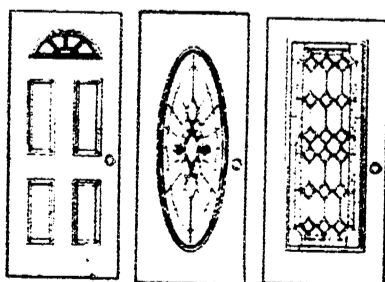
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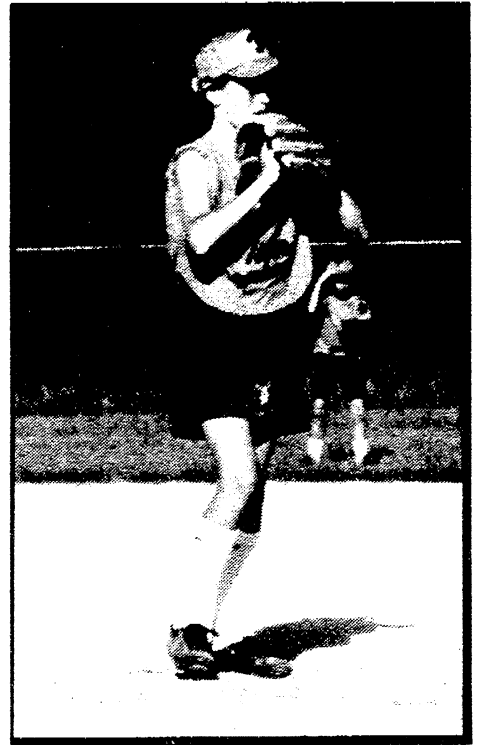
Little Stars of Little League

Stephanie Preston at bat for the Tigers(with coach Mr. Spensley);
catcher Elizabeth Copeland for the Marlins



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Ashley Slocum
winds up as
pitcher for the Tigers

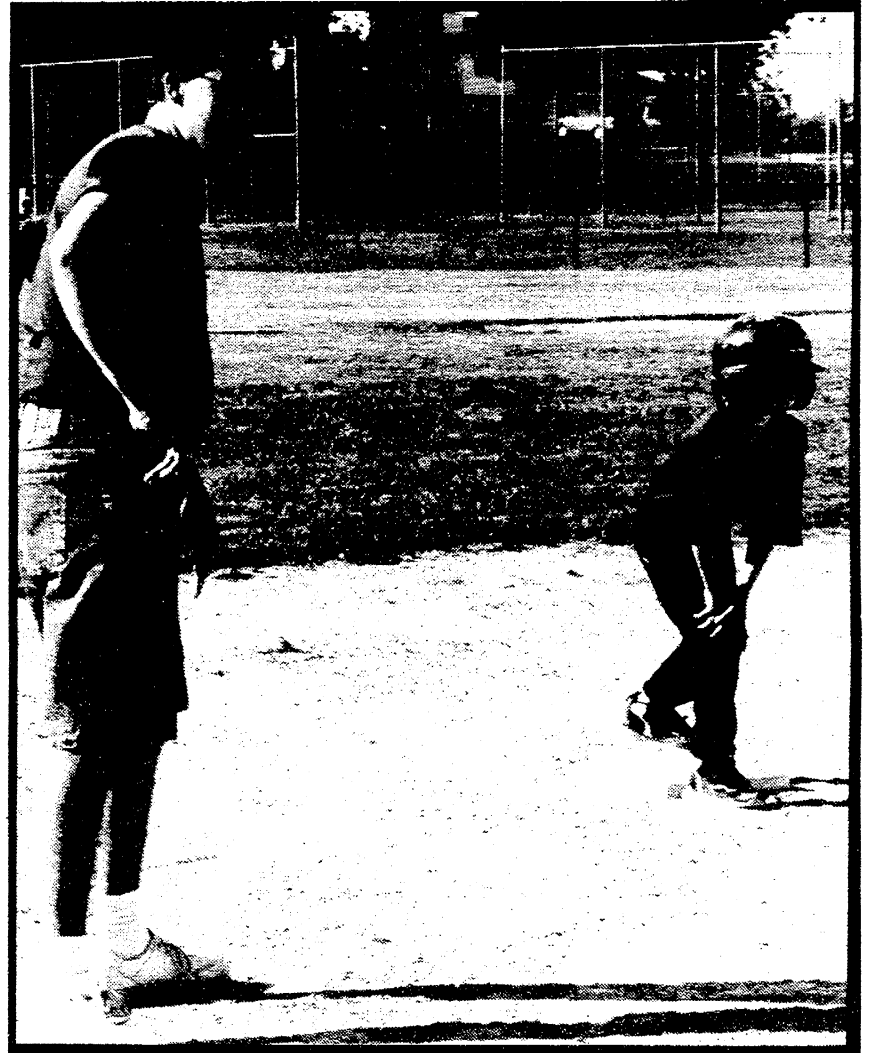
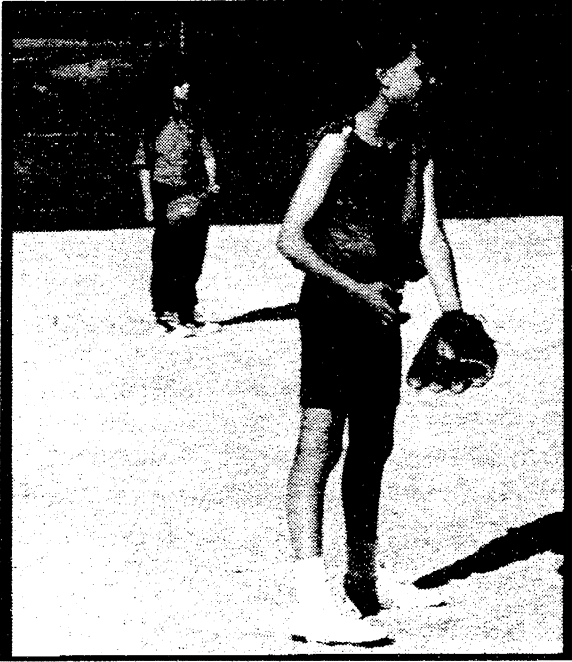


