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NEWS BRIEFS

Teachers, district reach 4-year deal

The Manchester teachers have agreed to a new contract with the district that will last through 2003.

The teachers voted to ratify the contract last week and the school board made it official by unanimously approving the new contract at their Monday night meeting.

The deal calls for a 2.5-percent raise this year, 3-percent raises in years two and three and a 3.5-percent raise in the fourth year of the deal.

The teachers had been working without a contract since June 30, when the previous deal expired.

Interim Superintendent Robert Smith said he believed the deal was good for the teachers and for the district.

"You're always happy when an agreement is completed," he said. "I think that there were issues on both sides that people worked to help meet."

For instance, Smith said that the teachers agreed to increase their instructional time in the classroom by 17 minutes each day without extra compensation. The 17-minute increase is a state mandate that takes effect next year.

"That might not sound like much, but that means about an extra 51.5 hours each year," Smith said. "That was certainly something that was appreciated."

Another change in the contract calls for the schools to pay for half of the tuition for the continuing education of teachers after they have accrued five years in the district.

Previously, teachers were required to have already earned a master's degree and have accrued five years in the district before the schools would pay for half of their tuition.

Smith said he believes this new contract item will encourage teachers to further pursue their education, and will have an impact on the classroom.

"The reality is that it becomes hard for a teacher to move to another district after five years," he said. "This will encourage the teachers to enhance their skills for our school district."

Under the terms of the new contract, a newly-hired teacher with a bachelor's degree will have a starting salary of \$28,707, and a newly-hired teacher with a master's degree will begin earning \$30,304. The top salary a 30-year teacher with a master's degree and additional credits can earn in the Manchester school dis-

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Autumn Fun



Photos by
Marsha Johnson Chartrand

Neighbors Weston Maggetti, (above) and Eric Davis take time out to play before the street cleaners come through and gather up their fun.



Sharon Township settles four lawsuits with zoning implications

By M. S. Clinansmith

Special Writer

In a dramatic reversal of fortunes, Sharon Township Supervisor Gary Blades announced settlements in four pending township legal matters. Each puts to rest contests between the township and those challenging its authority in areas where new ordinances had been adopted.

Specifically, three of the settlements are related to the township's mineral licensing ordinance, adopted earlier this year.

Under those provisions, persons or organizations participating in the operation of a gravel pit must now obtain a license after application to the township's mineral licensing board and pay a nominal permit fee annually. These settlements should clear the way for the regular operation of the mineral licensing board.

THE FIRST settlement involves two cases brought by Manchester attorney and Sharon Township property owner Tom Ellis. The first suit challenged the township's authority to regulate gravel pit operations and began when Ellis was accused of operating an unauthorized gravel pit from

his property.

Ellis said that such operations were only part of general acts completed to improve his properties. The township argued otherwise and Pat Conlin, township-retained attorney, filed an injunction request to stop the further mining of gravel. In response, Ellis sued both Conlin and Supervisor Gary Blades charging harassment.

In two consent agreements, one for each suit, Ellis agreed to stop extracting gravel from his site and withdraw his harassment suit.

IN A RELATED matter, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) denied a request by Farmer Brothers Sand and Gravel of Northville, Michigan, to build an access road into its property on the west side of M-52 opposite its current operation pit north of Peckins Road. If granted, the permit under Part 303 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act of 1991 would have allowed Framer Brothers to construct a road beginning opposite the intersection of M-52 and Peckins Road and penetrating 400 feet into two parcels of land owned by Jimmy D. Farmer and Johnny R. Farmer in Section 14 and including the filling of

approximately 7,555 cubic yards of material over areas including peat bogs.

The road itself would have had an entrance 75-feet wide and have an internal width of 35 feet. The stated purpose was to "build [an] access drive for [the] property described" which would be converted to cattle farming.

IN ANNOUNCING this settlement, Blades paid tribute to State Representative Gene DeRossett for his assistance with voicing the township's concerns.

The original Farmer Brothers request was filed in November, 1998 and was opposed by several local environmental groups, including the Michigan United Conservation Clubs and the Huron River Watershed Council.

The denial of the permit included an alternative proposal for the road site on higher ground, but those familiar with the action have indicated that Farmer Brothers do not favor this site.

Finally, in a case that took over one year of the Sharon Planning Commission's time to resolve, Lawrence Sellers entered into a consent judg-

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Board appoints new member

■ School Board appoints local physician to fill vacancy left by president's resignation

By Shawn Lawrence

Associate Editor

The school board unanimously approved the appointment of Monty Okey Monday to replace board member Paul Kluwe who resigned last month.

Okey will be on the board until the next school election, which will be held in June, when voters will decide who should fill the position for the remaining three years of the term.

Okey has lived in Manchester with his family since 1981. He and his wife, JoAnne, have six children.

Okey graduated from Pioneer High School in Ann Arbor, and graduated from the University of Michigan Medical School. He is a physician and owns a family practice in Clinton.

He has been a member of the Manchester Band Boosters for the past fifteen years, serving as secretary for the group for the past six years. He is a member of the Emanuel United Church of Christ where he has held also held offices.

OKEY HAS never run for or been appointed to any public position prior to Monday.

His wife served on the Manchester school board in 1982 and 1983, and she was also the Klager Elementary principal from 1984 to 1986. She now works as a principal in an Ann Arbor elementary school.

Okey said that he and his wife both believe education is the foundation for a healthy lifestyle.

"You need to use your minds until you die," he said. "It starts in infancy and continues through life. The building blocks of education through our lifetime begins in our formal education, starting in Kindergarten or preschool."

Okey said that the school board is facing a number of tasks at the present, and the school board ratifying the teachers' contract Monday night was his first priority.

THE OTHER items Okey said the board needs to address are: getting a superintendent; work on improving facilities including upgrading technology; and

reversing the trend of declining enrollment in the district.

"One of the weaknesses in our district is our aging facilities," he said. "That needs to be addressed through a bond issue, but it has to (be a bond) that will improve the facilities for everyone."

Okey said another topic he would like to research is the state funding formula. He said that smaller districts like Manchester have been on the short end of funding since school finance was shifted through Proposal A.

"We need to communicate actively to our state legislators and governor that small school districts, in order to be equipped to educate our children, need more funds," he said.

"I am fearful that in 20 or 30 years, there might not be any small high schools left. All of the smaller districts are consolidating. We're seeing that everywhere."

OKEY SAID

that despite the problems currently facing the district, he believes that the Manchester schools have some strengths they can rely on.

"Community pride is the main thing we've got going for us," he said. "That's the main thing we have: community pride and pride in the schools."

Okey said he hopes that some of that pride can translate into people and businesses in the community getting involved with their schools, bringing their own expertise to the district.

"There's a lot of potential for active involvement by the community in the education of our children," he said. "They can volunteer to help in the classrooms, or volunteer to help in some other way. That's one of the strengths of a small community."

Okey said that the biggest asset he brings to the board is a willingness to listen.

"It's important to communicate your concerns to the board members, as well as to the administration and teachers," he said. "Open communication is extremely important in our society. I look forward to trying to help the board and the community in any way I can."

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— Monty Okey
School Board trustee

No arrests made yet in murder of local man

■ State police rule man's death a homicide, investigation into his death is ongoing

No arrests have been made yet in the murder of a Manchester Township man whose body was discovered in the village of Clinton last week. Police said they believe a blow to the head was what killed 82-year-old Russell Smith.

Police said Smith had been reported missing by family members Friday night when he failed to return home. Smith's pet dogs had been found wandering in an area north of Tecumseh, and then police discovered his pick-up truck abandoned.

The truck had been set on fire and was found outside of the Macon area in Lenawee County.

Police investigations determined that Smith had been seen in Clinton as late as Friday afternoon. Police obtained a search warrant for a vacant house in Clinton where Smith was known to have done some work, and they eventually found his body there.

An autopsy was performed Monday morning at Bixby Hospital in Adrian, and police have ruled the death a homicide. State police at the Adrian Post are handling the investigation.

Smith had lived in rural Manchester Township for many years, and had three adult children. He was known in Manchester as "Smitty" and was a great lover of animals. He worked as an electrician.

Smith previously had served

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Community Calendar



Thursday, Nov. 11
 ■ 6:15 PM - Awana Clubs meet at Community Bible Church

Friday, Nov. 12
 ■ 7:00 PM - AA Meeting at Emanuel Church Kitchen

Sunday, Nov. 14
 ■ 1:30 PM - Parkinson Education and Support Group, call 930-6335 for information

Monday, Nov. 15
 ■ 7:00 PM - Manchester Village Council
 ■ 7:30 PM - Manchester School Board meets
 ■ 7:30 PM - United Way Board meeting
 ■ 7:30 PM - Overeaters Anonymous meets at Chelsea United Methodist Church

Tuesday, Nov. 16
 ■ 7:00 PM - Bootstomper at Emanuel Church

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.

■ 7:00 PM - Middle School PTA
 ■ 7:30 PM - Manchester Historical Society meets at the Blacksmith Shop

Wednesday, Nov. 17
 ■ 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM - WIC program meets at Senior Citizens building
 ■ 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM - Manchester Family Services Community Food Gatherers at St. Mary's Parish Center Kitchen
 ■ 7:30 PM - Bridgewater Township Board
 ■ 7:30 PM - Manchester Men's Club
 ■ 7:30 PM - Community Band - Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce meets

Thursday, Nov. 18
 ■ 6:15 PM - Awana Clubs meet at Community Bible Church
 ■ 7:30 PM - Community Resource Center Board meets

Board treasurer explores options for new facilities

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
 Staff Writer

It's never that easy to balance the checkbook.

And when you're talking about people's children, you want to make sure you count your money carefully. That's the dilemma in which the Manchester Board of Education finds themselves these days.

"We have to remember it's for the kids, and for their future," said Emory Garlick, school board treasurer. "We have a short term financial problem here, and we have to look for ways to get it resolved."

"We may need to do some borrowing to get us through this year. We may find ourselves with a deficit in our uncommitted fund balance. We are currently looking into ways to remedy the situation we have here - whether it is potential areas of savings or alternate funding sources."

At last month's meeting where goal setting was a priority, Garlick presented a lengthy position paper on facilities. The condition of each of the school district's buildings and other facilities was reviewed in late September by Garlick, a registered Civil Engineer and John Mooneyham, the school's custodial and maintenance supervisor.

PLEASANT LAKE School is in "sound and remarkable condition," according to Garlick's report. Several items of short term and long term maintenance were noted.

"This is a building we should not ignore or place on the back burner," said Garlick. The building currently houses the alternative education program.

The athletic complex has been significantly upgraded in recent months, with the track reconstruction, extension of water lines and fire hydrants. A few maintenance notes were made, including paint and minor bleacher repairs.

The recent bond program brought Klager School up to very good condition, although a few minor repairs should be considered, said Garlick.

More surprising, however, is the condition of the Middle School and Nellie Ackerson buildings, in light of the fairly recent renovations. Several short-term problems were identified by Garlick's report and many long-term maintenance projects were also named.

"We do not have the personnel necessary to maintain or clean up some of these areas," said Garlick. "Our housekeeping needs to be upgraded and an in-depth review of our problems is necessary."

MAINTENANCE NEEDS at the high school are so extensive that needs were divided into "short term, moderate term and long term" segments.

"Our students and staff are

being shortchanged by the lack of upgrading in the high school," Garlick said. "I am of the opinion that upgrading this building is not an option...we must do it within the next two years."

Some of the necessary renovations to the high school would include upgrading the electrical system, which Garlick reports is maxed out at 800 amps for the entire building. This would enable the district to install HVAC systems. Bathrooms for both students and staff "show their age" and are inadequate for the current capacity of the building. The auditorium, which also functions as a lunchroom, does not comply with health department regulations.

"We have been limping along for years, having other districts provide our meal needs," said Garlick. "A kitchen facility is a must. We have to provide our own kitchen, and our own food, so as not to continue losing money on this program."

