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DEFINING MANCHESTER ••• THROUGHOUT THIS ISSUE ••• GOING GENTLY ...



Above: One of the Chronicle's favorite subjects — George Macomber and his beautiful white team of Percheron mares, Connie and Topsy, rake hay as in the old days, in Manchester Township on a summer's day.

— Photo ANNA MARIE ANZALONE

A Peek into Paradise

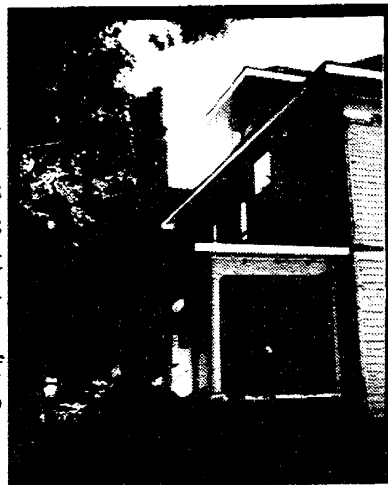
— by Fr. Charlie

It was a warm summer evening in the middle of June, and I was sitting in my rocking chair on the front porch of St. Mary's rectory watching the villagers out walking. Other folks were sitting in the gazebo in the village park directly across Main Street, kids playing while their moms chatted about weighty village matters, always keeping their cavorting children in the corners of their eyes.

"This is heaven," I thought while congratulating myself once again over my wisdom and intelligence in politicking to receive the pastoral benefice of St. Mary of Manchester.

I couldn't help but reflect that I was in an anteroom of Paradise, sitting in my rocker on St. Mary's front porch, the solid fieldstone parish church close by conveying its sense of stability. I've traveled extensively in the world, but whenever I am abroad, I always look forward to my return to southern mid-Michigan with its farms, its gentle folk, and their wonderful ways, so strong, loving and wise.

During these thoughtful moments, it came to me that everyone else was out sauntering around while I was an inert rocker potato. I felt the call to get out and walk. And so, following the Spirit's invitation, I walked over to nearby downtown Manchester, two blocks away, and to the bridge over the River Raisin. The bridge spans the Raisin directly over a dam that was constructed to power the water wheels (actually old-fashioned turbines) inside the old mill immediately to the west of the bridge and dam. Many thoughtful moments have come to me as I have braced my elbows on the railing while



gazing down into the jillion patterns of white water generated by the spillway.

What is it about water that calls so deeply to our human spirit? Is it the safe, warm and nurturing waters in which we were fashioned by brooding Spirit in our mothers' wombs? Or is it the waters of Genesis over which the Spirit breathed and into which He brought life, coding them into our DNA and our genes? Water can be so very soothing, particularly the waters of the River Raisin that meander so gently nearby and through this wonderful village. It is not by accident, I have come to realize, that Paradise is described with its River of Life flowing through and forth from its Source.

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— from the Chronicle Desk

TRAFFIC LIGHT UPDATE

At the July 6th Village Council meeting, president Jeff Schaefer reassured citizens that they "were nowhere near making a decision," and that citizens would be notified about an "open discussion" prior to any decisions. Citizen comments were: from an Ann Arbor Hill resident - *twice a day traffic backs up on the hill, the rest of the time it goes smoothly*; a township resident - *traffic flows well...a traffic light would cause congestion*; from others - *let's take a step by step approach...with a traffic light being the last resort*; an officer at that intersection during problem times can move traffic most efficiently, in one fell swoop; *I hate to imagine the problem of vehicles trying to make it through a yellow light...*

There were no citizens at the meeting to defend the idea of a traffic light.

At the July 20 Village Council meeting, there was only one mention of the traffic light, by village manager Jeff Wallace who speculated that there may be a clause in the agreement between Manchester Township and the gravel pit company to allow school buses to use that route.

COUNCIL VACANCY

With the resignation of Mary Ames, there is one vacant seat on council. Three citizens stepped forward to apply for appointment: Jim Dzengeleski, Pat Vaillencourt, and Marsha Chartrand.

Dzengeleski, who serves on the Village Parks committee, withdrew his request to be considered.

Patricia Vaillencourt is an active volunteer with the schools and civic organizations. She and her husband Dwayne have lived in the Manchester area for twenty years. They have five children who all attended Manchester Schools. Pat is the International Sales Administration Manager for Johnson Controls Plastic Machinery Division where she has been employed for almost 18 years. In her letter to council, Pat said, "I believe we must protect the atmosphere of our community as well as ensure that future growth is anticipated and managed properly."

Marsha Chartrand is employed by Emory Garlick and Theresa Benedict at the weekly newspaper where she writes the column "Out of the Pig Pen," using the pen name "garlene." Marsha insists, in a letter to council, that "my position at the Manchester Enterprise would have no bearing on a conflict of interests", and says that she has "a unique perspective on the needs of the community". This is Marsha's second attempt to gain a seat on council although she withdrew her candidacy before the last election.

Council will hear presentations at the next council meeting of August 3, and make the appointment.

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Manchester High School to host Drum & Bugle Corp, Friday & Saturday

Admission to Drum & Bugle Corps International Midwestern Summer Music Games at Eastern Michigan Rynearson Stadium is \$5 (or 30% off) for hosting schools. Phone (734) 483-4444 for tickets.

From the Band Boosters:

Manchester is proud to be a host school for the festivities at Eastern Michigan University with the Drum & Bugle Corps. The band we are hosting will be arriving on Friday, July 31 and staying until Saturday, August 1. They will be practicing at the high school and we invite everyone to stop by and listen to 150 high school students playing their hearts out.

The performances at Eastern are at the Rynearson Stadium. You may call (734) 483-4444 for more information. If you let them know you are from a hosting school, your ticket to see the show is 30% off. We do hope you can take advantage of the opportunity to see these fabulous bands perform. You won't be sorry. Take the whole family. Admission is \$5 for hosting schools! See you there.

Writing Workshop For Senior Citizens

Senior Citizens of Bridgewater, Freedom, Manchester, Sharon Townships, and Manchester Village are invited to a writing workshop offered by Manchester novelist Brenda K. Marshall, author of *Mavis*.

The workshop will be held Tuesday, August 4 from 12:30-2:30 PM, at the Manchester Senior Center, 214 N. Macomb, Manchester.

On September 9, at 7 PM, workshop participants will host a reading for the public at a location to be announced.

For more information, call Dorothy Willingham (517) 456-7252, Lenora and Howard Parr (734) 428-9233 or Dianne Schwab at the Community Resource Center (734) 428-7722.

Manchester Community Education and J & B Gymnastics presents

a second summer session starting now.

Classes will be held on Mondays from 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM, each class will be 55 minute sessions.

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All ages K-12

We will be using the multi-purpose room located in the Manchester Area Fitness Facility for air-conditioned comfort!

*Classes having fewer than four children will be cancelled

* No make-ups or parents' week during summer session

* Private lessons available

For more information, contact

Vickie Bolan, Community Ed 428-9711

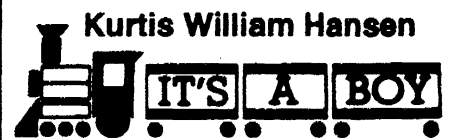
Annual Library Book Sale

During the Manchester Street Fair, August 8 and 9, the Manchester Township Library volunteers will hold a sale on the Library lawn. The Library welcomes donations of books in good condition, some to be added to the Library collection, and the remainder added to the withdrawn books for sale. Proceeds benefit the Book Budget.

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Bethany Hansen would like to announce that she is now a big sister!. Kurtis William Hansen, her baby brother, was born on Thursday, July 9, at St. Joe Hospital. He weighed 10 pounds and 4-1/2 ounces and was born at 11:10 p.m.

Parents of Kurt and Bethany are Bill and Jennifer Hansen. Grandparents are Bob and Lois Hansen, David Knox of Ann Arbor, and the late Elizabeth Knox.

Bill, Jennifer, Bethany and Kurtis live in Dexter, Michigan.

Island Getaway:

Vacation Bible School

St. Mary, Emanuel United Church of Christ, Bethel United Church of Christ and St. John's invites children to a tropical island adventure.

