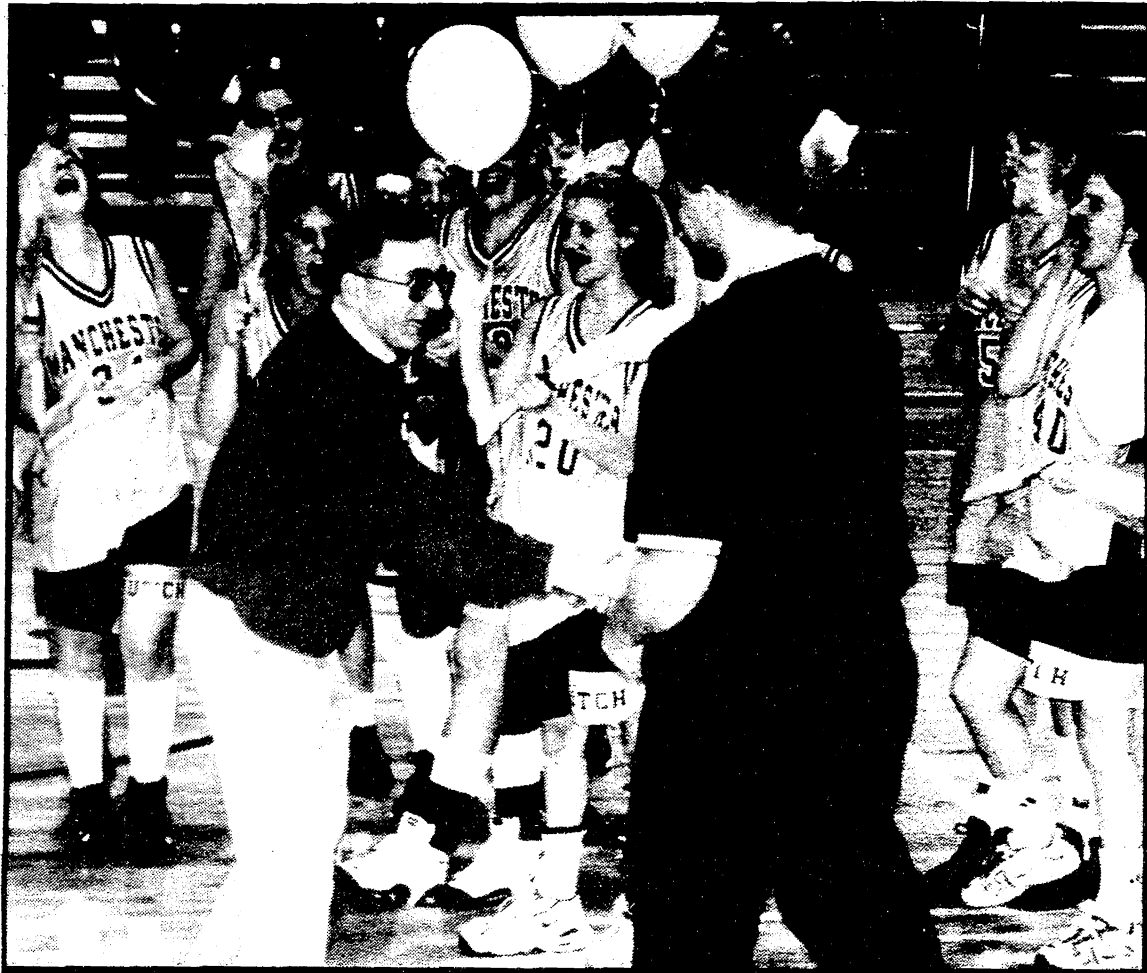


Lady Dutch are District Champs!



— Photo by Ray Meyer

The Journey to District Championship

Manchester's varsity girls basketball coach John Wilkins hoped to see the team in high spirits before the semifinals against Pittsford, November 19. Their pregame exuberance had all year presaged a winning night.

That night Manchester demolished Pittsfield 66-25.

As early as the first quarter, Manchester led by a substantial 24-2 and the momentum never let up. The Dutch scored the game's first eight points before Pittsford made a basket then slammed 16 in a row. Abra Wise scored nine points and Amy Gall hit two 3-pointers for Manchester in the quarter. Brandy Aiken scored 14 points in her fourth game back from knee surgery, and had five in the second quarter. At halftime the Dutch led 43-9 including conversion of six turnovers into baskets.

Against Hudson for the District Finals, Amy Gall was credited with perfect timing. Her rebound and basket with 11 seconds to play gave Manchester its 38-37 victory for the Class C District Championship.

Amy's basket was preceded by Julie Porter's layup with 44 seconds on the clock taking the score up to 37-36.

Abra Wise and Amy Gall scored ten points apiece with Julie Porter having eight.

The last time Manchester won the district was back in 1974.

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against Dansville, succumbing by a mere three points in last minute play after a courageous and determined comeback. They trailed by 17 late in the first half before turning the game around in the second half outscoring Dansville 26-13. Amy Gall scored all 12 of her points in the second quarter, including a 3-point basket at the buzzer. Mary Barrett and Erin Wiley shared defense to shut down the Dansville top scorer. Abra Wise scored all 10 of her points in the second half and Marilyn Maher 10 of her team-high 14. Maher's layup with 3:45 left made it 47-46. Maher's pull-up jumper in the lane, Manchester's sixth basket without a miss, pulled the Dutch back within two. Nicole Leverett banked one in with four seconds left but Dansville dribbled out the clock.

After the game, Coach Wilkins told the *Jackson Citizen Patriot* sports reporter Gary Kalahar: "It's a great group of girls. I told them I wouldn't trade them for any team in the state. It's been a great group to work with."

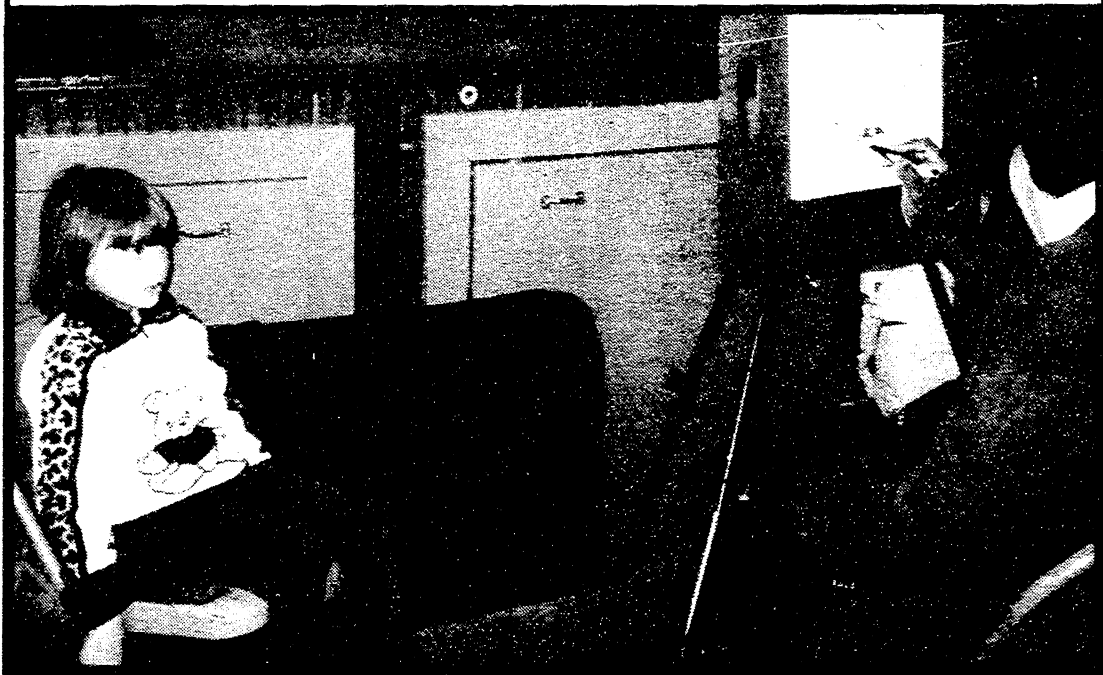
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Posing



Mary Catherine Kastanis poses for a portrait during Christmas in the Village at Emanuel's Craft and Bazaar Show. The drawing was a special treat from Mary Catherine's grandmother, Mary Blossom.

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Community Youth Project Receives Support

At a time when many people feel overwhelmed by the problems and challenges facing children and adolescents, communities across the country are discovering new energy in working toward a positive vision for young people. Instead of focusing exclusively on reducing problems, these communities are rallying to rebuild the foundation of development that all young people need.

With major support from Lutheran Brotherhood, the Search Institute launched the Healthy Communities - Healthy Youth initiative. This national effort helps communities, organizations, families and individuals discover how they can build these assets.

Most communities begin their efforts by conducting the Search Institute's Profiles of Student Life: Attitudes and Behaviors survey. Through this survey, sixth through twelfth grade students are surveyed to assess attitudes, behaviors, values and interests. The survey measures developmental assets in youth. It was developed by Search Institute, a nonprofit

organization dedicated to promoting the well-being and positive development of children and adolescents through scientific research, evaluation, consultation, training and development of practical resources.

As part of Lutheran Brotherhood's support of this national initiative, each Lutheran Brotherhood branch is entitled to redeem one certificate each school year

Philip Matthew Greenleaf Gibson



God has given us the gift of this child, **Philip Matthew Greenleaf Gibson**, on Tuesday, October 13, 1998, 11:23 a.m., 9 lbs. 7 oz., 21-3/4" long.

He was welcomed into our home and our lives by Nancy and Tom Gibson, Sarah and David.

that covers part of the cost of the survey for the school. Lutheran Brotherhood Friends and Fellowship has given their 1998 certificate to Manchester Community Schools.

The Community Resource Center and Manchester Community Schools have developed a program titled "A Community Vision, Building Youth Assets." The goal of the program is to begin the programmatic blend of the Asset Building Approach and the Quality Schools program within our community and school settings to create a caring environment for adolescents and youth in Manchester.

