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NEWS BRIEFS

High School varsity basketball coach resigns

Manchester High School Varsity Men's Basketball Coach Matt Seidl resigned with a letter to the school board Monday night. The letter is printed on the Enterprise Commentary Page, 7A.

Seidl had been battling the school board for several months and won his job back by a narrow margin earlier in the summer. But in his resignation letter, he said that he believed that school board members would continue to attempt to dislodge him from his coaching position.

The school board accepted his resignation without comment at the meeting, and the letter was not read into the public record because it directed criticism at specific board members.

Seidl had coached the team for two years.

Village will consider purchasing old Ford plant

At the Sept. 8 meeting, the Manchester Village Council voted to provide funds to facilitate its consideration of purchasing the Uniloy Building. The building, also known as the "Old Ford Plant," is for sale.

After a lengthy closed session meeting, the Village Council emerged to vote in open session. The motion was to "authorize the Village Manager to research the acquisition of property for sale by Uniloy and expend an amount not to exceed \$10,000."

The property, located at the eastern edge of the Village, includes a primary building of nearly 20,000 square feet, an attached warehouse of about 8,400 square feet and two storage buildings that total about 6,000 square feet. There are about 15 acres of land involved.

Built in 1937, the building housed a power plant and small parts factory for Ford until closing in 1957. Under Johnson Controls, the building was extensively and attractively renovated ten years ago for use as an administrative office. Uniloy, in the process of downsizing its Manchester workforce, put the building on the market several weeks ago.

The space includes soaring ceilings, a great deal of natural lighting and attractive office space on three primary floors - a main level, a lower level and a mezzanine. The lobby area on the main level features the old power works from the early Ford period of the building.

The property is listed for sale by the Reinhart Company at \$1.5 million.

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Mobile home park company files suit

By Wanda Fish

Special Writer

The Landon Companies, based in Southfield, has filed a lawsuit against Sharon Township. The lawsuit, filed in Washtenaw County Circuit Court, requests the Court to take away the township's authority to make a decision on rezoning a 178-acre tract of land to permit a mobile home park. The Landon Company wants the state commission on mobile homes to make the zoning decision. The lawsuit also asks that Sharon Township pay the company's legal costs.

The land in question is located at the southeast corner of M-52 and Waldo Road and is presently zoned for agricultural use. Margarethe Kozminski, who now lives in Florida, owns it.

The proposed 693-unit mobile home park proposed by the Landon Companies was estimated by planners as having the potential to add some 1,700 people to the Township's population of about 1,600, effectively doubling the population.

ISSUES CITED in the Sharon Township's Planning

Commission's decision to recommend denial of the rezoning included population density, traffic congestion, and strains on local and county resources.

The Washtenaw County Metropolitan Planning Commission also recommended denial of the rezoning proposal.

The March 18 public hearing on the rezoning drew about 150 people to Sharon Township's small hall. Resident after resident spoke out against the impact the large mobile home park would have on the Township. In addition to the large crowd at the public hearing, the Township received a great deal of written comments protesting the application.

During the public hearing, a representative of The Landon Companies, Chuck Lauer, claimed that Sharon Township would be virtually forced to allow the rezoning because the Township had no area designated for a mobile home park.

THE TOWNSHIP'S General Development Plan does earmark a 40-acre parcel on the west side of Parr Road, north of Gieske Road for potential rezoning to accommodate a mobile home park, however. Under

Michigan's Mobile Home Commission Act, Townships cannot exclude mobile home parks. The law has been under increasing criticisms as rural areas in the state are being asked to allow the low-cost, high-density developments.

The Landon Companies' lawsuit also asks that the Township's zoning ordinance be declared invalid because it prohibits manufactured or mobile home housing. Sharon Township did adopt new rules and regulations regarding mobile home parks subsequent to the application filed in Jan. 1999.

No hearing date has been set. Circuit Court Judge David Swartz will hear the case. Judge Swartz was appointed to the Circuit Court in April, 1997.

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Alternative Education



Alternative education students Justin Brady and Marley Powers ponder their days at MAS. Both will graduate on time with their class, through this program.

Pleasant Lake school houses an alternative for many students

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand

Special Writer

Now in its third year, there is always something new at Manchester Alternative School. Currently at its capacity with 29 students and three full time staff members, the school also shares several teachers and staff with the High School.

"We have very positive students this year - I can already see a wonderful attitude in this building," says facilitator Kathy MacKercher. "The students are starting to come here because they want to be here. They don't have to be in trouble at school or failing academically, to come out here. This is just a viable alternative to some students."

"We see ourselves as co-existing with and complementing the program at the high school."

MacKercher says that although traditional high school programs work very well for the majority of the students, some kids simply need a different approach. The hands-on and real-life experiences they receive at alternative school give them the impetus to succeed.

WITH SMALLER class sizes (10-15 students as opposed to 25-30 in each classroom), there is more opportunity for individual attention, working things out, and some creativity in the program at alternative school, while keeping a strong focus on academics and an analytical approach to problem solving.

Students Justin Brady and Marley Powers are both in their second year at the Manchester Alternative School. While each has their own individual reasons for being at MAS, they share a common goal - to graduate on time with their class.

"High school was just not my cup of tea," says Powers. "There wasn't enough one-on-one. If you were having a bad day - or a bad year - there wasn't the support available that we have here."

"SO I DROPPED out of school at the end of my sophomore year. I had missed a lot of school and by that time, I only had a couple of credits to show for that two years of school. My mom encouraged me to try alternative school."

"Last year I cried at the end of the year. I didn't want school to end."

Brady's experiences were similar. "My first year in high school I was suspended...a lot of times."

I never fought, I never yelled at a teacher, but I kept getting suspended. I missed something like 117 days my freshman year.

"I came out here and it is much more comfortable. We get along here. The teachers - it's easier to get comfortable with them as people, rather than as authority figures."

Powers agrees. "By half way through the school year, it's not a school any more - it's a family. Even if we don't always get along, we find ways to work it out."

THE RULES at alternative school are simple:

- respect staff, students, materials and space
- be prepared for class
- engage in YOUR education
- have fun

As the school has evolved into its third year, MacKercher sees a greater emphasis on academics. "It's what the students want," she says. "We simply use a lot more creativity in the process."

The curriculum focuses on entwining creative forces with academics, as the faculty tries to promote the fine arts as well as abstract thought processes in their academic endeavors.

"We look a lot like a regular classroom," says MacKercher. "We incorporate both block scheduling and regular class periods into our schedules."

But Brady doesn't see the classes as "regular," and that's what's appealing to him.

"IN REGULAR school, you can't stand up if you want to. You have to force yourself to sit in your seat because that's what is expected of you. If you're thirsty, you can't have a drink. There's way too much conformity expected of you there." That's why he feels more comfortable at alternative school.

Parental support is integral to the program at alternative school. "We have a lot of parents who participate with us on a regular basis, and several who are on our advisory board," says MacKercher. One parent, Amy Powers, has made a quilt which the school will raffle in November. The quilt depicts a garden and includes a verse. "Our children are like flowers - with patience and love they bloom into a garden of delight." The quilt will be on display at United Bank and Trust and tickets will be available at locations

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Bridgewater board continues deliberating gravel problems

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand

Special Writer

About twenty citizens attended a public hearing in Bridgewater Township on Sept. 15 as the board considered granting a variance to Adrian Sand and Stone from the township's recently adopted gravel mining ordinance.

Quite a few comments and questions about the variance being considered, were directed to the board during the public hearing.

The ordinance states that a gravel pit must have access onto a Class A road, in order to pursue mining operations. At a prior meeting, the board had considered granting the variance, after an agreement would be signed with Washtenaw County Road Commission, to upgrade Bartlett Road to Class A. As drafted, the

construction would provide that construction would proceed over a three year period.

Some people in attendance at the public hearing suggested that no variance should be granted. These citizens believe that the company should be required to upgrade Bartlett Road before an expansion of the "Baker A" parcel is approved. Others agreed with the board, that it would be satisfactory to waive the ordinance contingent upon the proposed improvements being made over a three-year period.

"If and when an agreement is signed, it would have the blessing of declaratory judgement," said Supervisor Carol Peacock. "We would be content if they signed an agreement with the county. The gravel company is looking at a substantial investment - a cost of about \$1 mil-

lion, spread over 3 years."

THE BOARD considered what action to take later on that evening in their regularly scheduled meeting. Although a possible resolution was provided that would grant the variance with conditions, the board was not satisfied with the wording, and directed Peacock to clarify it with the township's attorney.

Peacock was also directed to look into some of the questions raised during the public hearing. What, in fact, would happen if Adrian Sand & Stone were required to fully complete the paving of Bartlett Road before they were allowed to begin mining on the Baker A parcel?

"We'll be doing some further investigation," said Peacock. "My sense is that the board is

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Optimists award student of the month

Kari Binder, the daughter of John and Janet Binder, has been selected as September's Student of the Month by the Manchester Optimist Club.

Kari is a senior at Manchester High School with a 4.0 grade point average. She has been on the honor roll throughout high school and has been awarded the MHS Academic Award for three years. As a junior, she also received the Society of Women Engineers "Madame Curie Medal" and merit certificate.

Kari is a member of the National Honor Society and has been the treasurer of her class for the past four years. She played softball in the ninth grade and volleyball in ninth and tenth grade, where she was a scholar athlete. Kari joined the German Club in her junior year, and



Senior Kari Binder is pictured with her parents, Janet and John Binder

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Community Calendar



Thursday, Sept. 23

7:30 PM - Community Resource Center Board

Friday, Sept. 24

7:00 PM - AA Meeting at Emanuel Church Kitchen

Monday, Sept. 27

Manchester Optimists meet at Emanuel Church
7:30 PM - Overeaters Anonymous meets at Chelsea United Methodist Church

Tuesday, Sept. 28

10:00 AM - LaLeche

League meets, call 428-8831 for more information

6:30 PM - Klager PTO meets at school, call 428-8321 for more information

7:00 PM - Bootstomper's at Emanuel Church

7:00 PM - Middle School PTA

7:30 PM - Manchester Historical Society meets at the Blacksmith Shop

Wednesday, Sept. 29

7:30 PM - Community Band

If you would like to have your group or organizations' event listed in the Community Calendar, please contact Julie Schaible by phone at 428-8173, by fax at 428-9044, by e-mail at Manchester@Heritage.com, or mail at The Manchester Enterprise, 109 East Main Street, Manchester Michigan, 48158. Deadlines to have items listed in the Community Calendar are Friday, by 5 p.m. to have items listed in the following Thursday's paper.

SWWCOG considers various issues and themes impacting this growing community

By Wanda Fish
Special Writer

The Southwest Washtenaw Council of Governments (SWWCOG), representatives from the Townships of Bridgewater, Freedom, Manchester and Sharon as well as from the Village of Manchester met on September 8.

The Washtenaw County Metropolitan Planning Commission is providing information and staff resources to help the five local units of government and the Manchester School District define key and common issues that will hopefully lead to successful joint planning to manage growth.

Based on critical data presented by the County Planning Commission at the August and September meetings, SWWCOG members initially agreed to six broad themes to provide a basis for discussion and strategies for managing planning and growth in the area.

THE THEMES include:

Impacts of Growth - density, appropriate amount of growth, accommodation, protection of rural character, impacts on natural resources and protection of special features.

Zoning and Setbacks - M-52 corridor and industrial and commercial districts.

Housing - senior housing, various types of house, "high-end" housing, "reasonable cost" housing and manufactured housing.

Infrastructure and Community Services - roads, sewers, water, fire and police protection, parks and recreation, schools and the relationships to density.

