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— from The Chronicle Desk

Village Council may vote as soon as their next meeting, Monday, July 6, to install traffic lights at the comer of Main and M-52 to "solve" the traffic congestion at that intersection between 3:00 and 3:30 in the afternoon when school lets out.

Ironically, although the installation of industrial-strength poles and massive cables supporting mid-intersection traffic lights will forever destroy one more piece of Manchester's unique character, it will not solve anything.

Do nothing and this will happen.
Do something and perhaps, at the very least, other options will be more thoughtfully considered.

"Go tell City Hall."

Sometimes it works. Sometimes there are consequences.

"People came to us complaining about the traffic situation at the four corners," said village manager Jeff Wallace. "Some. Not a lot," he qualified.

But evidently there were enough complaints so that a traffic study was initiated by Wallace with the State Highway Department.

The forty-minute traffic study, undertaken before the schools were closed for summer vacation, confirmed that people had to wait on M-52, up to "twelve minutes in one instance," Wallace related, when school let out in the afternoon.

Council president Jeff Schaffer said they are now waiting for the official survey from the highway department about placement of traffic lights before the board makes its final decision.

Schaffer said council members were informally directed to talk with citizens "on the street" for random opinions. "We really haven't discussed it very much," said Schaffer. Minutes of the last two council meetings reflect the accuracy of that statement.

White chalk marks were drawn at the intersection indicating placement of industrialstrength poles; massive cables strung diagnally will additionally be required, as I was told, because it is an offset intersection.

There was discussion of possibly holding a public hearing. A village official said it wasn't required and added jokingly, "what if there were a lot of citizens who showed up and objected to putting in the traffic lights?"

A public hearing has *not* been scheduled, yet.

An engineer from the highway department told a resident that putting in traffic lights would not fix the problem: traffic lights will only regulate the problem. And, in fact, he confided, will make the problem worse.



Is pedestrian safety a factor? Not necessarily. Studies show that the safest intersection is one with four-way stop signs. Worst case scenario: a southbound gravel truck attempting to beat the yellow light.

Moreover, the problem seems to be destined to be regulated with a three-way light: two-thirds of traffic will be stopped at a red light at any one time. Traffic going south on M-52 will proceed while northbound M-52 traffic, as well as east and westbound Main Street traffic waits.

(If you think waiting in traffic for up to twelve minutes during one particular time of day is annoying, imagine having to wait through two of three traffic light changes when there is little or no traffic!)

How much are the lights going to cost?
Council treasurer Chris Brooks said he'd get back to me with the exact figures but he thought perhaps there would be matching funds to help bring the costs down.

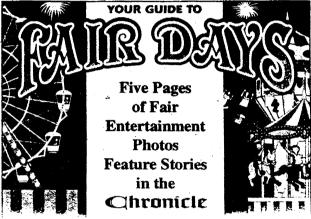
Brooks added the state was proceeding forward as if this were a done deal but if there was a majority No vote from Council, the process would stop.

Alternative solutions are being discussed in the coffee shop, if not around the council table, although council member Joe Marshall has promoted a more comprehensive study of using the Manchester Gravel Pit road as a bypass to alleviate the congestion. Village and township governments would have to work together on this proposal, the road is in township territory.

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Between the hours of 10:00 PM on Tuesday, June 23, 1998 and 6:15 AM on Wednesday, June 24, 1998, four stock rims, gray in color, were stolen off a 1994 Ford Thunderbird that was parked in the lot of Stu Evans Ford.

Also stolen were four Goodyear Eagle GT+4 tires.

Anyone with information related to this incident, contact the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department-Manchester Station 971-9036, ext 1911.

## Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary. Ellis and Doris Pratt



Ellis and Doris Pratt were married at St. John's Church of Rogers Corners, Chelsea, on July 10, 1948. They lived for thirty years at their farm on Pleasant Lake Road where Ellis had been raised.

Presently residing on Riverbend Drive, in Manchester, the couple will celebrate their fifty years of marriage with family and close friends at a dinner hosted by their children, Bruce, David and Luann (Pratt) Heller at the Black Sheep Tavern Restaurant on Sunday, July 5, 1998. (See additional story, page 10.)

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### Gazebo Concerts Continue: Tonight, The Raisin Pickers

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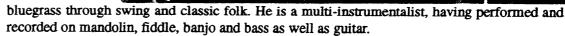


Contest, and the award-winning Michigan oldtimey string band, The Raisin Pickers. His powerful voice,

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His new release Sycamore Tree on One Man Clapping Records features David's many talents: songwriter (12 originals), player (5 instruments) singer, producer and engineer. Manchester's own — The Raisin Pickers (l-r) CAROL WELLS PALMS: A classically trained violist since her teens, Carol sings, and plays violin and string bass and occasionally euphonium with The Raisin Pickers. She is also the primary arranger in the group. Carol teaches Instrumental Music in the Ann Arbor schools, and also performs with a local klezmer and traditional dance

DAVID MOSHER: A singer-songwriter and award-winning instrumentalist whose song "Sycamore Tree" is featured in a Canadian documentary about the 1995 Vancouver Festival.

MARK PALMS: On guitar, banjo, and fiddle, Mark is the disciple of old time music among The Raisin Pickers. He brings a traditional American flavor to the band, as well as his collection of original songs. He and Carol founded The Raisin Pickers in 1989 and have sung

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and combined their talents for over 20 years. Mark music teacher in Napoleon.

violinist since the age of five, James played in in a range of folk rock and jazz bands. After a four-





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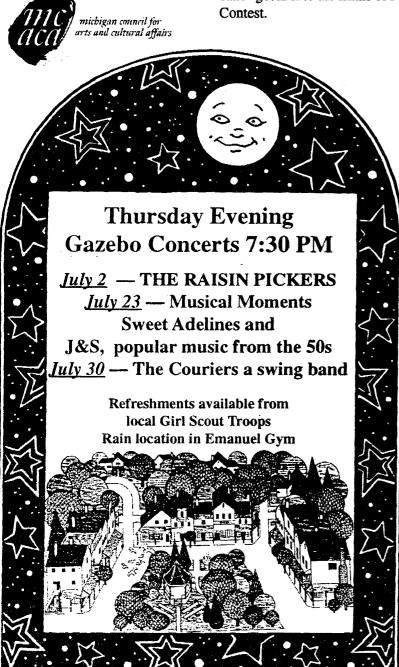
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**PEOPLE** — Clues (not

necessarily in order.)

Answers at the end of

this article. A Schooner

Michael Hough 'warmed the audience up', as they say, with hand-clapping, knee-slapping, toe-tapping, join in the chorus now folk songs, with provocative titles like One Meatball so that moms, dads, grandparents and children were geared for the full audience participation required by The Schooner Captain, photo above.