Activities that have been accomplished since the first of October are: 1.) Focus groups coordinated in the 5th through 12th grades; 2.) A Town Meeting; and, 3.) Administration of the Search Institute Profiles of Life: Attitudes and Behaviors survey.

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 I'm glad some things never change
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I see our farm in the distance,
 The barns so Christmas red,
 The farmhouse is so beautiful.
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This old road still dirt and bumpy,
 The countryside remains unchanged.
 Yes, if home is where your heart is,
 It always remains the same.

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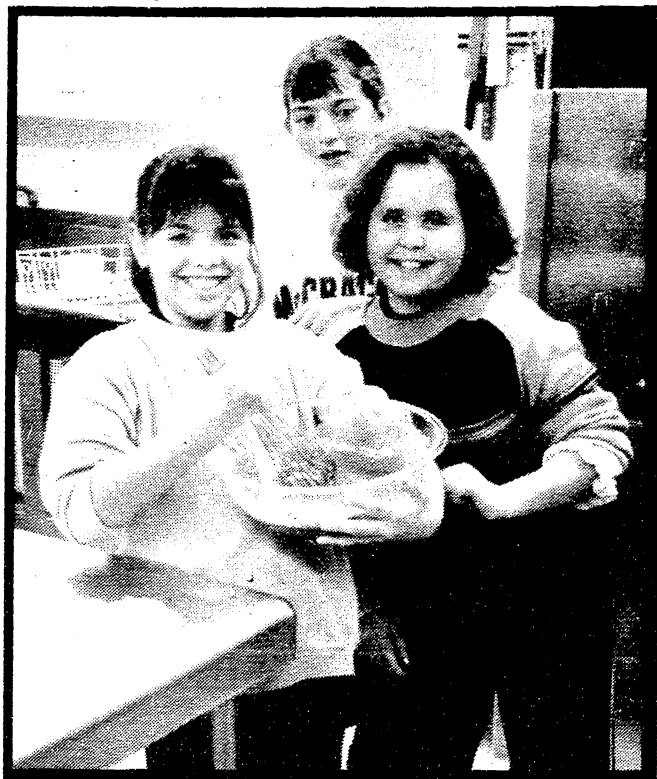
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Baking a Christmas Cake



Above: Some members of the troop cooked dinner in the Manchester United Methodist Church kitchen, Lynn Preston, Ashley Slocum and Allie Watson.

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once again sponsors The Giving Tree at D&N Bank. The theme is "Manchester helping Manchester kids stay warm." The troop made ornaments to decorate the tree in the bank's lobby. The community of Manchester is invited to bring new hats, mittens, scarves or socks to the bank, place them in the gift box, then take an ornament to hang on your family's tree.

The Giving Tree



Pictured around The Giving Tree are: Aimee Werner, Ashley Slocum, Jenny Schittenhelm, Holly Staten, Alanna Gerhinger, Rebecca Long, Melissa Cole, Lynn Preston, Sienna White, Allie Watson, Lauren Hone, Molly Sears and Santa's Troop 596's helper Justin Hone.

— by Toni Gross of Video World

Video Views

Where do I begin? December is FILLED with lots of good movies. Let's start with a good action movie: *Six Days and Seven Nights* stars Harrison Ford and Anne Hech. This movie is about one of my biggest fears — going down in a plane. That's what happens to Ford and Hech when she goes on vacation. When she must return suddenly they find themselves caught in a storm, crash, then get stranded on an island. Not liking one another, they find themselves in many life-threatening situations. But, is love in the air? Rent this one and see!

Who likes a good horror film? I do. *Halloween H20* was meant to scare! Jamie Lee Curtis returns in the 20th anniversary *Halloween* film that you will not forget. Curtis will be reunited with her biggest fear — Michael. Curtis runs a private school which her son attends. When the school plans a student trip, there are a few of them, including Curtis's son, who decide to stay behind. If they had known they would have an extra guest arriving, I think they would have went on the trip. A definite must see movie! Darin and I are still getting a good laugh out of watching Michael, always wondering why everyone is always running frantically when he is always walking as slow as he can!

Let's move to a comedy. *Almost Heroes* stars Perry and Farley as one of the funniest teams I have seen in awhile. These two guys set off on an adventure to discover the Pacific Ocean before their rivals, Lewis and Clark, beat them to it. Will Perry, the more conservative of the two, be able to complete this journey with Farley, the loud, obnoxious one? You just can't miss this journey of a lifetime.

These and many more box office hits will be in our store throughout the month of December. Have a safe and happy holiday!

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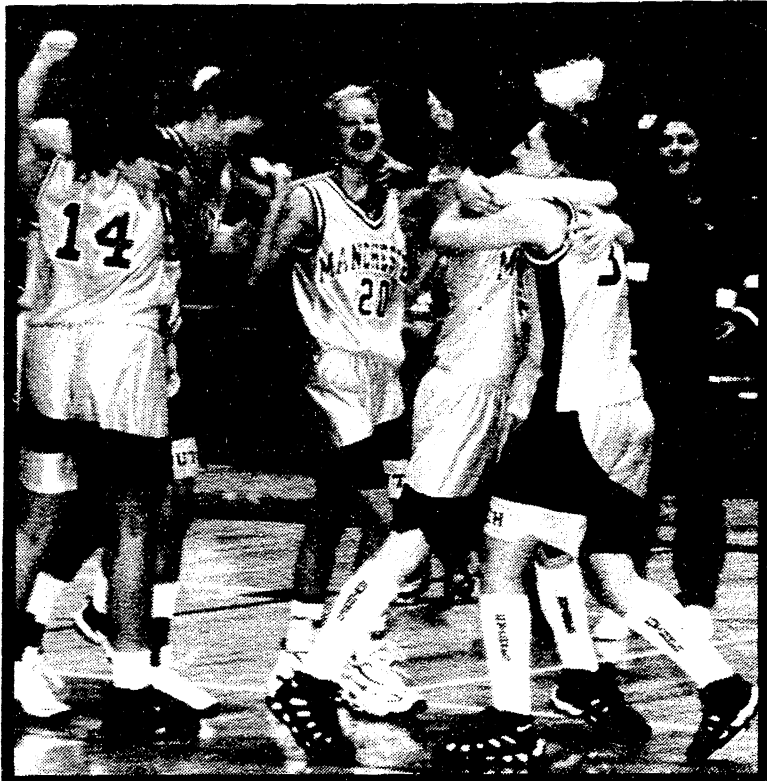
The Lady Dutch finished their season as District Champions with an overall record of 16-7 under coach John Wilkins. All 12 members of the varsity team maintained scholar athlete status: Brandi Aikens, Mary Barrett (Cascade All Conference), Amy Gall, Captain (Cascade All Conference), Amber Hoeft, Nicole Leverett, Marilyn Maher, Julie Porter-Captain, Amy Preston, Ashleigh Sewell, Ellen Supers, Erin Wiley (4.0) and Abra Wise (Cascade All Conference).

Celebrating with handshakes and hugs



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Above: #12 Abra Wise

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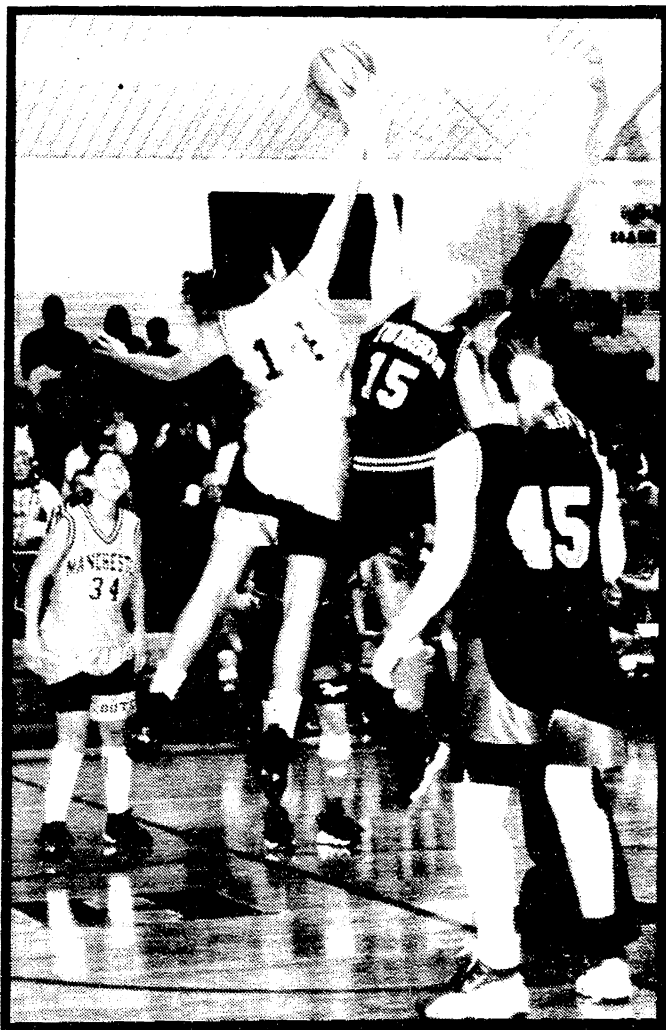
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Above: #34 Marilyn Maher looks confident.