We have an exciting summer program planned for the children in our community. This summer we will be transforming the church into "SonLight Island" where children will discover the treasure of God's love.

We will be having lively songs, skits, crafts, games, Bible studies and snacks — all of the things that make Vacation Bible School so popular with children and their parents.

On top of that, we will be helping kids grow in their love for God and learn to share His love with others.

Everything draws to a joyful conclusion at the closing program on August 7 — a musical event that's fun for the whole family.

We're looking forward to this very special opportunity for us to reach out to parents and children in our neighborhood and share with them the joy of developing a personal relationship with God.

The SonLight Island Vacation Bible School begins Monday, August 3, and continues through Friday, August 7. Classes will be held at St. Mary Catholic Church from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. Please contact Carol Wahl (517) 456-7671, or Mary Beth Baker 428-8245 for more information.

9th Annual

Kiwanis Volleyball Tournament

Sunday, September 13, 1998

Carr Park

Proceeds to Motts Children's Hospital



Organizational Meeting for Captains

Monday, August 3rd at 7:30 p.m.

At the Community Resource Center

122 West Main Street

For more info call 428-1246 or 428-7722

Show Your Colors, America

This is just my way of saying *Thank You* to all the Pvt. Ryans of this United States of America.

It is not the Media that gave us freedom of the press: Our patriots did.

It is not the ACLU that gave us freedom of speech: Our patriots did.

It is not campus demonstrators burning flags that gave us peace: It is the men and women who served and sacrificed under the flag, and who respect the values it embodies, who are our real peace demonstrators.

The great Americans who gave us our freedoms want back the freedom to protect their flag.

These are the reasons I decided to ask the very talented James Fuerstnau to help me emblazon my garage with the one symbol that means the world to me. It is my own tribute to my dad, my husband, and to all their comrades of all wars, who fought and died under this same "red, white and blue."

Please help us keep it hallowed. —Marilyn LaRock

The fate of the flag protection amendment now rests in the hands of the U.S. Senate (Senate-Joint Resolution 40 approved by the Senate Judiciary Committee on June 25).

The Supreme Court departed from over 200 years of precedence and overturned state and federal statutes prohibiting flag desecration in 1989 by just one vote. Since then 49 state legislatures have petitioned Congress for the flag protection amendment and 310 members of the U.S. House of Representatives voted in favor of the amendment in June of 1997. Two-thirds of both Chambers of Congress and a majority vote of three-quarters of the fifty state legislatures is needed for a constitutional amendment as the exclusive means for protecting the flag.

"Surely one of the high purposes of a democratic society is to legislate against conduct that is regarded as evil and profoundly offensive to the majority of people — whether it be murder, embezzlement, pollution, or flag burning..."

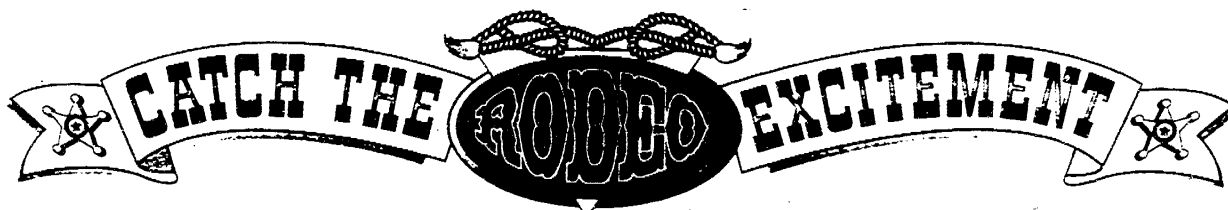
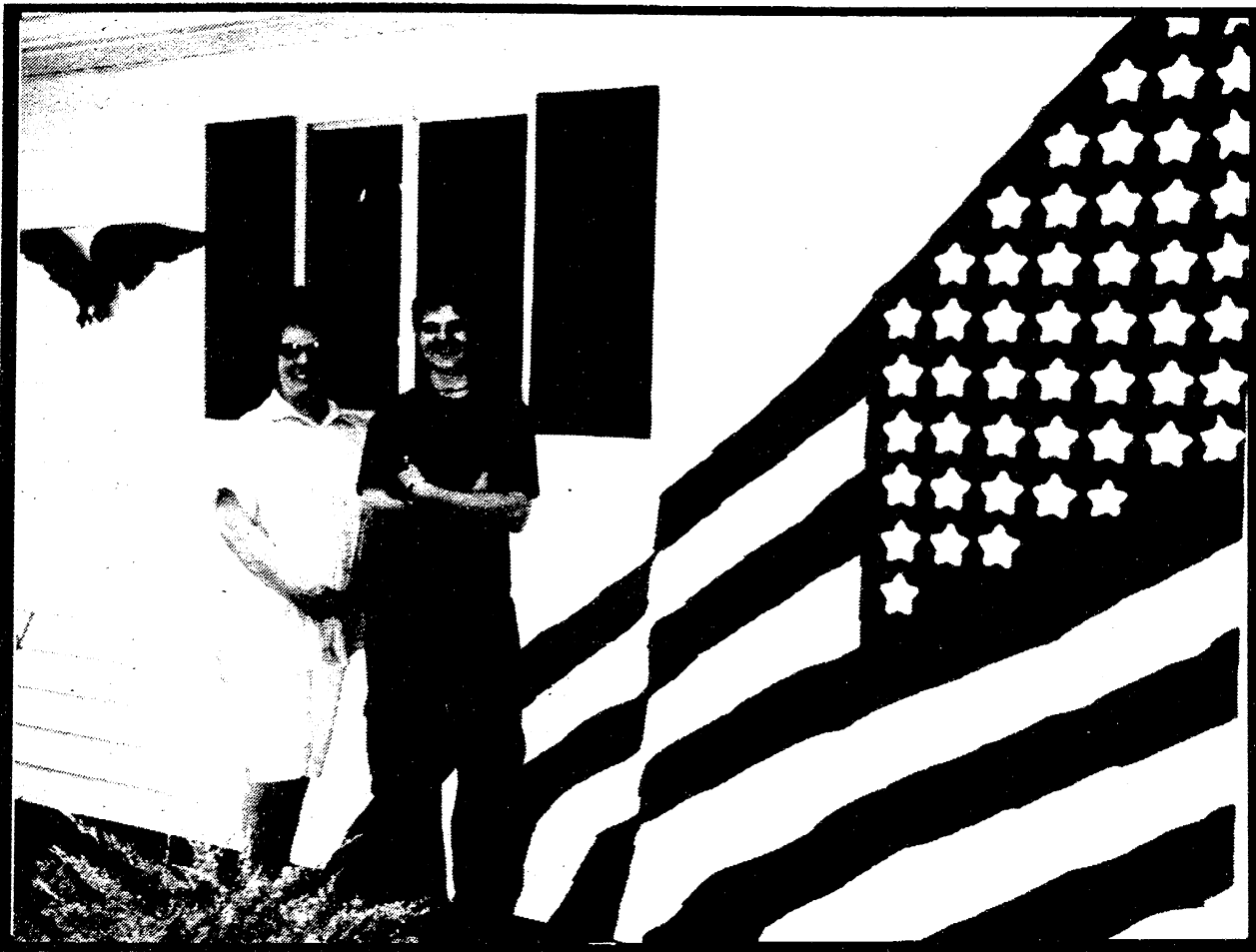
— United States Supreme Court Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist

"This flag means more than association and reward. It is the symbol of our national unity, our national endeavor, our national aspiration. It tells you of the struggle for independence, of union preserved, of liberty and union one and inseparable, of the sacrifices of brave men and women to whom the ideals and honor of this nation have been dearer than life. It means that you cannot be saved by the valor and devotion of your ancestors, that to each generation comes its patriotic duty, and that upon your willingness to sacrifice and endure as those before you have sacrificed and endured rests the national hope."

— 11th Chief Justice of the United States Charles Evans Hughes

"The flag is the embodiment, not of sentiment but of history. It represents the experiences made by men and women, the experiences of those who do and live under that flag." — Woodrow Wilson

What So Proudly We Hail



IPRA Competition Scheduled During This year's Onsted Festival

The Onsted Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to bring back for the second year, championship rodeo competition Saturday and Sunday, August 1st and 2nd, during the Onsted Festival.