THE MEDIA center has space constraints with no space for a central workstation for students, and still functions with an antiquated filing card catalog system. In addition, humidity and temperature needs to be controlled to preserve the volumes the district currently owns.

Garlick also commented that the band room is inadequate for the current size of the program and would require significant expansion in a new section of the building.

Garlick made ten recommendations that were adopted in the goal-setting session as official goals of the board. Included in the recommendations is a four-faceted bond proposal.

- Bond remodeling work for Pleasant Lake, High School and Middle Schools, and to upgrade the Klager grounds.

- Bond the replacement of twelve of our currently 18 buses.

- Bond the completion of the technology program that is currently underway.

- Bond for purchase of land to meet future needs.

GARLICK ALSO suggested the formation of a wide-scale committee called the Facilities Concept Committee. This would include general membership from the community, certified and non-certified school staff, and the board of education. The objective of this committee would be to provide an overview of what they feel is needed to enhance the students' educational environment.

Subcommittees would include an information committee and an architectural review committee, which could provide more specialized review and dissemination of the needed information.

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Discussion forums shut down

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
 Staff Writer

In light of the recent acrimony in the Chamber of Commerce discussion forums, web site manager Jeff Whitman has made the difficult decision to shut down the discussion forums.

Whether this decision is temporary or permanent remains to be seen.

"There were 4,600 visitors to chamber website during October," said Whitman. "Of those, 1,500 participated in the discussion forums."

When compared with the normal average of 3,000-3,200 viewers of the website each month, it seems that only local people were truly affected by the discussion forums, Whitman said.

A REVIEW of the server logs indicates that only three people were the source of all of the anonymous postings.

Whitman says that "a few" members of the community helped him make his decision to shut down the discussion forums. He felt that it was important to respect the wishes of the segment of the community who were offended by the remarks, which became very personal and caustic.

"Those who edit or remove submissions to discussion forums become responsible for all of the remaining content," said Whitman. "Therefore, my

decision had to be either to leave it as it was or totally remove the forums."

As far as the impact beyond community, Whitman believes it to be minimal to nonexistent.

"On Oct. 22 we had a major peak in traffic," he said. "The next three days were also fairly high in traffic. In the days that followed, visits to the site tapered off dramatically. My guess is that someone found the postings, and the news spread locally very rapidly."

WHILE THE discussion forums are an active part of the visitors, the discussion forums are not what get most of the traffic, said Whitman. Overall they are actually a minimal part of website traffic.

"We believe the website is a benefit to the community. This technology offers to bring the community as a whole online and it provides numerous benefits, above and beyond the discussion forums."

"Unfortunately, the forums were abused by three people and that affected the whole site."

What the chamber plans to do in the future remains unknown.

For now, the sites have been removed, whether temporarily or permanently. There is no target date for the forums to be put back on line.

Whitman believes that the forums provided an opportunity for people to share their perspectives and opinions on what is - or should be - going on in Manchester.

"In a small community the cloak of anonymity made it favorable, and people could look at (the messages) without recrimination," he says.

THE MANCHESTER Area Chamber of Commerce still has a very active, viable website he said. Visitors to the site were viewing information that was useful - both to those who are members of the chamber of commerce and those who are not.

"There are a lot of wonderful people in this community, but it seems they are the silent majority," said Whitman. "We need to continue to promote what's positive in our community."

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— Jeff Whitman
 Manchester Chamber of Commerce president

"WHETHER THEY return is partly in terms of the interest shown by the community," said Whitman. "Rest assured that in any future incarnation of the discussion

forums, those who post will be registered users. Their e-mail and names will be part of the registration process. Unfortunately we have to remove the cloak of anonymity due to the abuse."



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Outstanding volunteer award given by CRC

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Staff Writer

At the Community Resource Center's annual benefit banquet on Oct. 27, Mary Blossom was recognized for volunteer achievement as the recipient of the 1999 Claire Reck Outstanding Community Volunteer award.

Blossom was nominated by the American Legion Auxiliary where she has chaired many committees and held the post of chaplain of the organization. A long time member of the Auxiliary, as her father was a veteran of World War I and her husband, Maynard, is a World War II veteran.

"Mary is a special member

who never refuses a task," said Diane Hughes, president of the American Legion Auxiliary. "She will be on a committee, bake special diabetic cookies for the veterans at the VA hospital, help with poppy sales, bake sales, and take her turn working at bingo."

A SPECIAL project that Blossom coordinated for the American Legion in the past year is a book detailing the lives of veterans who were killed in the line of duty in the four major wars of this century. Each month she has given reports of her findings, sharing the tragedies and triumphs of these young men and their fam-

ilies. The book is now complete and is filled with dozens of pictures and letters these young men had written to their families. The book is on file with the Manchester Historical Society and the State of Michigan Historical Society, as well as being available at the Manchester Township Library.

BLOSSOM ALSO volunteers at the Chelsea Community Hospital gift shop and at Klager Elementary school where she taught for 20 years. She now volunteers her time as a helper in her grandchildren's classrooms. In addition, she opens her pool each summer for children in the migrant program to

swim, and dedicates many active volunteer hours at Emanuel Church. Blossom served a six year term on the board of trustees at Emanuel and is also on the Manchester Salvation Army board.

Blossom recalls Claire Reck fondly. "I worked with Claire for many years on projects. She was sort of a one-person show. When she knew she was dying, she hand-picked people to take over for her. She chose me for the Salvation Army, and I've been part of that organization ever since."

EVEN KNOWING that the American Legion Auxiliary had nominated her for the volunteer award, she describes herself as "surprised and flattered" to have been tapped as the outstanding volunteer.

"There are so many wonderful volunteers in Manchester. I think that's what makes it such a special community."

Several years ago, Blossom began a holiday tradition in her home which has grown and blossomed into a community wide project - the annual "Christmas in the Village" celebration, which she has coordi-



Mary Blossom

nated as it has grown, turning it over this year to other volunteers because of health problems.

"I have enjoyed volunteer

work more than I ever did getting paid for a job," she says. "It's more rewarding and I am always working on a project I enjoy."

Christmas celebration planned

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Staff Writer

In what has become an eagerly awaited annual event, Christmas in the Village will be held on Saturday, Nov. 20. Merchants, area churches, local crafters, and several service organizations have gathered together to make this growing Manchester tradition an enjoyable day for everyone.

This is a chance to showcase our community while enjoying Christmas shopping both in the unique downtown district and elsewhere throughout town. Planning has been going on since July for this event and the festive decorations on the trees and the lamp posts will add to the Christmas atmosphere.

The craft show at the American Legion Hall and the downtown merchant specials will both begin at 9 a.m. that morning.

"We are excited about having the craft show so close to downtown," said Peg Chizmar, president of the Manchester Merchants Association. "We think this will help both the businesses and the crafters have a good day."

The craft show has moved to the American Legion for more room, but they are already filled to capacity with several names on their waiting list, said Elaine Steele, the day's chairperson. Seventeen Manchester crafters and 12 from the surrounding

area will be among the booths filling the hall.

Among the exhibitors at the show will be caricature artist Walt Griggs who this year will do colored caricatures; homemade quilts, baskets, Santas, pottery, needlecrafts, and ceramics; scroll sawn items; knitted and crocheted clothing; sweatshirts; dried flower arrangements and wreaths; and much more.

The Manchester community orchestra will provide live Christmas music during the morning at the craft show.

Santa will arrive at the Legion following the 10 a.m. parade, which begins at the Emanuel church. Santa will spend about an hour there chatting with his young friends. The entrance will be appropriately decorated for Santa, compliments of the Flower Garden.

The children, up to 12 years of age, may follow Santa up to Klager School gym, where a special "Lunch with Santa" will be sponsored by the Key Club.

Vickie Bolan, Key Club advisor, says that reservations are recommended, and tickets for children and adults will be made available through the school. Children under 5 should be accompanied by an adult at the luncheon. In addition to lunch, there will be games, activities and prizes for the young people.

While you're up on Ann Arbor

Hill, be sure to stop at the United Methodist Church, which is sponsoring the now-famous "cookie walk" with hundreds of dozens of cookies to choose from. Other baked goods will also be available at the church, as well as a light luncheon.

A coffee bar will be available at the craft show. The ladies of St. Mary's Catholic Church will also serve a soup and sandwich lunch at the American Legion Hall, beginning at 11 a.m.

Downtown there will be at least three groups of Christmas carolers, at 30-45 minute intervals throughout the day. Sharon and Carl Curtis will also bring their organ downtown for an hour and then move to the Legion.

"We are so pleased with the response to this year's show," said Steele. "I wish we had room for all the crafters who want to come. Maybe in future years we will have to rearrange our schedule a bit."

Steele credits the guidance of Mary Blossom who has run the show for many years, in making this a success this year.

"Mary was so helpful in teaching me about this last year, it was much easier to take over this year when it was needed. It has been great to have Janice Little helping me as well."

Steele thinks that having so much "Manchester" in our Christmas in the Village celebration gives a real sense of community togetherness.

Chizmar is also enthusiastic about the potential for growth in this annual tradition.

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Health Coalition meets

Manchester Coalition for Health, organized by the Community Resource Center, is a subgroup of the Washtenaw County Health Improvement Plan. The goals of the Manchester Group are five fold:

- to identify health-related priorities for the local area
- plan positive health awareness activities for residents
- encourage collaboration efforts to improve the health status of the community
- capture new resources for implementing programs
- evaluate programs on meeting health goals for Manchester.

Priorities for the current year emphasize two major areas, chronic disease prevention and communicable disease prevention.

With the collaborative effort of Manchester Community Schools and Michigan Department of Public Health, Hepa-

titis B vaccinations were provided to students in grades six through twelve. In addition, local hospitals, the Washtenaw County Public Health, Parish Nurses Association, and Manchester Family Services have partnered to provide health clinics for flu, tetanus and pneumonia shots.

The Manchester Coalition for Health met on Wednesday, Nov. 10 at St. Mary's Parish Center. At that time the coalition reviewed the accomplishments of the past year, and prepared for the Dec. 15 goal-setting session for 2000 and beyond.

Opportunities are available for volunteers to participate in a number of programs to improve the health of people in the community of Manchester. For information, contact the Community Resource Center at 428-7722.

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Asset program continues its vision

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Staff Writer

Encouraging and empowering young people to speak out and make a difference in their future is the concept of the Community Vision, Building Youth Assets committee, which recently met to evaluate the progress of the program to date.

On Nov. 3, the vision team met to develop goals and objectives to continue the program for the current school year.

"We have several vision goals and objectives that we'd like to accomplish," said John Easley, assistant principal at Manchester High School, and a member of the vision team. "This program will have a wide impact. We expect to train our staff, students, and then community, in the asset building program."

"Basically, these 40 assets will help students make better choices. Research has said that the more 'assets' a young person possesses, the better. So as

a community, school staff, and parents, we have to make the appropriate resources available to our students.

What we're trying to establish is the availability of these assets. As staff and community members are trained in asset building techniques, we'll have resources, where our students can obtain some of the assets they're lacking."

The mission statement of the Vision Team is, "We envision that the community of Manchester is a place where all young people are empowered to use their gifts to speak out, are listened to, and are encouraged to act to improve their lives and the lives of others."

The key target populations to accomplish this mission are identified as community, parents, students, and school staff. Vision team members are developing strategies that will be used to accomplish the mission. This includes educational

opportunities for staff and community presentations.

On March 31, the Manchester Community Schools will sponsor a professional development day for certified and non-certified staff, and on April 1, there will be a community presentation, "Everyone is an Asset Builder."

Easley outlined four major goals that the vision team is developing.

"The main goal is training. We want to make a community-wide goal of building a caring environment for youth; engaging everyone to nurture and support assets in our youth." The professional development and community presentations early next year will be part of that training goal.

This also leads to the second goal, developing a procedure for parent/school relationships.

"Our third goal is for the students," said Easley. "We want to empower our young people to use their gifts to speak out, be heard and encouraged, and to act to improve their lives and the lives of others."