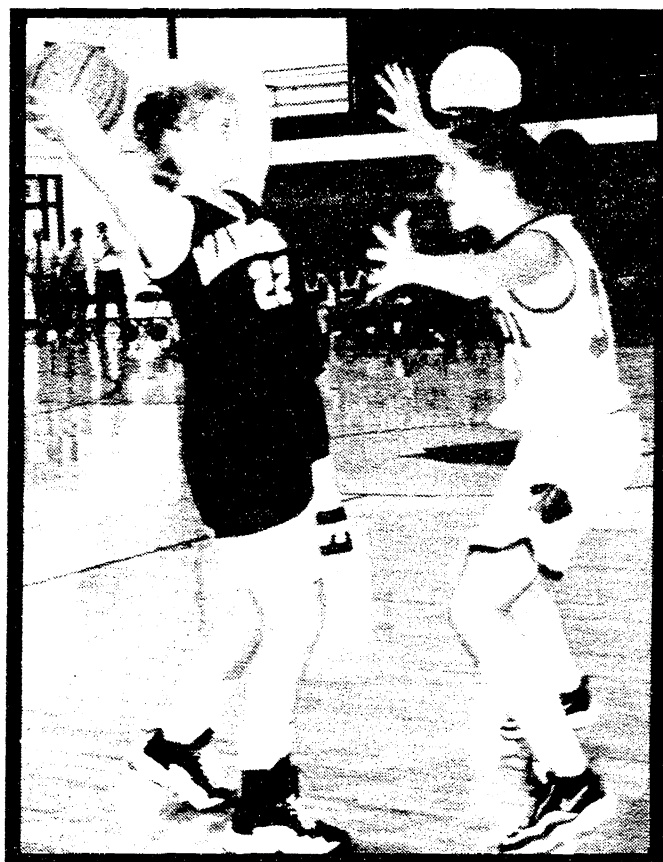
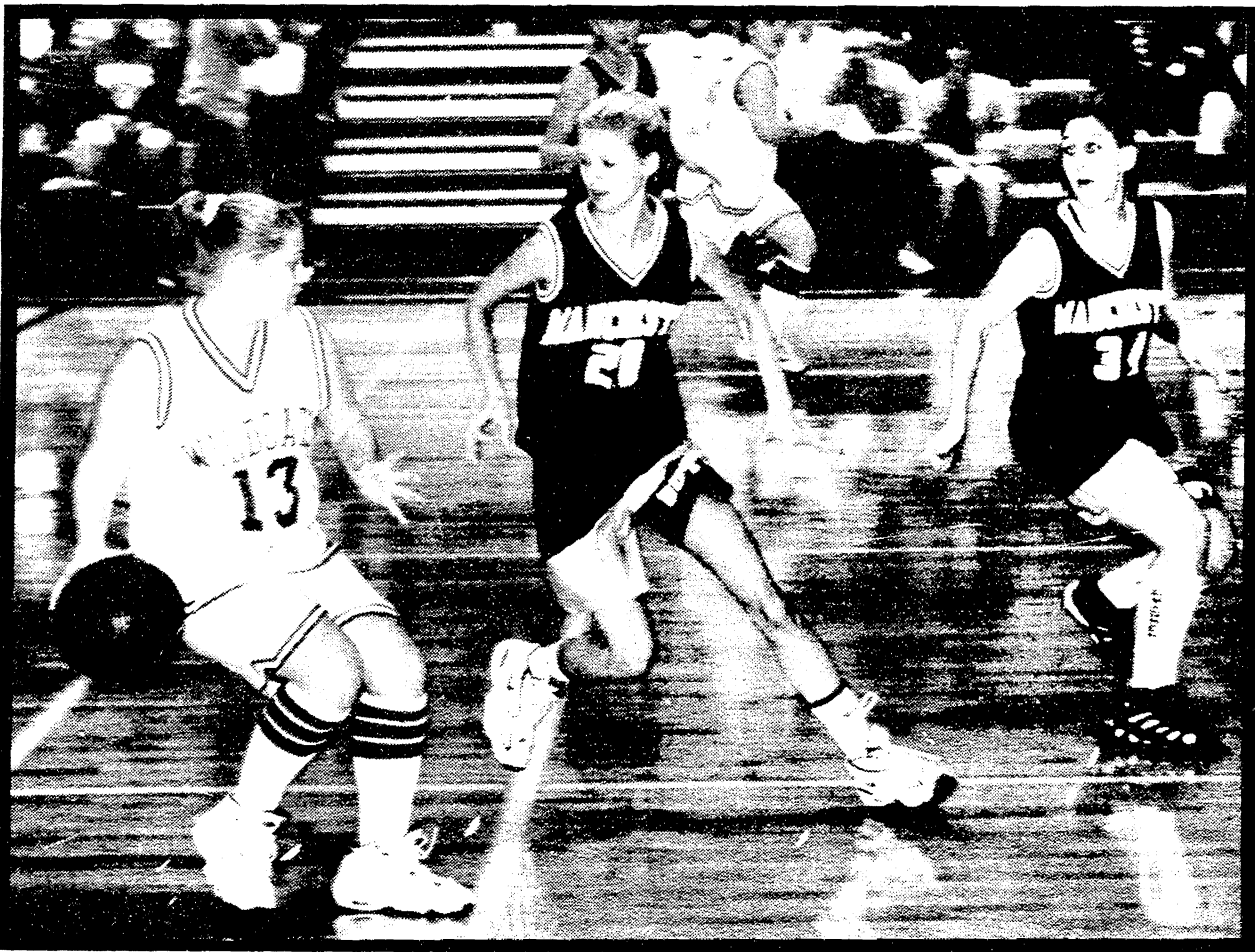
Lady Dutch Varsity Basketball District Champions

Below: #14 Mary Barrett captures the jump off.



Above: #52 Captain Julie Porter sinks a free throw

Below: #20 Nicole Leverett and #34 Marilyn Maher



Above: #22 Captain Amy Gall outmaneuvers defender.

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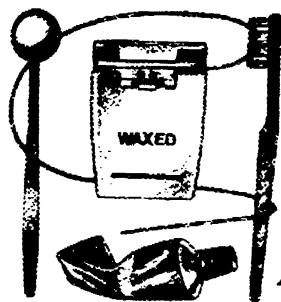
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Above: Ruth Burch samples the winning chili recipe of Kari Ball and Jean Robert.

Men's Club Chili Cookoff featured great recipes and some pretty good football



Above: The Stu Evans Ford crew put together a pot of chili with a great secret ingredient. Jean Moull, salesman Ken Moull's wife, confided it was cinnamon. Whatever — it was wonderful. Pictured above: General Manager Mike Harley, Ken Moull, Bob Rhees—from the Men's Club, responsible for much of the organization and success of the annual event, Dave Murray, Jay Freed and Scott Dee



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Cascades Conference Sportsmanship Summit

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What is the definition of good sportsmanship?

These issues were addressed by representatives of the Cascades Conference at Michigan Center on November 18th. Each high school participated by bringing together two students, one community parent and the Athletic Director from their community. Manchester was represented by Rachel Fleck-11th grade, Alex Kormendi-9th grade, Karen Smith-parent volunteer, and John Eisely-Athletic Director.

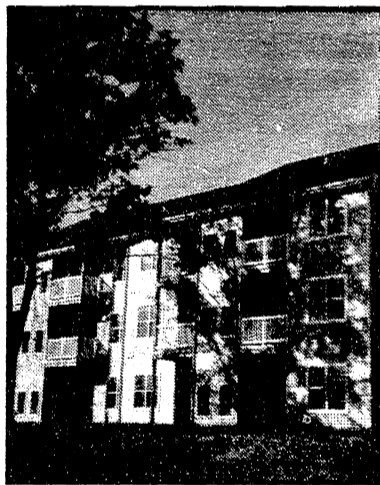
The group shared ideas and looked at other leagues and their approach to promoting sportsmanship in their schools and community. All schools agreed that sportsmanship was a growing concern and made a commitment to work together to improve it within the league and at individual schools. Brainstorming and problem solving created a long list of ideas, and another summit was scheduled for January. It will include a broader representation of students and parents in grades 6 through 12 to further discuss and promote this issue.

So, if you are a parent, student, athlete, coach, community member, or athletic booster, please think about your own behavior at an athletic event. Good sportsmanship is the best way to support your team!

— Karen Smith



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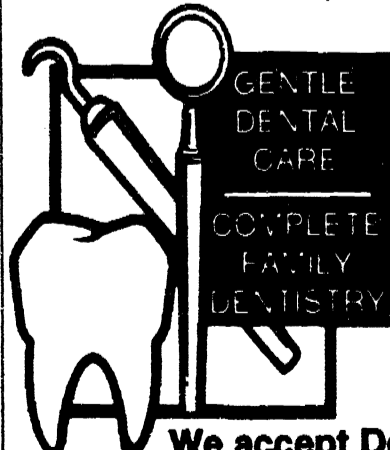
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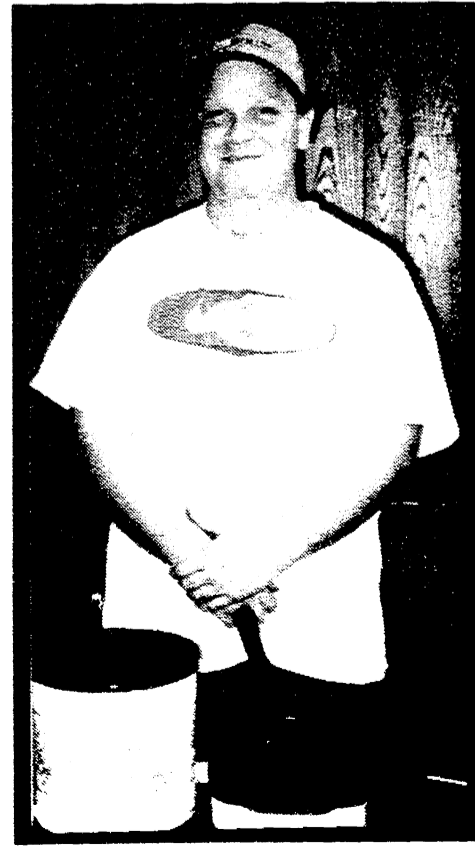
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2nd place Chili Cookoff winner, Lee Evilsizer, and 3rd place Brian Harper





Manchester Men's Club members load the lot for their annual Christmas tree sales. One hundred percent of proceeds from the sales go back into the community towards many Men's Club projects. — photo/kk