Last year's professional rodeo was a success. The rodeo adds an opportunity for visitors and fans alike to see professional rodeo action. This is the only International Professional Rodeo Association (IPRA) sanctioned competition in the county. There will be riders and performers from all parts of the country competing for points.

The events scheduled are Bareback Bronc Riding, Saddle Bronc Riding, Bull Riding, Steer Wrestling, Calf Roping, Cowgirls Barrel Racing, and Team Roping. No rodeo, of course, would be complete without all the fun — and courageous — antics of the rodeo clowns! You will see them in action, too!

The performances are scheduled for Saturday evening, August 1st, at 7:00 PM, and on Sunday afternoon, August 2nd at 2:00 PM.

Advance tickets are available for \$6 per person for each performance or \$7 at the gate. The rodeo will be held behind the Onsted Community Schools off Slee Road in downtown Onsted.

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 7:30 PM

Matt Watroba and Neil Woodward

Host of WDET's *Folks Like Us* radio show, Matt Watroba has established himself as a "folksinger's folksinger." Along with multi-instrumentalist Neil Woodward, they'll play songs from Matt's newest recording, *Live at the Ark*, performed at the end of August, 1997. Around 250 people gathered to participate and the result was magical. The music and energy coming from the stage that

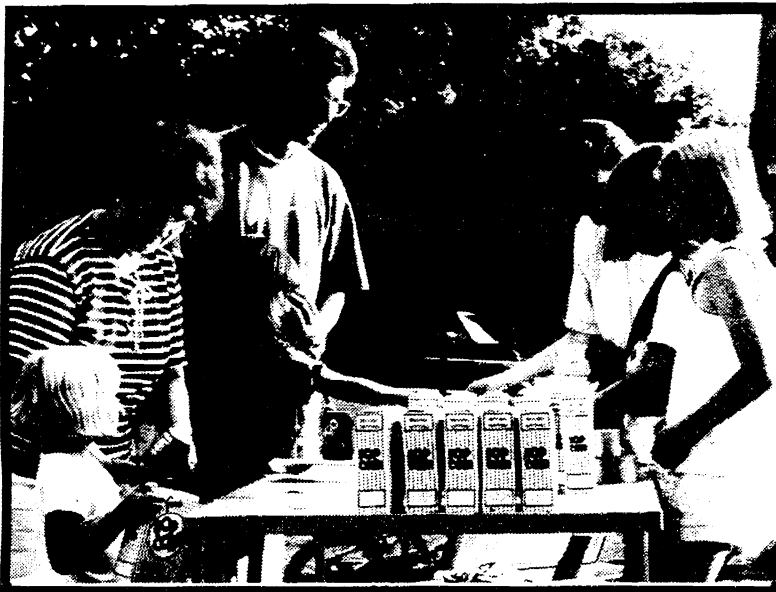


night has been captured forever on *Live at the Ark* as a wonderful introduction to folk music or a reminder of why we love it in the first place.

Matt Watroba is a regular performer at the Ark in Ann Arbor, often opening for some of the biggest names in folk music: Arlo Guthrie, Tom Paxton, Donovan. To see and hear Matt perform is to really appreciate the warmth and the love of this music that shines through every time he plays for people. You always leave feeling better than you did when you came in. He has performed in front of school audiences of all ages including high school and college. His knowledge of American music and history combined with his ability to communicate it keeps school districts calling year and year.

Live at the Ark was produced by Neil Woodward who also performs as guest musician — vocal, dobro, banjo, fiddle, harmonica, and mandolin. Neil is an award-winning multi-instrumentalist, singer, songwriter and folk historian. He

Refreshments available



Above: Manchester Girl Scouts sell drinks, popcorn, and cotton candy to concert goers. In the photo, Dianne Schwab and Tom Kladyk.

walks the time-honored path of the troubadour whose work is a commentary on our life and times. His tunes and tales, ancient and modern, form compelling testimony of our shared human heritage. Neil's recordings have been catalogued by the Library of Congress Office of Folklife in Washington and the State of Michigan Archives and Historical Library in Lansing.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 7:30 PM

Saline Fiddlers Philharmonic

Back by popular demand, these high school fiddlers have played their traditional American music overseas and at the White House. Energetic and very talented, these kids put on a professional show everyone loves.

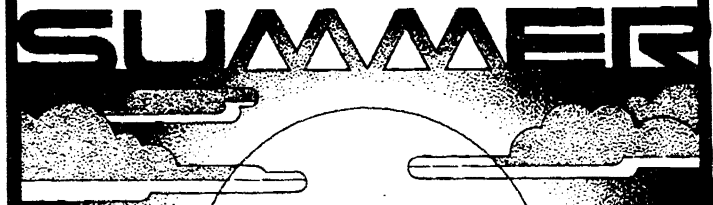
On violin, viola, cello, bass, guitar, mandolin, banjo, washboard, penny whistlers and bodhran, the Fiddlers incorporate singing and dancing into a performance epitomizing our rich American heritage. Their performances have included the main stage at the Oklahoma International Bluegrass Festival, touring Scotland with Bonnie Rideout, and just last December in the East Room of the White House.

Averaging 80 concerts a year, the youngsters have traveled extensively and have participated in several international exchanges with groups such as the Calgary Fiddlers from Canada, the Ayrshire Fiddle Orchestra from Scotland, and the Brecon Choir from Wales. The Fiddlers wow packed crowds in sold-out auditoriums at their concerts and earn standing ovations!

They come to the Gazebo Concerts by the wagonload!

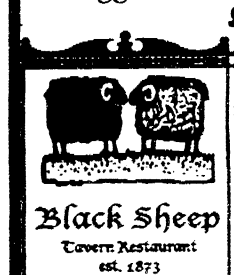


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August 13 — The Fiddlers Philharmonic

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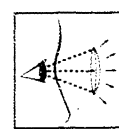


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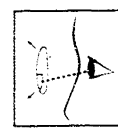
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Manchester Summer Festival

Saturday & Sunday, August 8 & 9

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*Two Days of Fun
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at the Downtown*

Manchester
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Saturday, August 8th 10am-5pm
Sunday, August 9th 10am-5pm

**SATURDAY - 10am-5pm Kool Kruisers Custom & Classic Car Show
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1:30 "The Planet of Perfectly Awful People"
a play by The Black Sheep Repertory Theatre at the Gazebo
11am-1pm - KOOL 107 Radio 2:30 The Cottonwood Cloggers
9pm Men's Club Dance in Carr Park pavilion

ALL DAY SATURDAY & SUNDAY ⇨ Craft Booths ⇨ Sidewalk Sales
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Events ⇨ Have your photo taken with Fire Station Dalmation

SUNDAY Entertainment, featuring Plymouth Fife & Drum Corp at 1pm
1:30 "The Planet..." play at the Gazebo 2:30 COLORS the CLOWN
Stu Evans Race Cars on display all day
3:30 Raffle ⇨ 4:00 Rubber Duck Race on the River Raisin

(734) 428-1995, 428-1230, 428-7000 or 428-9640 for further information

On Saturday, classic and custom cars roll into town and line up along Main Street for the seventh annual Kool Kruisers Car Show. Trophies will be awarded in fifteen different categories. There will also be cash drawings and live DJ music.

This year, there is an additional spectacular treat: the Stu Evans Race Team cars will be on display. You have to sit in the bleachers anyplace else to view cars of this caliber. In Manchester, we're fortunate to be able to see the cars in town and up close.

At 1:30 on Saturday, and at the same time on Sunday, please come down to the Gazebo to see the historical Black Sheep Repertory Theatre players enact *The Planet of Perfectly Awfully People*.

At 2:30 on Saturday, the energetic Cottonwood Cloggers perform on Main Street.

All day, both days, Main Street will be filled with arts and crafts booths. Merchants will have sidewalk sales - bargains galore!

At 9:00 PM Saturday, the Men's Club will hold their annual dance at the pavilion in Carr Park. Stop by to hear some swinging music and enjoy refreshments.

On Sunday, at 1:00 the famous Plymouth Fife and Drum Corp will be performing on Main Street. At 1:30, there is another performance of the Black Sheep Repertory Theatre at the Gazebo, and at 2:30 Colors the Clown will be in town to amaze adults and children with her delightful magic show.