Brett Tooman on
3rd base (being
coached by his dad
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Above: Red Hawks at bat, Alyson Way as
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Kaitlyn Gall on 3rd base and
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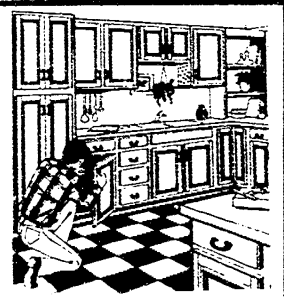


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In the Niche of Time

Report and photo/kk

Presentation by local historian, Howard Parr, intrigues audience at Historical Society meeting

Those of us lucky enough to know people who attended one-room schools have heard the stories about the closeness and friendliness. My mother tells me how the older children took responsibility for the younger ones, about the Christmas pageant that involved all the students, and the special bond created between the youngsters and their devoted teacher.

At the May meeting of the Manchester Area Historical Society, Howard Parr talked about one room school houses from a different aspect — how they came to be. The one-room school didn't just happen.

The territory north and west of the Ohio River, which includes Michigan, was managed by the State of Virginia after the American Revolution. The Continental Congress undertook its development of the "Northwest Territory" in the early 1780s.

Two ordinances were passed which set the basic framework for development of new territories in the United States. The Ordinance of 1785 established townships in which land was to be surveyed into one mile squares known as sections. Each contained 640 acres. When population warranted, the township was to contain 36 sections, numbered sequentially beginning in

the northeast corner, proceeding along the first row westerly to six, then dropping down for number 7 to be on the west limit of the township, so that each township was six miles square.

Sections 8, 11, 26 and 29 were reserved for the United States and section 16 was reserved for the maintenance of public schools. Reservation of 1/36th of the land to support public schools indicates the high concern of the founders for education.

The Ordinance of 1887 set up provisions to govern the property as a territory with steps toward units of local government. It also reinforced the importance of education in Article III:

"Religion, morality and knowledge, being necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind, schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged."

These words are cut into the sandstone above the pillars at the entrance of Angell Hall on the University of Michigan campus in Ann Arbor.

"Such noble sounding ideals for education," said Mr. Parr, who is a retired teacher himself, "in this Ordinance might be surprising if they weren't joined by others such as religious freedom, the right of habeas corpus, trial by jury, proportional representation in the legislature, common law judicial procedures, property rights, obligation of contracts and freedom from slavery..."