Expansion of Commercial and Industrial - Central Business District in Manchester and the industrial base.

Natural Resources Extraction - gravel and sand extraction pits, impacts on roads, increases in the number of gravel trains.

THE DATA presented at the August 11 meeting included community profile information, such as housing, demographics, income and employment characteristics, and traffic counts.

According to SWWCOG Chair Jim Fish, "We know these are 'laundry list' kinds of information, but it's very important that we approach our effort with common understanding of what

our larger community really is so we know where we are starting.

"We also know that our residents are concerned about how SWWCOG might plan without stepping beyond local control. But, in this corner of Washtenaw County, we have a positive history of working together in many ways, such as a common building permit and inspection office, common fire protection, our library, the transfer station and now recycling.

"WE KNOW we can work together and make things better. We also are growing in awareness that planning in Bridgewater or Freedom Township affects what happens in the Village or in Manchester Township and Sharon. It's not like a political boundary makes a huge wall that you can't cross or see beyond."

He added, "One of the really good things about this current process is that we have the Washtenaw County Metropolitan Planning Commission staff working with us, providing data and staff resources. The County Board of Supervisors took specific action to support SWWCOG's efforts. It's a great advantage that none of us have separately. We're learning a lot. As we have more information in the future, themes and issues may change."

ASKED HOW the public would be involved in SWWCOG's activities, Fish emphasized that "everything we do is open. We really want peo-

ple to know what we're doing and to attend our meetings. We're actively working to keep the public well informed through the media. There will also be a "community vision" activity later in the process."

Ultimately, SWWCOG is only a vehicle to enhance the local

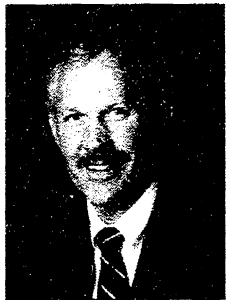
planning process, which involves local hearings. We're constantly exploring new common ground."

The next meeting of the Southwest Washtenaw Council of Governments will be held on October 13 at the Freedom Township Hall. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.

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POLICE BLOTTER

Sharon Township

Missing Person

A 69-year-old Ypsilanti man was reported missing from state land on Sharon Valley Drive near Prospect Hill Sept. 8. The man's wife told police they were in the woods looking for Ginseng when she became tired. She decided to go back to the car and her husband said he would meet her there in a little while. After he didn't return in an hour, she became concerned because he hadn't taken his insulin.

The woman flagged down a motorist for help. Police arrived a short time later and brought a tracking dog. A team of eight sheriff's deputies and three DNR officers searched the area from 8:30 p.m. to 3:20 a.m., then resumed the search at 8 a.m. At 9 a.m., the man walked over to the search team as it was organizing and asked if they were looking for him. The man said he became disoriented while in the woods, so he fell asleep in a marsh area. He later got a ride back from a man living on Prospect Hill.

General Assist

A sheriff's deputy helped a 31-year-old township man remove a firearm from his residence on Sylvan Road Sept. 11. The man said he is in the process of a divorce and wanted to remove his handgun from the residence without an altercation with his estranged wife. The gun was handed over to the sheriff's department for safe-

keeping.

Domestic Assault

Domestic assault was reported Sept. 10. A 77-year-old woman told police that her 79-year-old husband assaulted her. The couple's daughter called for help.

The couple's daughter told police that her mother said the suspect kicked her on the back Sept. 9, causing bruising. The next day, the woman called her daughter to tell her that the man accused her of hiding the silverware. She said he shoved her to the floor, then grabbed her by the arms and forced her back on her feet. When he did this, she said he scratched her arms. She also said he grabbed her around the neck.

The couple's daughter thinks her father is experiencing signs of Alzheimer's Disease. She said her mother is nearly blind and is completely helpless.

The suspect denied the altercation. He said his wife sometimes hides the silverware on purpose and he was upset. But he denied touching her. He said his wife needs mental help because she makes up stories.

The suspect was taken to the University of Michigan for a psychiatric evaluation. His wife has temporarily moved in with their daughter.

(Compiled by Associate Editor Michelle Rogers based on reports filed with the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department.)



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Get your wake up call at Pleasant Lake

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Special Writer

Early travelers through Freedom Township on Pleasant Lake Road will find their morning cup of coffee waiting for them at "Nuts and Jolts," the new addition at Pleasant Lake Hardware.

The drive through coffee shop is ideally situated for the heavy traffic that heads from Manchester to Ann Arbor each day. Lori Fredericks, co-owner of the Pleasant Lake Hardware, is the early morning riser who gets to take the honors of serving their customers before day-break.

Nuts and Jolts will be open from 5 a.m. to 9 a.m. Mondays through Fridays. Weekends, says Fredericks, are reserved for sleeping in - at least past 3:30 a.m.

The drive in will offer coffee, orange juice, water, and soda - "all the morning addictions, in a variety of sizes" says Fredericks. She also plans to pass out a survey in the first few

weeks, to see what items her customers want. "They'll get a free cup of coffee when they return their survey," she adds.

And not to forget the more substantial breakfast offerings, the coffee stop will include donuts from Baker's Dozen in Manchester and bagels from Barry Bagels in Ann Arbor, to begin with. Offerings may expand as this new aspect of their business gets established.

Bernie Poegel, Fredericks' husband and business partner, constructed the trailer and renovated the interior. The bright white walls and counter tops will certainly provide a cheerful wake up call for Fredericks each morning as she prepares for the morning rush.

The trailer is creatively decorated on the outside as well, and should attract the curious and loyal customers alike. Those who have enjoyed the atmosphere and the company at the Pleasant Lake Hardware will probably be among the

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Lori Fredericks at Nuts & Jolts will serve your morning addiction with a smile.

The taste of autumn at Alber Orchard

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Special Writer

With hard work, fond memories and a giant leap of faith, Mike and Therese Bossory intend to keep a 100-year-old

Manchester tradition alive.

The Bossorys purchased the Alber Orchard and Cider Mill in August, just in time for the fall apple season. The mill opened this past weekend to

serve their loyal clientele - and both local and out of town customers flocked to the corner of Bethel Church and Eisenman Roads to get their taste of fall.

"We wanted to make sure that the orchard's regular customers were able to get what they wanted this season," says Mike Bossory. "This fall we will be open limited hours - from 9 to 6 on Saturdays and Sundays only - and we hope to expand from there in years to come."

The orchard will be open through October, says Bossory, and perhaps a bit longer if the weather and the supply holds out. The business is still called "Alber Orchard and Cider Mill" but has a new telephone number - 428-9310. The Bossorys will call customers who want specific varieties of apples that they've come to enjoy.

The apples are in limited supply this year. All the crops were at least two weeks ahead of their normal timetable and with home renovations and busy work schedules, the family missed out on some of the early season favorites, which instead have been turned into cider. Popular apples such as Cortlands were sold out before the weekend was over.

The cider sold at the orchard is from Alber Orchard apples but is processed elsewhere this fall. It is still made to the old Alber family recipe by another orchard. Customers are still offered a "taste" of cider when they are making their purchase - the only difference is that it comes from a gallon jug instead of a spigot behind the counter. It is still unpasteurized cider and retains the old time flavor, which and mellow as the season progresses and the variety

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Therese and Mike Bossory are looking forward to a new business venture at the 100-year-old apple orchard on Bethel Church Rd.

Village denies mobile home park rezoning

By Wanda Fish
Special Writer

The Village Planning Commission voted August 8 to deny Jim Hansen's rezoning application that would permit expansion of Manchester Manor by 13.5 acres. The developer indicated the intention was to add 60 to 65 more mobile home units to the existing park. The property is presently zoned R-1A, single family residential.

On Sept. 14, the Planning Commission rescinded their vote to schedule the public hearing on the proposed rezoning - a step that had been skipped. The hearing has been scheduled for Oct. 12, 1999, at 7:45 p.m. at the Village Hall. Written comments will be accepted until 4 p.m. that day.

Jim Hansen owns the 13.5-acre parcel. The site fronts on Geiske and Hibbard Roads, but the Consumers Power easement occupies most of the 240-foot frontage on Hibbard.

THE PARCEL is also bordered by property in Manchester that is zoned for agricultural use to the north and conservation use to the east.

Manchester Village's General Development Plan, updated in 1993, designated the parcel for high density single family residential use. Such use would include detached and attached single family housing at a density of no more than 8 units per acre.

A report on the proposed rezoning from the planning firm Carlisle Wortman Associates suggests that such action would be inconsistent with the Village's General Development Plan for several reasons.

High density single family residential zoning is intended to maintain housing stock in a balanced mix consistent with the overall growth of the Village and surrounding Township.

NEW HOUSING is expected

to reflect the traditional historic character as well as conserve natural resources. One expectation is for a clustered approach to development, which would mass architecturally compatible housing while preserving natural features and open space.

The report states that "The extent of grading and land balance needed to construct a mobile home park will not contribute to meeting the goals and policies related to natural resource preservation."

The land proposed for rezoning includes some areas that are steeply sloped, and some areas that are heavily wooded. Additionally, a small portion may include some wetland areas.

Other areas of concern that are addressed include additional traffic in an area that has very limited access to a paved road, which raises questions about emergency vehicle access.

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HONORS

Manchester resident **Michael Kenneth Burgess** has graduated from Western Michigan University with a bachelor of science degree in physics.

Burgess graduated with cum laude designation, meaning his grade-point average was between 3.5 and 3.69 on a four-point scale.

Burgess is the son of resident Henry Burgess.

Manchester resident **Melanie**

Kapa has graduated from Central Michigan University with a bachelor of science degree in health fitness: rehabilitation and nutrition.

Kapa has completed an internship at Foote Hospital. She is currently enrolled in the Central Michigan University masters program in physical therapy.

Kapa is the daughter of Gary and Carolyn Kapa of Manchester.



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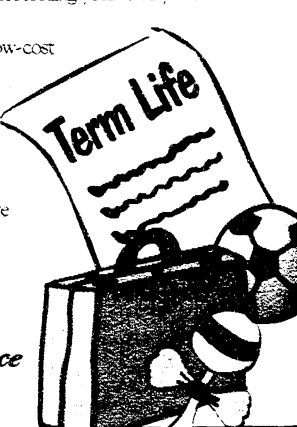
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Optimists present German teacher with award for excellence

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Special Writer

Frau Susan Davis, German teacher at Manchester High School, was presented with this year's "Achievement in Education" award at last week's Optimist meeting.

The many nominations recommending Davis for this honor noted her long commitment to the Manchester school district, where she has taught for 28 years. They also pointed to the fact that well over half of each year's freshman class chooses to take German as part of their foreign language requirement.

"Davis has the respect of her students, fellow teachers, and the parents for educational excellence in general," said one of the letters of nomination.

Each year Davis organizes a student exchange program with a school in Berlin, Germany. Manchester families host German students and teachers in the fall, and then David accompanies our students on a visit to Berlin in June of the following year. At one time in her career she received the honor of participating in a German-American exchange teacher program.

Davis was also awarded a Fulbright Scholarship in 1987 to study abroad.

Upon graduation, most of Davis' students will test out of the beginning German requirements for college, thanks in part to her dedication. Many



Optimist members Linda Ebersole and Monty Okey are pictured with Susan Davis as she receives The Achievement in Education award.

students also keep in touch with her for years after graduating from Manchester High School. Setting high standards for her students results in their outstanding successes in the classroom and beyond.

In addition to her teaching duties, Davis also coaches the high school Quiz Bowl team. Prior to becoming coach, she contributed to the Quiz Bowl

program in capacities as reader and timekeeper and frequently challenged the team in preparatory matches.