Although more and more people are discovering the fun of Thursday nights at the Gazebo Concerts, not everyone is. The committee, dumbfounded and astounded not to see hundreds of Manchester citizens in the audience, asked people on the streets why they did not attend a Gazebo Concert. Here are some answers, along with Manchester Recreation Task Force Gazebo Concert Committee's responses:

S.T: After a hard's day work, I just want to go home — and stay home.

Okay, it takes some effort to leave the comfort of home but we will guarantee that you will not regret it—or your entire ticket purchase price is cheerfully refunded. (Whoops! Concerts are free, so you don't even have to bother with a ticket.)

continued on page 17 --- along with another audience participation photo and the ariswer to the photo ID quiz.

#### View from the Top



#### **Scenic Miniature Golf Opens**

What do you do with a couple of tons of dirt after you've dug three fish ponds? If you have the vision of John Klink, you build a mountain.

What do you do with acres of Christmas trees in July? If you have the ingenuity of John Klink, you design an 18-hole miniature golf course that wanders through the pine forest, then add the mountain, complete with tumbling waterfall, as a dramatic backdrop.

"We're finishing up construction," John says as he hands me a cut up apple to feed the pair of reindeer pastured among one area of Christmas trees. Emus in another area craned their long necks above a cedar fence. "We'll put the finishing touches on in the next couple of days. Let me show you what we got here," John says, heading off past a large pen that holds a couple of cute and curious pygmy goats. (There's a lot going on here.)

John took me on a stroll along shredded bark trails intercepted by the miniature golf stations as his crew poured concrete and rolled the greens in preparation for opening day, July 4th.

"This is NOT a putt-putt," John states adamantly. "We've wound the course through the trees to use the natural beauty of the place."

He also dug out creek beds to meander beside the paths with small bridge crossings here and there. A pump set down in a well shaft will circulate water from the fish ponds, along the creek beds, to the top of the mountain to cascade down the embankment and begin again.

"Well, what do you think," John asks heartily, as we wind our way back to the entrance.

I can only answer in superlatives: What a great idea! This is going to be the *prettiest* miniature golf course around. A superb place to take the family!

To get to the Waterloo Tree Farm Miniature Golf Course, take M-52 north of Chelsea a mile to Waterloo Road. Turn west (left) to its end in the village of Waterloo. Turn right, then an immediate right again on Gorton Road to 15810 on the left. For more information, phone (734) 475-7631.

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The Senate will join the House if they see strong

concern by the people. We are asking you to show your concern by showing your colors.

Fly the flag. Fly it from now on but especially from this Memorial Day until Veterans Day. If you don't have a flag, please buy one. If you need help finding one, contact the CFA (address and phone listed below).

If they see enough flags, the Senate will join the people and help us recapture our flag. Show you care, show your colors, fly the flag.

Sincerely

Patrick H. Brady, Chairman for The Citizens Flag Alliance, Inc., P.O. Box 7197, Indianapolis, IN 46207-7197. Phone: 317-630-1384. FAX 317-630-1385. CFA homepage at www.cfa-inc.org This is a way to take back the pride we have lost to those who say the flag is just a piece of cloth. Such a statement is ludicrous. The flag is the embodiment of American freedom. It was there even before the Constitution, and for more than two centuries it has led the fight against the powers of evil the world over. Thousands have died to protect it and the freedom it stands

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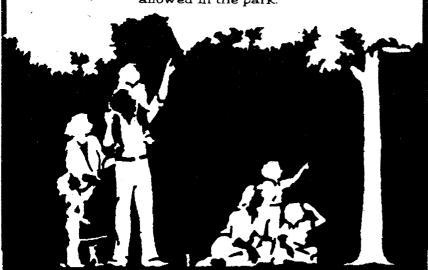
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#### **Sharon's Clean Sweep**

- Mike Clinansmith

A line of fifteen refrigerators, six hot water heaters, a dozen washing machines, over 100 car batteries and two huge mounds of tires delineated the western edge of the G. E. Wacker, Inc. parking lot on Saturday, June 27. The site of Sharon Township's Recycling Day activities, the lot at Pleasant Lake and M-52 became the busiest place in the surrounding area for six hours as pickups, cars, vans, trucks and even a front-end loader brought in items from refuse piles across the township.

Amid it all, Sharon Township Supervisor Gary Blades smiled and joked with Sharon Township residents. "Is this a success?" he asked rhetorically.

Blades admitted his initial scepticism, however, but soon appeared as a visionary as a steady parade of vehicles brought in his friends and fellow township residents in an almost unbroken line. They would drive in, ask "Where do you want this?" and back up to the drop areas. Several people came more than once. At first unsure, they left after making their deposits, taking pride in their own good deeds and smiling. Families seemed to turn the activity into an outing with the kids and the family dog along for the ride.

The weather cooperated somewhat with only a few drops early in the morning and a few "threats" in early afternoon. Otherwise, the cloudy day and breezy west wind kept the workers refreshed.

Leading the day's actions was Carolyn George, newly appointed township Recycling Coordinator, who even volunteered her husband, Jon, to help clean up and load items off and on to pallets, and, later, load tires into three separate trucks for re-transport to shredding facilities in Romulus.

"I had no idea of the extent of the response we would have," Mrs. George readily admitted as she related how she had planned to arrive half an hour early to help set up only to find George Wacker cheerfully helping patrons unload some heavier items with his Bob-

"We were just thrilled at the response from Sharon Township," she happily admitted. Through the day, she wandered amid workers, visitors and contributors making a list of their suggestions for a "new and improved" cleanup day she hopes to schedule for early next fall.

"We're sorry we could not accommodate everything and everybody," she regretted, "but we just were not prepared to handle items like old TV sets and cans half full of paint — but next time...!"

Like a perpetual motion machine, George Wacker, a confessed and enthusiastic recycler, set a gruelling pace, only stopping long enough to grab a sandwich from his nearby house at lunchtime. More sprightly than a man half his age, he happily jumped in and out of his Bobcat seat with the arrival of each new patron and the appearance of a heavy appliance to demonstrate the Bobcat's abilities. Very few local businessmen could claim his enthusiasm and commitment.

Several township residents, led by township trustee Reno Feldkamp, donated their time and considerable energy to unloading each arriving item and, later, to loading three trucks filled with discarded tires: automobile, tractor and even motorbike. Feldkamp was assisted by friends and acquaintances Joe Muzzin, Chuck Shaver (who actually came from Ann Arbor to help!), Bill Lewis, and Carolyn George's assistant director, Paula Hartmann. Hartmann seemed to relish the activity as decked out in a canvas beach hat and sunglasses, she took over for Carolyn during a lunch break. Both women actively sought out suggestions of participants and moved about the group with an air of benign authority. They once more proved the adage that probably "the best man for the job might oe a woman."