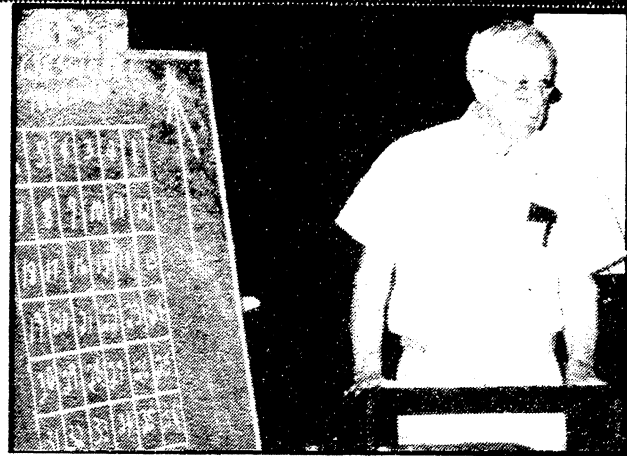
Michigan developed considerably differently from the nearby states of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. These three states bordered the Ohio River and areas south of there settled earlier and more gradually.

When the first surveyors travelled into Michigan they came from the south into what is now Lenawee and Hillsdale counties. This part of the territory was made up of poor soil, hills and rocks. Reports went back that the whole area wasn't worth the price of surveying it.

French settlers trying to travel by land to Detroit were forced to build a plank road to keep out of the mud. Ohio became a state in 1803; Michigan not until 1837.

Opening the Erie Canal in 1825 made the difference. By 1830 it was possible to buy water passage from New York City to Detroit for \$10. With land available here at \$1 an acre, immigrants with \$100 could get here, buy 80 acres and be assured of a reliable commercial route to get their products to eager eastern markets.

Initial settlers came from some of the most developed part of the new nation and brought with them common values and expectations. They were



The Ordinance of 1785 directed that land be surveyed into one mile squares known as sections. also accustomed to participation in local government and could fit readily into the politics of their new home. Michigan then took off with a difference, developing schools, local government and statehood, much more rapidly than other Northwest Territory states, with a single-minded, new population, largely from the Northeast.

Our territorial legislature enacted permissive legislation which recognized the need for schools, outlined parents' rights to start schools and permitted tax levies locally to operate schools.

The education needs were those of a simple, agrarian society. The residents had a common background and understanding of what should be done along with the laws to enable them to do it. To keep schools close to those served by them, one-room schools were typically placed in the middle of four sections. Thus no child had to walk more than a mile to get to school. Teachers were expected to teach basics required in a farming community: reading, writing and useful mathematics.

More students, certainly more boys, attended during the winter term when there was less farm work for them to do at home. Often a male teacher was hired for the winter term to cope with the larger numbers of older boys in attendance then. Every student available was not in attendance all the school year and many could chose not to finish school and leave when they felt they had enough "learning" to get along on the farm.

Eventually as the area filled up, townships contained nine or 10 primary one-room school districts. In what is now the Manchester district, there were once about 40 separate districts in the surrounding four townships.

From the day a district was organized, it was subjected to forces which altered it. Property could easily be transferred from one district to another adjacent district. Sometimes the reasons were petty (better teacher) and sometimes the reasons were serious (a house might burn and the replacement across the road was in another district.)

Later laws enabled districts to form a Union High School where there were enough pupils. Manchester did this in 1866 when Districts 1 and 2 united.

As the state grew, school needs changed and we began to see a reduction in the total number of school districts — over 5,700 in Michigan at the peak to today's 530 districts.

Mr. Parr concluded his presentation with "a word of caution about what the one-room school should mean to us today. It was a most useful, simple and effective educational tool and fitted neatly into the small niche it filled so well in a new, agrarian society with basic common needs for their children. It is easy and very human to look back fondly on the institution and what it did, and fail to take into consideration the society which produced it.

Reinstating the school we love so well will not by magic solve today's complex education problems. We are not a newly relocated group of like-minded immigrants developing virgin territory on a collection of farms. If we stop and think a bit, we all know this and should be content to relive the memories of our happy days in a one-room school which served us well in a much less complicated world."