Davis said, "I have really enjoyed my years teaching in Manchester. Working with students, parents and colleagues has been very rewarding."

A dedicated and committed professional, Susan Davis is considered an outstanding

teacher by the same students, parents and colleagues. Her selection as this year's recipient of the Achievement in Education Award has been earned by being a positive influence in the lives of her students for many years, and hopefully for many years to come.

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Steve Anderson of the Manchester office of United Bank & Trust, presents interim superintendent Bob Smith with a check for \$8,338. Also pictured are Earl Roehm and Nathan Smith, officers of UBT.

Bank makes school donation

On Thursday, September 16, United Bank and Trust presented a check for \$8,338 to Manchester Community Schools to be used at the discretion of the school board. Stephen Anderson, financial sales manager at United's Manchester office, presented the check to interim superintendent Robert Smith. A formal presentation was made at the Sept. 20 school board meeting.

Beginning April 19, and continuing through December 31, United Bank & Trust is donating a percentage of all funds

deposited into new checking and savings accounts at its Manchester Office to Manchester Community Schools. The current donation represents deposits through Aug. 20, 1999.

"We are very pleased to present this check to the Manchester Community Schools," said Anderson. "Knowing that the funds will be used toward enhancing the educational experience of our community's children is gratifying, and we appreciate the opportunity to assist in their educational endeavors."

Charter school enrollments open

Washtenaw County's model charter school, Honey Creek Community School, announces limited spaces for older elementary students for this school year.

Interested parents of students ages 8-10 years should contact Honey Creek at (734) 994-2636 for more information.

Honey Creek Community School is public school, chartered by the Washtenaw Intermediate School district. The philosophy of Honey Creek integrates life, learning and community. The school has a non-graded, multi-age, theme based curriculum with a low student/teacher ratio.

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BRIDGEWATER

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probably headed toward granting the variance, subject to the condition, and I think we want to make it a reasonable condition."

In addition, in response to a previous consent judgement, Adrian Sand & Stone had delivered 400 tons of limestone that the Township had requested. This is due to a 1994 agreement regarding the current mining operation.

IN OTHER ACTION, the township adopted an amendment to zoning ordinance regarding accessory buildings. Peacock relates that several township residents have been awaiting resolution on this matter.

"The zoning ordinance we

had adopted two years ago was more restrictive than we wanted to be as far as accessory buildings. It's quite limiting as to how many square feet can be in other buildings in addition to the residence itself, on residential lots.

"It didn't matter if the lot was two acres, five acres, or ten acres; the ordinance stated it could be no more than a certain number of square feet." But the amended ordinance adopted last week allows more square footage in other accessory buildings as the size of the parcel grows.

"There are at least ten different parties in the township waiting for that ordinance to be adopted, who have wanted to put up additional accessory buildings on their property," said Peacock.

ALSO UNDER discussion were septic system problems in the hamlet of Bridgewater. Earlier on the day of the meeting, Peacock had gone to the hamlet accompanied by an officer from the Washtenaw County Health Department who pointed out specific locations where there are obvious septic system problems.

"I brought to the attention of board, some public health considerations that need attention; there is not just one isolated incident, there are several. We have had a study done on a pos-

sible sewer system, but no movement has taken place because of cost considerations. However, I believe that something will need to develop in that whole area."

PEACOCK ALSO reported that the township received a letter from the Washtenaw County Road Commission. In response to the discussion at the August township meeting, the road commission has requested that an additional analysis be done on the Wilbur Road Bridge. The county will hire an outside independent

engineering firm to do the work.

"The road commission will request three specific kinds of information from the engineer," said Peacock. "The first item would be an outline of what repairs would be necessary to reopen the bridge to light traffic extent and cost of repairs. Secondly, an outline of the repairs necessary to completely rehabilitate the bridge. And finally, they will request an estimate of costs to completely replace the bridge."

"I felt good that based on the comments that were received at last month's meeting, they were

not only looking into the cost of a brand new bridge but other options such as repair or complete rehabilitation."

The township board had received letters from two different property owners since last month's meeting who really wanted more attention given to possible repair of the bridge. These residents stated that the character of the neighborhood and the rural atmosphere would be diminished if a brand new bridge, that meets all the federal requirements, were built.

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throughout the community.

THE STUDENTS from MAS want to be highly visible throughout the community this year, says MacKercher. She urges community groups who need the energy and enthusiasm these kids can generate, to contact her. In previous years, the school has organized a food and clothing drive around the holidays, and this year they will continue that project.

Last year, both Brady and Powers participated in a couple of important community outreach projects. Each participated in the discussions of asset building and served on the committee promoting that program. They also were part of a group of students who tutored elementary kids in reading, helping Mrs. Whitney and Mrs. VanRaden at Klager School on a regular basis.

Among the new staff this year at Manchester Alternative School is the presence of Mr. Ryan Rowe, who is teaching two science classes.

ROWE ALSO spends a half-day at the High School teaching agriscience courses. Returning is teacher Adam Benschoter for a second year along with paraprofessional Bob Johnson who is in his third year at MAS. Social worker Bill Kindt reserves a day of his schedule for alternative school students and Sandra Dunn teaches a psychology class again this year.

The obvious jewel in the crown is MacKercher. Her energy, caring and genuine respect for each student has been what has made this program an unqualified success. Promoting that sense of unity and family among all the students has been most important to her. The reward for her hard work is beginning to show. The reward is in the success that her students are achieving.

Powers says, "I was thinking about failing so I can stay on here. But Kathy has a rule that we can't do that."

HER PLAN for next year is to go on to college, ultimately attending Michigan State to become a veterinarian. This dream would not have been possible had she not tried alternative school after dropping out a year and a half ago.

While believing that college might just be "a real big high school," Brady has taken his MEAP tests early so that he can attend dual enrollment classes at Washtenaw Community College next semester. MacKercher is encouraging him to consider college courses to broaden his perspective and enhance his talent for writing.

"We have some very talented and gifted students here," she says.

While not all of the students at MAS will decide to continue their education past high school, they will leave with a sense of self respect and a diploma they may not have received without the availability of this alternative.

LETTERS

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and EA positions with no decisions reached. Ditto, the Aug. 12 meeting.

The next scheduled negotiation session of Sept. 1, was abruptly canceled at the last hour when the board's representative, labor relations negotiator Mr. Bruce Bingham, was unable to attend.

The last session on Sept. 7, 1999, after a trading of proposals, resulted only in the board's representative Mr. Bingham informing Mr. Fielder of the board's desire to seek a mediated settlement. Given the history of present negotiations to that point, the EA found it advisable to agree to a mediated settlement. Currently, the education association is awaiting notification as to the availability of a state mediator. Until such time as one is appointed, negotiations are on pause.

Now, the average citizen might well ask what is the delay? Why is there a need for a mediated settlement? Can't the two sides sit down on a schedule and in a reasonable time frame and without state oversight hammer out a mutually acceptable contract? Well, the EA's answer to the last of these questions is YES! For, you see, the Manchester teachers are asking only for that which has been accorded their peers in other Washtenaw County school districts, to wit? (1) the average increase of 3% achieved by these other districts who have already negotiated settled contracts prior to the state of the current school year and (2) no rollbacks in present health insurance, as no other Washtenaw district had made any such concession. Historically, Manchester teachers continue to be the lowest paid in the county, and to accept less than parity in a current contract would be to fall yet further behind in salary and benefits. Clearly, any worker

with a sense of self worth would not allow such to occur. GM workers have settled for no less. Oh, as to any lingering questions as to the school board's position on your questions concerning the lack of progress and the slow pace of a negotiated settlement and the board's request for mediation, you'll have to ask a school board member. As a voting resident of this school district you can bet I'll do so.

Yet, sad to say, any response addressing economic reality may not be in the offing since it appears that the board of education in Manchester, while often paying lip service to the ability and dedication of its teaching staff, has, in point of fact, actually regarded its teachers as a mere expendable commodity to be (1) purchased cheap and (2) held in low economic esteem, so long as they are willing to remain. As a result, the younger staff members, so vital to the continued intellectual health and growth of a school district, have little real incentive to remain, and our schools have lost year by year teachers, who had they been provided incentive to remain, would now be seasoned master teachers. A truly healthy educational staff needs persons of all ages; as is, we have the old and the young. Within a few years we will have but the young. At that point, Manchester Schools will have lost not only the educational sagacity of the mature professional but also the discipline necessary to promote attention to learning. Great teachers aren't produced by colleges and universities; they grow in their profession, year by year, and to promote such continued growth a community must be willing to nurture them as they would their own, for among others they constitute a core of educational and ethical leadership vital to the continued health and growth of a community.

It is said that "you get what you pay for." Such is true in most of life's transactions, but

point of fact, with teachers one almost always gets far more in their dedication and caring. To maximize that return of quality for dollar expended, however, a community must be willing to offer a salary commensurate with that of other competing employers. Otherwise, "economic flight" will continue, and shortly the oldest teachers in the district may well be those

only two to three years out of college. Is this the school board's intent, or will the members of the board desire and promote a more vital professional educational community.

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of apples included in the mixture changes.

"We have received great cooperation and support from Ann and Al Alber, and all of our neighbors," says Bossory. His childhood summers were spent in his grandparents' orchards and his hope is to give his own children, Megan and Nathan, equally happy memories of growing up on a farm.

Fall is already a busy season for Bossory as he is an assistant coach for the Manchester High School football team, in addition to his regular job at R&B Machine in Saline. A late game this past Friday made the Saturday morning opening just a bit trickier.

In addition to apples and cider, the mill is carrying Michigan maple syrup, some assorted fall candies, jams, apple butter and pumpkin butter. A special treat that seems to enhance the taste of those local apples is the availability of pretzels from Benny's Bakery in Saline and donuts from the Washtenaw Dairy, which are delivered fresh to the orchard.

With only eight weeks to prepare, the Bossorys have burned the candle at both ends to have the store up and running this season. Yet it is an exciting and exhilarating time for the whole family.

"Mike is just so excited," said Therese. "But I'd love to have some time to kick back and relax."

Maybe they'll get a few minutes to do that this winter.

COFFEE

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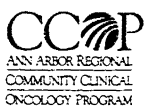
ments from the Health Department on Thursday, the couple was ready to open their new venture for business on Monday morning, Sept. 20.

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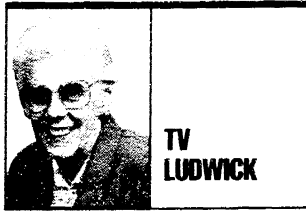
joined the German Club in her junior year, and also kept statistics for the seventh grade girls basketball for three years.

For the past three seasons, Kari has been employed by the Manchester Dairy Queen, where she is the shift leader. Kari is also a nursery volunteer at the Manchester United Methodist Church.

Kari has recently been accepted to attend Central Michigan University where she is considering a marketing degree.

Ageless senior citizens don't get older, they just marinate

Kathie Lee Gifford told an old friend the other day that they were not growing older, just marinating. I am wondering how long we will marinate before we get old? All those cousins at our reunions are getting older except two or three who seem to be ageless even in their eighties. I do not fit in that category, but hubby does. And, I'm not just saying something nice after giving him the dickens last week for opening my mail. He was told the other day that he doesn't look another day older than he did when they last saw him 20 years ago. They don't tell me that! They say the mind is the first to go...that covers me when I absolutely cannot think of a first name to go with the last that doesn't come to me either. I say "If I could just think of their first name!" At reunions, my family knows me and do not wonder when I ask "O.K., who are you?" At Del's reunion I don't pretend to know anyone but two or three.