Nick Davis: from *Sports Illustrated*

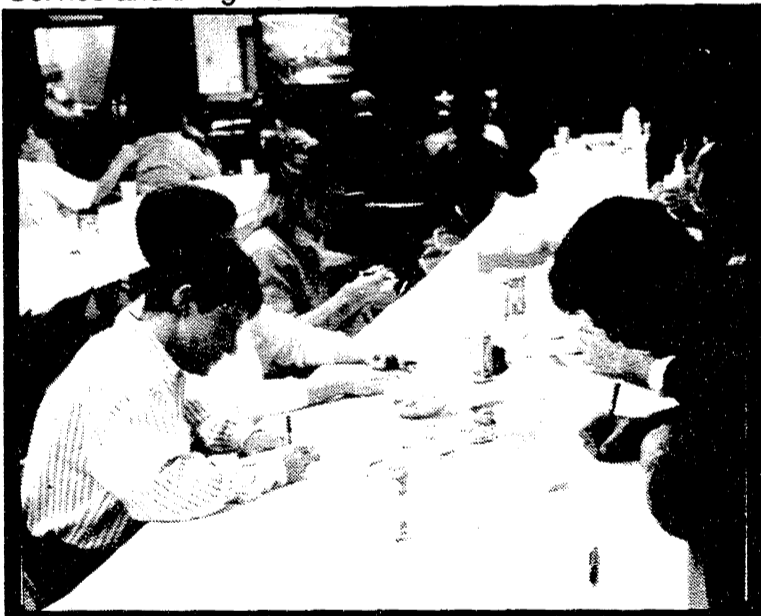
Sports Illustrated, November 20, 1998:

Yes, *Sports Illustrated*!

When Nick Davis came to Wisconsin this fall he knew his best chance to make an impression on coach Barry Alvarez was to excel as a return man. The Badgers were last in the Big Ten in kickoff and punt returns in 1997, and Davis, a 5'10", 180-pound freshman from Manchester, Mich., quickly proved he was the explosive special teams player Wisconsin desperately needed...

In the November 14th Wisconsin Badger 24-3 victory against Penn State, after returning a punt, Davis went 82 yards for a touchdown.

Below: Chili Cookoff judges had to make some difficult decisions. John Mooneyham, Al Currey, Herb Mahoney, Kim Lee, Sue Miller, Betsy Service and Dwight Swain



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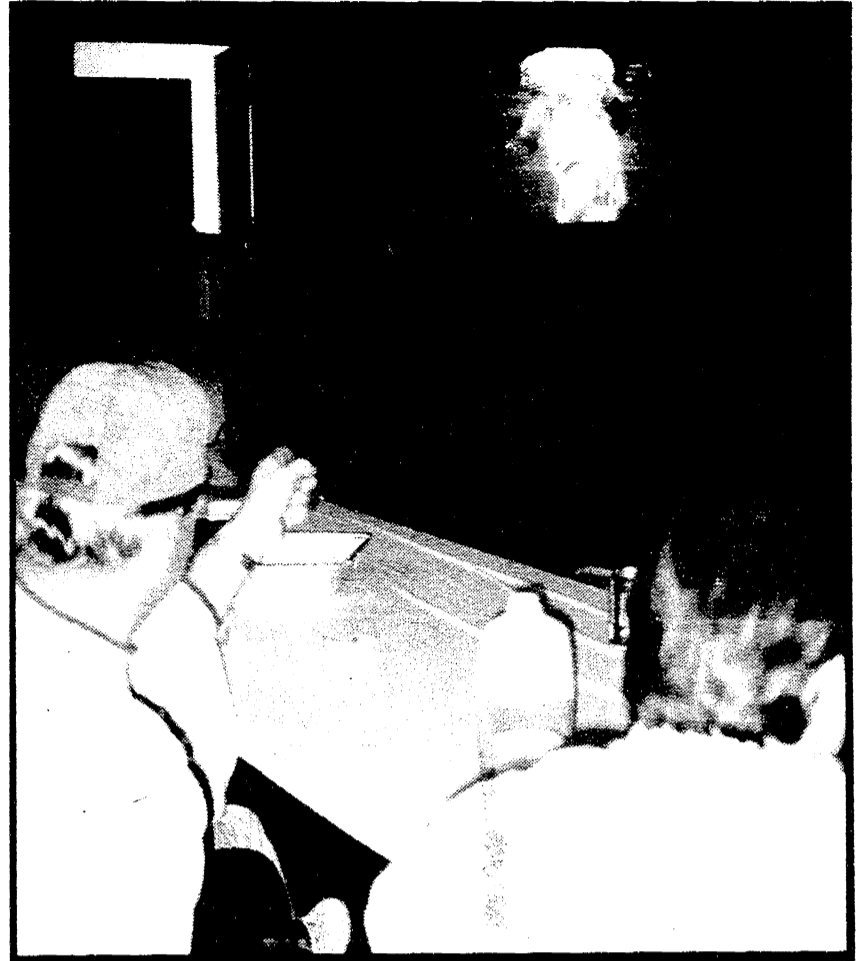
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Tuned In On #22 at the Chili Cookoff



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"The ball seemed to hang in the air forever. I was trying to decide whether to signal for a fair catch when I saw I had some room. As soon as I caught the ball, I noticed my teammates Willie Austin and Carlease Clark take out the sprinters on either side of me, and I took off up the field.

"I ran straight ahead for 10 yards, and then as I tried to cut to my right, I felt myself stumble a bit...

"...and ran up a lane my blockers had cleared along the right sideline. Near the 40-yard line I started looking for the kicker. As he came into view, I watched Donte

King lay him out and another guy throw a great block at the 50...

"Before the game I knew that one big play on special teams could turn the game around...

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Fusilier Serves on State Farm Bureau Committee

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Farm Bureaus in Michigan. After much debate, the resolutions were condensed to 134. The committee will present these policy recommendations to delegates for consideration at Michigan Farm Bureau's 79th annual meeting in December in Traverse City.

If the resolutions are adopted, they become MFB policy for the ensuing year. Staff and legislative counsels will use these policies as targets for change.

"Mike Fusilier and all the committee members are serving Farm Bureau and agriculture," said MFB president Jack Laurie. "In addition, they have the unique opportunity to hear from state government, Michigan State University, agribusiness and private business to get their input on issues. This background is valuable in considering and understanding how their decisions will have an impact on the entire state."

MFB prides itself on being a grass roots organization by taking the concerns of farmers from every county in the state and bringing them together to create policy and direction for the coming year.

Each year Michigan Farm Bureau, the state's largest general farm organization, undergoes this process. "It's a great opportunity for us to throw out old policies and start anew," said Wayne Wood, committee chair. "By revisiting these every year, we're adjusting for factors that change the way we live and do business each year."

WASHTENAW COUNTY FARMERS LOOKING FOR NEW SOLUTIONS IN WAKE OF PROPOSAL 1 DEFEAT.

Just a few years ago, Mike Fusilier was finishing 3,000 hogs a year. Today, the Manchester Township farmer's operation has been reduced to primarily a greenhouse operation. Urban sprawl has forced farmers like Fusilier to either abandon their farming operations or dramatically change. It's not a new problem in Michigan, but one still imploring a solution.

Washtenaw County was the first to tackle the issue with a plan to control growth and curb farmland loss. But voters didn't buy in, rejecting Proposal 1 and its 0.4 mill property tax, which was to be levied each year over a 10-year period to help protect farmland and open space.

"I think this is a real setback for agriculture in Washtenaw County," Fusilier said in reaction to the proposal's 52,260 to 38,643 defeat. "I'm disappointed with the results. You're going to see farming decline in this county until it's extinct. Farmers can't buy farmland and cash flow it, so young farmers are having a very difficult time purchasing any ground. This defeat is going to make it much more difficult."

The Washtenaw Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) proposal would have generated an estimated \$3.5 million annually, of which 50 percent was earmarked for voluntary purchase of development rights from farmers, who, in return, give up the right to ever develop their property.

Two groups united to campaign for the proposal, "Save Our Land, Save Our Future," funded by a mix of individual citizens and environmental interest groups, and "Farmers for Farmland Preservation," supported largely by 10 county Farm Bureaus across the state.

Earl Horning, chair of Farmers for Farmland Preservation, says even though the campaign included much literature and exposure on the issue, voters needed more education about farmland preservation and what the proposal would do for Washtenaw County. "Many of them didn't understand. I don't have an answer for what happened at the polls other than it was big money that stopped the issue."

Over the last 15 years, Washtenaw County has lost 60,000 acres of farmland to development. Many farmers

Cookies and Caroling



THE MANCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY's annual cookie exchange and caroling will be December 15, 7:30 p.m. at Sharon House Bed & Breakfast, the home of Carl and Sharon Curtis, 8533 Sharon Hollow Road.

As usual, bring a plate of cookies and a good appetite to sample those that others bring. Punch and coffee will be provided to keep your throats open for singing. You will also have an opportunity to buy a plate or two to take home. Proceeds from the sale of the cookies go to Manchester Family Services.

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see the defeat of the proposal as a green light for that trend to continue. "Its economic impact will be astounding as farmers continue to move out rather than face increased traffic and nuisance complaints about sound agricultural practices," Horning said.

The proposal was met with strong opposition from Washtenaw Citizens for Responsible Growth, a group comprised and funded by home builders, contractors and realtors.