The Manchester Historical Society takes a break for the summer at its June meeting with its traditional picnic. All are invited to the gathering at Sharon Mills Winery on Sharon Hollow Road, Tuesday, June 16th at 6:30 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass.

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Manchester Band Car Wash A Success

— by *Briana Clark*

On that warm — very warm — sunny day on May 16, 1998, the Manchester Band held a car wash. We washed cars, trucks, vans, work trucks, buses and 4-wheelers. By the end of the day, we had washed 1,016!

A few tired kids had sunburned backs, shoulders and legs, not to mention faces. There were a few water fights with the afternoon shift but, hey, what would a kids' car wash be without a water fight?

The Band Boosters purchased or had given to them doughnuts, pizza and munchies. We also earned money by selling pop at the start of the wash for a dollar a can.

When first driving through you were greeted by one, two, three or four people flagging you down by the road, with a clown (Matt Donnellon) also. Then you drove up into the Klager circle. There you were also greeted by a few kids selling pop. Then you drove by the power washes' two big water type hoses that were very high pressure. Then you went into either lane one or two and that's when your car got hit by the kids with sponges and tire brushes.

After your car was scrubbed down you went to the rinsing place where there was more water on the kids then on the cars. After that your car was dried by more kids. Then you moved a little farther down and received two goodie bags with treats as in a paint stirrer from Kleinschmidt True Value, 10% off any item at Chapters & Verses, Ollie's coupons, a Johnson Controls drawstring bag in blue, an ever-ready window coupon, two coupons for 10% off any menu item except alcohol, coupons from Village Gifts, The 18th Century Shoppe and The Manchester Chronicle.

This is going to be hopefully a yearly fundraiser so please come and support the people who make the music and beautify the shows at football games and seasonal concerts. Please support us and help us to get new uniforms and other necessities.

Something New for Lunch

— by *Daniel Randall*

Today at lunch something went wrong — very wrong.

I was in the lunch line when I saw it. It was big, green and hairy.

The lunch server said, "It's a new lunch."

I asked, "What is it?" She said, "Meatloaf."

Then it started to get cloudy. All of a sudden red acid rain came pouring out of the clouds. Everybody was yelling and screaming. Then it woke up THE MEATLOAF. It grew and grew — and it roared.

Everybody ran out of the lunch room. It was eating all of the tables!

We could not go outside because of the acid rain, so we hid in the closet.

We heard it coming. A kid screamed. The monster meatloaf ate the door and came after all of us kids!

But then the Ghost Busters came and trapped the monster in a cage, and said "Sorry, we let it go." "Are you kids OK?" asked the principal.

Everyone said yes.



Library Teams With Fair For Summer Reading

— by *Minnie Fuerstnau*

The Manchester Township Library, and the Manchester Community Fair, are pleased to announce that they will be working together on the Summer Reading Program for area elementary school children. There will also be a "Listeners Section" for those too young to be independent readers.

As always, children who sign up for the program will receive free bookmarks; a chance to read as much as they'd like; and, if they complete 10 or more books, they will be invited to a party on August 15 and receive a free book donated by Manchester's downtown bookstore, **Chapters & Verses**. In addition, this year's program will tie in with the Fair's theme of "Home Is Where the Heart Is" with the opportunity to earn a variety of concession items and ride tickets for all school-age readers who participate.

The breakdown for Fair prizes is as follows: 1 book read — giant freezer pop; 2 books read — soda or sno-cone; 5 books — drink bottle with free refill; 10 books — french fries or hot dog; 15 books — name entered in drawing for one of ten "ride-all-day" carnival passes. Preschool "listeners" will receive vouchers for giant freeze pops! All readers will be given a ribbon bookmark from the Fair for this Read & Win program, sponsored by the International Association of Fairs & Exhibitions and the National Independent Concessionaires Association.

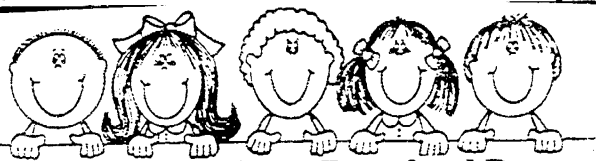
As the children complete the reading of their books, they will be given vouchers to be redeemed at the Manchester Community Fair anytime during the week of July 7-11.

The reading program will begin with sign-ups starting Saturday, June 13 through Saturday, June 27th. The Summer Reading Program ends on August 8th.