There will be a raffle drawing for cash at 4:00. Tickets are on sale at local businesses for \$1 with cash prizes totaling \$1,500 for ten lucky ticket holders. The annual rubber duck race on the River Raisin takes place around 4:30. Ducks are available at Manchester businesses for just \$3 each. There will be 9 winners with prizes totalling \$575!

So for a full weekend of family fun and entertainment, come to Manchester for the Summer Festival, Saturday and Sunday, August 8th and 9th.

For more information, phone Sue Miller at the Whistle Stop Restaurant, 428-1995, or Merchants' Association president Peg Chizmar at Village Gifts, 428-9640, or the Chamber of Commerce, 428-6662.

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Manchester Manor

Imagine the petite Jan Whittington ordering the burly operator of a bulldozer around five years ago.

"They didn't know where I wanted the rocks placed so I had to stay right out there with them," Jan said. Jan's husband Ron laughs as he recalls the scene. "She designed the rock wall alongside the house and knew exactly how it was suppose to look, so they just followed her orders," Ron said.

The Whittington's house in Manchester Manor sits nestled next to a hill in the back of the park. They added to the rock wall, hauling fieldstones in the trunk of their Chrysler LaBaron. "I thought each load would be the last," said Ron, "but then Jan would ask for 'just a few' more."

Rocks edge the garden right up to the sidewalk in front of their house, and from there the flowers fan out to a lovely display with something in bloom spring through late fall. Starting in March grape hyacinth, daffodils, crocus and tulips begin the show.

Presently, scarlet gladiolas stand tall behind Shasta daisies, yellow cone flowers, astilbe and butterfly mums. Alongside are the mahogany-colored leaves of sundrop plants, Russian sage, salvia and tiger lilies. Slipping over the rock edging is alyssum. In between, pansies raise beatific faces sunward next to ever-charming violas. Off-center, adding an elegant vertical dimension, is a Japanese maple.

Ron is credited with the addition of the violas. "I bought one viola plant," he said. That one plant took root and seeded more at the front of the bed.

Tucked in here and there are the soft grey lambs' ears. "Indians use to line their moccasins with these plants," Jan tells me.

Some of the plants Jan brought with her when she and Ron moved to the park five years ago for sentimental reasons because they were gifts from friends and family. "The sweet woodruff came from Shirley Carpenter, the hens and chickens are probably thirty years old, they came from my aunt," says Jan. And the figure of the little boy in blue fishing among the flowers, "he was a Christmas gift from my brother," Jan says.

"If Jan isn't in the house, I know where to find her," Ron said, "she's out in the garden."

"It's something I love to do," Jan admits. "And, it makes me feel good when the neighbors stop by to admire and comment."



THE GARRETT RESIDENCE City Road

The secret to Vickie and Randy Garrett's colorful front yard? Annuals. Lots of vivid pink and red impatiens bedded luxuriously under an old fashioned split rail fence.

"I can't take all the credit," Vickie admits, "my daughter Stacey planted them all." "And, I don't take any credit it all," Randy laughs throwing up his hands. "I didn't do any of this."

"That's not true," Vickie interjects. "Randy found the old well hand pump that we made into a fountain." The fountain splashes merrily next to Rose of Sharon bushes.

The focal point of the front garden, however, that which catches a passer-by's eye first is the giant antique black kettle



Above: Vickie Garrett and her father-in-law, Brownloe Garret.

Below: Mr. Garrett in front of the kettle frame he made from an old telephone pole.



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hanging from a substantial wood frame. The frame was designed and made by Randy's father, Brownloe Garrett. Brownloe absolutely cannot stand to see good wood discarded, not being used. From scrap wood Brownloe makes bird houses and bird- and squirrel-feeders that hang from trees and stands all around this riverfront home. The kettle frame was made from a telephone pole that was damaged by a motorist. The driver wasn't seriously injured and Consumer's replaced the pole with a new one. Brownloe asked if he could have the old one. A few weeks later he had the frame built. Earlier this summer, the family found a weathervane of a boy fishing that they added to the top. "Dad likes to fish," Vickie explained, "so we thought it would be an appropriate ornament."

There is a garden swing in the front yard. Vickie says she likes to relax there. With the sound of the fountain in the background, the scent of the magnolia blossoms coming from the big trees in the yard and the visual beauty of the impatiens and other flowers, the Garretts have created the perfect area to do just that. But don't expect to see Brownloe relaxing: he has things to build!

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Sharon Solves a Problem

— by M. S. Clinansmith

Who could forget the scene? Fifty people crowded within a single room, waiting patiently in line. Slowly the clock ticks away. Suddenly the door opens and a gust of cold wind follows the new arrival into the hall. Shivers and an attempt to protect against the elements are met with apologies over the intrusion of weather. The wait continues. Gradually, the queue shortens as one or two more move forward and the curtains of the voting machine enclose them. The others stand and endure, wondering "When will my turn come?"

The first general election in which I voted after taking up residence in Sharon Township required 45 minutes to get in line, have my registration checked, vote and return to the sidelines. Nestled among the bundled

bodies of my new neighbors, I was actually blocked from the full effect of the cold wind that November evening. My wife was not so lucky. Being a conscientious citizen, she had waited until after work, skipped supper and joined me, by coincidence, shortly after I exited the voting booth. She stuck it out for another hour as she and the late arrivals waited to cast their votes. Did our vote count? In an age when the "projected outcome" came at 8:00.01 PM. I'm not sure. We got home and those elected or defeated with our support took their places among the Chosen.

The scene shifts to a cool May night in the Sharon Township Hall on Pleasant Lake at Sylvan Roads. Township clerk Teri Aiuto is presenting information she has received from Doubleday Brothers and Company of Kalamazoo. She closes with a suggestion that the Sharon Township Board of Trustees purchase a new

voting machine system to replace the antiquated two electro-mechanical machines standing silently along the west wall. The total cost of the Accu-Vote ES-2000 system is \$6,556.10, and the accompanying booths another \$1,668. Total cost for updating the township's voting necessities: \$7,225.10. Back in 1972, the two existing voting machines cost \$2,200 apiece.

Former township clerk Duane Haselschwerdt, who has seen both sets of systems work, raves about the savings actually experienced by the new system. "Every governmental unit north of Chelsea is making this change," he notes of the new computerized system. Citing the fact that most of the northern half of the lower peninsula uses the type Sharon is trying to dispose of, Haselschwerdt said he thinks the township can easily dispose of its two machines.

The new Accu-Vote Election System 2000 has three units for its voting process, which is designed to wipe out the long waits to vote caused by the two bulky machines of yesteryear. The components are the ballot processing unit, a primary memory card and the ballot box. Used together at a precinct level workstation, the system scans the ballots and keeps a running tally on the precinct memory card. At the end of voting, the optical mark sensing technology associated with it provides the basis for an instantaneous tape print out with all election results, not on the old spreadsheet type printout which made results difficult if not impossible to read.

On primary day, August 4, 1998, the new voting procedure will go something like this: The assembled voting system will have been checked the previous week, not for the \$100 per machine, but by a regular election worker whose task is to insert the pre-coded memory card into the ballot processing unit. A maximum of ten new voting booths will also be erected to provide the required privacy for marking the ballots. When the doors

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Youngsters meet the new Manchester CoOp Preschool teachers at the Fair.

Left, Arlene Walz; below: Simenda Kissman

ARLENE WALZ will be teaching the four- and five-year-olds in the kindergarten readiness class. Arlene will also serve as director until December at which time she and Simenda Kissman will serve as co-directors. Arlene is working on her master's degree in early childhood education, having received



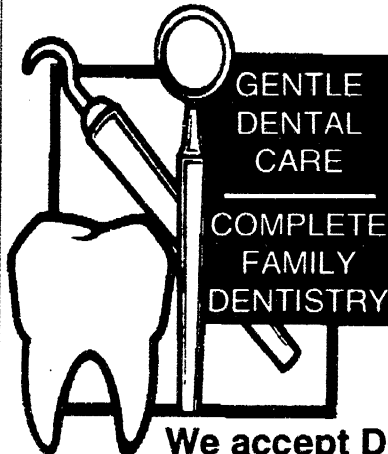
her BA from Eastern Michigan University. Arlene graduated from Chelsea High School and lives in the Waterloo area with her husband Kevin and two-year-old son Matthew.