TV LUDWICK
SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS

Well, Hurricane Floyd has come and gone and am I glad. Worry, worry not so much about sister Bid and Charlie as they left Tuesday morning for a motel in Columbia, but what it was doing to their house and their villa on Hilton Head Island. Then, after watching that string of vehicles heading to the interior of the state of SC, wondering if they were sitting in the car for 6 hours on the highway. I may have been better off without that weather channel which grabbed my attention whenever I got up and turned it

on. "Why worry?" is my favorite suggestion, I must do it.

Thursday, Sept. 23: No blood pressure taken today, next week Corned beef and cabbage on the agenda today and we'll all rush to the serving table for this one. Come and enjoy our favorite served by our Sweet Sue and friends. The only bad thing about today is that it is the first day of Fall and that ain't all bad! Come and enjoy bingo at the Center.

Friday, Sept. 24: Eat and then visit our Manchester friends who reside at the Saline Home. Senior bus will leave the Center at 12 noon, Call Marion Ahrens at 428-7865 to go visit old friends and neighbors, you are welcome to ride along.

Monday Sept. 27: Today's shopping trip takes you to Jackson and Westwood Mall, Meijer's and Jackson Crossing. Senior bus leaves the Center at 9:30,

call Marion to go along, give Marion a ring.

Tuesday, Sept. 28: All who are 65 are urged to attend our yoga classes held at the Manchester Fitness Center behind the high school beginning at 9:30. This class is sponsored by Washenaw Community College and instructed by Donna Pointer at no cost for this service. Come, it is an ideal place for this class, just bring a blanket and a small pillow or rolled up towel. This is not a strenuous exercise class, but a little stiffness results from the stretching sometimes...good for you! Papprika chicken is on the dinner menu at Emanuel, just call either Kelly ahead at 428-8359, or Sue between hours of 9-11 a.m. on meal days and come to Emanuel to enjoy the food.

Wednesday, Sept. 29: Seniors will leave the Center at 9:30 for Canterbury Village. Brochure states "Historical Olde World

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to Lake Orion.
Thursday, Sept. 30: This is 'take your blood pressure day'. Volunteer Nurse Mae Sellers will be on hand at 11 a.m., come early to lunch and get this done. Lunch features Italian meal loaves, now that sounds interesting and good. Thanks, Sue for more than filling us up and all for \$3...believe me, we are full of food when we leave her meals! Come join us, all you who are 55 or older. New folks are getting wind of these meals, welcome!

Gardening enthusiasts' group is formed

The first meeting of Manchester's Gardening Friends was held on Aug. 28 at the Fusilier farm. Marilyn Fusilier hosted a group of interested gardeners including: Teresa Benedict, Pat Coelius, Kathy Fusilier, Jan Neukom, JoAnn Okey, Pat Padala, Carol Palms, Martha Placido, and Kim Woodson.

Along with a tea, guests took turns sharing their gardening questions. No one claimed to

be a master gardener, but they found that everyone had something to contribute. During the meeting they discovered others who shared their love of digging in the dirt.

After tea, the gardeners had the pleasure of touring Fusilier's lovely 19th century home and its beautiful surrounding gardens. Marilyn Fusilier shared how she created several unique gardens, identified plants, and talked

about the growing conditions each required. She had collected seeds from some special plants and offered them to her quests to plant in their own gardens.

At the end of the get-together, the group decided that they wanted to continue meeting. Marilyn Fusilier suggested that the motto might be: "Making the world more beautiful, one garden at a time." On that note, the group planned the next meeting for Wednesday, Sept. 22 at 7 p.m.

That meeting will be hosted by JoAnn Okey at 329 Ann Arbor Hill in Manchester and will be open to all parties.

If you are the kind of person who would consider being given a truckload of topsoil as the perfect gift, you, too, might enjoy and evening of friendship, conversation, and garden lore with some gardening friends. The gardeners look forward to their next meeting and hope that those who are interested will be able to come.

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| <p>BETHEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Sunday, Sept. 26
1:00 PM Golf Tournament
Monday, Sept. 27
5:15 PM Weightdown Workshop
7:30 PM Senior Choir</p> <p>EMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Thursday, Sept. 23
12:00 noon Senior Meal
4:00 PM Church Auction
6:30 PM Girl Scouts #280
Friday, Sept. 24
6:00 PM Jazzercise
7:00 PM AA
Saturday, Sept. 25
9:00 AM Jazzercise
Sunday, Sept. 26
9:20 AM Confirmation Class
2:00 PM Chelsea Baton Core
Monday, Sept. 27
6:00 PM Jazzercise
6:30 PM Optimist Dinner
Tuesday, Sept. 28
12:00 Noon Senior Meal
7:00 PM Senior Pastor Search Committee Meeting
7:00 PM Boot Stompers
7:00 PM Boy Scouts
Wednesday, Sept. 29
9:00 AM Emanuel Quilters
6:00 PM Jazzercise
6:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, Sept. 30
9:30 AM UCC Women's Meeting at Camp Talahi
12:00 Noon Senior Meal
6:30 PM Girl Scouts #120</p> | <p>NORTH SHARON BAPTIST CHURCH
Thursday, Sept. 23
7:00 PM Church Visitation
Saturday, Sept. 25
9:00 AM Fishermen's Club
Sunday, Sept. 26
5:45 PM Choir Practice
Wednesday, Sept. 29
2:30 PM Phoster Club, Dunamis, and Teens
7:00 PM Teachers' Meeting
7:30 PM Community Bible Study "Journey of a Lifetime"
Thursday, Sept. 30
7:00 PM Church Visitation</p> <p>SHARON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Thursday, Sept. 23
Dorcas Fellowship will meet at the home of Mrs. Randall Bennett
Sunday, Sept. 26
11 AM Harvest Festival followed by Soup & Salad Lunch
Wednesday, Sept. 29
8:15 PM Chancel Choir Practice</p> <p>ST. JOHNS LUTHERAN CHURCH
Monday, Sept. 27
7:30 PM Elders Bible Study
Wednesday, Sept. 29
7:00 PM Bell Choir
8:30 PM Senior Choir</p> <p>ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
Thursday, Sept. 23
Our Mother of Perpetual</p> | <p>Devotion
Saturday, Sept. 25
4-4:45 PM Confession
Sunday, Sept. 26
10:30 Rel Educ pre-K during mass
Tuesday, Sept. 28
7-8 PM at PC Rel Educ gr 1-4 at Klager & gr 5-6 at PC after school; in the evening
7:30 PM R.C.I.A./CH
8:00 PM Migrant Ministry Delegate of the Word mtg./PC
Wednesday, Sept. 29
11:00 AM Alter Society Chicken & Biscuit Luncheon/PC
11:00 AM Diocesan Senior Parishioner Appreciation Mass/Luncheon-St. Mary, Chelsea
Thursday, Sept. 30
Our mother of Perpetual Help Devotion</p> <p>ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA
Saturday, Sept. 25
10:30 AM "Crossing the Waters" Practice
Tuesday, Sept. 28
7:30 PM Senior Choir
7:30 PM Ladies Night Out at St. Paul's U.C.C.</p> |
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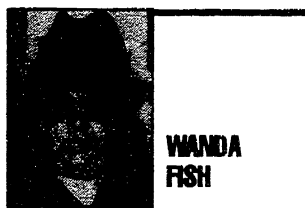
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Parents can learn from other species

Getting the morning cobwebs cleared can lead to some interesting thoughts. Wednesday morning's clearing efforts were ... perhaps productive? Following only a few sips of coffee, dog and I set out for a brisk (?), but uneventful walk on a perfect autumn morning.

At breakfast, we contemplated cereal boxes. One had a sports figure on it, one had a racing car, and the others had pictures of their products. I think they were more interesting when I was a kid. Some had bike contests, and some had puzzles and riddles. I think one used to have a "own your own pony" contest.

Anyway, I fell to musing why no cereal boxes have ever honored an artist, a writer, a scientist or a great doctor. Or maybe a fine teacher or a religious leader. Why not a politician - whoops. I didn't mean that,



WANDA FISH

FISH BAIT

Kellogg's. Please don't put a picture of Trent Lott, Al Gore or Newt Gingrich on my cereal box. It's bad enough on the evening news, but staring at me over the morning munchies? Too much. My day would be ruined before it began. I'd probably just go back to bed.

That musing aside, I began looking at the play of light and shadows on the top of the tall sugar maple I could see out the window. Then I noticed move-

ment, and it turned out to be a squirrel jumping from the top of the tree to the top of another on the other side of the driveway. I cannot imagine doing that, but Squirrel didn't even seem to hesitate. He or she just assumed the jump could be made successfully and did it.

While I didn't know the reason for the jump - such antics seem to be a part of what squirrels are - I fell to admiring the mother squirrel for having instilled enough confidence in her child so that it could do such feats as an adult. For knowing what it could do in confidence, but not taking leaps it could not manage.

How does a squirrel parent know when to urge her child to leave the nest and begin to jump? And when to say "No, that's too far?" There's a lot more kinship between the species than we realize,

because human parents have the same kind of dilemma.

Maybe we need understand the process more by watching more of our fellow species. In many species, the young somehow understand that to survive and grow, they need to follow instructions well, learn their lessons well, because they'll be on their own soon.

Most animal parents teach their offspring how to find food, where and when to find shelter and when to run out of harm's way. Successful animal parents, in short, are good role models. In many species, other adults join in the efforts to nurture and teach the offspring.

Maybe we all ought to make sure that each of us is acting as a good role model for our offspring. When all is said and done, the future is in the children, regardless of whether they are squirrels or humans.

LIVING AND SURVIVING

By Dave Helisek

Well, shall we start with the good news or the bad news? At our most recent clinic visit on Sept. 14, my wife and I received the results of my bone marrow biopsy and all the results were good.

The test that was run to see if I had any of the chromosome damage that is indicative of my form of leukemia was negative; no damaged chromosomes were found. Another test was run to see if any of my old marrow was to be found. Again, good news. Only my donor's DNA was to be found. There were other tests run, involving blood counts and chemistries, and all the results

were positive.

So, where does that put me in the big scheme of things? Well, officially I am in remission from my cancer. It would be nice to sue the word "cured" but I read early on that with cancer you are only considered cured after five years without any sign of the disease recurring. I'm satisfied. There will be two more bone marrow biopsies done within one year of the transplant, to make sure that there are no signs of the disease. The biopsy should be in December and then one in May of 2000.

That's the big news of the day and now how am I doing otherwise? OK, I'm about to be taken

off one of the three immunosuppressive that I currently take. I'm about done with the steroid, medrol, so that is also good news. If I keep my nose clean, maybe I can lose the other two drugs, cell-cept and tacrolimus, by the year's end - maybe sooner. So there still are cautions on where I go and what I do, but we're getting closer to the time when I can come out and play.

My eyes are better also. I got new glasses two weeks ago and can see far away things much better. I know for a fact though, that my next pair of glasses will have to be bifocals because I can't read labels or fine print now worth a darn. Everyone was amazed that I didn't

already have bifocals, but the gifted vs. host disease just happened. The matter I still have to put drops in my eyes, but only a few times a day right now, so the eyes are progressing also.

Besides all that news, I guess I can say that I am just slowly progressing for the better. There are the proverbial good days and bad, and a wish that I had a little more energy - but that will come in time.

Thanks to the many people who ask how I'm doing and all those who send cards and e-mail. It makes a person's day to be remembered.

Talk to you soon.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Basketball coach criticizes school board members

To the Editor:

To avoid any misunderstanding, I would like to explain the one and only reason for my resignation last week as Manchester High School's varsity boys' basketball coach.