Library hours are Monday-Thursday 12-8 PM, Saturday 10-2 PM. The library phone is 428-8045.

It is not unusual for the Library and the Fair to work together. Admission gates at the Fair are staffed by Library patron volunteers, and the Fair makes a monetary donation to the Library for the service.

Good luck, readers. Have fun! See you at the Manchester Township Library and the Manchester Community Fair.



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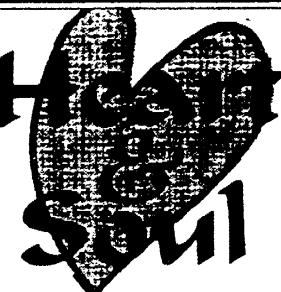
through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven...for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. The light of the body is in the eye

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SUNDAY SCHOOL — Before Christianity, children, women, old men, and slaves were viewed as physically weak burdens on society with little value to the life of the community. In Greece and Rome, unwanted children were abandoned along the roadsides to die. It was not until Jesus began spreading his message that this image began to change. We read in Mark 10:13-16 the message, "Let the children come to me, for to such belong the kingdom of God." Several other admonitions in Matthew, Mark, and Luke emphasize the importance of children in Christianity. Children are valuable. We must treat them with love and care.

Blossoms in Springtime

So barren and bleak through the winter
 The victims of freezing and storm,
 Frail branches reach prayerfully upward
 And wait for new buds to form.

Each tenuous shoot pushes boldly
 Destroying the walls of its tomb.
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The born-again blossoms in springtime
 Wild seeds sprouting up through the sod
 Will display through magnificent beauty
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This love and care needs to include the development of a strong belief in the teachings and behaviors of Christianity. This is, of course, a major responsibility of the family unit, parents, grandparents, and other relatives and friends. Close partners in this mission must be the church and the Sunday School.

Sunday School began in the last half of the 18th century as a means of providing a very basic education in reading and morality for the poor children who worked all week in English factories and ran the streets on Sundays letting out all of their rowdiness and mischief. Many of them slipped into crime and wound up in prisons. The Sunday Schools taught them to read, provided lunch and instructed them in the catechism. The difference in their behavior was significant and the concept spread to other cities and, in the 1790s, to America. By the 1830s, Americans had begun to include all classes of people and to teach the Protestant religion.

Of course, Sunday School has changed over the years just as everything else has but the basic mission of providing Christian and Biblical training is still the same. However, this mission is much more difficult than ever before as we work to counterattack many of the messages being transmitted by the contemporary media: music, movies, TV, etc., many of which promote ethical assumptions, value systems, and ideas of reality that are not acceptable to the Christian.

In addition, this last part of the 20th century as did the 18th, has too many young people on the streets and causing trouble. It's time for Sunday School not only to continue the mission, but to spread it.
 — Nondus Buss, for *The Ark*, Emanuel United Church of Christ May newsletter

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If therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light, but if evil thine body shall be full of darkness

Washtenaw Knights Visit High School

— by Jessie Randall

On Thursday, May 7, the high school students were treated with an assembly on crime and drug prevention. Instead of lecturing us on the dangers of drugs and crime, this group, The Washtenaw Knights, got their message across through music.

These talented musicians aren't just locally recognized. The Washtenaw Knights won the prestigious Billboard Certificate of Achievement in the 6th Annual Song Contest. They even have a CD out called "Let's Give Them HOPE" written by band leader Rich Coleman.

It was an honor to have these nationally recognized musicians visit our school. Their's was a much more effective way of teaching than any public speaker. Their music was positive and their message was clear: drugs and crime are dangerous.

Every teenager has the right to make their own "life style choice." Hopefully, with the help of people like The Washtenaw Knights, teenagers will make the right choices.



Above: Volunteer parent Karen Smith takes the mike to introduce Rich Coleman and the Washtenaw Knights.

Seniors, inspired by the music, form a dance line.



Sharon Approves \$181K Budget

— by Mike Clinansmith

It's spring! The proverb says that a young man's fancy—and young women's,—turn to thoughts of love. The farmers in the area have plowed or tilled their fields, sowed the new seeds in preparation for summer, and have taken off the first cutting of hay. The taxes have been collected and only one last task remains. Governments everywhere are working on their budgets for the coming fiscal year.