SIMENDA KISSMAN is married to Brian Kissman who is the principal at Klager Elementary School. They have two daughters, Ashley, age 11, and Amanda, 8. Simenda is currently working on her bachelor of science degree in elementary education, and will be teaching the morning classes of three- and four-year-olds.



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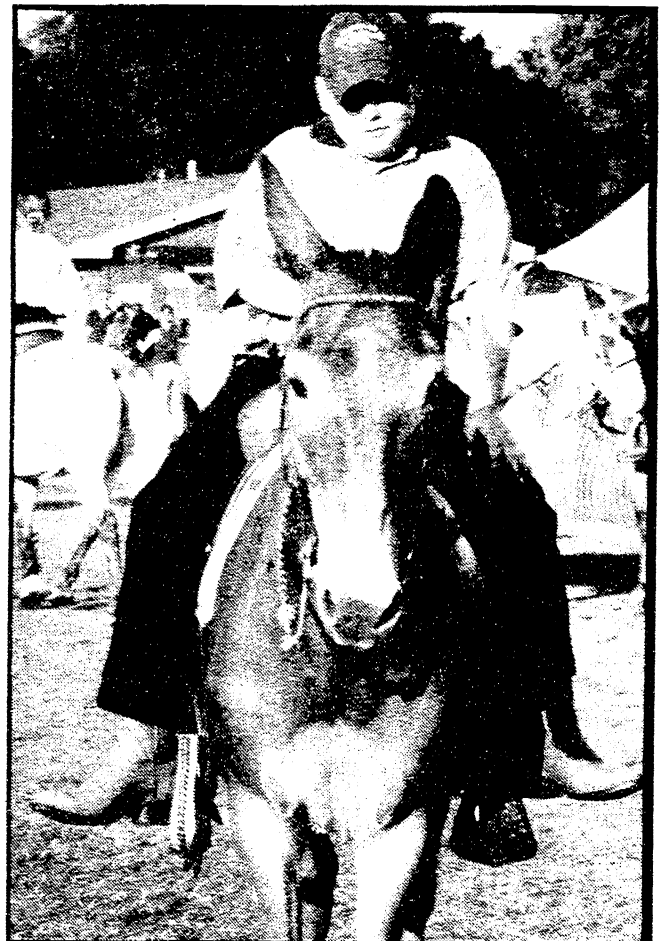
1998 Manchester Community Fair



Left: Hungry fairgoers line up at the Emanuel Country Cookin' Food Wagon. Waiting was worth the delicious home cooked daily specials. Below: Travis Hone on his trusty mount, Andy.

Let the (cowboy) games begin!

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Grand Champion Steer, owned by Yvonne Lowell, purchased by Manchester Tool & Die
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 Grand Champion Swine, owned by Clay Harvey, purchased by Magic Touch Brick Pavers

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Fair Time

— by Ellen Haeussler

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 Look for the ferris wheel, lots of rides
 Some for the daring, see the big slide?
 Some for kids only, the faint of heart.
 Hurrah! Hurrah! It's time to start.

A merry-go-round, and a tilt-a-whirl,
 (It's much more fun to ride with a girl.)
 Get into one of those bumper cars
 Wham, bang! You didn't get far.
 There are other attractions,
 look, a dunking tank
 Three balls for a quarter,
 here's your chance
 To get the Pastor soaking wet
 So sorry, you missed the target.

Horses and cows, pigs, chickens and geese
 Rabbits and sheep, even tied wool fleece.
 Hay and straw scattered everywhere,
 All of the livestock want their share.
 Careful where you walked,
 you never knew
 What things would stick
 to the sole of your shoe.
 On you go to other things
 A rooster crows, you want to sing.

Baked goods, sewing, a canning display
 Jams, jellies, flowers, a garden array
 Of tomatoes, carrots, beets and beans
 The largest pumpkin you've ever seen.
 Containers holding all kinds of grain
 From fields so blessed
 with sunshine and rain.
 Everyone is trying for that ribbon of blue
 Lucky for you if that happens to you.

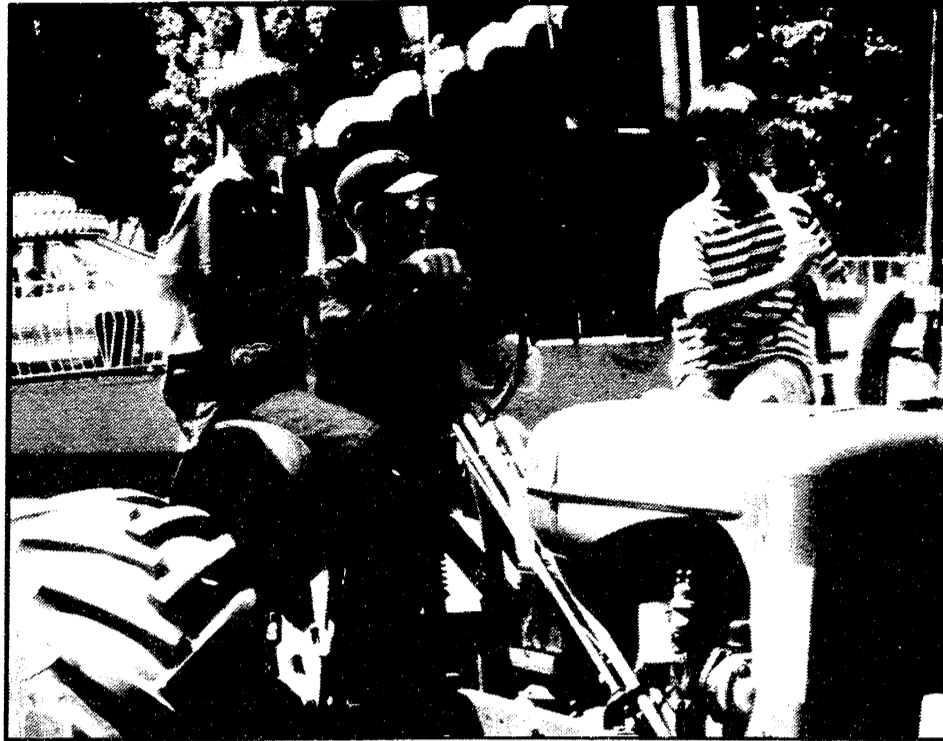
The Merchants' Tent is overflowing
 With products to sell or just for showing.
 Cars and Avon, spices, cookbooks,
 Windows, appliances, just take a look.
 A bag is needed to hold all the stuff
 That salesmen are handing to each one of us.

Maybe it's time you used that chair
 Chat with the neighbors who also sit there.

Time again to wander around
 Check the food stands on the grounds.
 Pizza, french fries, hot dogs on a stick
 Cotton candy, ice cream, let's sniff a bit
 Hungry you are — you need not be,
 Stop at the Church food wagon to see
 What's offered each day on their menu
 Chicken, ham, spaghetti, and Bar B-Q,
 Pretzels, homemade pies, cinnamon roll
 Well worth the time it took you to stroll.

Hope you have not missed anything
 Crowning a queen, talent show
 and judging,
 Ladies Day, rodeo, steer and lamb auction,
 Farmers' Day, Kids' Day,
 tractor pull marathon.

All of us worked so hard to prepare
 So you could enjoy each day at the Fair.
 Hope you all left with a happy face.
 See you next year, same time, same place!