During a quieter moment, Carolyn mused that she was "doing this for the Planet. It is so important that we once more learn to honor Mother Earth." She noted somberly that "tons of roadside



#### Sharon Township has the Collective Edge



Mother Earth breathed a grateful sigh in Sharon Township. Pictured above during Recycling Day, June 26, 1997, Sharon Township Recycling Coordinator Carolyn George with husband Jon on the left; and right, the author of article on this page, Mike Clinansmith.

debris still litter Michigan's highways and country roads. At least in Sharon, we have made a begin-

Supervisor Blades noted that Sharon Township is allocated four dollars per household for cleanup and recycling efforts which is less than half the \$18 allocated per household in nearby townships.

Sharon Township has also been recently criticized for not meeting county-wide recycling quotas. "By this effort alone," he said with pride, "Sharon has now doubled its recycling efforts without using a single dollar of its allocated four dollars per household.

"We had no idea what would happen when we undertook this project," he quipped at the end of the day. "From all indications, it has been a success." He dictated a thank you note to all those who helped in the Recycling Day effort and especially to the Sharon township residents who came out. He also thanked S-K Sales for agreeing to take the contributed batteries, eventually over 100, and George Wacker for providing the space "all at no cost to the township."

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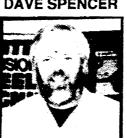
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In the summer, the white horses came. We heard a distant clip-clopping on the road, a deepening drumming. We saw their heads, with silver manes tossing like wild waves cresting. We saw the white horses and remembered that long-lost archaic friendship.

# July 7-11, 1998 The Manchester Community Fair First: The Parade on Tuesday, July 7th



Do you have a new car? A vintage car? A fancy car? A race car? A vintage tractor? A big tractor? A small tractor? A lawn tractor? A float?

Can you ride a horse? Ride a pony? Ride a mule?

Or pedal a bike? Or march in formation?

Do you have a horse and wagon? Horse and cart? Goat and cart? A llama you can lead? A parrot who can speak?

Then you are invited to be part of the Manchester Community Fair Parade! Note, however, the new rules. Construction of floats may not start until one week before the day of the parade; AND, floats must be registered with the fair secretary (Carol Britten, 428-8589) seven days prior to the fair parade for judging

Parade participants line up on the north side of the Alumni Memorial Field on Duncan Street at 6:00 p.m. The parade begins promptly at 6:30.

Kids: Decorate your bikes and meet the judges on the corner of Duncan and Wolverine Streets at 6:00 for the decorated bike contest. Prizes! Then show off those prize winning bikes in the parade.

Do you have a clown costume? A mime costume? A gorilla costume? A chicken costume?

Can you juggle? Carry a bouquet of balloons? Pull a little red wagon painted blue? — kk

wave back.



"I've been to a World's Fair, the State Fair, some county fairs, and the Manchester Community Fair. Manchester's is my favorite."

So a visitor told me as we waited in line for sauerkraut and pork at the Emanuel Country Cookin' Wagon at the fairgrounds.

The Manchester Community Fair is a portrait of Americana. It's a five-day event that brings the people of Manchester, and visitors from outside Manchester, together in a wonderfully shared spirit of fun, goodwill and pride.

Former Manchester residents who now live out of the area try to come home for fair week. Family and friends from out of town are invited to visit during that week.

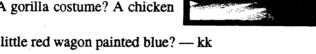
It's an annual event, a special week to show off Manchester's small town hospitality.

Starting with the fair parade on Tuesday evening, at 6:30, viewers line the streets to watch fire trucks, farm tractors, antique and brand-spanking new cars and pickup trucks, horses and ponies, prize-winning decorated bikes, clowns and festive floats travel from the fairgrounds through town down Main Street, then wind back through the village side streets and return to Alumni Memorial Field.

The people in the parade who toss candy are particularly popular with the children who wait impatiently on the curbs, their hands outstretched.

Children and adults alike, although they may clap their hands over their ears, in reality feel special when the firemen blow the whistle on the fire truck, or the drivers of G. E. Wacker's giant tanker trucks sound their horns, right in front of them. R. D. Kleinschmidt has their distinctive black trucks in the cavalcade, as well as Bridgewater Lumber Company.

Viewers wave to the high school fair queen candidates riding in the snappy convertibles, and



the young ladies flash brilliant smiles and proudly

The sound of the siren on the local police chief's car signals the end of the parade and the crowd heads for the fairgrounds to see what's new and exciting this year; what's familiar and comfortable and anticipated from fifty-plus previous fairs.

Excited children dash for the carnival rides, the animal tents, the cotton candy wagon. Adults smile indulgently and pause to chat with friends and neighbors.

A lot of what the fair is about is our contemporary rural society. Local people enter their crafts, homemade canned and baked treats, collections,

art, poetry — their best works, to be displayed and judged in the Exhibit Building.

Small animals, furred and feathered, are proudly displayed and entered into competition, as well as the larger farm animals: pigs, cattle and sheep. Area youngsters in the community join the Lamb, Swine or Steer Club, purchase their animals in early spring, then raise them to be judged at the fair and sold at the Livestock Auction held on Thursday night.

There is something going on all day each day at the Manchester Community Fair including special entertainment in the evenings, with music and dancing and DJs. Various demonstrations are scheduled, like the popular North American Flyball where specially trained dogs race to catch a ball in midair,



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There are the traditional tractor pulls, pony pulls, and carnival rides, the Old Timers Cowboy Games on horseback, and the rodeo on Wednesday.

It's a fun atmosphere, a friendly atmosphere. It's a great place to take the kids for the excitement of the midway, the chance to see farm animals up close, and watch all kinds of different entertainment. It's a great place for adults also, to enjoy a leisurely daytime or evening stroll, a place to meet old friends or make new friends, enjoy the great homemade food, the entertainment. See the next few pages for more details.

You are invited: the Manchester Community Fair, July 7 through 11. See you there. —kk



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#### **DAILY SPECIALS**

Serving begins 11 a.m. each day
Homemade Cinnamon Rolls and Coffee served at 10 a.m. each day

Tuesday - German Potato Salad, Kielbasa
Wednesday - Meatloaf, Baked Potato
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Friday - Lasagna, Macaroni & Cheese, Garlic Bread Sticks
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#### Ladies Day dedicated in memory of Beverly Schook Saturday, July 11, 10am-Noon

Jennifer DuRussel, who has been the Manchester Community Fair Ladies Day chairman for seven years, and her committee have dedicated the traditional Saturday of fair week to the memory of their friend and fellow committee worker, Bev Schook, who passed away in December of this last year.