So it was on the night of May 7. Gathered around their table, Sharon Township officials were taking up the 1998-99 proposed list of expenditures. Led by energetic supervisor Gary Blades, the township board of trustees plodded through the line-item list of thirty-five allocations.

Most of the amounts remained the same. Trustee salaries still total a whopping \$2,600 (you obviously have got to be devoted to the job) while Supervisor Blades could claim the munificent yearly salary of \$11,500 for his 26-hour days. The township clerk's and treasurer's salaries (\$12,000 and \$11,000 respectively) were likewise static and revealing.

Of major concern to residents were the roads and services apportionments. Last year's allotments were cause for some concern at previous meetings as the Washtenaw County Road Commission took care of the bumps so well that sums had to be transferred from other accounts to make up the difference between the amount set aside and what the County thought the work was worth. This year, \$28,000 is the "best guess" that the township can come up with to cover the same item. It seems the Township is lucky with the limited miles of roads it does have. Just enough to get around, but not enough to bend the budget item all out of shape.

Fire protection follows roads and highways by a close-second appropriation of \$27,000. With three fire departments splitting the duties to respond to a Sharon township alarm, Sharon is well-served by its neighbors.

And so it was for item after item. "Library Service" came in at \$3,000. "Cemetery Care" also rested at \$3,000.

One of the only real increases in expenditures was the purchases of a new voting machine. The only problem that arose was what to do with the one that will be retired. The township would like to store it, but where should that be done? Does anyone want the old one? Rumors have it that the old one is for sale, or, quite possibly, you can have it if you take it away. Hmm...I wonder what kind of container for flower arrangements it can be made into. Otherwise, what does one do with a retired voting machine anyway?

The only other new item, wedged under allocations for buildings and grounds, was the purchase of new frames and windows for the township hall.

Blades related that the windows, although clean and maintained along with the township hall itself, are literally crumbling into history. To demonstrate the dire nature of the situation, he took his fingernail and chipped away at a portion of the rotted wooden frame. A large sliver embedded under his nail, Blades reported that "they [the windows and frames] have not been replaced since 1918! I think it's about time to put in some decent storm windows."

Adding a touch of local history to the proceedings, local historian-trustee Reno Feldkamp indicated that the windows were last replaced after a tornado. "Let's see, that was in 1917. After that tornado, the township could claim that they had the first 'flow-through' ventilation system." The rest of the Board chuckled at Feldkamp's story and agreed it probably was about time to have new windows installed.

Between the new voting machine and new windows for the township hall, an additional \$20,000 was added to the budget.

The \$181,400 Township budget represents a \$20,000 over the 1997-98 budget of \$155,850. Asked if he anticipated similar budgets in the future, Blades said he hoped not and cited the fact that despite increased property values in 1997-98 of \$5,000,000 to an estimated \$54,600,129,

the township Board had already lowered the millage rate for the current tax year.

That's right LOWERED! "We want to keep our tax rates low," Blades conceded, "to make Sharon attractive to new families and keep those we already have." He even suggested that the board would lower the millage rate again this year from its status of .9787 mills.

The budget was finally passed unanimously and all, including those who have to pay, seemed to be happy with the result. Well, 1998's task is done. On to 1999!

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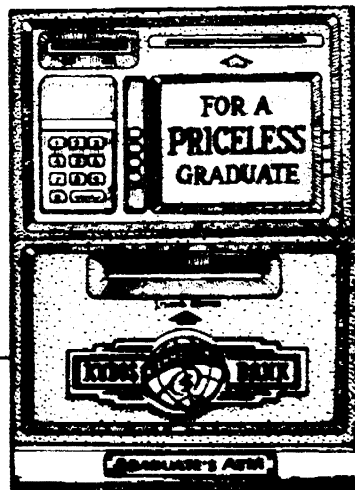
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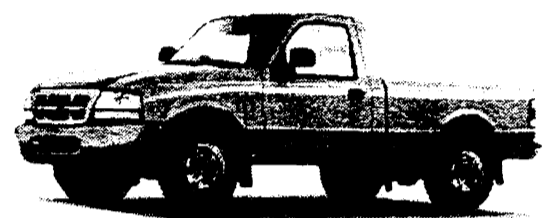


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