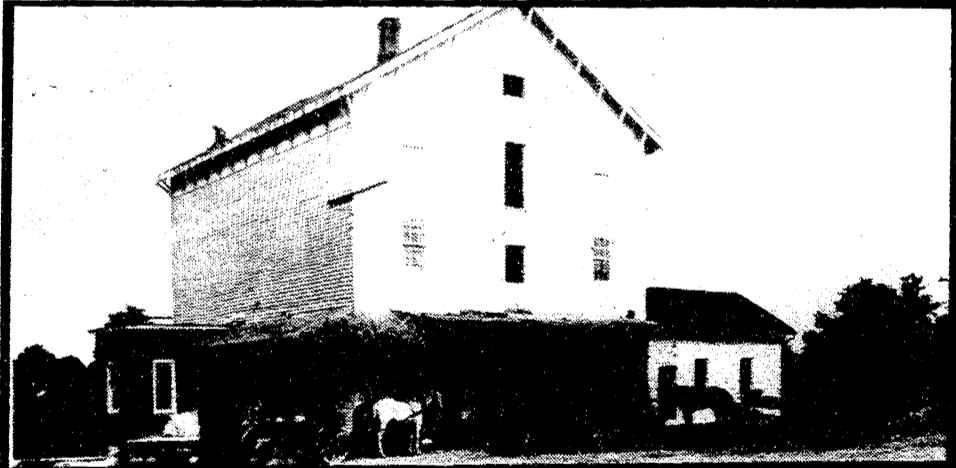
After hearing the election results, Washtenaw County Farm Bureau president Laverne Leach, of Manchester, says he's trying to figure out what went

wrong and what could have been done differently to get the proposal passed. "According to some early phone grids, it was indicating about 70 percent in favor," he said. "I was surprised to hear it went down in pretty much all the townships, only carrying Ann Arbor."

While the results were not what the Farm Bureau wanted, Leach says they're not giving up. "I think we need to look at other options. We need to meet with the committee that opposed it and find out what better way there is," he said. "This proposal has worked in Maryland and Pennsylvania and some of the other states, but evidently the people here weren't for it. I'm interested to see what other solutions are out there."

Leach hopes Washtenaw's election results won't discourage other counties from trying to preserve farmland in a similar manner. "Hopefully we'll see some results in this state as a result of the increased awareness brought forth by this proposal," he said. "It is my sincere hope that the issue of farmland preservation will remain in the spotlight long enough to develop alternative solutions to curbing urban sprawl — before it's too late."

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THE MANCHESTER AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY held its regular monthly meeting at the Blacksmith Shop on Tuesday, November 17. A program on the Manchester Township Library was presented by Patty Swaney and Ann Fowler.

In 1838, a small tax-supported library was founded. It was located in the clerk's house and was open from

two o'clock to four o'clock in the afternoon on Saturdays. The books were kept in an enclosed case on a table. The budget was \$25 to \$50 per year. By 1854, the library owned 872 books. By 1870, Manchester's library was the third largest in Washtenaw County.

In 1909, the literary clubs met and formed a permanent organization. They were the Twentieth Century Club, the Shakespeare Club, the Saturday Club, and the Historical Club. These clubs provided a great deal of support over the years. The Twentieth Century and Shakespeare Clubs and the Manchester Area Historical Society still provide support to the library.

The library was housed in several different locations until 1934 when the library association bought the Lynch House for \$1,200. When Jane Palmer was the librarian, she lived upstairs and the library was housed on the ground floor.

In the 1930s, the operation of the library was switched to a board run organization to be eligible for state funds. The board members must be from Manchester Township. In 1955, the library received \$56.55 from the state. Last year, it received about \$6,000. Funding for the library comes from Manchester Township, a percentage of penal fines, and donations by individuals and organizations.

In 1964, the Maginn Historical Room was dedicated. The name was later changed to the Claire Reck Historical Room. It contains files by family name, events, churches, and schools. Other files include war records, cemetery records. MOMS (Mothers of Men in the Service) information,

Landsmen of Washtenaw County, Michigan historical volumes, two Manchester histories, atlases from 1874, alumni records and directories, and high school year-books.

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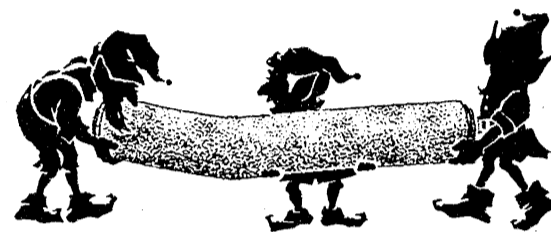
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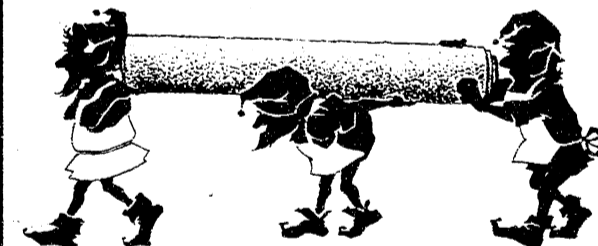


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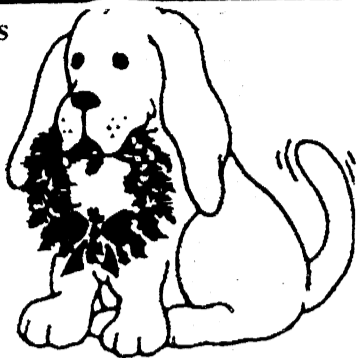
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13	6:30 Optimist Club 14 8 M'r Twp Board 8 Fair Board 7:30 Bridg'r Twp Plan Comm 8 Knights of Columbus	Vilg Curbside Recy 15 9:30 Sr Yoga 11:30 Sr Clergy 12 Sr Dinner 7:30 Vilg Plan Comm 7:30 Hist Society Christmas Party. See page 8.	7:30a Coalition for 16 Health St. Mary's Hall 7:30 Men's Club 7:30 Bridgewater Twp Board	12 Sr dinner 17 12:30 Bingo 9a Chamber Board Noon Sr Dinner 7:30 Purple Heart 8 Sharon Twp Plan Comm	6:30 Community 18 Christmas Caroling at the Gazebo 	7:30 Kiwanis at 19 Black Sheep
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Parents For Children will hold a rally in front of the Washtenaw County Courthouse in Ann Arbor on December 17 at 7:00 p.m. The rally is in support of the Citizens Friend of the Court Advisory Committee.

For more information, please call Jim Runestad, Family Law Support Group, at (810) 445-0681.

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For more information or to order your First Aid Kit and gift certificates, please call (734) 971-5300.



The Manchester American Legion has received many compliments for flying the United States flags on our village streets on appropriate flag days during the year. Local residents and others passing through feel this is another "something special" from the small town of Manchester. Our flags have become somewhat battered and faded. Therefore, as in the past, we are requesting donations to replace flags and/or poles as becomes necessary. We appreciate any contributions. Donations may be mailed to Manchester American Legion, 203 Adrian St., Manchester, MI 48158.

Town Meeting brings together all ages

One of the Community Resource Center's many events of 1998 included the Town Meeting held November 14.

Pictured, left to right: Colleen Pateula-MHS Counselor, Kathy Wahl-Spectrum Washtenaw Council on Alcoholism, parent Karen Tobias, and MHS students Jackie Palms and Jeremiah Tobias.



Greetings from the Community Resource Center:

We've had a great year and have some exciting new projects started for next year! Our booth at the Manchester Community Fair was busy; over 75 people stopped by for blood pressure checks and information on health issues.

We had 32 people participate in our August Golf Outing fund raiser and we're looking for people to help with the planning for next year's event.

This fall we had a Manchester Coalition for Health program that included health screening and fitness tips. We hosted a "Manchester As Community" program to discuss the possibilities for growth in our community and the importance of planning to meet the needs of people who live in our area.

As the Community Resource Center, we appreciate the support you have given this past year. We THANK YOU for your continued support. Donations can be mailed to P. O. Box 433, Manchester, MI 48158-0433. All contributions are tax deductible.

We would like to extend to you an invitation to stop by the CRC, share your ideas or suggestions for programs, attend one of our events, participate in a meeting, become a board member, or serve as a volunteer for one of our projects. Our phone number is 428-7722.

Merry Christmas!

—Linda Mussio
CRC Board Member



At the CRC Town Meeting, left to right: Klager Elementary School Principal Brian Kissman; MHS student Valerie Urda; Washtenaw County Sheriff Deputy Marcus Kirby; and Community Resource Center Board President Susan Gisting

On October 28, Chelsea Community Hospital hosted the Annual Benefit Banquet and Volunteer Recognition. Dr. Eddie Erlanson spoke about healthy living. We recognized 10 community volunteers and also raised funds for the CRC.

We are currently working with Manchester Community Schools on a program called "A Community Vision: Building Youth Assets." One goal of this ambitious program is to improve the bond young people feel with their community. Focus groups were facilitated in grades 5 through 12 to identify what our youth believe they need from their home, school and community to become the very best that they can be. About 125 students participated in the program.

The Community Resource Center sponsored a Town Meeting on November 14. Mr. Orville Dean discussed issues relating to youth development. Brainstorming sessions were conducted to gather ideas that could be implemented to enhance the quality of life for the youth in Manchester. A committee has been formed to create ongoing visions for youth development.

In November, the CRC recruited volunteers to administer an Attitudes and Behavior survey in grades 6-12. The survey was funded by Lutheran Brotherhood. The data will guide our future efforts on the asset building program.

Lutheran Brotherhood, continued from page 2

The Lutheran Brotherhood certificate covered the expense of the survey and part of the data processing cost. The data gathered through these vehicles of communication will help the school and community-at-large better understand the needs of our young people.

A team of people is being organized to: 1.) Evaluate the Town Meeting information; 2.) Evaluate the trends in our community as they relate to the health of our youth; and, 3.) Develop a vision for youth development in the community of Manchester.

Lutheran Brotherhood is a member-owned fraternal benefit society of 1.1 million Lutherans joined together for financial security, benevolent outreach and volunteer service. Karen R. Bristle represents Lutheran Brotherhood in the Washtenaw County area.

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Klager Kids United Way Poster Contest Winners



The bicycle was won by second grader Blake Bondy. Other first and second place winners were: Justine Owen, Kevin Fielder, Patrick Power and Casey Davenport. In photos with winners are Klager principal Brian Kissman, and United Way chairpersons Joyce Golightly, Sula Jeffers and Karen Hinckley. All prizes donated by Kleinschmidt True Value Hardware



— photos by Kathy Kueffner



Don't forget the Manchester Beautification Committee's Holiday Home Decorating Awards.