"We all miss her a lot," said Jennifer. "We will be thinking of her as we dedicate the '98 Ladies Day activities to Bev. She was a big part of each year's suc-

The chairman and committee consisting of Marilyn Schulze, Mary Lowery, Ann Uphaus, Laura Spensley, Lisa Dover, Jennifer Schulze and Shelley Schulze, will be retiring after the 1998 Ladies Day. "There are other groups who have said they would be interested in taking over the responsibilities," said Jennifer.

Ladies Day will feature once again the grand prize of a trip, other prizes and goody bags full of all sorts of specials. Entertainment will include Carlos, the Magician, presentations by various organizations and perhaps, but not confirmed at this date, a photo scrapbook demonstration. The Fair Queen, her court and candidates help serve refreshments.

1998 Manchester Optimist Steer Club Members: Christopher Benedict, Jason Flint, Marie Haeussler, Yvonne Lowell, Becky Noggle, Amanda Parr, Evan Wahl, Jordan Wahl

This is the 48th year of the Manchester Optimist Steer Club with eight girls and boys raising and training their steers for showing on Tuesday night at 8:30 p.m. The steers will be sold at the auction on Thursday night at 8:00 p.m., with the profit from the sale going to the youngsters.

#### Fair Parade Grand Marshals, Ellis and Doris Pratt

Ellis and Doris relax with "Maggie", their Boston Terrier tucked in between them, in the living room of their lovely new home on Riverbend Drive. The house is literally on the bend of the river with views to the right and the left from their backyard deck which is presently under construction.

Congratulations to Ellis and Doris Pratt, chosen as Grand Marshals of the 1998 Manchester Community Fair Parade.

Ellis served as president of the Fair Board for over fifteen years in the sixties and early seventies. Under his leadership the fair started tractor pulling and built what is now the entertainment pavilion.



Doris, originally from Chelsea, and Ellis were married in 1948 and will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary this month. (See page two.) After their marriage, they settled in at the Pratt family farm on Pleasant Lake Road where Ellis grew up.

They had a dairy farm and raised fattened lambs. "There were times," Ellis remembers, "when we were feeding out a flock of 2,000."

Their three children, Bruce, David and Luann (Pratt) Heller, participated in many Manchester Community Fairs over the years showing the steers they had raised and selling them at the fair auction. "Quite a few times winning Grand Champion," Doris adds proudly.

"In those days," Ellis says, "The steer and lamb auctions were a lot bigger then they are now. Of course, there were more farmers then."

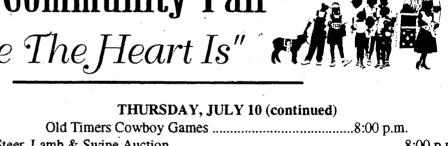
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Grand Marshals Ellis and Doris will be grandly chauffeured in the parade by their friends the Render family's prancing Haflinger hitch and parade wagon.



## 54th Manchester Community Fair





MONDAY, JULY 6, 1998	
Entries for Exhibit Building	00-8:00 p.m.
Accepted ONLY on Monday	•
<b>TUESDAY, JULY 7, 1998</b>	
Enter all exhibits other than Exhibit Building 9:00	0 a.mNoon
Start Judging	9:00 a.m.
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Fair Opens & Midway Rides	5:00 p.m.
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Steer, Lamb & Swine Auction ......8:00 p.m. FRIDAY, JULY 10, 1998 Kid's Day......1:00-6:00 p.m. Ride All You Want for \$8 Discount courtesy of Manchester Community Fair Drawing for Kids Prizes ......5:00 p.m. Antique Tractor Pull ......5:00 p.m. Entertainment: Atticus Sumner & Cottonwood Cloggers 7:00 p.m. Entertainment: Josh Gracen-Country ......8:00 p.m. Daily Drawing .......10:00 p.m. **SATURDAY, JULY 11,. 1998** Large Tractor Weigh-in ......9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Ann Arbor News Day......Noon-Evening Ride All You Want \$8/per person with Ann Arbor News Coupon Large Tractor Pull.......Noon-Evening 

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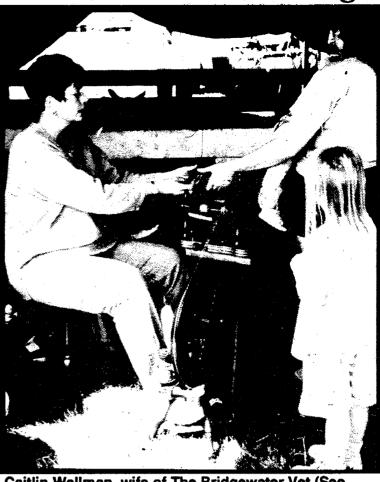
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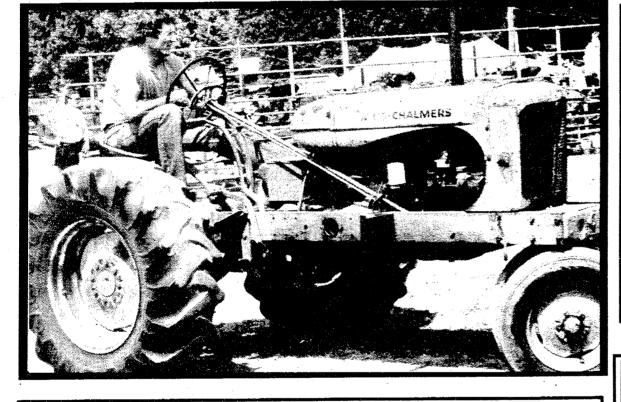
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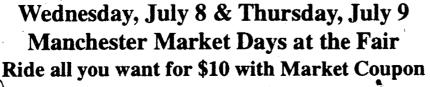
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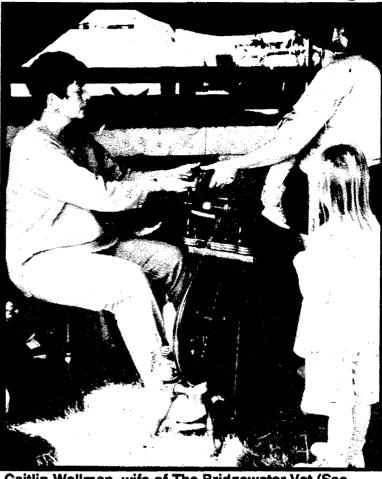
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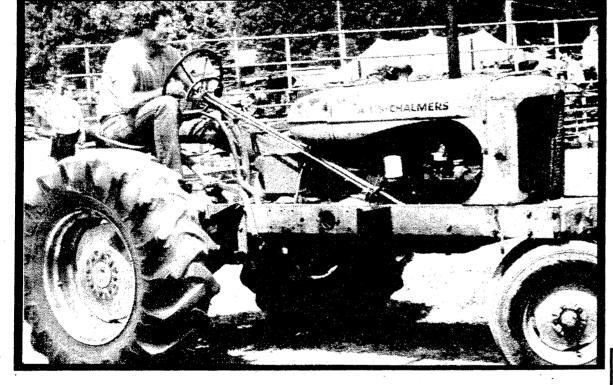
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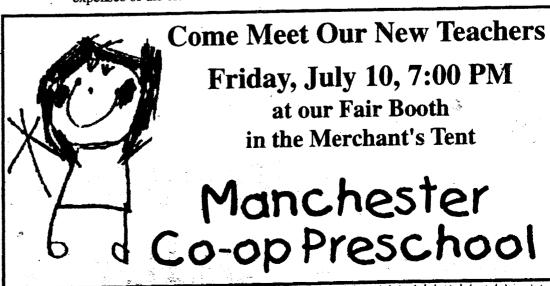