Strategies to reach this goal include organizing a core student leadership team at each building, and then sponsor leadership training for student teams

The fourth goal is to assure that all staff is trained in the Search Institute's asset building approach to youth develop-

ment. One benefit, notes Easley, is that the newly hired high school counselor, Dave Taylor, has previously been trained in Asset building, so his input will be valuable in staff development.

The vision team has had several successes to date. They have established focus groups in grades five through twelve, discussing "What kids need from their home, school and community." A town meeting was held last year to set priorities based on the needs identified by the students in the focus groups.

A year ago, the vision team helped to conduct the Search Institute's Profile of Student Life: Attitudes and Behavior Survey. This survey attempts to measure risk behavior and to identify strengths and values in the community's youth.

In March, an Introduction to Developmental Assets program was presented to the community to review the data from the survey.

Now that a vision for the future of the program is underway, volunteers who are motivated to service are encouraged to call the Community Resource Center at 428-7722.

The next meeting of the Vision Team will be on Wednesday, Dec. 1 at 3:30 p.m. in the MHS Media Center.

School district developing charitable foundation

By Shawn Lawrence
Associate Editor

The Manchester school district is creating a charitable trust to which people can donate money and receive a tax write-off. The money the district receives can be used to fund special items like scholarships, band instruments, athletic equipment and other items.

The foundation is in the preliminary stages of formation, and is being coordinated with United Bank & Trust.

Once the language of the foundation is drafted, the school district will create a board of trustees to administer the money collected. That board of trustees will be required to set up by-laws and guidelines the foundation will use.

Interim Superintendent Robert Smith said that this would be another tool for the district to try and meet the needs of the students.

"THIS WILL give us a chance to do some good things for students," Smith said. "We'll be able to (receive donations) from businesses and corporations. Giving students more support wherever we can is something we should work toward."

Smith said that district Finance Director Denise Walter has spearheaded the effort. He also said that these types of foundations have been very successful in other districts in the area. The Lenawee school district has had a foundation in effect for about 15 years, and the Tecumseh district raised nearly \$300,000 in the first year its foundation was created.

Walter said she doesn't know what to expect from a charitable foundation for the Manchester schools, but all the money collected would be used to enhance students' educational experience.

"IT WILL be a start for us, and eventually it will grow," Walter said. "It's an avenue which people can use to donate money to the schools."

Walter said that the Community Resource Center has expressed an interest in helping to develop ideas on how the money can be spent. Walter said that the CRC may be able to help the school district identify needs within the community for students at the Manchester schools.

"There could be some opportunities working with the CRC," Walter said. "What that role is has yet to be defined. When I hear the word 'community,' I hear 'working together.'"


Walter said that in other districts, the money has been used to fund scholarships to local students, buy equipment to enhance extra-curricular activities like band, music and drama, and even to buy textbooks in some cases.

"IF THE foundation helps us build the Manchester community schools, it will be worth it," she said.

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"There are families in need in this community," she said. "The foundation will be a mechanism for people in this community to help other people in the community. It's something we have to build together."

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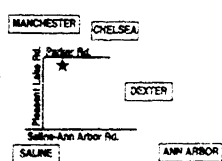
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BRIEFS

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district is \$64,164.

Smith said another benefit to signing the teachers would be that now the district could focus on other areas of planning in the schools - including making cuts to balance the budget this year and looking ahead to a bond issue for facilities and technology.

But Smith said the next immediate item on his agenda is settling the contract with the support staff - the transportation, clerical, food service and custodial employees.

Smith said that the support staff employees had agreed to delay their bargaining until the teachers' contract had been finalized.

"There's every reason to believe that contract will be taken care of quickly and amicably," Smith said. "They're a quality group and I expect to see it done very rapidly."

Smith said that contract talks for the support staff would begin next week.

Newly-appointed School Board President Ron Ellison said he, too, was glad to see the deal finalized.

"Everybody's pleased because the teachers deserve a contract," Ellison said. "Our financial problems are not their fault."

"I think a four-year contract is good for everybody. The teachers seem to be happy. Now we've got our work cut out for us. We've got to solve this financial picture."

Also at the school board meeting, Ellison was voted in as the new board president to replace former president Paul Kluwe who resigned last month. Trustee Polly Jo Deacons was voted in as the new board vice-president to replace Ellison. Both votes were unanimous.

School budget cut proposals to be presented Monday

The school board will hear the first round of proposed budget cuts from the administration at the Monday meeting. The district is attempting to restructure finances to balance the budget this year.

The administration has been researching each department of school operations in an attempt to save money without cutting student programs. The meeting is set for 7:30 p.m. at the high school on Monday. The public is invited to attend the open meeting.

Flu Vaccines Offered

There will be a flu vaccine clinic offered in Manchester on Wednesday, Nov. 17 from 1 to 4 p.m.

This clinic is open to the public and will be held at St. Mary's Parish Center (formerly the Knights of Columbus hall) at 105 W. Madison Street in town.

The flu shots will be available to community members 18 years and older. These shots are free to Medicare cardholders, or cost \$10 for those without Medicare.

The program is a combined effort of the Manchester Coalition for Health, Manchester Family Services, and St. Joseph Mercy Health System.

POLICE

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for two four-year terms on the Manchester Township Library Board of Trustees. His generosity of time and service over the years to Manchester Family Services is also being remembered by many.

For years, Smith had delivered groceries, provided emergency transportation and delivered meals-on-wheels to home-

bound senior citizens, among his other volunteer tasks.

He was also a veteran of the Civilian Conservation Corps and active in union organization.

-Marsha Johnson Chartrand & Shawn Lawrence

SHARON

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ment over the unauthorized use of his house trailer as an home on Sharon Hollow Road. Numerous complaints had been filed by Sellers' neighbors, and the township zoning administrator had spent several months in seeking to have Sellers conform to the township zoning ordinance.

IN ANOTHER consent judgment, Sellers agreed to post a performance bond which would guarantee that he would, within 60 days, place a 42-inch base under trailer, remove the tongue and axle from the trailer, remove all appliances, paint the exterior to conform to the colors of nearby structures and not to use the trailer as a dwelling.

Taken together, these agreements were welcomed by the Board of Trustees, which was presented with them as part of Blades' regular monthly report.

FISH

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HE HAS been volunteering time at the DNR Office in Jackson and is currently looking into pursuing a new career in wildlife management and fisheries. Taking classes at Washtenaw Community College this winter will bring him a few

steps closer to that goal, and he may just be able to take an even bigger role in assuring a prolific supply of fish in Manchester's slice of the River Raisin in years to come.

Manchester anglers can thank Tim King for his dedication to this project and for the fine job that he has done. He has helped to assure that future generations of fishing enthusiasts can enjoy the bounty of the River Raisin for many years to come.

REPORT

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In order to get all of the information ready in time for a general school election in June of 2000, Garlick said that planning must get underway quickly. The school district's legal counsel provided the board with an inverse time schedule, showing that the time constraints on planning are crucial.

"We're not looking for the Taj Mahal here," said Garlick. "We do not need a completely new building, nor would the state allow us to build one. But we do need significant upgrades and additions to what we currently have."

"This is upgrading that will not be lost whether this building eventually remains a high school or becomes a middle school," Garlick said. "We should start as soon as possible."

"We are morally obligated to review our needs and ask for help from our taxpayers," he said.

Facility and technology bonding proposals will be discussed during open meetings of the board of education.

Banquet raises donations for Community Resource Center

Approximately 60 people gathered at the Chelsea Community Hospital on Oct. 27 for the 12th annual Community Resource Center Benefit Banquet. The hospital prepares and donates a meal and warm hospitality in support of the Community Resource Center's (CRC) continued efforts to match individual needs to resources available in the area. A collaborative, interactive relationship with the Manchester Community Schools, local governments, agencies and churches, enables the CRC to seek to provide information and to identify community programs that help improve the quality of life for our area, especially the low-income, working poor, youth and older adults.

The theme for the evening was "A Healthy Community Is..." Christi Clark, Executive Vice President of MasterPlan Consulting Group, facilitated a group discussion. Everyone present shared their ideas on the attributes of a healthy community.

Some of the comments that were shared included: "A place where everyone works together and enjoys one another," "A community which produces for the betterment of its members," "A place where people have concern for their neighbors and respond to the needs of others," and "A place that instills fine values for the citizens of tomorrow."

The overall consensus was that a healthy community has the following attributes: purposeful, supportive, active, alive, caring, responsible, growing, creative, energetic and diverse. Five community organizations recognized six volunteers for their dedicate work within the community. The Kiwanis Club of Manchester submitted the names of Tom Ash and Sheron Church. The American Legion Auxiliary recognized Mary Blossom. Sharon Curtis was nominated by the


Manchester Recreation Task Force and Joanne Fredal by the 20th Century Club. The Manchester Optimist Club nominated John Korican.

The Claire Reck Outstanding Volunteer Award was presented to Mary Blossom.

Chris Brooks, Rick Taepke and Herbert Mueller were given special recognition for their service as members of the

Community Resource Center Board of Directors.

A newly instituted award, the Lady Marilyn Award, was presented to the family of Marilyn Knouase in recognition of Marilyn's commitment, time and dedication to our children and youth. The award will be presented annually to a person who demonstrates the same assets in our community.



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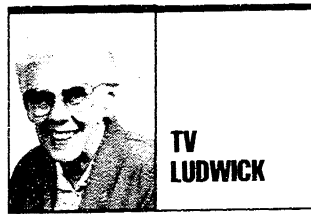
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Thursday, Nov. 11: At 9:30 Senior Council meeting begins at the Center. Cook Sue will be serving up beef stroganoff for all our hungry seniors to enjoy at 12 noon at Emanuel UCC in the dining room (and we can eat, come join us.) There's a chance to play bingo at the Center at 12:30, as our veteran's organization has donated meal tickets to play for - thanks so much! All on their special day, too!

Friday, Nov. 12: More cards at the Saline Senior Citizens party with bus pickup scheduled at 6



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p.m. Call Marion Ahrens at 428-7865 for your ride.

Saturday, Nov. 13: Seniors who are attending the Sweet Adeline Concert at Ypsilanti will be picked up by senior bus around 5 p.m. Cost is \$15 and yes, you'll be eating before the show at your cost. You may check with Marion to see if tickets are still available.

Monday, Nov. 15: Fun to go shopping on these, you betcha! Today seniors leave the Center for a shopping trip to Jackson - Westwood Mall, Jackson Crossing and Meijers (suppose that excursion will tire you out.

but fun trying, huh?) Honestly, I think these seniors could wear anyone out the way they can go. Good for them. Call Marion. **Tuesday, Nov. 16:** This is our final Yoga class 'til February. It begins at 9:30 back at the United Methodist Church with Donna Pointer from AA as instructor. You who are 65 or older are urged to come fix whatever troubles you in body and mind and Donna will not accept the words, "I can't!" Then, another special treat at 11:30 when Father Charlie from St. Mary Church will be our clergyman for a talk. At noon, Sue will treat us to Italian meat loaf. Call her at Emanuel between the hours of 9 and 11 a.m. on meal days (428-7630) or better yet, call Kelly at 428-8359 ahead of dinners. Don't forget to cancel if

you can't come. Then, there will be a 5 p.m. starting pickup for the travel group, "Turkey" which you can enjoy watching instead of eating! **Thursday, Nov. 18:** Mae Sellers, our volunteer nurse, will be in the dining room at 11 a.m. to take your blood pressure. Now, we will eat that turkey at our Thanksgiving Dinner at noon; thanks, Sue for those good meals you concoct. Bingo will be

at the center at 12:30. And, in the evening, Manchester Senior Citizens will host their monthly public card party at Freedom Township Hall starting at 7:30 p.m. for one and all. Come play with the Masters of the Game of Euchre. Bus pickup to go starts at 6 p.m., call Marion for your ride.