Exhibitors Awards: At least 5 classes entered — Margie Garcia, Stephanie Glavin, Heidi Budd, Sarah Uphaus, Shelly Schulze, Korie Zink, Audrey Carey, Breanne Haeussler, Emilee Sweet, Andy Clark, Joshua Clark, Bridgette Detloff, Ben Holland, Joan Ernst, Jennifer Schulze, Carolyn Supers, Matthew Layher, R. J. Layher, Laura Coltre, Anna Gilbert, Kyle Gagneau, Michelle Smith. At



least 10 classes entered — Benjamin Daubner, Katy Uphaus, Brandi Walter, Julie Bennett, Jen Dalton, Sue LaRoque, Sebastian Gregerson, Stephanie Haeussler, Hannah Gregerson, Lola Haeussler, Sara Woothe, Edith Berry, Rebecca Long, Brent Long, Heidi Ernst, Adam Wheeler, Ryan Broten. At least 25 classes entered — Sharon Haeussler, Denise Blumenaur, Hilma Tervo, Melissa Cousino. **300 Club Winners:** Vicki Hamilton, Alice Rossettie, Mike Blumenaur, Sharon Booth, Linda Kensler, Maxine Benedict, Chris Benedict, Mary Blossom, Carol LaRock, Jim Connor. Grand Champion Homemaker: Sharon Haeussler; Reserve Grand Champion Homemaker: Hilma Tervo; Junior Champion Homemaker: Heidi Ernst; Reserve Junior Champion Homemaker: Stephanie Haeussler.

Carol's Cut-N-Curl donated several decorative birdhouses for display around the fairgrounds. The winners of the drawing for these were: Sharon Day, Mary Cato, Tamy Stein, Andre Lee Renier, Pamela Peters, Sharon Mason, Beth Hammond, Melissa Samonek.



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Right: Mr. Gizzards gives a courtly tip of the beak to the ladies of Emanuel Church, including on the right, the pastor's wife, Molly Carroll.

Appropriately, Manchester Township Fire Department men traditionally work the charcoal pits. Below, firefighter Joe Knasiak carries a few bags over to the stack - no problem.



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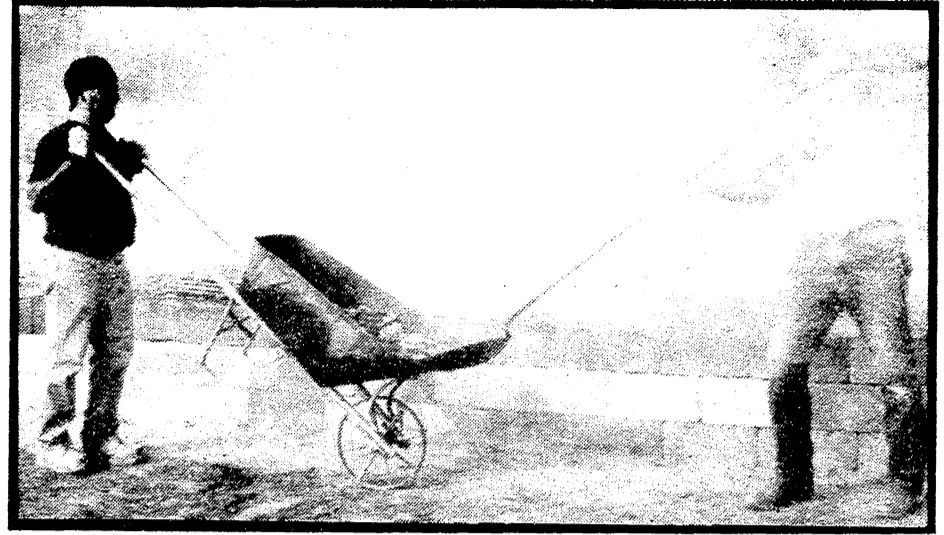


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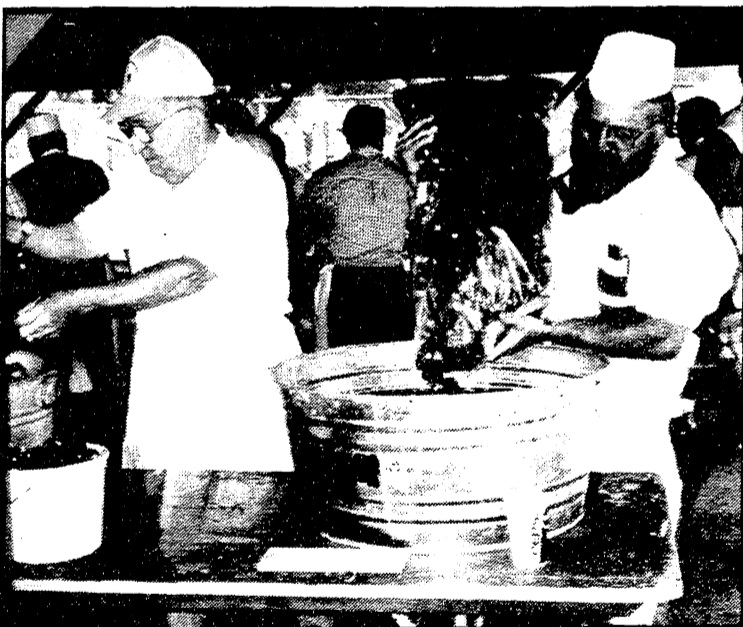
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Above left: Pastor Carroll of Emanuel Church interviews Bill Schwab; above right: village council president Jeff Schaefer on the right, and fireman Karl Schook on the left; right: Dick Kuntz stops to chat with Jon Hardenbergh; left: Forest Walz slicing slaw; below: Definitive Chicken Broil Fashion in front of Village Gifts during Chicken Broil Sidewalk Sales.



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Grufse aus Greetings from Germany

In March, Manchester High School student, Jessie Randall, earned an all-expense trip to Germany. Jessie was among fifty grand prize winners, one student from each state, of the 1998 Daimler-Benz Award of Excellence. She had to answer five essay questions, and be interviewed by two Manchester High School teachers, the athletic director John Eisely and principal Bob Smith. Jessie's German teacher is Frau Susan Davis.

Part I — by Jessie Randall

It seems like just days ago I was nervously preparing for my three-week trip to Germany, but now, it's over and I'm home. I learned so much and met so many new people. The big group of fifty-plus that I traveled with became my family in a way. Leaving them was difficult, but I returned home with lots of memories and stories to tell.



I remember my first few days in Washington D.C. as awkward. Everyone was shy and nervous. No one knew exactly what to expect. I felt lonely and homesick. Luckily for me, that only lasted a couple of days.

We spent the first day in Washington, D. C. learning about the four German cities we would be visiting: Berlin, Stuttgart, Bremen and Munich. These learning sessions were long — seven hours to be exact, and we were ready to get out of the hotel by the time the sessions were finished. We got our chance when we left for our tour of Old Town Alexandria, and our boat ride on the Potomac River. The boat was called the *Matthew Hayes*, and the scenery was beautiful.

We also got to visit museums, the German Embassy, the Canadian Embassy, the White House, and the Capital building during our stay in D.C. I even got to meet with Nick Smith, Michigan's congressional representative. By the time our stay in Washington D.C. was over, I was reluctant to leave because it was so beautiful. But of course, I was anxious to get to Germany. I was in for the time of my life!

To be continued...



At the St. Mary's Ice Cream social last week, Fr. Charlie visits with the Paul and Chris Harper family, including daughters Taylor, Logan, Austin, and Colby, and youngest son Dillon.

continued from front page A Peek into Paradise

— by Fr. Charlie

While propped there on the railing over the River Raisin, brooding as I was over those waters rushing over the spillway, my attention was captured by "Hi, Father!" greetings from passers-by. Being the village priest means you are known by folks who are not actually your parishioners but who nevertheless feel as if I "belong" to them. Denominational boundaries fuzz over somewhat in Paradise. So I moved from the meditative mode into the friendly chatting mode. And move I did — I started walking.

Walking in Manchester is something that is done at a leisurely pace. When one walks in a hurry here, one draws attention. People wonder what has caused such an emergency pace; what threatening thing has happened? My walking, you see, was more sauntering than anything else. *San Terre*, to

make holy ground, is from those French folks who likewise loved to promenade. We are indebted too, for their naming this river "The Raisin," traveling along it deeper into Michigan from their base in Monroe.

While strolling in that lovely evening through my neighborhood streets, I began to notice that few people were inside their homes. How could one stay indoors when the Spirit was calling everyone out, His voice crying as it once did to Lazarus and to Jesus in the tomb, that we might again have life? This was one of those evenings when folks were out on their porches or out walking, always keeping an eye on their children circling around on their bikes.