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"Saginaw," said my sister and brother." "Manchester," I replied, "it's a little town about...."

"Oh, we know Manchester. It's where they have the chicken broil in the summer, isn't it?"

- by Kathy Kueffner

My family turned to look at me. My brother raised one eyebrow. I smiled smugly.

Yes, as far west as the artsy, culturally sophisticated city of Santa Fe (and undoubtedly beyond) you find people who know about The Manchester Chicken Broil!

It's famous. It's special.

The tradition of the annual Chicken Broil goes back to 1954 when members of the Exchange Club wanted to raise funds to fence the Athletic Field. Profits from the first Broil accomplished that goal and established a continuing event that raises money exclusively for community improvements, such as the Library, the Historical Society, the Athletic Complex and parks throughout the village.



**Halo of Heat Waves** 

If you had any previous doubts that Chicken Broil volunteers are heavenly heroes, photographer Wendell Young captured this evidence of an angelic aura.

The tradition of the Broil showcases a Manchester phenomenon: the willingness of many, many volunteers to dedicate long, hot, exhausting efforts for the good of the community. This phenomenon is apparent often throughout the year around our fair town, but at no time is it as obvious as every third Thursday of July.

All the effort, all the good intentions, the commendable funding of community projects, all would be for nought, however, if not for the well-deserved reputation of some darned delicious charbroiled chicken served with a secret-recipe cole slaw, chips, fresh radishes, roll, butter and a beverage.

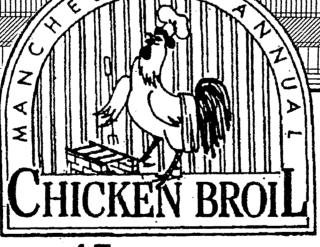
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Other volunteers mix gallons of kraut, or set up tables and chairs, or serve the meals at the pick-up station for dining in or taking-out. Students sell ice cream to earn money for their clubs. There is musical entertainment at the Broil site; and, the weather committee consisting of local clergymen, assure a beautiful afternoon under sunny skies.

Forty-five years of experience have resulted in a streamlined, efficient approach. The lines may be long, attesting to the popularity of the event but the wait is not.

Manchester's annual event draws up to 14,000 guests who are invited not only to enjoy The Famous Chicken Broil, which begins serving at four o'clock, but also to wander through our downtown area afterwards where merchants will provide special browsing hours, and special sales, through nine o'clock.





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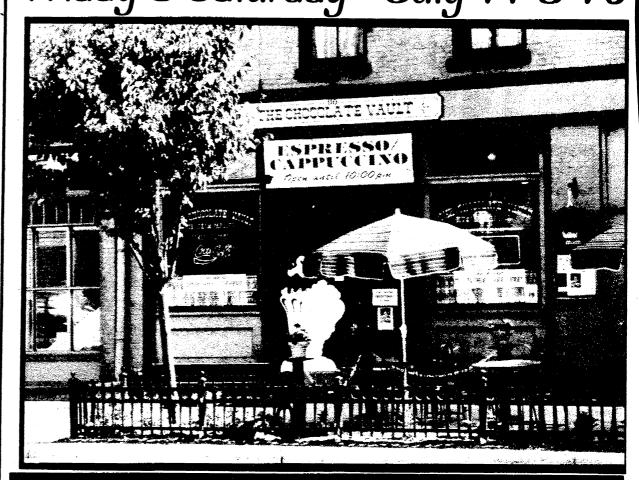
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#### A Chicken Broil True Story

My mom, sisters, brother and I were celebrating Mom's eightieth birthday in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Gathered together the first morning around the table at our bed and breakfast, we overheard two young couples talking about Michigan. Mom, always the one to initiate a conversation with strangers, asked where they were from. "Grand Rapids," they replied, then asked, "How about you folks?"

"Saginaw," said my sister and brother." "Manchester," I replied, "it's a little town about...."

"Oh, we know Manchester. It's where they have the chicken broil in the summer, isn't it?"

- by Kathy Kueffner

My family turned to look at me. My brother raised one eyebrow. I smiled smugly.

Yes, as far west as the artsy, culturally sophisticated city of Santa Fe (and undoubtedly beyond) you find people who know about The Manchester Chicken Broil!

It's famous. It's special.

The tradition of the annual Chicken Broil goes back to 1954 when members of the Exchange Club wanted to raise funds to fence the Athletic Field. Profits from the first Broil accomplished that goal and established a continuing event that raises money exclusively for community improvements, such as the Library, the Historical Society, the Athletic Complex and parks throughout the village.





If you had any previous doubts that Chicken Broil volunteers are heavenly heroes, photographer Wendell Young captured this evidence of an angelic aura.

The tradition of the Broil showcases a Manchester phenomenon: the willingness of many, many volunteers to dedicate long, hot, exhausting efforts for the good of the community. This phenomenon is apparent often throughout the year around our fair town, but at no time is it as obvious as every third Thursday of July.

All the effort, all the good intentions, the commendable funding of community projects, all would be for nought, however, if not for the well-deserved reputation of some darned delicious charbroiled chicken served with a secret-recipe cole slaw, chips, fresh radishes, roll, butter and a bev-

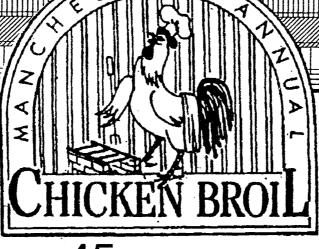
The aroma will give you your first clue that you are about to experience a culinary delight. It wafts from four 100foot-long charcoal broiling pits tended by volunteers from area civic groups.