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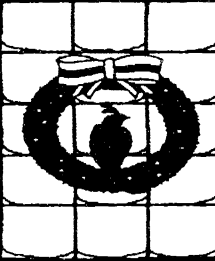
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Thursday, Nov. 11

7:15 PM Youth Choir Plus

Friday, Nov. 12

4:30 PM Sauerkraut Supper

Saturday, Nov. 13

Bethel Orchestra organizational meeting & rehearsal

Sunday, Nov. 14

7 PM New members' fellowship meeting

Monday, Nov. 15

5:15 PM Weighdown Workshop

6:30 PM Childrens Choir, Handbell Choir

7 PM Church Board Meeting

7:30 PM Senior Choir

Wednesday, Nov. 17

12:00 Senior Potluck

EMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Thursday, Nov. 11

12:00 noon Senior Meal

6 PM Jazzercise

6:30 PM Girl Scouts #120 & 280

Friday, Nov. 512

9:15 AM Jazzercise

7 PM AA

Sunday, Nov. 14

11:30 AM Sunday school teachers meeting

2 PM Chelsea Baton Core

Monday, Nov. 15

6 PM Jazzercise

7 PM Mom's In Touch

Tuesday, Nov. 16

12:00 noon Senior Meal

7 PM Church Council, Boy Stompers, Boy Scouts

Wednesday, Nov. 17

9:15 AM Jazzercise

1 PM Emanuel Quilters

MANCHESTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Thursday, Nov. 11

4 PM Food Co-op

8 PM Bell Choir

Friday, Nov. 12

7 PM UNYF Dance-a-Thon

Sunday, Nov. 14

11:45 AM Choir practice

Tuesday, Nov. 16

9:30 AM Senior Yoga

7 PM Education Committee

7 PM Scout Leader's Mtg.

Wednesday, Nov. 17

1 PM UMW

7:00 PM Bible Study

NORTH SHARON BAPTIST CHURCH

Thursday, Nov. 11

7:00 PM Church Visitation

Saturday, Nov. 13

9 AM Fishermen's Club

Sunday, Nov. 14

5:30 PM Choir Practice

Wednesday, Nov. 17

2:30 PM Phoster Club, Dunamis, and Teens

7 PM Teachers' meeting

7:30 PM Community Bible Study

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Thursday, Nov. 11

6-7:00 PM Junior Choir

7:30 PM Mary Martha Grade

Saturday, Nov. 13

1 PM Youth Group work on float for Saline Christmas parade

Sunday, Nov. 14

6:30 PM Youth Group

Monday, Nov. 15

7:30 PM Church Council

Wednesday, Nov. 17

9:30 AM Young Mothers

7 PM Bell Choir

8:30 PM Senior Choir

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Thursday, Nov. 11

7:30 PM Altar Society Mtg.

Saturday, Nov. 13

4:45 PM Confession

Sunday, Nov. 14

Rel. Educ. pre-K 10:30

Youth Group: The Sacraments 11:45/CH

Tuesday, Nov. 16

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ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

Thursday, Nov. 11

1:30 PM Woman of Zion Bible Study

6:30 PM Aerobics

Monday, Nov. 15

7 PM Stephen Ministers

Tuesday, Nov. 16

10 AM Sewing activity day with noon potluck

6:30 PM Aerobics

7:30 PM Senior Choir

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The Manchester ENTERPRISE COMMENTARY

EDITORIAL

Fish project deserves praise

Volunteering your time to do something for your community is an admirable trait. Volunteering your time to do something for someone else's community borders on the heroic. And Tim King of Ypsilanti could just become Manchester sportsmen's own folk hero.

About a year ago, King received a permit from the Department of Natural Resources to stock the River Raisin in the village of Manchester. King's ambitious plan was to stock the river with a good supply of crappie, catfish, walleye, perch, bluegills and sunfish.

Among King's most vivid childhood memories are the times that his grandfather, Brownloe Garrett, would bring him to Manchester to fish in the River Raisin near the Furnace Street Bridge. He recalls some great fishing with his grandfather along the riverbanks 25 to 30 years ago, but in recent years the population of the river has declined to include mostly pike and carp.

KING BEGAN to educate himself about the various kinds of fish that could survive in the conditions of the River Raisin between the two dams in the village limits. He found out how to get the proper permits and where the fish might be obtained. And he started dreaming about bringing his young son fishing along the riverbanks of Manchester once again.

King's enthusiasm was infectious. Once he had developed a plan and obtained a permit, he brought several large glass jugs to area businesses and sought donations for the project.

The public gave generously. Over a six-month span, King collected about \$1,200 in donations, most of which was spent last May to purchase hybrid sunfish, bluegill and channel catfish. The donations were both personal and corporate. The River Raisin Watershed Council gave a gift of \$100, and Council member and local resident Jim Mann also donated a substantial sum.

BUT MOST of the donations he received were in small denominations - often just nickels, dimes, and quarters - collected in the glass jugs in several businesses throughout the Manchester area. Frank's Place, Keith's Barber Shop, Kleinschmidt's True Value, Bridgewater Lumber and Manchester Market have all donated space for King's glass jars for the past year.

And it was truly a labor of love for King as he made a trip to Manchester each week to collect the small sums in the jars. The money was banked here in town, until it reached nearly \$1,000 last spring. The larger donations from the Watershed Council and Mann were added in and the fish were ordered.

And the day finally arrived last May, when King could make his dream a reality. Hundreds of small fish from Spring Valley Trout Farm and Farley's Fish Farm were dropped in the River Raisin at the Furnace Street Bridge.

IT WAS a day of pride for the King and Garrett families as four generations of King's family gathered with other supporters at the bridge in celebration. Two-year-old Kyle King, Tim's son, was just as excited as everyone else as he recited the names of the fish that he had already caught and what ones were going to be put in the river that evening.

The current DNR permit to continue stocking the river with walleye and other varieties of fish expires on Dec. 1. However, walleye are expensive and in short supply this fall and the remaining funds in the bank account would not be able to purchase a very large supply. So King has filed for an extension of the permit to allow him another winter's worth of donations. He is optimistic that the supporters who have donated throughout the past year will continue with their generosity.

The past year has brought many changes to King's life, including a change of focus for his future.

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Getting old too soon

Younger generation's tendency toward body mutilation baffles aging flower child

It has been too long since I was young.

Just when we think we have all the answers, we find out the questions have changed.

I have to admit that I was part of that generation who decried anything suggested by the "Establishment." It's hard to realize that now I am part of that establishment myself.

The hard part is that in the back of my head I am still a somewhat rebellious nineteen-year-old. It's only when I look in the mirror that I am forced to remember how old I really am.

At first glance I am usually pretty surprised to see my grandmother's face staring back at me. When I was a girl I admired my grandmother quite a lot, I just never expected to look like her so soon. So I try not to look too often; it's bad for my vanity.

I've never really objected to getting older. It beats the alternative as far as I can see. And I have always figured that you are only as old as you feel, anyway.

The bad thing is I am starting to feel like an older person. My perspective has changed since I was nineteen and I suppose that is a good thing. But realizing that now there is a new group of dissident young people out there who are trying to rebel against my establish-



MARSHA JOHNSON CHARTRAND

AFTER THOUGHTS

ment is a concept I am just beginning to grasp.

Living with teenagers brings you up to date with reality quite quickly. But I am one of those sick people who actually enjoys teenagers. I also liked two year olds. When everyone else was calling them the "terrible twos," I was having a ball. When people told me that age two was a dress rehearsal for the teen years, I started to look forward to having teens in my house.

And really, it has been an experience I would repeat gladly. Perhaps I have been blessed with exceptionally "good" teenagers but I don't think that's the case. They are pretty normal kids. And I have met many other teenagers who I would consider quite "good kids" - but they drove their parents crazy.

But I do end up wondering about kids, and about the younger genera-

tion as a whole, on occasion. This is when I start to feel old. Because I know in years gone by my friends and I did just as many crazy things as kids do today. And maybe more.

Still, the old lady in me wonders why good looking young men and women would choose to do things to their bodies that might affect them for a lifetime.

There's body piercing. I remember a day (don't I sound like a grandmother already) when piercing your ears was considered somewhat risqué. It was something that only "foreigners" did. But most girls of my generation (and some of the guys) ended up piercing their ears for that very reason. Their parents wouldn't approve.

I suppose that is why other more exotic parts of the anatomy have been chosen for piercing these days. Ear piercing is too routine, too acceptable. But anyway, if the current fad goes away and you eventually decide you don't like having your navel pierced, you can take out the "earring" and forget about it.

But then there are tattoos. Having reached my forties I'm learning first hand what Sir Isaac Newton discovered about gravity. I don't believe it was an apple at all, but rather the sagging parts of his physique that brought this concept home to him.

Looking at all the young people

who have tattoos I wonder how stretch marks, wrinkles and other eventual signs of aging will affect these now-lithe bodies. Someday this will all be news to them, too.

A certain amount of pain must be requisite for growing up. Having given birth four times, I would prefer to do it a dozen more than to have to face the needles and other instruments that poke and prod you to obtain the dubious beauty of my very own tattoo or navel ring. Obviously it's a very personal choice, although a life-long one.

I have the hardest time, though, with one of the most insidious forms of harm that young people submit themselves to. It's the evil weed, tobacco.

It must be an alternate form of rebellion. Our parents smoked and so many of our generation didn't. We don't, and so it seems that our kids decide they must.

But I find it sad to see beautiful, intelligent, healthy young people with cigarettes dangling from their mouths, the aura of smoke following them wherever they go. Intelligent people of whatever age, with information aplenty, can still make some pretty unwise choices.

As did their parents and grandparents, this generation of young people will have to learn their lessons on their own.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Tolerance asked on noise issue

This letter is written in response to the recently published article concerning the "New York" noise level coming out of the town of Manchester.

I am no longer a resident of Manchester, due to being stationed out of state with my husband and son in Fort Bragg, N.C. I felt compelled to write my first "letter to the editor" after reading the article that focused on this couple's poor tolerance of the noise they must endure.

Believe me, when I write that I would change places with them any day, I have been living outside Manchester for sixteen years, and not a day goes by without having a sense of feeling homesick for my family, friends and yes, even for the village of Manchester.

I am thoroughly dismayed by this couple's lack of tolerance regarding the fire whistle and sirens.

Who are really the victims here? Surely, not this couple with the sensitive ears.

Why don't they take the time to consider and truly see who the victim is? It may be the person losing everything to a house fire or who has become emergently ill.

I could go on, but will not, yet I still have one nagging question. Why is it, when people move into a small

town for the atmosphere they long for, they are always the first one to complain about it and fight so hard to change it?

Heidi Young

Family Services programs designed to help those in need

Friends,
Manchester Family Service, founded over 25 years ago by Claire Reck, serves the families of the Manchester Community who are in need for emergency food, assistance in paying for fuel, rent, and utilities, and some medical. Members of the MFS board depend on referrals to our agency from community churches and schools and other social agencies.

MFS covers the residents of the four townships of Manchester, Sharon, Freedom and Bridgewater, and any students attending a Manchester community school. To receive our help we do not require proof of income as we realize a need for emergency help can be experienced by anyone at times, and are ready to trust that the persons requesting assistance are truthful.

Especially this has been shown when we have our Food Gatherers distribution day on the third Wednesday of each month at St.

Mary's Parish Center. Each month we generally provide food bags for fifty families. And each month we see some new faces who have been referred to us and are welcomed.

This month, on Wednesday, Nov. 17, along with our regular food distribution we are having a flu shot clinic provided by St. Joseph Mercy Hospital staff. Anyone, 18 or old, who has not received a flu shot as yet is invited to come to the St. Mary Parish Center that day between 1 and 3 p.m. The vaccine will be given at no cost to those under 16 and Medicare will pay for all seniors. Any questions, please call me at 428-8010.

Joanne Fredal, President
Manchester Family Service

Passing out Halloween candy was a treat for residents

To the Editor:
What a "treat" passing out candy Sunday evening to all the delightful trick-or-treaters (and the parents too!) And how nice to see all the familiar faces and hearing the little voices remembering their pleases and thank-yous. Keep up the good work parents.
Bill and Peg Chizmar

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Street Talk

By Marsha Johnson-Chartrand

Do you think today's kids have too much homework?