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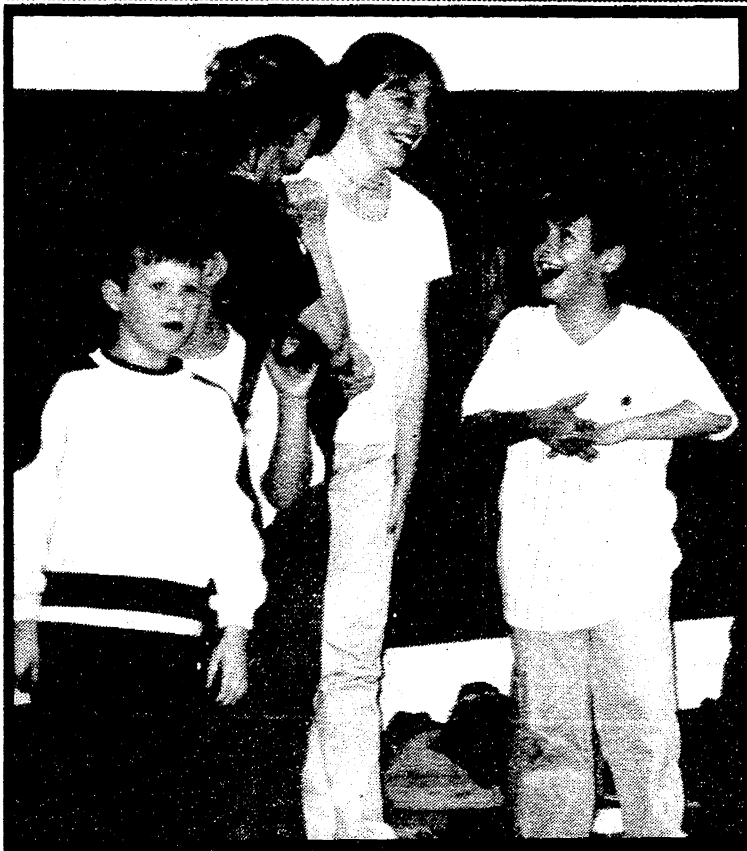
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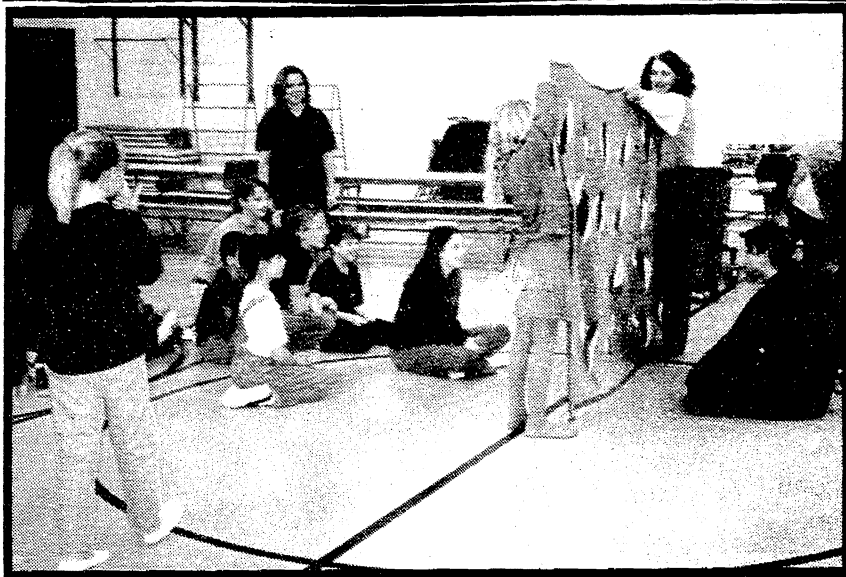
New at Manchester High School: Big Brothers and Big Sisters of MHS



Right: The faces of the children reflect the fun they're having. Below: Nick Rose, Kathryn Horodeczny and Klager youngsters yell "Red Rover, Red Rover...!"



Photos left: The point of this game is to be the first to name the person across from you



when the blanket drops. Above: Emily Tucker and Jackie Palms; below: story's author Valerie Urda and teacher/advisor Diane Clark.



MANCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL LEADERSHIP CLASS HAS INTRODUCED A NEW PROGRAM AT KLAGER ELEMENTARY CALLED "BIG BROTHERS AND BIG SISTERS OF MHS".

The goals of this program include giving high school students the opportunity to demonstrate leadership qualities and to be positive role models.

By reaching these goals, high school students hope to enrich the lives of our younger Klager friends. Group activities such as tie dye, games, cooking, movie and pizza night, etc. will be held once a month after school. One on one activities will be held every other Friday

during school. Big brothers and sisters get to eat lunch with their new friends and spend some time playing or getting to know each other at recess.

Members of the leadership class that are participating in this program include: Mary Barrett, Valerie Urda, Joanne Eversole, Kevin Riegle, Jon Miller, Melissa Hoeft, Megan Kennedy, Danielle Croghan, Kathryn Horodeczny, Nick Rose, Abra Wise, Michelle Barker, Anthony Smith, Jackie Palms, Marilyn Maher, Emily

Tucker, Taryn Meyer and Holly Sutton.

The program is off to a good start. We would especially like to thank those parents at Klager who have allowed their children to be part of this pilot program for the 1998-99 school year. We are open to ideas or suggestions at any time. We hope that all the big brothers and sisters and little brothers and sisters find this new adventure very worthwhile! — Valerie Urda



My Trip To Germany, Part IV: Stuttgart

— by Jessie Randall

It was difficult to leave Berlin, but we had so much more of Germany to see. Right when we got off the plane in Stuttgart, we headed for Gottlieb-Daimler Stadium where Stuttgart's soccer club practice. There we got tips from some of Germany's best soccer players. We also split up into teams and competed at different soccer drills. I am proud to say my team got the gold medal. Everyone was full of energy and had a great time.

After we finished our soccer tournament, we headed out to the parking lot to meet our host families. I remember feeling extremely nervous, but I soon learned I had no reason to be. The car ride to their house in Jettingen, a suburb of Stuttgart, took about an hour. During that ride, I quickly discovered that my host parents, Norbert and Bridget Kaiser (photo upper right), spoke very little English, and I learned to depend on my sisters, Julia (16), and Katja (18) to translate.

We arrived at their home and they gave me the grand tour. They lived in a small neighborhood in a nice subdivision. Since Germany is much smaller than the United States, their yard, or "garden", as they call it, was extremely tiny. Instead of being wide, the house was tall, four stories, including the basement. I was fortunate to get my own room because they had a lot of space to spare.

In the week I spent with my German family, we became very close. Through them I had a chance to experience German family life. We went shopping, out to clubs, toured castles, and attended festivals, which were apparently celebrating the World Cup playoffs. One morning I even got the chance to attend school with my oldest host sister, Katja. The school building was much larger than I'm used to. The classes were about the same size as in Manchester, twenty to thirty students in a class, but the classes lasted longer, usually a little over an hour. The students got "smoke breaks" where they would all congregate to a designated area outside to socialize and smoke, which you would never see in an American school. Unfortunately, I can't say schools in Germany are any more exciting than schools in America!

My favorite and most memorable parts of my home stay in Germany were the meals we enjoyed together, and basically just being together as a "family." We ate a lot of fish, bread, and vegetables. One night they even made hamburgers and french fries so I could have an "American meal!" Almost every night after dinner, we would travel to a nearby town to get ice cream. (Ger-



mans make some of the best ice cream in the world.)

I'll never forget how they always made an effort to include me in all of their conversations, and how comfortable I felt being there. Obviously, I was very upset when it came time to move on. My host mother gave me lots of souvenirs such as chocolates, a stuffed animal, candles, and sea shells and sand from the North Sea, so I would always remember them.

Although leaving my host family was difficult, it was great to be back with the group. Before leaving for Bremen, we visited the Daimler-Benz Car Museum and learned a lot about how Daimler-Benz came to be and how Mercedes Benz vehicles are built.

Behind schedule, as usual, we had to leave early for Bremen, but I'll never forget the beauty of Stuttgart, the luscious green countryside, the incredible ancient buildings, or the cute houses in neat little rows. I could also never forget the hospitality of my host family and I know I will always have a "home" in Stuttgart, Germany!

A COLD DAY IN NOVEMBER. THAT'S THE WAY I REMEMBER IT. There'd been a bad windstorm during the night and the cold weather blustered in astride it. Almost every house had an antenna on the roof in those days and most of them tipped to the east like a candle that had got too warm. At the time I am almost certain that I remembered the wind being out of the east the night before. Signs along the highway, like Bide-A-Wee Motel and Cleo's Coffee Shop, lay flat on the ground every mile or so.

It was the night the Edmond Fitzgerald went down. If I think about it, it still makes me sad. It bothers me that they knew for quite a few hours that they hadn't a prayer, that they just had to wait for the cold water. It doesn't bother me much to think about getting kicked in the head and killed, but I surely would hate to know that the kick that would do the job was on its way.

I got through that day all right, it's always easier when it's someone else's trouble, but it was still on my mind when Ally (pronounced Olly) Albert showed up at my office with half a dozen or so ruptured pigs. The way I felt was that it was a day of mourning and not a day to be thinking about ruptured pigs, let alone repairing them.

I like pigs all right as a species, and I think they're real smart. If given half a chance, maybe I should say choice, they're cleaner than a lot of people I could mention. Part of the trouble is that I became upwardly mobile and as my pet animal practice materialized, I became somewhat sensitive about odors in the office. I had gotten so that I could smell a hog farmer over the telephone; the odor hangs over them like a fog on the lowlands in the fall.

Ally's dad was one of my very first clients when I first put up my sign so many years ago. These people were so hard up for a veterinarian that when I arrived they even called me "Doctor."