Other volunteers mix gallons of kraut, or set up tables and chairs, or serve the meals at the pick-up station for dining in or taking-out. Students sell ice cream to earn money for their clubs. There is musical entertainment at the Broil site; and, the weather committee consisting of local clergymen, assure a beautiful afternoon under sunny skies.

Forty-five years of experience have resulted in a streamlined, efficient approach. The lines may be long, attesting to the popularity of the event but the wait is not.

Manchester's annual event draws up to 14,000 guests who are invited not only to enjoy The Famous Chicken Broil, which begins serving at four o'clock, but also to wander through our downtown area afterwards where merchants will provide special browsing hours, and special sales, through nine o'clock.





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There are two ways to get to Tecumseh from Manchester: one by way of the Clinton-Manchester Road, the other by following M-52 to M-50 and turning left.

Take the 52 to 50 route. You will then be correctly positioned to hit the first two attractions.

In the Tecumseh Plaza (west of and before you hit the downtown area) is located Radio Shack. Note the sale items listed in the ad on the previous page. Radio Shack offers all those high tech communication devices, entertainment accourrements, gadgets and accessories necessary and sometimes just plain fun to have. What makes Tecumseh's Radio Shack so recommendable is proprietor Cal, who knows the products, assists in selections, is friendly and helpful. In fact, Cal has an ever-growing, well-deserved reputation for his expert advice on such esoteric questions as those that involve schematics, circuitry boards, amps, etc. Stop by and say hello.

After your stop at Cal's Radio Shack, turn right out of the Plaza driveway. Just a little farther on is Sudzy Duz It — Get your car washed! It will look so much nicer gliding into downtown Tecumseh. Testimonial: This is the best car wash in four counties. Sudzy is a soft cloth, low impact, gentle touch wash. Gary, the owner, is so certain that you'll love the job it does on your vehicle that he has a full length horizontal twenty-foot mirror installed at the end. You can see immediately how nice your car, truck or van

Next door to the car wash, Gary also has a Quick Lube. An oil change and comprehensive general check up takes only a few minutes in service bays that are as spick and span as most people's homes. Clip the coupons below and save.

Okay, now you're ready to foray into the downtown sidewalk sales. First you'll need fortification, a little refreshment. Strategically located on main street is the incomparable The Chocolate Vault. Let me put that in capital letters. THE CHOCOLATE VAULT. The description "An old fashion ice cream parlour and candy company," doesn't begin to convey what this shop is. You have to see, you have to taste. The ambiance of the building itself is distinctive. The structure is a historically intact bank building from the

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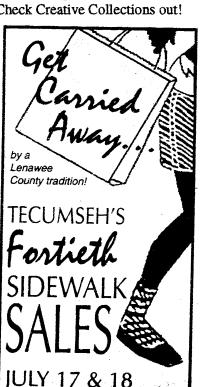
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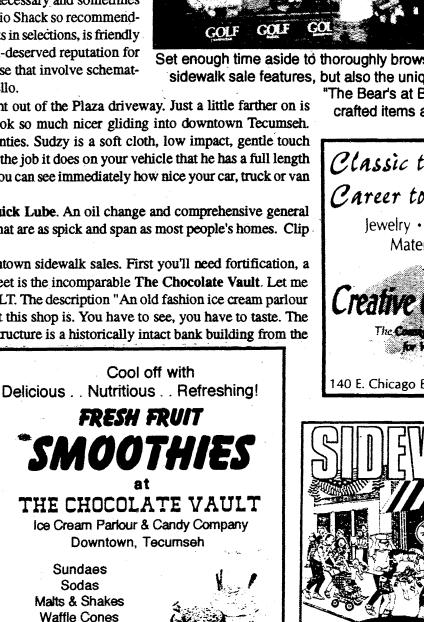
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1800s. The original mahogany woodwork and counters as well as the English vein Italianate white marble and the actual vault remain as they were when the bank was remodeled in 1910. It is listed on the National Register of Historical Buildings. Strategically and centrally located means that you can refresh with ice cream treats, coffee specialties, and fruit-, power-, and low calorie-smoothies often while shopping.

Creative Collections is a ladies fashion wear consignment shop with an added enticement. Nancy, owner of Creative Collections, goes on buying trips to New York.! In fact, she has recently returned from one of those trips. Consequently you'll find that Nancy's collections are the latest styles and the trendiest fashions at reasonable consignment prices. Nancy includes not only clothes, such as suits, dresses, slacks, blouses, sweaters, jackets, coats, but also accessories from purses to scarves to belts to jewelry. Check Creative Collections out!

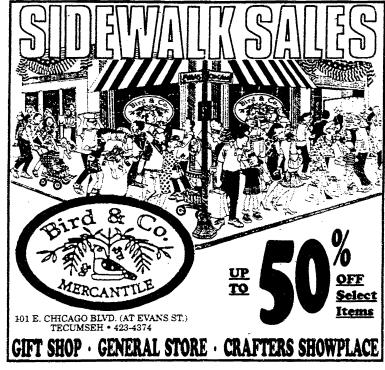


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#### **New Board Members Welcomed**

The Community Resource Center (CRC) Board of Directors has appointed four new members. Above, left to right, Karen Smith Kathy Harris, Dale Kennedy, Mark Van Bogelen have attended workshop training seminars and are committed to assisting and participating in the improvement and support of the Manchester community.

The CRC was created on October 13, 1987 as a nonprofit organization dedicated to charitable, scientific and educational support of the community. The CRC is staffed thirty hours per week by director Dianne Schwab and by volunteers who are available as needed. The CRC coordinates ef-

forts with outside agencies. In addition, it has three subcommittees: the Manchester Beautification Committee, Manchester Coalition for Drug Free Youth and the Coalition for health.

Suggestions are always welcomed by the CRC as goals for the new year are being set and long term planning gets underway. If you would like to contribute to the community and help plan for a promising future, call or stop by the CRC at 122 W. Main 428-7722.

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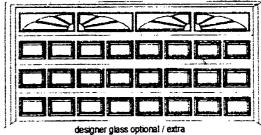
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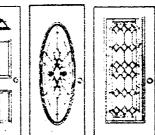
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Manchester Beautification Garden
Choice Award: Jean Apperson



"The deer and woodchucks refer to my place as 'The Salad Bowl'" laughs Jean Apperson. "They drink at my pond and feast on my roses."

Jean's gardens may be a banquet for the wildlife but they are also a feast for the

"I've worked at establishing the gardens that surround each side of the house for twenty years," she relates. Special areas are created all around her lovely property on M-52.