"I don't think they do - but I don't think they should, either. People who work eight hours a day don't bring home homework."

-Debbie Kelly, parent



"I don't believe in too much homework. There's a saturation point - beyond that it's ineffective."

-Mary Noshisch, teacher



"No, I really think they need homework to be better prepared. The world is a lot tougher now."

-David Jose, parent



"No - they still have time for all the other things they want to do."

-Debrah Gibbons, parent

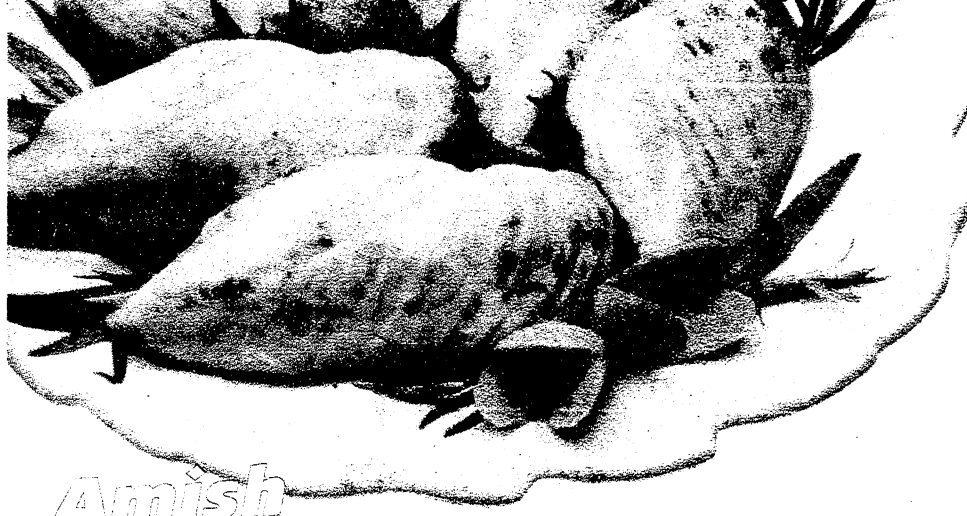


"We have too much, especially in band. Today I had three tests and my bag was too heavy last night."

-Emily Little, middle school student

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Winter Sports Schedule

Middle School Boys' Basketball

Nov. 15: Michigan Center, home at 4:30 p.m.
 Nov. 17: Hanover Horton, home at 4:30 p.m.
 Nov. 18: St. Francis, away at 4 p.m. (scrimmage)
 Nov. 22: Grass Lake, away at 4:30 p.m.
 Nov. 23: Addison, away at 4:30 p.m.
 Nov. 29: Napoleon, home at 4:30 p.m.
 Dec. 1: Vandercook Lake, home at 4:30 p.m.
 Dec. 6: East Jackson, away at 4:30 p.m.
 Dec. 8: Michigan Center, away at 4:30 p.m.
 Dec. 13: Hanover Horton, away at 4:30 p.m.
 Dec. 15: Grass Lake, home at 4:30 p.m.

Varsity and Junior Varsity Basketball

Dec. 7: Clinton, home at 5:30 p.m.
 Dec. 10: Vandercook Lake, away at 5:30 p.m.
 Dec. 14: Leslie, home at 5:30 p.m.
 Dec. 17: East Jackson, away at 5:30 p.m.
 Jan. 4: Litchfield, away at 6 p.m.
 Jan. 7: Addison, home at 5:30 p.m.
 Jan. 11: Stockbridge, home at 5:30 p.m.
 Jan. 14: Hanover Horton, home at 5:30 p.m.
 Jan. 21: Michigan Center, away at 5:30 p.m.
 Jan. 25: Greenhills, away at 5:30 p.m.
 Jan. 28: Napoleon, home at 5:30 p.m.
 Feb. 1: Grass Lake, home at 5:30 p.m.
 Feb. 4: Vandercook Lake, home at 5:30 p.m.
 Feb. 8: East Jackson, home at 5:30 p.m.
 Feb. 11: Addison, away at 5:30 p.m.
 Feb. 15: Gabriel Richard, away at 6 p.m.
 Feb. 18: Hanover Horton, away at 5:30 p.m.
 Feb. 25: Michigan Center, home at 5:30 p.m.
 Feb. 29: Napoleon, away at 5:30 p.m.
 Mar. 3: Grass Lake, away at 5:30 p.m.
 Mar. 6: District tournament, away TBA.
 Mar. 14: Regional tournament, away TBA.

Freshmen Basketball

Dec. 14: Leslie, home at 4 p.m.
 Dec. 17: East Jackson, away at 4 p.m.
 Jan. 5: Sand Creek, home at 7 p.m.
 Jan. 11: Stockbridge, home at 4 p.m.
 Jan. 14: Hanover Horton, home at 4 p.m.
 Jan. 28: Sand Creek, away at 7 p.m.
 Jan. 28: Napoleon, home at 4 p.m.
 Feb. 3: Britton, home at 5 p.m.
 Feb. 8: East Jackson, home at 4 p.m.
 Feb. 11: Addison, away at 4 p.m.
 Feb. 16: Britton, away at 6:30 p.m.
 Feb. 18: Hanover Horton, away at 4 p.m.
 Feb. 29: Napoleon, away at 4 p.m.

Varsity Volleyball

Dec. 18: Western Tournament, away at 9 a.m.
 Jan. 6: Addison, home at 6:30 p.m.
 Jan. 8: Saline Tournament, away at 8 a.m.
 Jan. 15: Whitmore Lake Tournament, away at 9 a.m.
 Jan. 18: Vandercook Lake, home at 6:30 p.m.
 Jan. 22: Clinton Tournament, away at 8 a.m.
 Jan. 24: Gabriel Richard, home at 6 p.m.

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The run of his life

Cross country runner makes good showing at states

By Colleen O'Neill

Manchester Senior Kyle Harris went to the Cross Country State Championships on Saturday and did what any one of us would want to do in a position like that: he ran the best time of his life.

Even with a cold wind blowing Harris ran an exceptional race at Michigan Speedway to post a 17:12 time.

That time was his personal best, his fastest race of the year and lowered his school record.

"He had a good race and a good season," said Head Coach Craig Vitale.

Conditions on Saturday hampered all the races. For at least the last mile, probably the last mile and half the kids were running into a stiff wind according to Vitale. Temperatures stayed a lot colder than anyone thought it would. And the wind chill lowered temps even more.

"Times in general were not as fast as we thought they would be. He ran a good race, got out to a good start, in the second mile, was not so great, then he started working again and started picking people off," Vitale said. "His final position was 67th."

THERE ARE about 1,200 Class C runners. Harris took 67th at the state meet to cap off the season.

"When you put it in perspective that's not too bad," Vitale

said. By comparing Harris' time with other runners Vitale expected Harris to be between 50 and 70th place. Which is exactly where he came in.

"It was an incredible site to see that many kids running," Vitale said. "It can be overwhelming to see that many kids."

"I think he was pleased with the results."

"The horrible thing for him would have been to go out and run a poor race for his last race, he's pleased that he can look back on it and say it capped off a great four years."

Harris went to the state meet four straight years. His first year he finished 97th and covered the course in 18:20. As a sophomore he improved his time to 17:40 and then bettered that time as a junior to 17:17.

"He was pleased," Vitale said. "He worked hard all summer, ran well at camp, worked hard all season, had a little slump, but slowly but surely, came on strong."

VITALE'S PRIDE in Harris is evident.

As a coach Vitale has had a number of all conference runners and a number of outstanding runners, all-regional runners.

"There is no question in my mind that Kyle has worked harder and longer to become better than any runner I've had," Vitale said. "He's not

only a hard worker and runner but a student of the sport."

Vitale explains that a lot of kids pay attention to what they have done and what their teammates have done. Harris on the other hand, knew the competition. He knew who was good and whom he would have to work to beat. Vitale said he was always aware of what other runners were doing and what he would have to do.

There were other runners from the conference at the state meet. One Grass Lake runner finished ahead of him and Charles Cameron from East Jackson finished just two spots ahead of Harris.

CAMERON AND Harris competed closely all season.

"He'd beat Cameron at the dual meet and at most of the invitationals they had run together," Vitale said. "Cameron had beaten him at the conference meet."

"He was extremely consistent," Vitale said. "Even on a bad day he finished in the top 10 at every invitational he ran at this year."

Harris had a second place finish, two third place finishes, a fourth place and a couple of eighth place finishes this year. Besides resting, Harris is now considering running in college next year.

He deserves the rest and he deserves the praise Vitale has heaped on him.



Senior Kyle Harris came in 67th place out of 1,200 runners at the recent cross country state meet. Photo by Colleen O'Neill

Cheerleaders take first place in state competition

By Colleen O'Neill

Special Writer

They admitted it right in the beginning.

The Varsity Cheerleaders are sideline cheerleaders. They are at every game to cheer the team on and help them win. But when the football season is over, their real season begins.

They made the best of that when they took first place at the 1999 Michigan Cheerleading Coaches Association (MCCA) Fall Championship competition at Fenton High School.

The Fall Championship is the largest of its kind in Michigan.

The championship is divided into divisions. The first to compete were the freshmen/junior high division. The JV/Varsity division followed that. Those divisions were further divided into Class A/B and C/D. In the C/D division, where Manchester competed, there were seven teams.

"**WE DID** two cheers," said Head Coach Dana Dietz. "The first cheer was in the leadership round."

Dietz explains what the leadership round involves.

"That was basically a cheer with jumps and we were judged on jumps in unison, and other leadership skills such as formability," Dietz said. "Formability is how well the squad moves to the formation, and crowd involvement."

Then there is a creative round where the team can involve tumbling, gymnastics, stunts, and anything else. The Coach and the team work

together to choreograph both cheers.

The leadership round is first and all teams in all divisions and classes perform their leadership jump in that round.

"We were actually last in the first round so we waited quite a while before we could compete," Dietz said. "Then went right into the creative round and Manchester was pretty close to last again."

BUT THEY did not have to wait long for the results.

"I was very pleased with the performance," Dietz said.

The team deserved the win. Just days before the Fall Championship they competed in a conference championship and placed third.

The cheer in the leadership round in the conference took the team out of first place. The jumps got poor scores according to Dietz.

"We changed some things, in two days time we had to make changes, practices a little extra, changed things around," Dietz said. "We did not change the creative round at all, we won that round by quite a bit, but the leadership round we were scored poorly so we made changes to that cheer."

The changes worked and Dietz said she was very pleased with both cheers.

Brethren took third place. Allendale was the runner up and Manchester won the event by six points.

Michigan Center also competed and placed fourth.

DIETZ TOOK exceptional

pride in the fact that her squad defeated Allendale who won the basketball cheerleading state championships two years ago.

That is an even larger event and a team must qualify to attend.

"A six point lead is pretty good," Dietz said. "Round two, the creative round is where they really kicked by outscoring Allendale 182 to 166 points. That is substantial difference in this type of competition."

At the conference meet the squad dominated in the creative round, too.

Not only did the squad have success at the conference meet, so did one individual.

"Holly Sutton was all-conference in individual presentation," Dietz said. "She did a cheer that she made up by herself, it could have anything in it, splits, stretches, anything. She was pretty much judged like we would be judged for both rounds, except that she could not do stunts by herself."

This was the fall squad.

Dietz has just completed tryouts for her winter squad.

"Nine of the eleven girls tried out again," Dietz said. "They all made the team again, and we added one freshman, Nikki Minder to take the squad to 10 cheerleaders for the winter sports."

THE WINTER squad includes Katie Sondeen, Annie Hinkley, Amanda and Megan Coutts, Sara Luckhardt, Briana Schulzel, Briana Clark, Rachel Landry, Holly Sutton and newcomer Minder.

The squad will cheer for the basketball team.

They also have another com-



The Lady Dutch cheerleading squad put in a fine performance recently, earning themselves the top honors in the MCCA state wide cheerleading competition. Photo by David Jose

petition on Dec. 11. Holiday Cheers To You which is a cheer for charity from Cheer Michigan, a company that hold clinics and camps and competitions.