One little girl came zooming up to me on her first bicycle, her helmet akimbo, her eyes bright, her voice filled with proud excitement, and announced to me: "FATHER CHARLIE! My daddy just took off my training wheels. Do you want to see me ride?" Then, without waiting for an answer (she knew of course I would cry out "YES!") she sped off down the sidewalk at what was for her breathtaking speed. I stood there and watched in slack-jawed amazement at this new found wonder and rite of passage.

One could go on and write a novelette about such an evening in Manchester. But with the stars coming out in the lowering light of twilight, the deep blue heavens revealing a vision of Paradise with angels ascending and descending, I was grateful that heaven graciously granted a whiff of its incense to one simple little village priest, out sauntering in a warm and lovely mid-June evening in southern Michigan.

I slept that night on the threshold of heaven.



Above: Ben Holland's mom, Phyllida Holland, traveled from Florida to the St. Mary's Ice Cream Social, pictured here with friend Jim Huff creating animal balloons for all the children who came to the festivities. — photos/kk

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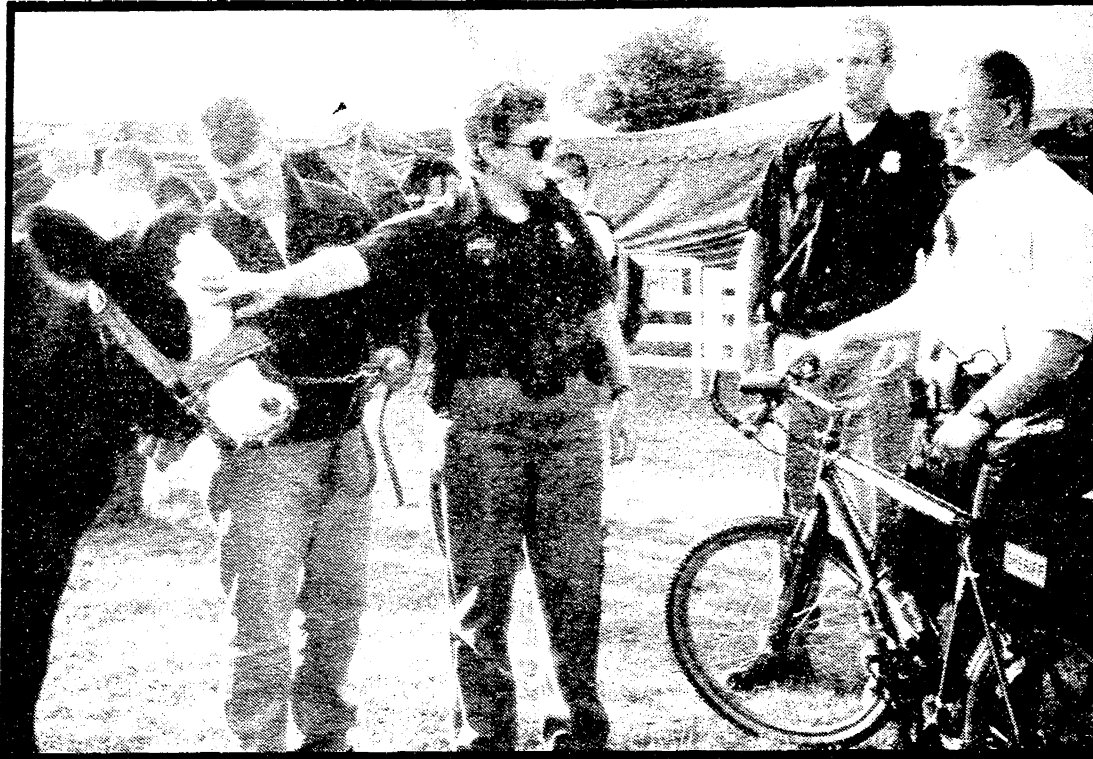
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—Photo by Kathy Kueffner

THE MANCHESTER BEAT

— by Deputy Marcus Kirby

INCIDENT: Unauthorized Driving Away of an Automobile (UDAA), between Friday, July 24 and Monday, July 27 at an unknown time between 6:00 PM and 7:30 AM. Location: Stu Evans Ford, 510 West Main Street. Truck was parked in Stu Evans lot facing south on West Main, located to the west of Elton St. Truck was in plain view to Main Street traffic. Vehicle Description: 1992 Ford truck, F-150 series, 5.0L V-8 EFI, 4x4 regular cab, black in color, truck cap on bed, large all-terrain tires with raised suspension. Truck was in good condition.

Anyone with information referencing this incident, please contact Deputy Kirby at Manchester Sheriff Station #4, 971-9036, Ext 1911.

Compliance with various village ordinances continue to be overseen by village officials with enforcement delegated to the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department. As Deputy Kirby said in the July 2 issue of the Chronicle (Chapter 111 - Nuisances: Blight Prevention): If anyone feels a law or ordinance is bad, out of date, or a new law or ordinance needs to be crated, contact your local representative for the Manchester Village for Village Ordinances or your state representative for state laws.

Chapter 146 deals with the production of evidence of vehicle insurance upon request by a police officer, penalties and false evidence. An owner or operator of a motor vehicle who fails to produce evidence under this subsection when requested is responsible for a civil infraction.

Chapter 116: Open Burning — Prohibited — includes all fires started or maintained on or in any public street, right-of-way, easement, alley or other public ground, and fires on any private land - rubbish, leaf, natural refuse, bonfires. Exceptions — fires for outdoor cooking. Also see subsections Permits and Permission and Civic Infractions.

Chapter 112: Disorderly conduct, Litter and Vandalism — Litter means trash, debris or other foreign substance of every kind and description. Vandalism is an act of wanton destruction to property, defacing of any public building, place, sign or street.

Chapter 118: Control and Regulation of weeds — Includes definition of "noxious weeds", grasses and uncultivated vegetation. In the event the owner has failed, refused or neglected to comply with the ordinance within 10 days of notification, the village and its authorized representatives are empowered to enter upon such lands for the purpose of accomplishing abatement of the violation, with expenses charged to the owner.

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A FREE shuttle bus takes visitors from the Dexter High School parking lot on Baker Road to the festivities.

This year's festival features live family entertainment from 11:00 AM to 11:00 PM each day in Monument Park in downtown Dexter.

Entertainment includes the Fantasy Puppet Theater, LaRon Williams Storyteller and Zeemo's One Man Circus for the kids.

Colors the Clown will perform her astounding magic on Friday between 3 and 5:00 PM and again on Saturday between 11:30 and 12:30.

Adults will enjoy the Al Hill and George Bedard Bands. Family entertainers also include Gemini, and Big Pinky and the Joint Effort Band, rock 'n roll music from the 50s through the 70s.

All day both days there are over 90 booths of arts and craft exhibitors, the Knights of Columbus Bingo Tent, open at 3:00 on Friday and 1:00 on Saturday, 'til 10 PM. Food vendors in the park include the American Legion Swiss Steak Fry from 4:30-8:00 PM on Friday and the St. James Church Chicken Barbecue on Saturday from 11:30 AM 'til it's all gone.

The Dexter Daze Parade begins at 10:00 on Saturday morning on Main Street.

Peter Madcat Ruth and Shari Kane perform on Saturday from 3:30 to 4:30, followed by the RFD Boys from 5-7:30 PM.

A Social Tent is located in the Park on both days: come listen to the music.

The 8th annual Cruise Night at the A&W is on Saturday from 2-6:00 PM.

The Kiwanis Raffle — Win a New Truck or Car — will be held Saturday at 6:00 PM at the Gazebo.

DEXTER DAZE

**Friday, August 7
Saturday, August 8**

BOTH DAYS:

**Over 90 Arts & Crafts Booths
Social Tent, Bingo Tent, Sidewalk
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FRIDAY EVENTS:

in the Village Gazebo

in the Center of Dexter

11am & 2pm Fantasy Puppet Theater

12:30-1:30 Zeemo's One-Man Circus

3:00-5:00 Colors the Clown

3:30 & 5:00 Pig Pinky Band

5:30-7:30 Driv'n Sideways Band

8-11pm Al Hill Blues Rock Band

SATURDAY EVENTS:

10am Parade down Main Street

11:30-12:30 Colors the Clown

12:30-1:30 Storyteller

2-3pm Gemini Family Entertainment

3:30-4:30 Mad Cat & Shari Kane

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5:00-7:30 RFD Boys Bluegrass

8-11 George Bedard Band

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The Manchester Open: August 23

The annual Manchester Open golf outing, which is a fund raiser for the Community Resource Center, is to be held this year on August 23, 1998 at the Centerview Golf Course just north of Adrian, Mi on M-52. The funds will be used toward additional youth services in the Manchester community.