The Manchester Beautification Committee placed the garden award next to Jean's mailbox where woodland type plants are visible. A quick glance driving north on the Chelsea-Manchester Road awards the traveler a momentary glance at an arbor overlooking an area designed to bloom throughout the season. However, the road curves quickly so you'll have to take our word for it that it is beautiful. Weeping willows have been recently planted on the north side of the garden that will further, in time, screen the garden. Cypress and vertically trained junipers augment the overall design that includes french sorrel and lilies.

Farther on, another arbor supports at least three clematis vines with pink, purple and white flowers.

Dianthus chrysanthemums and other flowering perennials line the driveway. Sweet woodruff plumps up a bed on the side of the garage.

At least as impressive is the wooded area behind Jean's house. Although it doesn't have the spectacular blooming peonies and poppies as out front, it does have lush ferns and hostas with giant leaves of interesting variations. It is like stepping into a primeval forest.

A moss covered field stone path meanders down past a stone wall where determined ferns have found niches that couldn't be more appropriately or purposefully placed.

"A wisteria that I've been waiting years for it to bloom finally did so just before I left for a three-week seminar in Quebec," Jean laments. However, a friend took photos of all her spring blooming trees and plants and saved the photographs in a scrapbook for her return home. The scrapbook will be expanded to include photos of her gardens throughout the seasons.

I left Jean, a clinical psychiatrist who works in Ann Arbor, reveling in her therapy weeding and pruning around the Daphnes. I left with one of the

perks of my job: a gift of a handful of chamaelirium.

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Right: Sue Fielder was chosen from hundreds of volunteers to participate in the Schooner Captain's historical art preview.

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#### (continued from page 4)

L.P: Every day, after I get home from work and have dinner, I go out to my garden to weed and water.

Every day? Woman does not live by toiling in the soil alone. Besides you may learn some lively lyrics that you can bring back home with you to sing to your garden. Your plants will love you for it.

**B.R:** Concerts begin at 7:30 and that's when America's Funniest Home Videos is on.

(Committee had no response.) **J.G:** Bugs.

An invisible force shield completely surrounds the park. It is so high tech that we cannot explain how it keeps the bugs away, we just know it does. But, if, IF, a bug should happen to get past the invisible force shield, a troop of valiant girl scouts is available to quickly dispatch it. (We have not had to call out the troops yet.)

L.L: The weather. What if it's hot and I get thirsty?

Aha! This same valiant troop of girls scouts, which now becomes an enterprising troop of girl scouts, sells lemonade and cold cans of pop to earn money for various activities. Popcorn and candy bars, too.

S.C. What if it rains?

Depending on the entertainment scheduled and the style of music, we may sashay, jig, stroll, skip, saunter, whirl, twirl, glide or slide over to the Emanuel gym.

M.M: The concerts are scheduled at the exact time we're finishing up dinner.

Page 4 photo ID: (l-r) The Schooner Captain; Mike Landauer (newly-elected president of the Manchester Historical Society); Breeda Miller's mom (okay, so she isn't exactly an international spy); Diane Hough (respected businesswoman owner of Ivory Photo); Michael Hough (FOLK rock star.)



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**R.B.** We can't afford a babysitter. If we take the kids they'll be bored.

See photo page 3. Kids love to spend the evening with their parents watching live entertainment. They also have fun socializing among themselves.

D.K: After I get home from working all day in a thankless job for a grumpy boss, and driving in bumper to bumper traffic, trip over the bikes left in the driveway, grill the burgers — because it seems I'm the only one in the family that knows how, then get on the riding mower, mow the lawn, grab the weed-whipper...

Sorry we asked.



#### Sincerity.

If you would win a man to your cause, first convince him that you are his sincere friend.

- Abraham Lincoln

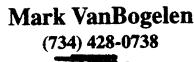
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#### Mad John and a Horse Named Prince

John Dokerty, the fellow who so magnanimously united the Madonna donkey and her lost son, called. I guess I was surprised the old recluse had a phone but I was delighted to hear from him. I was interested in how the reunited pair were faring, but more than that, I wanted to know more about John Dokerty.

"How are they doing?" I asked.

John's reply was that they were getting along fine together but individually not so well.

"What's the problem?" This is a question I invariably ask and many times feel as though I shouldn't have. It opens the door to all kinds of answers such as "If I knew what the trouble was, I wouldn't be calling a vet, now would I?"

John, however, was polite. In fact, I think he knew what the problem was, that he probably knew as much about animals as I do, more about wild animals, but wanted a reason to get in touch.

"They're both coughing, kind of a harsh dry cough. I would like you to come out here and take a look at them."

"Certainly, be there in about an hour."

Snow had fallen during the night, a wet wind-driven snow that had collected on the east side of every tree. The sky was pink and clear, giving everything the appearance of being coated with pink cotton candy, but only on one side. As I approached the fence alongside his neighbor's land, an old draft horse came trotting up as though expecting someone. I stopped the car and got out to take a look at him. He was fatter then a seal, probably looking for company. Chances are his teammate had died. Quite a few of the old time farmers kept their draft horses after they no longer used them, giving them a place to live as long as they needed it. He whinnied as I left making me feel guilty.

This time when John met me at the end of the driveway it wasn't with a twelve gauge as it was before we became acquainted.

I opened the trunk of the car and reached for my black bag but John beat me to it.

"Here, let me carry it, it's heavy. I was wondering if you would bring your microscope."

You see, he does have some idea of what is the matter.

"You're going to want a fresh sample?" he asked.

"Yes, so fresh that if it's not smoking. I'll have to

"Yes, so fresh that if it's not smoking, I'll have to go in after it. I think you know why, don't you?"

I've read a bit about lungworm," John agreed. "I guess the eggs hatch at the time the stool passes or immediately after."

"True," I answered, "and you can't identify the larvae after they hatch."

I came up with positive samples on both donkeys. John let me spout my knowledge and I obliged with a full description.

"A lot of horses coming in from the southwest are infected and that includes burros," I concluded.

"The important thing, is there a cure for it?" John inquired.

"There is," I was able to reassure him, "especially this time of year. Freezing and thawing kills the larvae so we give the medication, clean up the droppings and I'm betting we get negative samples by spring, if not sooner."

Then, as I had hoped, he invited me into his dwelling. I don't know what I expected to find. Certainly not a TV as big as a picture window and everything neat as a pin.

"Would you like to see my office?" John asked as he opened a door off the living room. The office was filled floor to ceiling, wall to wall with electronic equipment. I could only raise my eyebrows in amazement.

#### — by Dr. William K. Wellman The Bridgewater Vet

"I operate a business by computer, finding things for people. They contract me to find the things they need and I do it: and, they pay me very well to do it. Is there anything you'd like me to find for you?" he asked sitting down in his desk chair.