"It is usually a very good show because, the team entry fee goes to charity, all profits from: souvenirs and concessions," Dietz said.

Manchester will take junior

varsity and varsity, and possibly the junior high school cheerleading squad.

"I highly recommended it because it is for charity, it is a relaxing competition," Dietz said. "They do fun things, wear shorts and Santa hats. It is just one round and can have anything in it. They can use poms and signs, anything visual."

Conference cross country meet showcases Flying Dutchmen running teams' talent

It's racing time! The moments that the Cross Country team has been working up to all year, have come and gone. This season was a wild ride, and the results were fantastic. The boys and girls both accomplished everything of which they were capable. The conference and regional meets yielded thrills and spills - mostly thrills - for the courageous athletes.

Due to injury, only two of the

boys' team ran in the conference meet, thus the team was not allowed to score. The individual participants had a superb day, however. The solid and steady

Harris ran to an eighth place finish for all-conference honors.

Kyle Harris finally overcame the barrier to run to an eighth place finish and earn all-conference honors. Harris had finished in 11th place the past two years and barely missed the conference team. He is the first runner from Manchester to

achieve such a rank, although Harris, Nick Weidmayer and Eli Adam have all come close over the years.

Running the finest race of his five-year career, Phil Krall broke through in a big way. Krall finished in 22nd place of 50 runners and beat his personal best by 25 seconds with a time of 18:43 on a warm but blustery day.

The girls had a great day as well, managing to grind to a third place finish in a tough meet. The girls came into the

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Cascades Blue Conference Girls Varsity Basketball As of November 8, 1999

Team	Overall/Conference			
	W	L	W	L
Michigan Center	18	0	13	0
Addison	13	6	8	5
Manchester	10	8	7	6
Napoleon	11	6	7	5
East Jackson	9	10	7	6
Hanover-Horton	12	5	7	6
Vandercook Lake	5	13	3	10
Grass Lake	1	17	0	13

Varsity basketball team gets new head coach

By Colleen O'Neill

Special Writer

Mike Quinn learned from one of the best.

After playing football, basketball and running track in high school he went on to play college basketball at Siena Heights. He played four years for Ben Braun who went on to be the Head Coach at Eastern Michigan University and is now the Head Coach at the University of California.

"My senior year was (Braun's) last at Siena," Quinn said. "I had an opportunity to play for people who know quite a bit about the game and picked up a lot."

Quinn graduated in 1985 and spent the next 11 years as an assistant coach at Siena.

As assistant coach his primary responsibilities were in recruiting and scouting. He was also the Junior Varsity Coach in his last nine years at Siena.

As the JV coach, Quinn learned practice management and game management. But his primary responsibility, program-wide, was in recruiting.

He went from Siena to Vicksburg, MI where Quinn took over the responsibilities of Athletic Director before moving to Chelsea this past

September.

"To be honest, getting out of coaching was a tough thing to do," Quinn said. "One thing about being athletic director, every day is game day. The difference is because it's not your team, you are involved with the program. You give them a pat on the back when they win, a hug when they lose, and then you go home. There is no day to day aspect of the game strategy and coaching."

"Getting back into coaching brings back that opportunity to be involved in it. The planning, the preparation, the excitement when they win, the disappointment when they lose. It's a lot more hands off being AD and a lot more hands on being coach."

Quinn is now the Head Coach for the Men's Varsity Basketball program at Manchester High School.

In Manchester Quinn has had an opportunity to meet a few of the kids.

"I think we're going to be pretty good," Quinn said. "We've got some really competitive kids, which is something you can't coach."

Quinn said this team is used to success.

"I know they had a pretty successful season last year, around

500," Quinn said.

He also said the team suffered from a rash of injuries last year. The good news is he has most of the players back from last year's team.

"They don't appear to be selfish kids, they appear to be in for the long haul," Quinn said. "I am looking forward to it."

Whether the team is healthy or not is debatable.

Derick Hanewald broke his ankle in second football game

of the season and the coaches will not know until the first day of practice, Nov. 15, whether he can practice then or if he will have to wait until Christ-mas.

Quinn is interested to see how many kids will try out for the team. He anticipates around 45 kids will try out. Of those 45, Quinn believes 40 are fall sport athletes and probably 35 of them played football.

The football team made it into post-season play, which Quinn says can only help his program.

"You want to have kids as prepared to win as possible," Quinn said. "The best way to prepare them to win is for them to win in other directions."

Volunteer Jim Phelps will assist Quinn this season. Phelps is currently the Golf Pro at Stonebridge Golf Course in Ann Arbor.

Quinn believes he brings good things to Manchester basketball.

"I think the first thing I'll be able to bring to Manchester is a style, an attitude," Quinn said. "At Siena, the attitude was any time any place - we'd go anywhere to play anybody, as long as they will come back and play us at home. We'll go to Dexter; we'll play anyone."

Quinn said he doesn't bring a philosophy to coaching, he brings an attitude.

"We're going to have an attitude," Quinn said. "We're going to play full court man to man defense and we're going to do it well. We will not only score off our offense but score off our

defense."

Quinn wants to develop that attitude right from the very beginning. He wants his kids to understand that this is the way we're going to play. He even wants to see that attitude in the middle school program.

He is pleased with the level of involvement of Manchester basketball. Quinn believes 99.9% of the people in the program have played a lot of basketball. He gives much of that credit to Steve McCalla, the freshman basketball coach at Manchester, for running a great youth program.

Quinn admits that his attitude, or philosophy, is not the only way to play the game of basketball.

"But this is the way we're going to play," Quinn said.

As for the controversy over the last basketball coach, Matt Seidl, Quinn spoke frankly.

"In athletics, you're hired to be fired," Quinn said. "For as many people that are disappointed he left, the same amount will be glad he's gone. We're going to control the things we can control and not worry about the things we can't. I can't control what people think about it."

He also believes that when

you accept a job of coaching, you accept the fact that people will scrutinize your program and that everybody has a different solution to your problems.

"If we can all get on the same page, it doesn't matter what page," Quinn said. "If we can get them on the same page, good things will happen."

"My kids will come around to my philosophy; there will be people who like it and those who don't. That's the way it is."

Quinn relates coaching to the proverbial Catch 22.

"When you are losing you are doing everything wrong," Quinn said. "When you are winning, not enough kids get the chance to play."

Getting everybody on the same page is what helped the Siena Heights teams.

"We developed an attitude and the kids bought in to it," Quinn said. "We had some awfully successful teams, all about the fact that we mostly got everybody on the same page."

Quinn is married and his wife Anne works for Parke Davis in Ann Arbor. They have two children. Their daughter Kelly is five and in kindergarten at South Meadows in Chelsea and their son Ryan is 18 months old.

Varsity girl's squad drops two contests in tough week

By Colleen O'Neill

Special Writer

It was hard to imagine how tough a game it would be. Michigan Center is rated the number one basketball team in the state. They are undefeated. They have one of the best post players in the state in four-year starter Amanda Rainsburger. The team is very talented.

"They came out and played

like the number one rated team Tuesday night," said Head Coach John Wilkins. "The final score was 67-25."

Wilkins said the game started out fairly well with Manchester behind by just a single point in the first quarter when the score was 8-7.

"Then they went on a big run to end the quarter," Wilkins said. "They scored the last 13 points of the first quarter."

It did not help that Center was not missing many shots, they shot almost 50% for the game. Wilkins admits that his team was struggling.

"As well as they played that night, I don't think our best game would have beat them, maybe our best game would not even have kept us close," Wilkins said. "Center played really well."

Both Nicole Leverett and Erin Wiley had five points and Nicole added five assists to her stat sheet. Even playing in pain, Abra Wise scored four

points along with Brandy Aiken. Rachel Lilienthal led the team with five rebounds.

The week did not get any better when the Lady Dutch went to, and lost to, Napoleon.

In the Napoleon game it just came down to shooting.

"We played really well in the first half," Wilkins said. "We were eight up at half, but in the second half we just did not shoot the way we are capable of shooting."

Manchester connected on just three of their 31 attempts in the second half.

"You are not going to win any games shooting like that," Wilkins said.

Napoleon is now on a six game win streak. They also managed to take three Manchester turnovers in a row down the court and scored easy lay-ups.

"We had to foul near the end, force them to miss, but they didn't," Wilkins said. "It was a disappointing loss for us at 45-34."

Wilkins did not know what happened to the shooting in second half.

After shooting fairly well in the first half he admits that everyone will have a bad night shooting sometimes.

"Hopefully everyone won't have the bad night on the same night," Wilkins said.

Which is exactly what happened. The whole team was get-

ting good shots off; shots they normally would make easily.

"But we just couldn't get them to go in," Wilkins said.

"We missed six or seven easy shots from inside. We did shoot a lot of threes but not a whole lot more than we normally shoot and we normally shoot them fairly well."

Wise recovered enough to lead the team with 11 points, seven rebounds and five assists. Brie Hyde had nine points and five rebounds.

"She did a nice job for us," Wilkins said.

Nicole Leverett had seven points and Lilienthal pulled in seven rebounds.

The two losses drop the overall record to 9-9 and the conference record to 6-7.

For the last week of the regu-

lar season, the Lady Dutch will travel to Grass Lake a place. Wilkins said, that it is always tough to play.

"The team is struggling this year, but they've been making some of their games close recently so we'll have to go and play well," Wilkins said.

Thursday is Parents Night and the last game of the season. Manchester will host Gabriel Richard who is always a strong team.

"Hopefully we can get out of a slump and back to playing like we were earlier in the year and be ready for districts," Wilkins said.

Last year the Manchester girls won the districts. Once the season is over and they move on to post-season play, anything can happen. They know how

well Michigan Center can play and they've matched up well with the rest of the league.

What will the post-season bring?

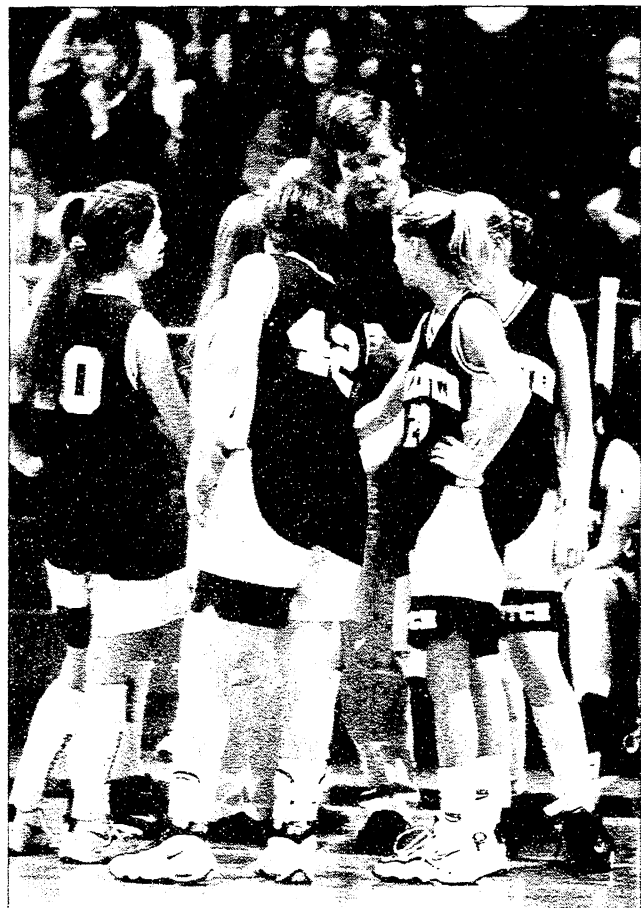
"Hopefully we can get out of a slump and be ready for districts."

—John Wilkins
Girls' varsity basketball coach

Just about every player scored on the team and everyone played really good defense.



Michelle Slocum maneuvers against the Napoleon Pirates.



The lady Dutch varsity basketball team lost two games to Napoleon and Michigan Center last week. The team was able to stay close to Napoleon, losing by a final of 45 to 34, but was outgunned by number-one ranked Michigan Center.