I made the decision following several conversations with individuals close to the situation. Although supportive, they made it quite clear that the majority of this current school board would continue to single me out in attempt to overturn the board's decision from last June. It appears that some of the board members had taken on a "Matt may have won the battle but we're going to win the war" attitude. As unprofessional as it may sound, that is what I was up against.

My request to Athletic Director Wes Gall and Superintendent Bob Smith, who are not at fault in this situation, was a simple one. I wanted assurance that I would be evaluated fairly following the upcoming season and that the school board, like it does with all of the other coaches, would support the recommendation of the high school administration. They could not give me that assurance, though. Both were

supportive and understanding, but they also knew that the majority of the current school board was plotting behind the scenes.

In other words, there was no chance that I would have been rehired following the 1999-2000 season. In addition, there was talk that I might even be fired before or during the season. Under those circumstances, I felt it would be in the program's best interest if I stepped down. The student-athletes in the basketball program have been through enough, and having all of this hanging over their heads would have made for a difficult season.

I did not resign because of any other reason. Had the assurance been provided, I would have continued coaching. True, I am tired of certain people in this community, but every town has its share of bad apples. The difference in Manchester is these self-serving, ignorant people are given the time of day, and, in some cases, they are even elected or appointed to the school board. I had tolerated the bad apples for two years, though, so they weren't a factor until they began micro-managing.

I feel bad for the people of Manchester because the major-

ity of the current school board is not representative of this good community. Board members like Brad Roberts, Emory Garlick, John Ochs and Polly Deacons are disgraces. Not to mention poor voices for the community. The lesson in all of this is your vote counts, but the consequence is you must tolerate these "elected officials" for a few more years.

To the hundreds of fine people who have supported me during my time in Manchester, I say "thank you." These people include parents of student-athletes, administrators, teachers, custodians, bus drivers, youth players and business owners. I'd also like to thank my coaching staff, which has been there for me through all of this madness.

Most importantly, though, I'd like to thank the loyal young men who have played for me. I am a better person for having known them and will never forget my time with them. Whether I coach in the future or not, it is safe to say that I will never come across a finer group.

Matt Seidl

Teacher contract negotiations: you get what you pay for

An open letter to the community:

The following is a brief history of the current teacher con-

tract negotiations. On January 28, 1999, EA President Jim Fielder notified the superintendent of the teachers association's intent to negotiate a successor agreement to the contract slated to expire June 30, 1999. This notification was in keeping with the contractual requirement that such notice be given prior to March 1 of the year in which the contract expires.

No response was received from management, neither superintendent, board of education member, nor board representative. Therefore, Mr. Fielder addressed a second letter to the superintendent, dated May 14, 1999, again calling attention to (1) the impending contract expiration, and (2) requesting a meeting whereat a schedule for contract negotiations could be worked out.

In response an initial meeting was scheduled for the final week in June; however, that meeting was canceled shortly before it could take place. Finally, a first meeting was held July 14, whereat bargaining "ground rules" were established, and a second meeting on July 20 with consensus only on a one year calendar for the 1999-2000 school year.

Aug. 3 saw a sharing of board
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EDITORIAL

Commission on right track

The Manchester Township Planning Commission has made the right decision by rejecting a request to rezone some agricultural property to high-density residential to allow for a mobile home park.

That type of development is not in the best interests of the township at large. Rejecting the request was prudent, if not a particularly difficult decision. The next step is to make sure that their actions are defensible, in court if necessary.

Part of making that action defensible is being able to point to another place within the township where mobile home parks are allowed. As of yet, the township cannot do that as there is no land zoned for high-density residential, no place in the township a developer can build a mobile home park.

The township had been looking at rezoning property near US-12 and Ely Road for a mobile home park, but according to township officials, the landowner did not want to go through with the procedure, so that property is out.

As we all know, many of these questions get settled in court, (see page 1-A) and the township needs to answer the question of where a mobile home park will be located within its own boundaries before a judge or the mobile home commission answers it for them.

Allowing someone outside of the township to make the decision could be disastrous. Obviously, no one wants to live next door to a trailer park. The detrimental effect on property values and quality of life is all too obvious. That's why it is imperative for the township to take action now, find a piece of property suitable for rezoning and do it before someone outside of Manchester Township, with no stake in the quality of life here and no knowledge of how this community operates issues an ultimatum.

The township is on the right track and it is unfortunate that the US-12 property rezoning deal fell through, but now is the time to redouble your efforts and follow through with the fine work you have done by denying the rezoning request for the M-52 property. The township needs to make sure that to the best of its ability, their decisions stick. That can only be accomplished by rezoning another piece of property to allow for mobile homes.

Planning for the inevitable will also help current township residents be able to foresee what's going to happen to them and to their property when the mobile homes do come.

Manchester Township, like every other community in the area, is going through growing pains. The development has not hit a fever pitch just yet, but it could increase like it has done in Pittsfield, Scio, Lima, Webster, Lodi, Saline and a host of other municipalities.

Exactly what the demand is for mobile homes in the Manchester area, no one knows. But one thing is clear, with the amount of proposals made by developers to bring mobile home parks in to the Manchester area, that demand is nowhere near met yet.

The developers of mobile home parks are not building them for philanthropic reasons. They are building them to make a lot of money regardless of the consequences on the community.

The Manchester Township Planning Commission knows this full well, and has made all the appropriate decisions regarding zoning. Now is the time for the follow through.

Street Talk

Would you vote for a politician who admitted to using drugs in the past?

By Marsha Johnson-Chartrand



"It really would depend on the candidate. I can't say I wouldn't vote for someone just based on that. It would make a difference if it happened when he or she was a teenager or an adult."

— Stacey Walkowe



"No. Because you can keep your nose clean. It's not that hard to say no. I'm proud to say I'm drug free."

— Sonja Schulz



"It depends on who the politician is. How many years ago did it happen? Kids experiment...sometimes then they get a little more sense."

— John Davison



"It would depend on when they used them. When you're young you do a lot of things you're sorry for later."

— Joan Dunny



"No. I guess it's just a basic principle. Politicians aren't clean enough already, in my opinion. Besides, if they admit to that much they've probably done more."

— Dale Sawyer



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Equestrian Team Rides to a Great Start

The Manchester Equestrian team is almost starting over. Half of the riders are freshmen with limited experience. Nevertheless, the team rode into second place in their first meet of the year and third place at the second meet. As they eye the State Championships they have to ride hard to earn the trip. See related story on this page.

Varsity Football Team Battles Injuries

Varsity football team players are going in the wrong direction. Instead of bringing injured players back up to the squad in performance shape, they keep losing more players. Head Coach Wes Gall is frustrated by the injuries and is tired of seeing his players try to play over the pain. He wants them back healthy and 100%. Even with the injuries Gall has confidence in his team and knows that the talent is still there. He's ready to see a strong second half season.

Manchester Grad Doing Well

Manchester High School Graduate Nick Davis is off to a great start playing for the University of Wisconsin Badgers. As a wide receiver Davis led the Badgers in the first two games of the season with 91 yards. He had no touchdowns. At least no receiving touchdowns.

Davis returned a punt 76 yards for a touchdown. He also returned a kick off 77 yards for a touchdown. All this in just the first two games of the season. His 76 yard punt return was the 8th longest in Badger history.

Davis averages 29.5 yards every time he touches the ball.

Not bad for a sophomore.

Girls open conference play with victories

By Colleen O'Neill
Special Writer

Manchester Varsity Girls Basketball had an outstanding week outscoring their opponents by 12-point and 18-point margins.

"Tuesday night we had a great game against Ypsilanti Lincoln," said Head Coach John Wilkins.

The score was 14-5 at the end of the first quarter and 31-13 at halftime.

"We played really well and got a lot of people playing time," Wilkins said. "In the second half we got a little sloppy but we held on to win."

Wilkins was especially pleased with his starters. All starters scored at least nine points to give the team good balanced scoring.

Abra Wise and Erin Wiley both scored 11 points. Abra also had five rebounds, five assists and seven steals. Erin had six rebounds and four steals.

Brandy Aiken had nine points, six rebounds and five assists.

Nicole Leverett and Ashleigh Sewell both had nine points with Nicole getting three assists

and Ashleigh getting four steals.

Thursday night proved to be a wonderful repeat of the Tuesday night game.

At the end of the first quarter Manchester was leading Vandercook Lake 22-3 and the score was 39-15 at halftime.

Wilkins knew this was a good start for conference play.

"We took control in the first half and didn't have too many problems after that," Wilkins said.

Again Wilkins was pleased with his starters.

"Thursday night Brandy Aiken had an outstanding game for us with 16 points and 13 rebounds," Wilkins said.

"We also got more points from the bench then we've been getting."

Stephanie Schleicher scored nine points and Brie Hyde scored six points coming off the bench.

Abra Wise had another great game with 13 points, five rebounds and three steals. Nicole Leverett scored four points, six assists and three steals.

All in all it was a great week of basketball in Manchester.



Abra Wise sets for a free throw during the Lady Dutch's romp last week over Ypsilanti - Lincoln. Wise scored 11 in that game and 13 against Vandercook Lake.

Equestrian team takes second in first meet

By Colleen O'Neill
Special Writer

On Sunday, Sept. 12 the Manchester Equestrian Team rode into second place at their first meet of the 1999 season.

The Flying Dutchmen scored 111 points to stay ahead of third place Carleton Airport who

scored 94 points, but behind Ann Arbor Pioneer who won the meet with a score of 224.

"I'm proud of the kids. They are really doing well," said Head Coach Sandy Sheats.

"Most are placing in their classes. I'm happy with how they are doing, being such a young team, I'm very pleased.

In the meet senior Lisa Burmeister led the team in scoring with 25 points by plac-

ing in every event she entered. That included western bareback, flag race, cloverleaf, keyhole and a two-person relay.

"Lisa Burmeister has been our top point earner for both meets," Sheats said.

This is not just an ordinary rider.

"SHE IS riding and competing with a broken leg. She participates with a walking cast," Sheats said.

Another rider to place in all the events she entered was freshman Valerie Kanta. Her performance earned the team 25 points.

By taking first place in three of the four events he entered Joel Makielski scored 20 points.

Joel's sister Erin scored 13 in the meet to help the team.

On September 19 the team competed again.

"We did OK but we were up against some tougher kids," Sheats said.

Of the seven teams in the competition Manchester came in 3rd scoring 90 points.

"Our strength is definitely our games, the Gymkhana class-

es," Sheats said. "We pick up over half our points in the last four events, we pick up 30-45 points in those classes alone."

ACCORDING TO Sheats there are only four kids that compete in those events. Two are the seniors, Lisa Burmeister and Marley Powers, the other two are new to the team this year, Emily Copeland and Joel Makielski.

At the second meet Lisa Burmeister again led the team in scoring with 20 points. Kanta had 14 points, Joel Makielski had 12 points and Erin Makielski scored 9.

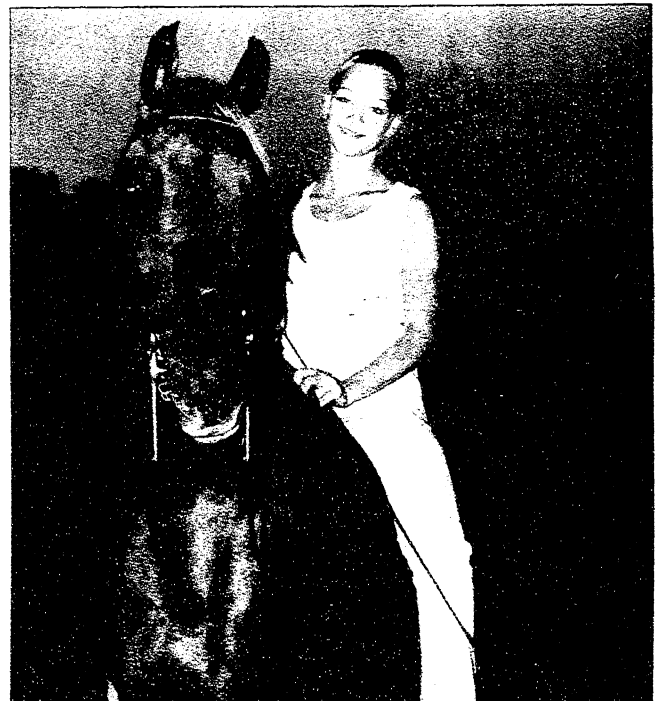
Powers contributed 7 points to the team total.