The Lord finally delivered Ally's dad into the waiting arms of his ancestors after about thirty years of drinking anything that contained alcohol. Quality was

never of any concern to him. He kept coondogs that he loved more dearly than anybody or anything but alcohol and he raised a few feeder cattle. I don't know what he lived on, maybe the missus worked out. There were a lot of two income families around there.

At any rate, I felt beholden to Ally's dad for trusting me, and paying me, such a long time ago and it still stood for this next generation.

Ally had never had hogs as far as I knew. His odor attested to that fact, so I asked him, "What are you planning to do with six ruptured pigs, Ally?"

He seemed a little embarrassed. "Gonna go in to raisin' 'em."

"Are they girls or boys?" I asked.

"All girls. I think."

"You do know how to tell, don't you, Ally?" Ally dug his toe into the floor, turned red in the face and wouldn't look at me. Finally he answered yes somewhat irritably. He was about sixteen years old and I shouldn't have been picking on him.

"I guess what I'm trying to say is that hernias in pigs are a hereditary problem," I explained, "and I'm not so sure you ought to be raising ruptured pigs."

"Neighbor given 'em to me. Won't have much into 'em. What ought I do with 'em?" asked Ally.

"Well, we can fix the hernias and then you can just fatten them and take them to market. Hogs are good property right now and the market will probably hold. Then you'll have enough to buy some good gilts, raise some good sound pigs. Good money in pigs most years. Call them mortgage raisers. Bring them in one at a time and we'll fix those hernias."

Ally was back to digging a hole in my linoleum with his toe. "Aint got no money, thought maybe I could give you one of 'em for fixin' the lot."

"I don't want a pig, Ally." I thought about his dead father. I'll just go ahead and fix them. You pay me later. It's OK."

"No. Ma says I can't do that. She said that's what you'd say 'cause dad and you was friends. She said to give you two of 'em then."

I was in a quandary. I didn't want two pigs twice as bad as I didn't want one pig. "I don't want a pig at all, Ally, but if that's the only way we're going to get the job done, I'll take a pig. First thing you know I'll have a whole herd of ruptured pigs and you won't have any otherwise."

We fixed the pigs. While they were all still asleep, he picked out the biggest of the lot and handed her to me. "I don't want that one," I said. "It's going to be my pig and if I can't pick the one I want then I won't take any."



Edmond

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

He let me take one of the smaller ones, thanked me kindly and left with the rest of them sleeping under straw in the back of the pickup truck.

Another quandary. What to do with a thirty-five pound pig, sound asleep on a cold night in November? I had an old brood mare up on the hill that was thinking a lot about dying and I wasn't ready for her to go yet. She was the original, the very first that was the dam or grandam of all my stock. She wouldn't eat, drank very little, just stood and moped. I really think she missed having babies. She was the one that taught the babies not to poop on the grazing meadowlands but to go over to the fence row.

I took that sleeping pig up on the hill where the mare was in the barn and buried it in the hay. It was the best thing I could have done. The pig stayed there all winter, burrowed in the hay to sleep, and made that mare's life miserable. She was so afraid that pig was going to get some of her feed that she actually got fat keeping it away from her feed pan.

I named the pig Edmond. She grew but she stayed a little on the lean side. The mare would catch it eating out of her pan and she would become enraged. Until Edmond got big, the mare would grab her and toss her right out of the paddock.

Spring came. The mare was well again and got turned out to take care of the new babies. Edmond went along. I never fed that pig again. She followed the horses all that spring and summer. She grubbed for worms and ate roots and whatever else hogs eat when given a choice. When the horses congregated to stand and stomp flies and give the babies a chance to rest, the pig would go to sleep and the dust they stirred up would keep the flies off her. She was such a deep sleeper that often the horses would sneak off quietly and leave her there dreaming. When she awoke, she would be furious to find herself alone. She would gallop to the highest point in the field, cast about snorting until she spotted the herd and then make a beeline to their midst where she would crank her head sideways to each one of them and give them a good jaw-boning. One by one.

By fall, Edmond was very large. Also, Edmond had developed a mind a her own. Edmond found that she could crowd under the bottom rail of the fence in certain places and go out and stand in the middle of

M-40. Some thoughtful driver would then call the sheriff and out would come the deputy to make inquiries as to who might have a big hog running the roads. He never asked me and everyone else in the family denied it. It was one of these family secrets where nobody wanted to admit that we had a hog running with the horses. What would the better class of people say if they knew? I had to do something with her. I hated to see her slaughtered and there was no way I was going to eat Edmond as close as we'd been. So I had Bill Page come and pick her up when I was gone and I assume to this day that she became a brood sow. He paid for her by the pound. She weighed four hundred and fifty some, for which I received two hundred and sixty-two dollars. All of that I got for fixing six ruptured pigs for that boy Ally Albert.



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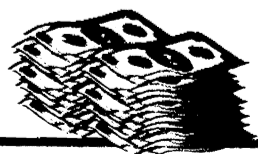
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A Simple Tale of Service and Payment

— by Mike Clinansmith

"I AM A WIDOW WOMAN LIVING ON A FIXED INCOME. I JUST CANNOT AFFORD TO PAY ANY MORE...". The plaintive plea of the elderly Sharon Township resident is only the tip of a rising tide of complaints about the mounting bills for emergency service in the four southwestern townships of Washtenaw county. More than a statement of inability to pay for services provided, these statements reflect a growing crisis in public governmental affairs that threatens to imbalance local budgets and cause more rancor as solutions are grasped at, tried and discarded in trying to reduce a growing debt. But I am ahead of myself...

In 1981, the County of Washtenaw contracted with the Huron Valley Ambulance Service (HVA) to provide county-wide service in emergency situations. From that time until roughly six years ago, little criticism or concern was voiced about the services received or the costs involved.

To pay for the emergency services, the various governmental units across Washtenaw county established regular fee rates to cover the personnel salaries and services actually provided. In the case of Sharon township, the fee for an emergency run now stands at \$300. If you make a call to 911, you are billed directly for that run. Simple enough right?

Not so!

Also beginning six years ago, the HVA provided an emergency truck to the Manchester Township Fire Department but not the staff to operate it. That was provided by the fire department itself. Currently that staff includes one certified paramedic, 10 to 15 emergency medical technicians (EMTs) with five from that group being necessary to man the vehicle.

Recently, Manchester Fire Department also acquired a new emergency vehicle valued at \$140,000 which was paid for through gifts and donations. With these facilities and state-of-the-art equipment, such as a defibrillator and oxygen tanks, etc., this wagon now services Sharon, Freedom, Manchester and most of Bridgewater Townships.

Each township has established fees charged to those who use this emergency service which, at most, cover less than half the actual cost of making an emergency run. As mentioned above, Sharon township charges about \$300.

Those who have used the emergency service do not get bills directly from the township involved, but rather

from HVA. As part of a unified structure, the townships decided a few years ago to let all billing for emergency services begin with HVA. For this service, HVA also charges a modest bookkeeping fee. Therein, as the philosopher said, lies the rub.

Whatever fee is charged is dictated by where the emergency run is to in the four township area. However, being unequal, the fees vary sharply. Coverage by health and fire insurance also varies.

"For example," states HVA president and CEO Dale Berry, "if the run involves a car fire, it is usually covered by fire insurance. Under most health and medical insurance policies, however, the run is not covered."

Berry went on to explain that locale also plays an important part in billing.

"If the incident responded to is on East Austin Road in Bridgewater Township, the person billed is responsible for the entire fee. On West Austin Road in Manchester Township, the local taxes paid cover the run."

The result of a typical year's runs, according to Berry, is that 40 percent of all emergency run assessments are "uncollectible."

"People just don't want to pay — for whatever reason.

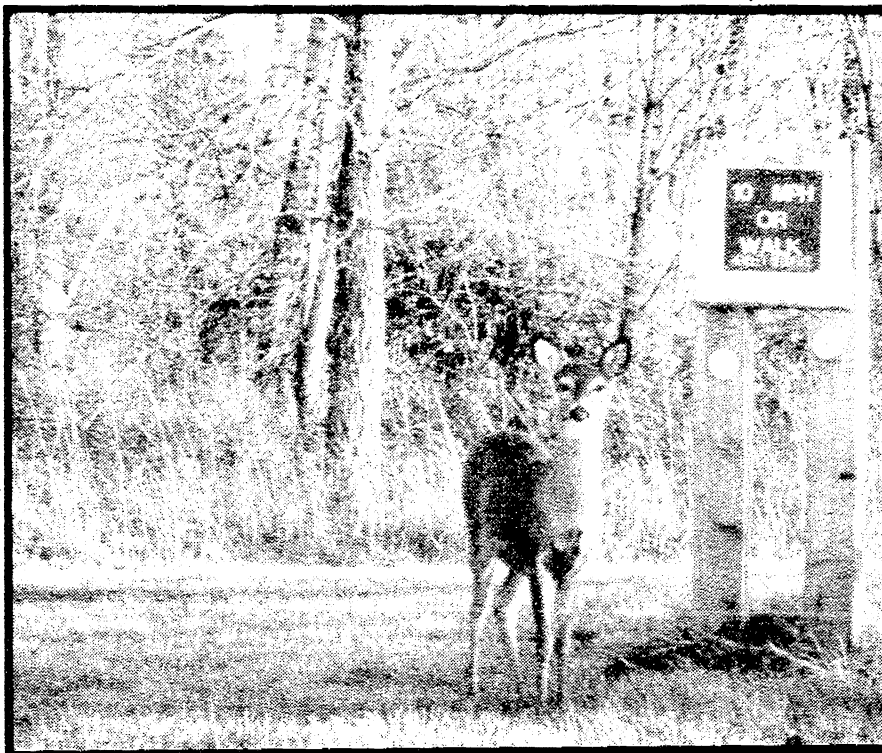
Which brings us to Sharon Township.