Junior Varsity girls' basketball squad splits a pair

By Colleen O'Neill

Special Writer

The Manchester Junior Varsity Girls Basketball team split the week when they defeated Michigan Center 43-10 on Tuesday but lost to Napoleon 44-27 on Thursday.

Cori Chrestensen and Sara Tervo led the team in scoring on Tuesday with seven points apiece.

Fans stated that it was a great game with everyone playing really well that night.

Just about every player scored on the team and everyone played really good defense. It was a good night for the whole team.

On Thursday the girls just could not make the shots. And

they just did not play very good basketball.

Two girls even fouled out of the game.

The shots the Lady Dutch were getting were good shots that they normally would have made.

But things were just off for the team. The entire team played a sluggish first half without a good aggressive effort on their part.

Ashleigh Schlosser led the Lady Dutch in scoring.

The team will finish their season this week as they travel to Grass Lake on Tuesday. On Thursday they will close out their season at home when they host Gabriel Richard.



Michelle Slocum maneuvers against the Napoleon Pirates.

Nick Davis Badger update

Nick Davis Stats vs. Purdue Saturday November 6, 1999 Returned kick-off 91 yards for a touchdown.

Stats as of 10/31/99 Rushing - nine games, two carries, 18 yards Receiving - eight games, 18 receptions for 343 yards. His longest reception was against Minnesota, an 81-yard touchdown pass. The catch from Brooks Bollinger was the third-longest pass play in school history. Davis has

Wisconsin's longest reception (81), punt (76) and kickoff (77) return for the Badgers in 1999. It's not surprising to note that Nick Davis has ten plays of at least 20 yards this fall, tops on the team on Dayne, with nine, has the second most. Davis has 855 all-purpose yards, second only to Ron Dayne Nick Davis needs just one punt return for a touchdown to tie the UW career record for punt return touchdowns. He needs four yards receiving to reach 500 in his career.

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Cross country team competes at regional meet

"Hot" is one word you could use to describe the Cross Country team's day at Hudson on Saturday, Oct. 30. It was a burner. Runners fell left and right as they crossed the finish line.

Not only was the weather hot, but so was the competition. The boys and girls sides were chock full of state-rated teams, and the girls managed a 9th place finish. Again, only two boys ran, not enough to qualify as a team.

In a star-studded field, senior Kyle Harris ran the best race of his already impressive season. Harris came in 10th at 17:20, a time which would have had him

Hot competition makes for an exciting day at the races

winning other regionals. His place qualified him for the state meet on Nov. 5 at Michigan Speedway in Brooklyn.

It was a record making day in other respects as Harris became the first boy in Manchester history to qualify for the state meet four years in a row. He was a member of the team that qualified in 1996, and has made it as an individual for the past three seasons. He is also one of only three individuals in the region to accomplish this feat as a senior.

Fellow senior Phil Krall ran his last race as a Flying Dutchman, and put in his usual solid performance. He ran in the middle of the pack in a field that contained more than 100 runners, and finished in 52nd place.

In the junior varsity race, which was held on Oct. 29 at Ella Sharp Park, Kevin Spangler put in a good day's work with one of his fastest times of the year, 32:36. Spangler has run hard and done an outstanding job this

year, especially considering the problems he has battled.

The girls found themselves in an uphill battle. Without a runner who could run with the leaders, the girls found themselves in the middle of the pack. Coming on strong was Heidi Ernst who paced the lady thin-clads with a 42nd place finish. Running with healthy legs for the first time in weeks was the second finisher, sophomore Natalie Weidmayer, who followed up in 46th place.

The girls continued to run in a tight pack, and junior Shannon Green led the way in 55th place, followed closely behind by senior Rachel Fleck in 56th, junior Cassie Clark in 57th, senior Lauren Adler in 59th, and senior Erin Fox in 60th. The girls ran good races, but the competition was fierce.

In a junior varsity race on Friday, freshman Jessie Revill shattered her personal best run by over 1:30 in a fantastic race - a great way for her to end the season.

Coaches Craig Vitale and John Leonard would like to personally thank the seniors on

this squad, and wish them the best in their future endeavors.

"Erin Fox and Lauren Adler have spent the last three years on this team, and Rachel Fleck, Kyle Harris and Phil Krall have spent the last four dedicating themselves to learning, growing and enjoying it. It was nothing but a pleasure to work with them, and they will be missed tremendously," said Vitale.

The cross country teams would like to thank all who have come to meet and supported their bottle drive, or helped in other ways. The support was much appreciated, and they are proud to be runners and Flying Dutchmen.

-Coach Craig Vitale

BRIEFS

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- Jan. 27: Napoleon, away at 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 3: East Jackson, away at 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 5: Springport Tournament, away at 9 a.m.
- Feb. 7: Greenhills, away at 5 p.m.
- Feb. 10: Hanover Horton, home at 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 12: New Boston, away at 9:30 a.m.
- Feb. 14: Adrian Madison, away at 5:30 p.m.
- Feb. 17: Michigan Center, away at 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 19: Pinckney Tournament, away at 8:30 a.m.
- Feb. 24: Grass Lake, away at 6:30 p.m.
- Mar. 1: Cascade Conference Tournament, away TBA.
- Mar. 4: District Tournament, away TBA.
- Mar. 11: Regional Tournament, away TBA.
- Mar. 18: State Finals, away TBA.

Junior Varsity Volleyball

- Dec. 11: Pinckney Tournament, away at 8 a.m.
- Dec. 19: Whitmore Lake Tournament, away at 9 a.m.
- Jan. 6: Addison, home at 6:30 p.m.
- Jan. 18: Vandercook Lake, home at 6:30 p.m.
- Jan. 22: Chelsea Tournament, away TBA.
- Jan. 24: Gabriel Richard, home at 6 p.m.
- Jan. 27: Napoleon, away at 6:30 p.m.
- Jan. 29: Clinton Tournament, away at 8 a.m.
- Feb. 3: East Jackson, away at 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 7: Greenhills, away at 5 p.m.
- Feb. 10: Hanover Horton, home at 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 11: New Boston, away at 3:30 p.m.
- Feb. 14: Adrian Madison, away at 5:30 p.m.
- Feb. 17: Michigan Center, away at 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 19: East Jackson, away at 9 a.m.
- Feb. 24: Grass Lake, away at 6:30 p.m.

High School Wrestling

- Dec. 2: Clinton/Grass Lake, away at 6 p.m.
- Dec. 4: Springport Tournament, away at 9:30 a.m.
- Dec. 8: East Jackson, home at 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 11: JAWS, away TBA.
- Dec. 15: Hudson/Morenci, away at 5 p.m.
- Dec. 28: Montrose Tournament, away TBA.
- Jan. 5: Napoleon, away at 6:30 p.m.
- Jan. 8: Morenci Tournament, away at 10 a.m.
- Jan. 15: Clinton Tournament, away at 8 a.m.
- Jan. 15: (Junior Varsity) Columbia, away at 8:30 a.m.
- Jan. 19: Adrian Madison/Michigan Center, home at 6 p.m.
- Jan. 22: Napoleon Tournament, away at 9 a.m.
- Jan. 26: Addison, away at 6:30 p.m.
- Jan. 29: Leslie Tournament, away at 9:30 a.m.
- Jan. 29: (Junior Varsity) Milan Tournament, away at 8:30 a.m.
- Feb. 3: Blissfield, home at 7 p.m.
- Feb. 9: Vandercook Lake, home at 6 p.m.
- Feb. 11: Cascades Conference Tournament, home TBA.
- Feb. 16: Team District Tournament, away TBA.
- Feb. 19: District Tournament, away TBA.
- Feb. 23: Team Regional Tournament, away TBA.
- Feb. 26: Regional Tournament, away TBA.
- Mar. 3-4: Team Finals, away TBA.
- Mar. 9-11: State Finals, away TBA.

Middle School Volleyball

- Jan. 24: Michigan Center, home at 4:30 p.m.
- Jan. 26: Hanover Horton, home at 4:30 p.m.
- Jan. 31: Grass Lake, away at 4:30 p.m.
- Feb. 2: Addison, away at 4:30 p.m.
- Feb. 7: Napoleon, home at 4:30 p.m.
- Feb. 9: Vandercook Lake,

- home at 4:30 p.m.
- Feb. 10: St. Francis, away at 4 p.m. (scrimmage).
- Feb. 14: East Jackson, away at 4:30 p.m.
- Feb. 16: Michigan Center, away at 4:30 p.m.
- Feb. 22: St. Francis, home at 4 p.m.
- Feb. 23: Hanover Horton, away at 4:30 p.m.
- Feb. 28: Grass Lake, home at 4:30 p.m.

Middle School Wrestling

- Jan. 29: Milan Invitational, away at 12 noon.
- Jan. 31: Michigan Center, away at 4:30 p.m.
- Feb. 5: Napoleon Invitational, away at 9:30 a.m.
- Feb. 9: Hanover Horton, away at 4:30 p.m.
- Feb. 11: Columbia Invitational, away at 4 p.m.
- Feb. 14: Grass Lake, home at 4:30 p.m.
- Feb. 16: Addison, home at 4:30 p.m.
- Feb. 23: Napoleon, home at 4:30 p.m.

- Feb. 28: Vandercook Lake, away at 4:30 p.m.
- Mar. 1: East Jackson, home at 4:30 p.m.

RUNNERS

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meet tied for second place with long-time nemesis Grass Lake and Vandercook Lake. The Jayhawks proved to have the front runner in conference champion Becky Weaver, and that made a difference as Manchester's first runner crossed the line in 16th place.

The ladies did hold off Grass Lake for the first time ever to put a firm hold on third place overall. Junior Heidi Ernst continued her late season run to finish in that 16th place slot in 22:28, earning herself honorable mention all-conference honors. Sophomore Natalie Weidmayer finally shed some leg troubles to run 22:49 and finish in 18th place, one spot short

of an honorable mention certificate.

Pack running has been the key for the team this year, and Cassie Clark, Lauren Adler and Rachel Fleck embodied this with their 24th, 25th and 26th place finishes. Shannon Green and Erin Fox kept their end of the bargain with 29th and 30th place finishes.

Final Conference standings bring the Manchester girls in a solid third place finish.

-Coach Craig Vitale

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Board of education goals

Recently, our Board of Education spent a good portion of their meeting determining their primary goals for the remainder of the school term. The board elected to focus on a very ambitious objective. That objective is to focus on passing a bond issue to make our school facilities a safe and healthy environment that is a foundation of community pride. That move could also remove some of the drain on our general fund which has in previous years has often been used for routine maintenance, buses, and other facility needs.

Emory Garlick has worked with our maintenance staff to review our pressing needs and explore future options. His considerable experience as building inspector and a large building contractor has been a tremendous help. Since he's retired and donated his time and talent to the school district, he saved the district a considerable amount of money for the survey and report.

That report brings into focus many of the critical and urgent needs we have... if we want our buildings to be a safe and healthy environment for our students. I think you would agree that objective transcends any issue we are facing.

Since I moved to Manchester, many people have approached me in support of improving our school facilities. Hopefully this project will be an opportunity for the community to pull together and focus on those immediate needs that we've heard so much about. We'll plan to move quickly and you'll be updated as soon as there is more information.



Budget cuts

You've heard that the seriousness of our budgetary situation will force us to make some changes in the budget to simply stay afloat this year. It's true. We'll have to be more efficient so that we can move forward with our program. That's not necessarily a bad thing to happen. I'm sure that most of you had to change your lifestyle a time or two when things got tough. Those situations generally bring you face to face with reality and forced you to determine what is most important in your life.

These times of hardship give us the opportunity to decide where we're going and what's important to keep. Schools are not different. We're going to focus upon saving what's most important. It's a given that we need to keep teachers, and supplies for our students. Unfortunately, it is also a given that with escalating costs in virtually everything we purchase and do, we will have less than \$118,895 in our bank account at the end of the school year.