Equestrian has a fairly short season with only three meets. The State Championships are just four weeks away.

Unlike other sports the classes are assigned based on the number of riders a team has and not on school enrollment.

Manchester is a class A school in the sport of Equestrian.

There are 17 teams in this division. See HORSES — Page 4-B



Freshman rider Valerie Kanta has been an important part of the success of the Manchester Equestrian team.

Varsity falls to Grass Lake in their fourth game

By Colleen O'Neill
Special Writer

The Manchester Football team knew Grass Lake would be tough.

Grass Lake racked up 64 points last week and they were 3-0 coming into this game.

Manchester, which is outsize by Grass Lake, is riddled with injuries.

The final score was 27-0.

Manchester only had five first downs and 108 yards total offense.

More important, they gave up five turnovers, three interceptions and two fumbles.

"This has been an extremely

challenging season," said Head Coach Wes Gall. "Even with all the injuries we felt we were a better ball club than our record shows."

At the end of the first quarter the score was 0-0.

Grass Lake finally scored at 8:20 in the second quarter.

Gall felt the first half was fairly successful.

"We didn't move the ball to score but we did move the ball on a couple of drives," Gall said.

But disappointment loomed before the half.

GRASS LAKE scored with 34 seconds left in the second quar-

ter in part because of a questionable pass interference call against Manchester.

"Those things really hurt us," Gall said. "We were doing things against ourselves we didn't need any help."

Gall's goal to keep their offense off the field was for a reason.

"In a grinding game we just didn't have enough size to match up with their size," Gall said.

It was the third quarter that made the difference.

Grass Lake put on one heck of an offensive drive. Gall felt it was their best of the night.

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JV Girls on a winning streak

By Colleen O'Neill
Special Writer

The Manchester Junior Varsity Girls Basketball team had one heck of a week.

On Tuesday the Lady Dutch defeated Ypsilanti Lincoln by a final score of 45 to 31. On Thursday they defeated Vandercook Lake by a closer margin, 32-28, but still took the win.

Manchester put on quite a defensive show against Lincoln.

"We allowed only 8 points in the second half while we scored 26 points," said Head Coach Denny Steele.

Michelle Slocum led the team in scoring with 15 points. Almost half the team total.

Ashley Schlosser scored 7 points while Cori Chrestensen put up five points.

On Thursday it was Chrestensen who led the team with nine points.

"At the half they were ahead 15-14," Steele said. "We applied pressure, forced turnovers and outscored them 18-13 in the second half."

Sara Tervo and Kate Meyer both scored eight points to make up almost the rest of the

scoring. The team gets a break this week. They play only on

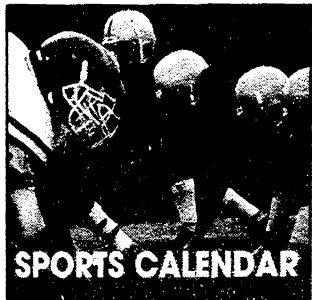
Thursday when they travel to East Jackson for a conference game.



Manchester's Michelle Slocum runs past a defender during one of two JV Dutch wins last week.



Coach Wes Gall questions a call during the contest against Grass Lake last week.



SPORTS CALENDAR

Thursday, Sep. 23
 • 5:30 PM - Varsity and junior varsity girl's basketball, home against East Jackson
 • 6:30 PM - Junior varsity football, home against Addison

Friday, Sep. 24
 • 7:00 PM - Varsity football, away against Addison

Saturday, Sep. 25
 • TBA - Cross Country, away Jackson Invitational

Sunday, Sep. 26
 • TBA - Equestrian Districts at Wayne County Fairgrounds

Monday, Sep. 27
 • 4:30 PM - Middle school girl's basketball, away against Grass Lake

Tuesday, Sep. 28
 • 4:30 PM - Varsity Golf, away against Michigan Center

Wednesday, Sep. 29
 • 4:30 PM - Middle school football, away against Hanover Horton
 • 4:30 PM - Middle school girl's basketball, away against Addison

Thursday, Sep. 30
 • 5:30 PM - Varsity and junior varsity girl's basketball, home against Hanover-Horton
 • 6:30 PM - Junior varsity football, away against Napoleon

Admission to high school sporting events is \$3. Middle school sporting event tickets cost \$2. Discounts are available for elementary school children. Seniors and pre-school students are admitted free.

Junior Varsity players pound Grass Lake

Team chalks up third shutout of the season

By Colleen O'Neill
 Special Writer

The Junior Varsity football team just keeps on rolling.

On Thursday they went to Grass Lake and not only rolled up another 42 points on offense, but for the third time this season they held the opponent to zero points.

"Most of the scoring was early in the game," said Head Coach Jim Fielder. "Our first score in the second half was on the running clock. There is only a running clock if you are ahead by more than 35 points."

Chris Roberts who had 111 yards and one touchdown led the Flying Dutchmen on offense.

Jeremy Forner rushed five times for 27 yards and had two touchdowns in the game.

"He ran one in from scrimmage," Fielder said. "And one was from a punt return."

Shane Amburgey and Damian Evans both scored running touchdowns from scrimmage. Evans also ran in a two-point conversion and was 11 for 41 for the night.

Aaron LaRock was 4 - 7 for 33 yards and ran in two two-point conversions.

In addition to his rushing Roberts threw a halfback pass for a touchdown to Jacob Sawyer.

Casey Preuninger rounded out the offense with two two-

point conversions. But this game was not just about offense.

"When you gain seven turnovers you have an opportunity to be successful," Fielder said.

Seven turnovers. Chris Maley recovered three fumbles. Evans had a fumble recovery. Sawyer had two interceptions. Brent Leverett had a fumble recovery.

Ryan Maggetti had a solo sack.

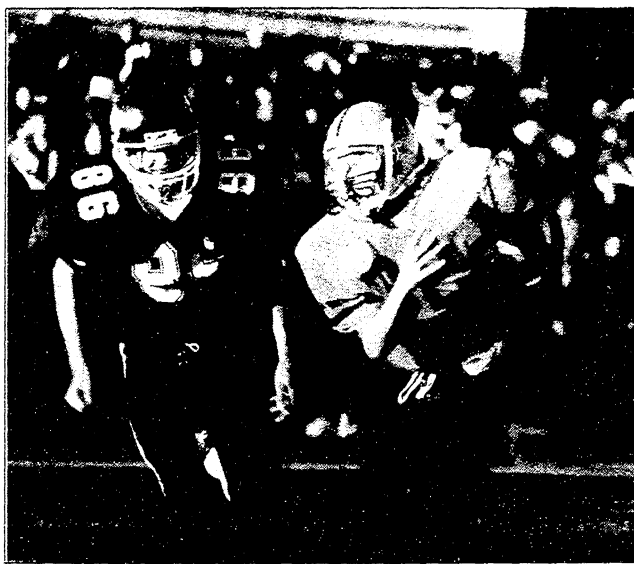
"We were happy to shut down their passing attack," Fielder said. "The kids just played another good game."

"This is a real good group of kids, they want to improve, they work hard to learn what they have to do, they are a good group of kids to work with."

This week Addison will come to Manchester to try their luck against the JV squad. Fielder seems to think his team will be ready again.

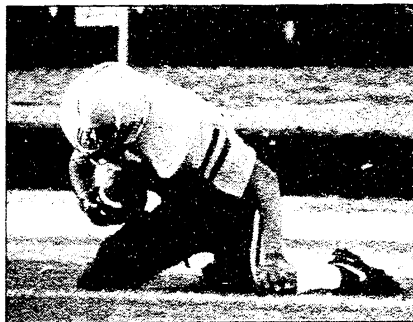
"So far they come out every week to play hard," Fielder said.

"We were happy to shut down their passing attack."
 — Jim Fielder
 Head Coach



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The Dutch offensive attack was too much for Grass Lake as the JV team put up 42 points in last week's contest.



The defense was equally impressive holding Grass Lake to zero points for their third shutout of the year.

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Cross country squad posts impressive performances including personal bests

The air was humid, the clouds were rolling in, and the Manchester Cross-Country teams hit the Portage State Park Course with all they had last Wednesday.

It was the opening meet for the Dutch and they had some outstanding performances to prove it. The meet was broken up into four divisions, a freshmen/sophomore race for boys and girls, and a junior/senior race for boys and girls. They handed out medals to the top 20 in each race. The Dutch were fortunate enough to bring home some hardware.

The day started off with the boys freshmen/sophomore race in which they only had one contestant, Nathan Bragg. Nathan got his season off on the right foot with a solid race. He knocked 2.5 minutes off his time from last year at this meet.

THE NEXT race was the freshmen/sophomore race for girls. Two of the young ladies competed and did outstanding jobs. Natalie Weidmayer became the first medalist of the day with her 14th place finish. She ran a controlled, precise race that benefited her greatly during the last mile. The freshman runner was Jessie Revill. Jessie's goal for the race was to finish and not only did she do

that, she beat several other runners.

The junior/senior race involved the trail blazer, winding up 3rd overall with a new school record of 17:16. That's an excellent time for the young season. Kyle is off to a tremendous start. Also firing out of the blocks was fellow senior Phil Krall. Phil ran a smart, dogged race to place 26th among a race with over 65 runners.

The last race of the day was the girls junior/senior category and this was the race of the day for our team. Manchester had seven girls running in this division.

LEADING THE way in her first cross-country race ever was junior Shannon Green with an 18th place finish. Shannon is inexperienced so opponents will need to watch out as she matures. Our next finisher was senior Lauren Adler, who won her first medal ever at this meet. Lauren ran an outstanding race and used the summer miles she ran to will her across the line to receive the last medal for her division. Also running quality races were juniors Cassie Clark and Heidi Ernst. They finished 22nd and 24th respectively. Other racers who put in a fantastic effort and

time were Erin Fox, Chrissy Abbott, and Rachel Fleck. They ran hard and met and exceeded all expectations for the meet.

Springport Invitational
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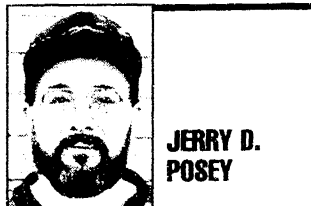
Patience is essential to a successful duck hunt

I had just gotten comfortable at the kitchen table with my first coffee of the day, when I heard the pickup pull into the driveway. I knew who it was without looking out of the window, but I did so out of habit.

The back door opened and my buddy stepped in and announced, "Time for ducks." I just sat there looking at him, feeling that we were both out of our minds. The weather was so nasty outside, I just knew that even the ducks were not going to be out of their warm little beds yet.

This was the first Saturday that I had off from work in over a month and there is nothing that I would rather do than go right back to bed and sleep for another four hours.

How this guy could be so cheerful so early in the morning I couldn't understand. I only had one eye open, and my best guess was that the other one would stay closed at least until



JERRY D. POSEY
ABOUT THE OUTDOORS

daybreak. By that time, we planned to be hunched down in our duck blinds waiting for the first quackers to fly overhead within shooting range.