"Actually, I can't think of a thing ———— except maybe a book out of print, and I don't think I can afford you."

"You get me the title, or even what you think is the title, and I'll get you the book. At no charge."

I settled myself in a chair opposite him and then broached the subject I was really interested in: "I would very much like to observe you at your avocation."

"You mean you want to see me fixing broken wings on wild birds?" he asked suspiciously and grew perceptibly tense.

"I'm deeply interested in this branch of veterinary medicine," I offered in support of my curiosity. "I appreciate the fact that you're taking the time to do it as well as putting forth the effort to learn.

The man hidden behind the prematurely white beard loosened his grip on the chair arms, leaned forward and began to talk.

"I've got a little over two hundred acres, all a wildlife preserve. There's about thirty-five acres of lake and I guess I get every bird known in this state plus thousands of migrating birds that stop over on their way to wherever they're headed. I find a lot of injured animals and birds. It's inevitable with so many around. I can't just see them suffer and die even though that's the nature of things.

"People learned when I first bought this place that I wanted no contact with the outside. It makes no difference why. They found out early on that I was fixing broken wings, legs, and raising orphan animals and birds. They left me alone but then they began leaving things in boxes and potato crates and cages and gunny sacks by the gate knowing I'd collect them and fix them

best I could. It got to be a problem in the winter, leaving animals and birds out in the cold so I put up a sign telling them to blow their horn when leaving anything.

"That sort of committed me, didn't it? By telling them how to do it I became part of the conspiracy. The DNR got all bothered about it, but these animals were going to die if somebody didn't help them. They said I wasn't licensed but I'm betting you're not licensed to treat wild animals even though you're a licensed vet."

I agreed I wasn't and again reassured him his confidence was safe with me. "I might even be able to help," I added.

"OK, I trust you, but let me ask you this. What do you think about feeding live mice to snakes?"

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I didn't want to put this conversation into reverse, but I didn't want to lie about it either. "I think it's absolutely deplorable and I can't help you do that. I have a hard time killing anything anymore," I admitted.

"Good man. We can get along. I buy a lot of canned dog food and cat food, too. Some of them will eat the dried stuff. What I really like to feed is road kill. They're already dead and going to waste although perhaps the vultures and crows wouldn't agree. Next time you come and you see some along the road, bring it along. I got a good look in your trunk and you don't have to worry about making a mess," he added with a laugh.

"Well, I like that," I answered, feigning ruffled feathers. It wasn't the first time I've been kidded about my, shall I say disorganized automobile.

By Christmas time the following year I had collected literally hundreds of road kills and taken them to John Dokerty's farm. The only stipulation I made was that it had to be fresh, not skunk, and it had to be something I could lift. The third one I got around by carrying an autopsy knife so that if John said he needed it, I could have the hindquarter off a deer and into my trunk in a matter of minutes.

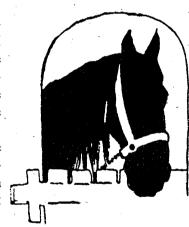
I got so interested in the process of rehabilitating injured animals and birds, feeding nestling hawks and owls that I dropped in at least twice a week and sometimes more often if I'd found fresh road kill. Such things as having adult owls come when John called to them years later simply because he had raised them after a nesting tree had toppled, I found quite appealing. John would spend hours with meat on the end of a string bouncing along the ground, then higher and higher and finally high in the air where the young birds would learn to snag it.

In the meantime, the neighbor's old horse came to expect my increasingly frequent visits, galloping hell bent for leather to the fence when he heard me coming. I'd have an apple or carrot for him; he was a sponge for

Then one cold, snowy day in December he wasn't at the fence. I shouted, I blew the horn, but no horse. I assumed the worst.

With an air of sorrowful resignation, I opened John's iron gate and drove through, stopping and following the rules, shutting the gate behind me.

John greeted me with a smile that immediately diminished when he noted my expression.





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"I don't think I've ever seen you in a bad mood,"

"I'm not in a bad mood, I'm in a sad mood," I qualified. "I'll be all right," and we started distributing the road kill.

After we washed up, John said, "Before you leave, I wonder if you'd take a look at something for me?"

I trailed behind him along the snowy path to the barn where he kept the donkeys. He unlatched the door

and swung it wide open to let in what little December light was left that late in the afternoon, then led the way into the barn and stopped at a tie stall. When my eyes got used to the gloom, I saw the rump of a familiar big black draft horse. John backed him out of the stall.

"Hey," I yelled, "that's my horse! How did you...?" My stammering was interrupted by the horse's big muzzle searching my jacket pockets for treats. "Did you buy him?"

"Not exactly. My neighbor decided to sell his farm and gave me first crack. I'm sure glad he did, what I don't need is a subdivision next door. The horse was part of the deal."

"This horse and me have been talking over the world's problems for the last year. What's his name by the way?"

"The farmer called him Prince but says he'll come to anything especially if there's a treat involved."

"I had a horse named Prince when I was a kid," I confided to John. "He'd pull a fourteen inch plow single-handed if you were leading him. Figured he was getting help, I guess. I used to ride him, bareback of course, jump on his back, carrying my bb gun, and we'd go off hunting in the huckleberry swamp. One day I took a single-shot 12 gauge shotgun with one shell in the chamber and two more between my fingers. While

we were still out on open ground, I thought I'd better see how he'd respond if I shot the gun. I pulled the trigger and Prince was seventy-five feet away before I ever hit the ground. He came back to see if I was

all right, but he was a little nervous about the shotgun. I had to walk him home.

"Then Prince got sick. Dad called the vet but the vet told him Prince was old, around thirty-years old he guessed after looking at his teeth. The problem seemed to be impaction. The vet pumped a lot of raw linseed oil into him and left medication. Dad staved in the stall, on Prince's right side, brushing him, talking to him and trying to make him feel better. Prince died on his feet with my dad in the stall. When he fell, he fell to the left. Dad said the horse gave it some thought and made the decision to fall the other way so as not to crush him.

"He was a big horse, Prince was. But when I saw him dead, he was just a little heap on the barn floor. I was older then, but I cried like a baby and for quite awhile."

I was holding the current Prince by the halter with one hand, reaching up and brushing his long curly forelock away from his eyes.

"How about checking his teeth to see how old he is?" John asked.

"Nope," I said, "too dark in here. Besides, they're always about twelve when you buy them. Let's just leave it that way.



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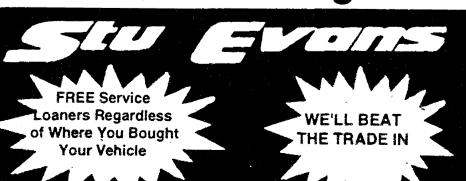
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