This will be the eighth annual outing and each year it gets bigger and better. Besides playing 18 holes while sharing a cart and receiving a door prize, participants can win all kinds of other prizes.

The biggest prize is \$15,000 toward a new car at Stu Evans Ford of Manchester **IF** you get a hole-in-one on the designated hole. A hole-in-one on any other hole will win your choice of a three day/two night vacation at a resort in the Bahamas or a 19-inch Magnavox remote color television or a set of Wilson Staff midsize irons.

Other prizes include \$50 to the putting contest winner and \$10 prizes for men and \$10 prizes for women for longest drive and longest putt on several holes. Each member of the top three winning teams will receive a prize.

No golf outing is a success without a good meal. Our meal, being catered by the Whistle Stop of Manchester, will have steak grilled on location, chicken, and all the rest of the trimmings. If the meal this year is as good as last year's meal, it will be scrumptious.

All this for a cost of \$60 of which \$20 can be considered a tax-deductible contribution to the CRC. Incidentally, many non-player spouses come for just the meal at a cost of \$20. They are also eligible for a door prize. Deadline date to purchase golf or meal tickets is

August 8. After this date and through August 15, the golf fee is \$65 — so get your ticket early.

Each year the local business people go all out to support the Open by donating many valuable gifts for prizes and the CRC greatly appreciates their support. Remember: Sunday, August 23rd is the day for the annual Manchester Open.

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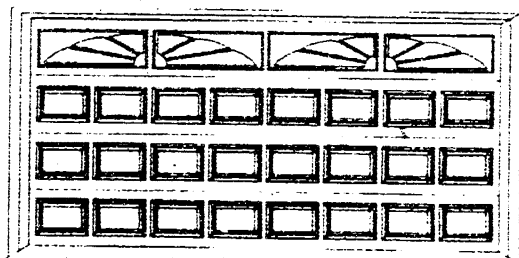
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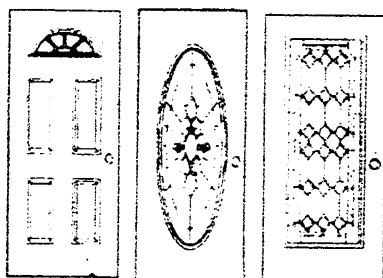
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"You don't have to know someone to talk books with them, but when you talk books with someone, you're getting to know them." — Shireen Dodson, author of *The Mother Daughter Book Club*

Wouldn't it be nice to have a book discussion in Manchester? Sharing insights, discovering new views? This reoccurring request has at last been answered by the Manchester Friends of the Library. Now that most of the busy activities of the summer have passed, the Friends group hopes that folks will have a chance to relax and read a good book, then come together to discuss it on Thursday, August 27.

Since this is a Friend's project, they have picked the first book for the reading and discussion. Kaye Gibbons is a favorite author of many readers and her first novel, *Ellen Foster*, is a harrowing yet often hilarious story of an abandoned child's search for her place in the world. It should provide a variety of interesting angles to approach a lively discussion.

Copies of the book, *Ellen Foster*, are available at the Manchester Township Library. The location of the book discussion on Thursday, August 27, will be announced later, depending on the number of participants.

The Friends of the Manchester Township Library also anticipate a youth book discussion coming this fall. A newsletter to all members of the Friends group will contain all the details as well as the date of the annual Friends meeting. Those interested in joining the Friends of the Manchester Township Library can pick up an application at the Library. However, membership is not necessary to participate in the book discussions.

— Patty Swaney

Sharon Solves a Problem continued from page 7

When the doors open, voter applications will be processed as fast as the election clerks can check a prospective voter's registration. Then the voter will be handed a single page, possibly including both sides, that resembles a scantron sheet similar to those used by numerous educational institutions for testing. On it will be printed all offices, candidates and issues to be voted upon during that election. The memory card with the corresponding information will be inserted into the locked ballot processing unit.

Retreating behind the screen of the simple curtained voting booth, the voter will mark the ballot indicating his or her choices and present it to the clerk at the processing unit. A cover sheet protects the ballot's privacy.

Inserted into the ballot processing unit, the unit will visually scan the choices made and immediately record the corresponding totals on the memory card. If a mistake is made or the machine does not understand the choice, a beep will sound and an LCD screen will indicate the problem. The voter then has the option of making the change or clarifying the choice. The scantron ballot passes through the unit and emerges fully tabulated and is stored in the locked ballot box.

At the end of the election session, write-in ballots can be retrieved from a separate compartment and processed without handling by election officials. With the insertion of an "ender card," the election procedure culminates with the printing of a tape listing all offices and the candidates' total votes plus the votes on special issues. The tape also displays the write-in votes and additional copies of the results may be printed at this time.

Overall, the new voting system weighs less than fourteen pounds and is operated by battery packs with no additional equipment required. With the use of the results cards, total vote counts can be transferred within moments by a computer modem.

Township clerk Aiuto notes that the new system is so simple to operate that all instruction on its use will be given on election day by the clerks to any voter wishing to be instructed in its use.

HOT! HOT! HOT! Movies Coming In August

— by Toni Gross at Video World

August is sizzlin' with great movies. Let's start with my favorite — *The Man in the Iron Mask*. I personally l-o-v-e- Leonardo DiCaprio but he plays the king of France and not a very well-liked one at that in this movie. While he is enjoying all of the riches in life, his people are starving. Secrets are revealed when "the man in the iron mask" appears as the country's only hope for survival. You have to see this one. The Musketeers battle until the very end and you won't want to miss a moment.

The Borrowers is about four-inch people who live in the floorboards of a house about to be destroyed by a mean lawyer (John Goodman). The Borrowers will do everything they can, as they borrow not steal, to help the human beings discover the truth. A great adventure!

In *The Wedding Singer*, Adam Sandler is the king of comedy. He definitely keeps you laughing. Travel back in time when Robbie Hart (Sandler) is jilted

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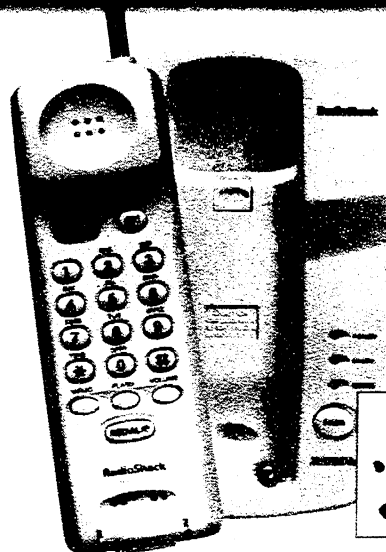
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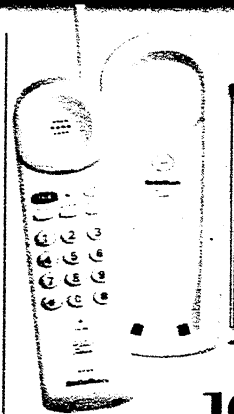


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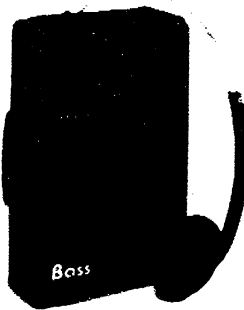
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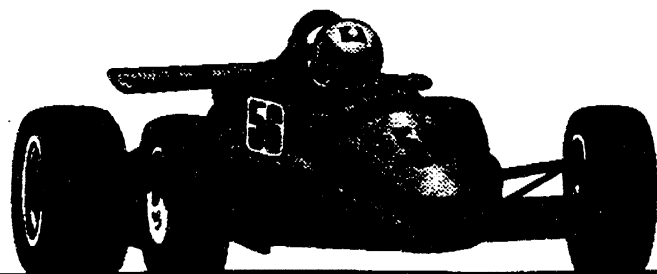
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