After we finished our first cup of coffee and filled our thermoses with what was left in the pot, we dashed through the rain and sleet for the pickup and headed out for a day in the water.

By the time we arrived at the hunting site, the sleet had changed to just rain, but it had not warmed up a bit. We parked

the truck and walked through the farmer's woods and alongside the small lake to the cattail blind my buddy had spent several evenings before season getting ready for today's hunt.

After squirming around, making room for the two of us and Ralph, my buddy's big black lab, we considered ourselves ready. Now, bring on the ducks.

The old flat-bottomed boat, which was well hidden by the cattails my friend had so carefully wired in place, was small. But we figured we could suffer the tight quarters for the short period of time we would be crowded into it. One thing we hadn't figured on was how much Ralph had grown since we had last hunted with him the year before.

Ralph was a big dog. Let's face it, Ralph was a fat pig of a dog. He looked like he had had no exercise at all for the last year. We finally figured out that if I held Ralph on my lap or at

least let him sit between my legs, we could all make the necessary movements needed when the big flock of ducks finally decided to fly our way. We got as comfortable as we could and waited. And waited. And waited.

We had been cramped up in the small boat for about two hours when the first flock of six Mallards flew over. We waited nervously as they tried to make up their minds whether they wanted to land, then passed directly over our heads as they decided to look for a better place to spend the day.

When the time was right, we both jerked our 12-gauges into firing position, and each got off three shots. Ralph danced around like a drunken ballet dancer, waiting for the signal from his master that would tell him when to jump into the freezing water. He was ready to retrieve the many ducks that we must have taken with that barrage of shooting.

But it never came. No ducks fell from the sky. Ralph finally figured it out and then sat there with a sorry look on his fat, little doggy face. I think he was sorry that he even came along with us two dead shots.

We finally settled back down and spent the rest of the morning wishing we had located our floating duck blind at the other end of the lake. That was where all of the duck action seemed to be. We would only wait and watch as several groups of ducks flew in and out, always landing out of range at the other end of the small lake.

Just before noon, when we had decided to sit for another half hour before leaving, another small group came in on our end.

As they circled, we had a little more time to get ready. When they dropped in front of us, we each got off a few shots just before they landed in the water.

This time, Ralph got a chance to go into the water. We each dropped one bird.

Ralph gave his master a little smile, then eagerly jumped in

to retrieve the birds when told. One at a time, he brought them back to the boat. He took the first one to his owner and the second one to his owner, also. I don't think he believed that I got one of them. That's some show of gratitude for you, and after I shared my lunchmeat sandwich with him earlier, too.

Shortly after, we packed our equipment up and headed back into town, where we planned to try to convince one of our wives that roast duck would taste good for dinner. We hoped that after we got the birds cleaned, they would take over while we watched a little television.

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FOOTBALL

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"We were manhandled the whole night which was a big concern to us due to the size difference.

In the fourth quarter Grass Lake released their tight end right down the middle field.

"WE DIDN'T try to knock him off the ball," Gall said. "We can't let a guy that big and strong go down the field like that."

He scored on an 18 yard pass. "We felt in the second half we were just basically outsized, out-strengthened, and they moved the ball," Gall said.

"We are not producing like we need to," Gall said. "We had one goal, to control the clock by moving the chains.

"We can't break down by dropping balls and missing assignments.

"We need the offensive to stay on the field and the defensive has to stay off."

With this disappointing loss the Flying Dutchmen need to bounce back to be ready for another tough game this week.

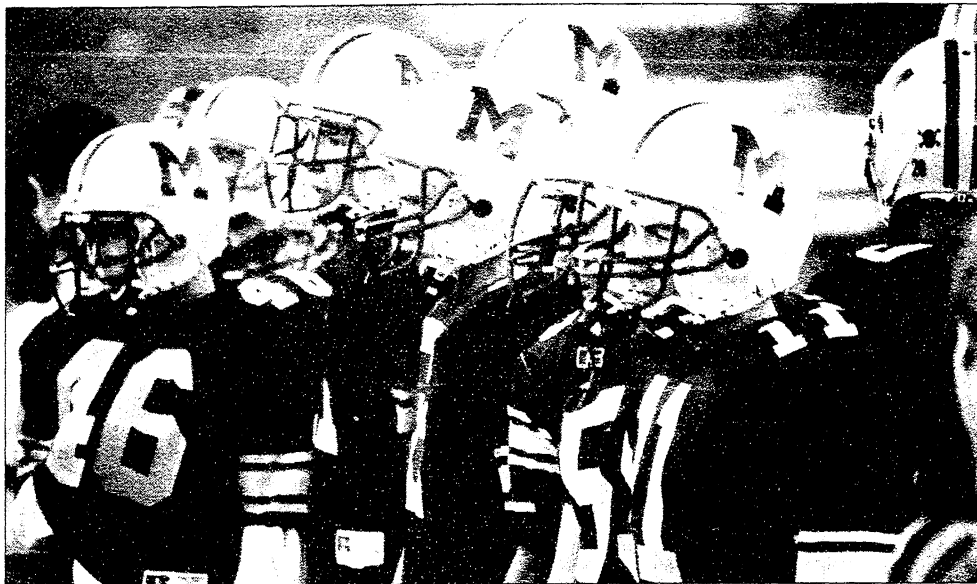
"The two top teams I picked to lead the conference we play in a row, back to back," Gall said. "Addison and Grass Lake."

ADDISON WILL be tough. They have a tailback who checks in at 6'2 225 pounds. Not the worlds fastest man according to Gall, but a load to bring down in the backfield.

They also have an offensive tackle who is near 300 pounds.

They do a good job running the ball says Gall. They are pretty deceptive.

"It is their size we can't match," Gall said. "We'll have a hard time matching up to them too. They are big and strong on



The varsity squad looks on as the final seconds tick away in the loss against Grass Lake.

Photo by David Jose

the offensive line.

"Shaw is probably 30 pounds heavier than the Grass Lake back was. If we tackle him on the shoulders or waist we'll go for a ride. We'll have to tackle from the knees down to bring him down."

The offense will need to spread the field according to Gall. They'll have to run and throw. And Gall wants the receiving to improve.

"We can't drop balls that are thrown to the hands," Gall said.

"IF WE TRY too hard the spiral down will continue. If we make things happen we can spiral the other way.

"Some people are trying extremely hard and may be putting so much pressure on themselves they are not performing at the top of their abilities."

Gall knows they need to correct their problems.

If they do, he knows they can still make it into the playoffs. Between that and getting

back some healthy players the season still holds a great deal of potential.

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Dutch defenders bring down a Grass Lake runner during the game last week.

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HORSES

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trict. A school with 11 or more riders is class A. Pioneer has 16, and Manchester has 12. If a team has 10 riders they can choose to be in either class A or B. Saline with 10 riders chose A.

THESE ARE the only three teams in Class A. At the end of the season only the team with the most cumulative point total goes to states.

It will be close. Pioneer has been at both meets with Manchester and scored 165 in the second meet. A class B team, New Boston won the second event.

Each team has to compete directly against their class opponents at least once during the season, and usually they do

that twice.

All the teams in the district compete at the same place at the same time. The teams travel to the Wayne County Fairgrounds where there are two rings.

There are two different meets going on at same time. One ring has 10 schools competing the other has 7 schools.

Sheats is especially pleased with the performance of her young team. Half of them are freshman.

"THEY ARE really motivated and trying hard at practice," Sheats said. "I've seen great improvement in the younger, beginner riders in the last couple weeks, they've improved greatly."

"They have a lot of potential, in the next couple years we will do real well."

Another Look



Photos by David Jose
The Manchester Junior Varsity Girl's Basketball team chalked up two wins last week over rivals Ypsilanti Lincoln and Vandercook Lake. The Ladies blew past Ypsilanti Lincoln by 14 points, and stole a close one from Vandercook Lake, winning by four points.



CROSS COUNTRY

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Wednesday and came up with their best performance of the young season. The boys had 5 guys run for the first time, and the ladies improved their times tremendously from their last meet. All and all, a very positive and rewarding day for the harriers.

The boys took to the corn fields first and had some outstanding performances to show for it. Kyle Harris continued to run at the front of the pack with his 8th place finish despite a cold and heavy legs from some tough training. His time of 17:25 was solid. Phil Krall put another solid early-season race under his belt with a fine time of 20:15. In the JV race, Nathan Bragg led the way with a personal record of 23:23. He ran the most consistent race of his career. Two young men ran their first races of the year as learning experiences. Senior Brandon Maggetti and Kevin Spangler did everything they were asked to and more in a fine performance for two guys with little training. They have fit in quite nicely to the program.

The girls ran in a tight group and it proved beneficial. We had a pack of five girls running within 34 seconds of each other, and had Rachel Fleck out with injury and Shannon Green not running due to sickness. The

ladies showed they will be tough to contend with as the dual season starts up next week. Leading the way with a very strong race was sophomore Natalie Weidmayer. Following close behind was senior Lauren Adler.

Lauren's summer miles are shining though with her times much improved from last year at this point. Next was junior Cassie Clark who pushed through to finish right behind Lauren.

Junior Heidi Ernst and senior Erin Fox came flying through the finish gate within one second of each other to wind out the scoring. Fox broke through in a big way with her time improving two minutes from her last performance.

Chrissy Abbott ran a personal best also dropping a whopping amount of time off her previous best. Finally, freshman Jessie Revill removed three minutes from her last time to show marked improvement.

Come out to one of the two home meets this season on Tuesday, Sept. 21. The Dutch will run against conference foes East Jackson and Hanover-Horton. The middle school will run at 4:10 p.m., the high school boys at 4:30 p.m. and the high school girls at 5 p.m. The races are held on school grounds behind the track/football field, and also on the grass of Chi-bro Park. Come out and see what the excitement is all about.



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Detroit Edison says it's ready for millennium

It was New Year's Eve for Detroit Edison field personnel and emergency planners as the utility joined others in North America for a Y2K event and drill Sept. 8-9.

The drill had no impact on the delivery of electricity to Detroit Edison customers in Southeastern Michigan, but it did allow the utility to rehearse for the Dec. 31 to Jan. 1, 2000, rollover.

The drill, which involved about 70 Detroit Edison employees, simulated the operation of the electrical system under Y2K imposed scenarios.

"The drill, plus the fact that today is the ninth day of the ninth month of the ninety-ninth year, gave us a good indication that we are as prepared as possible for any abnormal conditions which may occur at the rollover," said Paul A. Childs, Detroit Edison Y2K program manager. "The objectives that we set for the drill and event were met with flying colors."

Those objectives included demonstrating the ability to effectively deploy personnel, using backup voice communication systems and implementing some contingency plans. Detroit Edison personnel were at substations and other locations to manually read and monitor equipment.

During the drill, Detroit Edison worked with security coordinators for the North American Electric Reliability Council (NERC), as well as maintained constant contact with members of the Southeastern Michigan Y2K Utilities Forum (SMUF).

Other SMUF members are Ameritech, Consumers Energy, Detroit Water & Sewerage, Detroit Public Lighting Department, MichCon, Michigan Gas Utilities and Southeast Michigan Gas Co. In addition, some of Detroit Edison's major customers were involved in the drill.

Detroit Edison has taken a lead role with SMUF, recognizing that all utilities are interdependent. The utilities joined forces to support each other and share information, and conducted regular conference calls throughout the drill to

keep abreast of any potential mutual problems and concerns.

Two months ago, Detroit Edison reported to NERC and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission that it has all systems critical to generating and distributing power ready for the rollover to 2000 after more than three years of planning and testing.