Township treasurer Lorraine Dunney told a recent meeting of the township board that there is an outstanding balance of \$7,000 attributed to emergency runs that have not been paid for. Of these, she estimates that only \$2,100 is "collectible."

According to recent practice, the township board would get the outstanding bill from HVA and then have to decide, on a case by case basis, what to do with each bill. The possible alternatives include 1.) complete forgiveness of the amount owed — rarely done; 2.) partial payment through negotiation — in cases of extreme hardship; or, 3.) sending on the bill to a collection agency. The last alternative, based upon the rising costs of

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emergency services, has become the alternative favored by Sharon.

At its November meeting, Sharon township authorized the treasurer to contract with Ann Arbor Credit Bureau to collect these unpaid charges. The new criteria will be that if the bill passes 90 days, it will be sent to them and the credit bureau will keep one-third of the recovered amount.

By a unanimous vote, and expressing much regret over the limited choice they were left with, the Sharon township board endorsed the transfer of all outstanding emergency run bills to AACB and expressed the hope that those still owing outstanding amounts would come forward and help decrease the debt. No one dared mention the alternative.

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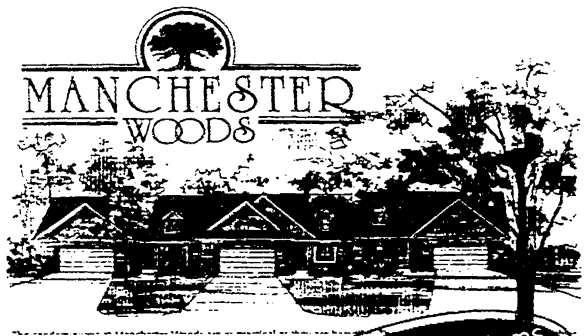
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Summary of Board of Education Minutes - November 16, 1998 - Not Official Minutes

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

Members present: Evans, Winzenz, Ellison, Roberts, Abbott (arrived 7:38 p.m.); Absent: Knouase, Ochs

The minutes of the regular meeting of October 19, 1998 and an addendum to the September 21, 1998 minutes were approved. The September treasurer's report was approved with a cash balance in the amount of \$810,019.60; total bills payable of \$743,669.48.

Correspondence included sympathy cards to Judy Hoeft upon the death of her uncle; Connie Achtenberg upon the death of her father; Larry Kunkle upon the death of his son-in-law. A copy of the article regarding Terri Monkiewicz receiving the Counselor of the Year for Washtenaw County and a letter from Superintendent Niedzwiecki.

Visitor Input

- > Jim Roberts - Policy for interviewing coaches;
- > Kathy Donnellon - Public participation policy
- > Bill Brannock - Reason for closed session on the agenda.

President Winzenz responded.

Board Bylaw 9369 Public Participation by Persons in Attendance at Open Meetings was adopted with all reference to Visitor Input changed to Public Participation and Bylaw 9368 Standing Rules was adopted as modified by eliminating items which are addressed in Board Bylaw 9369. Board Policy 1430 Child Abuse or Neglect was also adopted as presented.

The resolution establishing a separate designated account with the Michigan District Liquid Asset Fund Plus for funds generated from bond proceeds received as a result of the Durant settlement was approved as presented.

The Executive Committee of the Board suggested hosting a town meeting to gather community input on the facility needs of the district. Thursday, January 14, 1998 at Luther C. Klager Elementary School at 7:30 p.m. was agreed upon.

John Easley presented the financial report of the Fitness Center detailing donations, expenditures and receipts. He also updated the Board on the status of grant funding.

Brian Kissman presented information regarding the Bubbylonian Encounter assembly involving child abuse and safe touch which will be presented at Klager, Thursday, November 19, 1998.

Brad Roberts requested that the tape recording of the October 19, 1998 regular board meeting be reviewed to confirm the approving the freshman basketball coach.

The board entered into closed session at 8:29 p.m. to consider the purchase or lease of real property and returned to open session at 9:30 p.m.

Wayne Winzenz announced a special meeting scheduled for Monday, November 30, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. to consider technology network bids and conduct a closed session to consider the purchase or lease of real property.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

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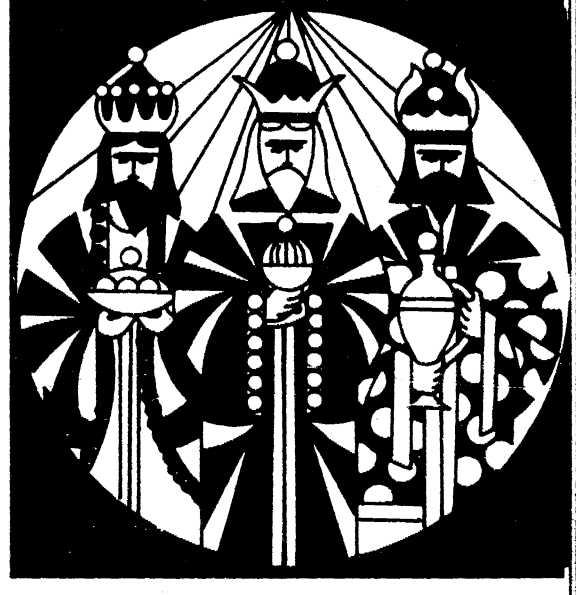
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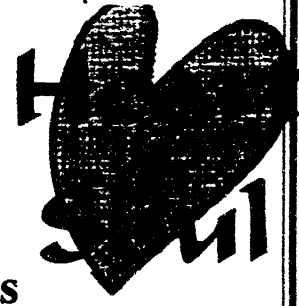
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The church bell sweet and clear,
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The advent of the year;

The glad anticipation
As loved ones turn toward home,

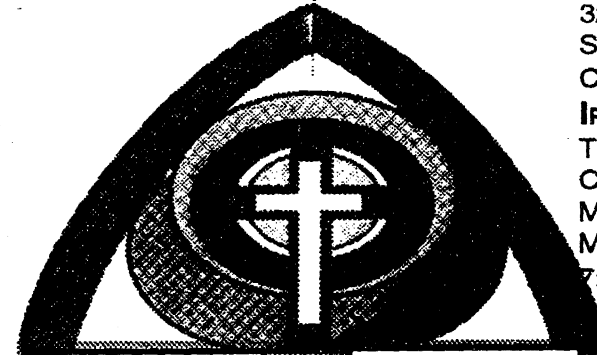
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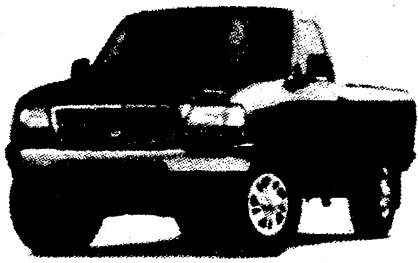
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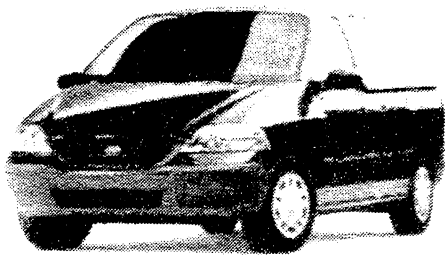
BUY: \$18,165 LEASE \$187/mo (3)*

• Add 4-Wheel Drive "Off Road"

BUY: \$21,120 LEASE: \$204/mo (1)*



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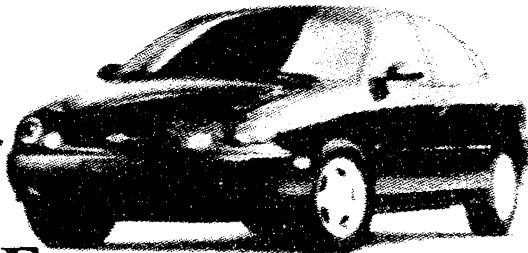
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1999 Windstar LX

• 4 Doors • Convenience Group • Alloy Wheels

BUY \$22,943 LEASE: \$259/mo (3)*

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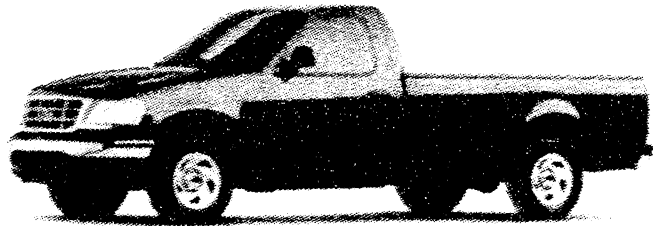


1999 Taurus SE

BUY: \$17,886 LEASE: \$237/mo (2)*

Add 24V Engine and Alloy Wheels

BUY: \$18,650 LEASE: \$248/mo (2)*



1999 F150

• Regular Cab XLT, Air, ABS, Auto Trans

BUY: \$19,623 LEASE: \$252/mo (3)*

• Add 4-Wheel Drive and V8

BUY \$21,922 LEASE: \$262/mo (3)*

• Supercab XLT

BUY: \$19,189 LEASE: \$236/mo (3)*

• Add 4X4 "Off Road" and 5.4L Engine

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- Change engine oil and filter
 - Includes up to 5 quarts of oil
 - Includes new filter
- Perform multi-point inspection
 - Check and fill:
 - window washer fluid
 - coolant recovery reservoir fluid
 - brake fluid
 - power steering fluid
 - transmission fluid
 - 4 x 4 transfer case, front drive axle
 - clutch reservoir fluid (truck only)
 - Check and adjust air pressure in all tires, including spare
 - Check exhaust system for leaks, damage, loose parts, and remove any foreign material trapped by shielding
 - Check operation of horn, exterior lamps, turn signals, and hazard warning lights
 - Check radiator, heater, and air conditioning hoses for leaks or damage
 - Check windshield washer spray and wiper operation
 - Inspect half shaft boots, if equipped
 - Check and lubricate steering, steering linkage, suspension, drive shaft U-joint (if equipped with grease fittings), slip yoke (if equipped with grease fittings) and transmission shift linkage

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