"Outside of being ready to generate and deliver safe, reliable electric service to our more than 2 million customers, we've just completed end-to-end integration testing of our business processes to ensure that our customers will be well-served in all aspects of our business," Childs said.

In addition, Detroit Edison has completed its contingency planning and has identified about 2,000 employees who will be available from Dec. 27 to Jan. 7, 2000, to respond to isolated emergencies that may arise from now-unknown situations. However, even employees not scheduled to work will remain ready to report for emergency work should the need arise.

Since the inception of the Y2K program in 1996, Detroit Edison has committed itself to providing a safe, reliable flow of electricity on Jan. 1, 2000, and beyond. As many as 700 people have worked on the program, with current staffing at about 150. The company is expected to spend up to \$87 million on the program.

Detroit Edison has inventoried, assessed, repaired or replaced, and tested about 140,000 critical software programs and susceptible devices involved in the utility's operations to generate and distribute electricity. More than 30 million lines of computer code have been involved in the testing.

"We are confident that Jan. 1, 2000, will be like any other day we provide our customers with electric service," Childs said. "We expect there will be a greater likelihood of a service interruption resulting from bad weather or a vehicle hitting a utility pole and bringing a power line down than something related to Y2K."

Detroit Edison has worked with major utility industry associations and organizations, as well as customers, vendors and key units of government to gather and share information on Y2K issues. Detroit Edison also is in close contact with suppliers critical to company operations

and is continually assessing their programs on Year 2000.

For more information about Detroit Edison's Y2K program,

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PLANNING COMMISSION
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Notice is hereby given that the Manchester Village Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, October 12, 1999 at 7:45 p.m. at the Manchester Village Hall, 120 S. Clinton St., Manchester, MI 48158.

The purpose of the public hearing is to allow the Village residents the opportunity to comment on the application of Manchester Manor for rezoning of 13.48 acres abutting the mobile home park from Agricultural to Mobile Home Park prior to the Village Council considering it for adoption.

If you would like to comment and are not able to attend the meeting, you may send written comments to Karen Tucker, Village Clerk, 120 S. Clinton St., Manchester, MI 48158, or deliver them in person, no later than 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 12, 1999.

Karen Tucker
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FARM FACTS

Michigan wheat farmers harvested a record-setting 67 bushels per acre this year — a blessing attributed to both prayers and technology.

This year's historic yield tops the previous best of 62 bushels per acre set in 1997.

While most of Michigan's grains remain in the field — riding out the rest of summer to see if Mother Nature will hold out for harvest — wheat is one commodity that is already in the bin.

A relatively dry fall last year for planting, a mild winter with plenty of moisture and a productive growing season with plenty of heat and adequate rainfall provided for favorable growing conditions across the majority of the state. That's where the prayers came in.

However, like other industries, technology and research are also to thank, leading farmers toward better management strategies and smarter seed variety choices.

Paul Vergote of Lenawee County took in an average 90 bushels of red wheat per acre this year.

"As the dollar gets tighter on the farm, we all look for ways to hustle more bushels," he said. "Wheat is a timely crop — you have to plant it at the right time in the fall, fertilize it and have routine applications of fungicides to prevent the start of disease."

But, even before planting, Vergote says it's most critical to select the right varieties according to your acreage.

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**NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF
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ORDINANCE NUMBER 33
ACCESSORY BUILDINGS**

The Bridgewater Township Board of Trustees adopted Ordinance Number 33 at its meeting on September 15, 1999. Ordinance Number 33 amends section 11203 of the Township Zoning Ordinance. The amendment establishes new standards for accessory structures in residential and agricultural districts.

The ordinance shall take effect thirty days after this publication of the notice of adoption unless referendum procedures are initiated under MCL 125.282. If referendum procedures are initiated, the ordinance shall take effect in accordance with MCL 125.282.

A copy of the complete text of the ordinance may be obtained from Bridgewater Township Clerk Karen Weidmayer, 13360 E. Austin Rd., Manchester, MI 48158. For appointment, telephone (734) 428-8641.

**PROPOSED SYNOPSIS of a regular meeting
of the Manchester Township Board, held
Monday, September 13, 1999.**

Supervisor Mann called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. with Board members Macomber, Widmayer, Mann and Hakes present. Member Turk was absent. Fire Chief Scully was also present. The Board approved the minutes of their regular meeting of 8/9/99. The treasurer's report was accepted. Approval was given for the bills that have been paid since last meeting and for outstanding bills.

Fire Department activity for the month included 3 fires, 10 medical, 5 personal injuries and 2 miscellaneous, for a total of 20 runs. The Board approved selling of excess lawn care equipment currently stored by the Fire Department, including a 1979 John Deere garden tractor, a 20" push lawn mower, a gas engine string trimmer and a 12' aluminum row boat with oars. Additional Township excess equipment consisting of 3 old computers, one desk, 2 small file cabinets and some printer stands will also be sold. The Board accepted the resignation of firefighter Joe Dunny.

The Board accepted reports from the Zoning Inspector, Planning Commission and Supervisor. Trustee Widmayer reported that the Planning Commission recommends denying the VanBuren mobile home park rezoning request for property on Allen Road and M-52. The request will be forwarded to the Washtenaw County Planning Commission for a recommendation and will then come before the Board.

Windwood Lane was approved as a private road from the cul-de-sac to English Road, completing approval of the entire road. Whippoorwill Lane was given final approval.

A bid from Manchester Electric was approved for replacement of the outside security lighting on the fire hall and for inside exit lighting.

Correspondence required no action from the Board. There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Manchester Township Board is Monday, October 11, 1999 at 8:00 p.m.

A complete copy of these minutes may be obtained during office hours, which are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

Submitted by Kathleen M. Hakes, Clerk
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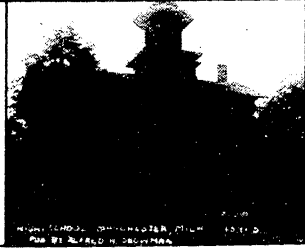
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Looking Back



On this day in...

September, 1899. The one thing we constantly report on in the Enterprise is human nature. The way we are, the way we act, the things we do never cease to amaze, surprise, delight and often make us cringe.

Such was the case 100 years ago. This column contains a few depictions of human nature which have delighted me, and more which made me cringe.

In this column is the story of the unfortunate hypnotist's subject and also a rather funny story about jail conditions in Paw Paw.

In another story, a boy apparently tried to kill himself rather than be arrested for stealing bicycles. At the turn of the century, there was very little tolerance for liberal rehabilitation programs, and crime and punishment were not open to interpretation. Whether we are better or worse off today, I will leave for you to judge.

An advertisement for undergarments also caught our attention, and although no picture accompanied the ad from 100 years ago, wouldn't they be surprised today to see lingerie models slinking about in full color on television.

Also, another update on the story of the religious cult which had recruited a local man's wife and her family in an attempt to use the fear of God to extort money.

You know, that particular incident reminds me of a conversation I had with someone about puritanism a few years ago. My friend said to me something like this: Don't ever forget that this country was founded by people who were so religiously fanatic that they were kicked out of their own country!

State Gossip

There is a dearth of servant girls at Port Huron.

Freeman Hodges, who was sentenced at Paw Paw recently to two years imprisonment for chicken stealing, built a fire on the floor of the jail in the hope that he could make his escape in the excitement. The jailer's wife, who was alone in the building, told the other prisoners they could put out the fire or burn to death, and they quickly extinguished the blaze.

J. Ullery, a farmer residing near Niles, sold several cattle to a butcher and took the money home with him. The first night he became frightened at the thought of robbery, got up and hid the money in a crevice in the woodshed. The next morning his dog was dead and the money gone. It is thought thieves were watching the house and saw Ullery hide the money.

American Legion Ladies Auxiliary begins meeting

The American Legion Auxiliary began the new year with the meeting in September 9, 1999, with 24 members in attendance. President Diane Hughes gave members the committee assignments for 1999-2000. Membership goal for this year is 134 members. Congratulations to the 91 who have paid dues. Unpaid dues should be sent to Phyllis Baker, Auxiliary Treasurer, Manchester, MI.

The Legion District meeting will be held on October 24 in Manchester. Anyone who is a Legion or Auxiliary member is welcome to attend.

The first breakfast of the season will be Sunday, Oct. 3. New workers are always welcome.

Refreshment committee for October is Marilyn LaRock and Laura Deacons.



cers, located the above gents, had them arrested and slapped in jail at Adrian. He also tried to have his wife, who was also at Springwells with the colony of "disciples," return home with him, but they kept her out of sight.

Mr. A was called to Adrian last Saturday, the disciples arrested on his complaint having decided to "touch the earth," as it were. Their faith in the lard may not be shaken, but when it comes to law business they concluded it would be safer to hire a lawyer, and Mr. Jenks, of Jackson was engaged. Then they wanted to settle with Mr. A and made him a tempting offer which he at once rejected. It is a serious matter, this breaking up one's family. Their trial comes on at this term of circuit court. Mrs. A and her father were in town yesterday, but Mr. A was out of town so they did not see him.

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Washtenaw County

The Ann Arbor officers are angry because the board of supervisors has knocked off the 50 cent fee for attendance of officers at court when prisoners plead guilty.

John Wisner is over at Ann Arbor again, moving buildings. He tackled on a few days ago for Allmendingers & Schneider, and thought he "had a pudding," but when he put his jack screws under the sill to raise it up, it wouldn't go. Well, he took an ax and smashed in the siding, then he found out the home was veneered with brick. Well, he'll move it, but it won't go fast.

It is reported that the hunters are rushing this season, shooting quail and other game that is yet protected by the law. Look out, boys, the game warden may unexpectedly drop upon you. Better wait until after the 30th.

Fred J. Vogel of Pleasant Lake, postmaster of Freedom, is strongly in favor of rural mail delivery. He says it would be worth more to him to receive his mail daily, than the paltry salary he is now paid as fourth class postmaster. He thinks the farmers want rural free mail delivery and they

should have it.

Freedom Township

Theodore Ulrich lost a valuable horse Thursday

Freddie Haeussler, who was quite sick with appendicitis, is decidedly better.

Geo. Koffberger of Jackson, spent part of last week with his sister, Mrs. Fred Uphaus, and other friends.

Mr. & Mrs. Fred Kleinschmidt spent Saturday and Sunday in Norvell with their daughter, Mrs. Frank Hall.

Sharon Township

Geo. Hommelhart will work the Dolph Cook place.

The German missionary society of North Sharon met at Mrs. Reuben Kappler's house last Wednesday.

The North Sharon Epworth League elected the following officers:

President - Miss Mamie Fletcher
Vice-Pres - Nettie Alber, Libbie Lemm
Treas. - Wm. Alber
Sec. - Mabel Lemm

Brief News Items

"Oh, we'll have to pay for this warm weather next winter, you bet," said a farmer Tuesday.

Circuit Court juror, David Jones, was hauled up before Judge Peck for being too talkative with witnesses in the Given case. An affidavit filed by David Timmons of Saginaw says "A juror approached the witness Monday evening on the streets, engaged him in conversation and insisted on his accompanying him to Bender's saloon where they had drinks; that the juror remarked the people had presented no evidence in the case; that Given would not be convicted and the he (Jones) would hang out until hell froze over before he would convict on such evidence; that while they were in the saloon, Given entered, Jones referring to him as a 'white-haired boy,' and said 'if it wasn't for him, we'd go dry.'" This created quite a sensation and T. E. Barkworth was engaged to assist Jones out of the difficulty. They denied some of the allegations, but the judge decided to discharge the jury in the case. No proceedings have yet been taken against Jones.

The Looking Back article is a regular feature in the Enterprise which reprints articles from the Enterprise of 100 years ago.

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