Without immediate changes, we couldn't handle an emergency, such as a problem in our heating system or some other unforeseen facilities problem. Therefore we will have to carefully review our entire program.

I think that we'll have lots of creative money-saving ideas that will not involve cutting staff or programs at our November Board meeting, when the first, and hopefully last phase of budget-trimming will be presented. This is not a time for individuals and special interest groups to lobby for preserving all of their pieces of the pie while the cuts fall elsewhere. It is a time that we must all work together so we can keep the school doors open.

Good news

When I entered the north hallway of Nellie Ackerson Middle School, I noticed Dick Fielder helping a sixth-grader select a prize for his reading efforts. I first stopped because I was touched by the gentle manner in which he assisted the young man. To my surprise, not only was there a cart of toys, but an entire window display of prizes that students could earn by reading selected books. The staff there has done a great job of promoting the Accelerated Reader Program that rewards young people for reading achievement. It's worth your time to stop by and have a look. You'll be impressed with the time it took to display the prizes... and the way the students are motivated to read. Stop by too to say thanks to Mr. Fielder and teachers like him that teach not only reading... but kindness in making our students outstanding readers and solid citizens. They certainly need to be complimented for their efforts.

United Way thanks businesses



United Way representatives, Judy Fahey and Reverend Richard Hardy express their appreciation to Schmalbach-Lubeca's Shawn Rady (upper left), Collins & Aikman's Leanne Harbaugh and Jim Grickschat (above), and Ron and Pat Fielder of Manchester Tool & Die (left) for their contributions.



Leadership program set

At Manchester High School, leadership students are once again organizing a program called VIS. Teachers and staff give students tickets who exhibit positive attitude, respectful behavior, regular attendance, show school spirit, and are considerate of others.

At the end of every month, the leadership class will draw one name to be recognized as the Very Important Student of the month. The student will receive a prize.

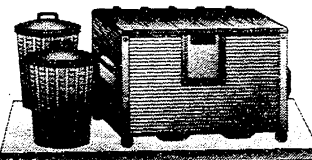
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Saline High craft show is planned

By Linda Jones
Special Writer

Fall is the busy season for craft fairs and the Saline Future Leaders, formerly Future Homemakers of America, have scheduled the annual Saline High Craft Show for Saturday, Nov. 13 at the Saline High School.

Over 225 crafters and artists from across the Midwest, Kansas and Florida will have their wares on display between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. And for Manchester resident Dawn Klein, the Saline show is a bit of a homecoming.

Klein and her husband Randy have been residents of Manchester for the last 20 years. Before moving to Manchester both graduated from Saline High School.

For the past three years, Klein has "come home" during the craft fair season.

"I do about 12 shows each year, beginning in late August and continuing through the Christmas season," said Klein. "The Saline show is one of the best. I like to have a lot of stock for Saline."

KLEIN'S MAIN focus is hand-painted miniatures in acrylics. From jewelry the size of a wooden nickel and wooden and papier-mache boxes, to small houses and village scenes, her work has been described as delicate and intricate.

"People always ask me about the brushes," she said. "They'll ask, 'What do you have, brushes with one hair?'"

She said that her work takes a steady hand and keen eyes. So far she has not had to use any type of magnifying glass as she works.

"But you never know, down the road that could happen."

Scenery is Klein's favorite subject. She does village scenes, seasonal scenes, country scenes; she said she lets her imagination guide her hand.

"I also construct houses out of balsa wood and then paint them," she said. "In fact, I do a miniature village with all types of shops. I have customers who come up and make suggestions and hope to find their shop the following year. Next year I want to add a haunted house to my village."

KLEIN'S PAINTING is her second job. She is employed at Edward Brothers but works out of her home. She does layout work at home looking for small flaws on negatives. She credits her primary job with the development of her eye for detail that she uses with her miniatures.

"I do most of my painting in the winter," she said. "But, I have been working a lot the last few weeks because with miniatures, I have to have a lot of stock to show at my booth. I also have a lot of Christmas items, and this is the time for Christmas sales."

Homemade baked goods and pretzels will be for sale at the craft show in addition to the concession stands the Future Leaders operate. Over 200 items donated by the exhibitors will

be part of a raffle. Raffle tickets for the items sell for \$1 and can be purchased the day of the event. All proceeds will go to Future Leaders to fund their school and community service projects as well as part of their travel to national competitions.

CHERYL HOEFT, the organizer of the first craft fair in 1986, is still working with the

show. She said that there is free parking and free shuttle service at all of the Saline schools, the United Methodist Church and the UAW Hall. Admission to the event is \$2.

"And if you don't like crowds," said Cheryl, "come to the show around 1 p.m. The morning rush is over and the crafters still have a lot of inventory."

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PLANNING COMMISSION
Public Hearing and Meeting**

On Thursday, November 18, 1999 at 8:00 p.m. EDT at the Sharon Township Hall, 18010 Pleasant Lake Road, the Sharon Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing to receive comments on the following proposal:

- Re-zone properties in the northeast corner of Section 35 at M-52 and Bethel Church Road to match the zoning in the Sharon Township Land Use Policy Plan, as amended. Tax IDs: 15-35-100-011-012.
- Amend Article 4 of the Sharon Township Zoning Ordinance (Open Space Community Districts) to provide for "bonus" lots and for periodic review of the use of the preserved open space.

Written comments may be sent to Roger Kappler, Chairman, Sharon Township Planning Commission, 19163 Bethel Church Road, Manchester, Michigan 48158, and must be received by Nov. 17, 1999. The Sharon Township Zoning Ordinance, the Plan and copies of the proposals, may be reviewed, and the Ordinance purchased, by appointment, through Teri Aiuto, Sharon Township Clerk. Call 428-7002. The regular meeting of the Commission will commence immediately following the Public Hearings.

Sharon Township Planning Commission
Roger Kappler, Chairman

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**MANCHESTER VILLAGE COUNCIL
AGENDA**
Monday, November 15, 1999
7:00 P.M.

1. Call meeting to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
3. Minutes of the previous meeting
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Public Participation
6. Old Business
 - a. Consumers Energy Contract Revision
 - b. Traffic Codebook & Map
 - c. Traffic Ordinance/Resolution
 - d. Tree Bids - Removal & Planting
 - e. Other
7. New Business
 - a. Manchester Twp. Planning Commission Policy Question
 - b. Lloyd & Jane Carey Request to Vacate Portion of Water St.
 - c. Clerk/Treasurer Position Changes
 - d. Other
8. Correspondence
9. Treasurer's Report
10. Committee Reports
11. Directives
12. Adjourn

**7:30 p.m. Public hearing
ZONING BOARD OF
APPEALS - Kensler
Dimensional Variance
Request**

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PLANNING COMMISSION**

Notice is hereby given that the Manchester Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider a proposed ordinance to amend the Manchester Township Zoning Ordinance #42 by amending Sections 5.03 and 16.20 and by adding a new Section 12.12. This proposed ordinance would amend text of the zoning ordinance related to cell towers.

A public hearing will be held on Thursday, November 18, 1999 at 8:00 p.m. at the Manchester Township Hall, 275 South Macomb Street, Manchester.

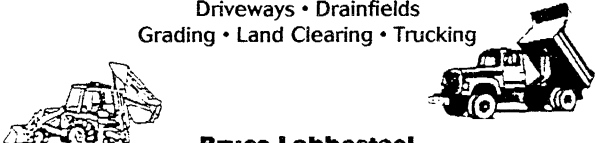
A copy of the proposed ordinance to amend Zoning Ordinance #42 and further information is available for review at the Manchester Township office, 275 South Macomb Street, Manchester, during regular Township office hours, which are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Written comments may be addressed to John Schmitt, Chairman, Manchester Township Planning Commission, PO Box 418, Manchester, MI 48158.

Manchester Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with special needs at the meeting upon 7 days notice to Manchester Township. Individuals with special needs requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact Manchester Township by writing or calling the following: Manchester Township Clerk, 275 South Macomb Street, PO Box 418, Manchester, MI 48158; telephone number 734/428-7090.

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G.E. Wacker, Inc., 9050 Highway State Road 52, Manchester
Recycle Ann Arbor ReUse Center, 2420 S. Industrial, Ann Arbor
Scrap Box, 521 State Circle, Ann Arbor
Village of Chelsea, 305 South Main, Suite 100, Chelsea
Village of Manchester, 120 South Clinton Street, Manchester
Washtenaw County Public Works, 110 N. Fourth, Suite 200, Ann Arbor
Washtenaw County Courthouse, 101 E. Huron, Ann Arbor
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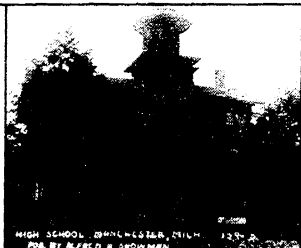
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Looking Back



On this day in...

Nov. 9, 1899. The Enterprise of old was filled with little bits of wisdom and wit, items we might consider presumptuous to print in a newspaper today, but things that are entertaining nonetheless. Many of these items were apparently written by Mat D. Blosser and appear in his column below.

Also this week, an update on the four "disciples" who are now in jail, awaiting sentence. Ghosts, Indians and salted babies also grabbed headlines in Manchester 100 years ago.

Manchester Enterprise
By Mat D. Blosser

No skating yet.

What a beautiful fall.

The ground was covered with snow Saturday morning for the first time this fall, and people didn't like it one bit.

According to the proverb, riches do not make happiness. Neither does poverty, for that matter, so people might just as well accumulate what wealth they can in an honest way.

Were it not for his ability to make black appear white his satanical majesty would soon have to retire from business.

One of Brooklyn's popular young men not long since, became aware one chilly morning, as he was about to proceed to his office duties, that he was minus an overcoat. The house was turned topsy turvy, but in vain. Mother must have put it somewhere, if not, surely it had been stolen and relatives from the north and the east side of town were called to assist in finding the coat or the guilty one. To make a long story short, however, a fair maiden across the street was in proud possession of the same. How could he forget?

The four disciples, who are in jail awaiting sentence on a charge of conspiracy, do not seem to take their imprisonment very seriously. They are model prisoners and devote much of their time to reading the Bible and singing hymns.

In Our Great State.
The Happenings in Michigan Briefly Related.

Along the highways and bypaths all around Alpena are posted the following notices this year: "When you shoot at a deer, be sure it is a deer, and be sure that you are sure."

An attempt was made to blow open the safe in the exchange bank at Byron with nitroglycerin on the 2d, but the burglars were frightened away, only securing \$5 in pennies for their trouble.

A Bay City man took one of those mud baths you have heard about as a curative for rheumatism and other diseases, but somehow it didn't seem to do him much good. Perhaps, however, he didn't go about it in the right way. He was taken while holding to a pair of reins at the other end of which were a team of runaway horses going at full tilt over a street six inches deep with mud.

There are some queer people at Battle Creek. One of them has

just been arrested for burning up the sidewalk in front of his own and his neighbors' houses for fuel.

Girls in the Three Rivers paper mill found uncancelled stamps on envelopes and pulled them off. The post office officials got after them and read them the riot act. The inspector should read the riot act to the careless postmasters, who by neglecting to cancel the stamps, place a temptation in the girls' way. It is very likely that the girls did not realize the enormity of the offense.

Salting Babies.

Custom Which Sometimes Is Fatal To The Infants.

"Salting" newly born infants, a practice that dates far back to Biblical times, still obtains in many parts of the old world, says the St. Louis Post Dispatch. The Armenians in the Russian government of Eriwan cover the whole surface of the babe's body with fine salt, especial care being taken with the interstices between the fingers and all depressions, such as the armpit and the bend of the knee, so that no point shall remain unslated. The unhappy infant is left in the salt for three hours or longer and is then bathed in warm water. The Armenians of some districts, having abandoned the practice, are called "unslated" and are despised by the others. The modern Greeks also sprinkle their babes with salt. If an enlightened mother protests, the midwife is ready with the objection: "But if it isn't salted it will be puny and will never amount to anything." If this salting process is carried to excess, the poor babes don't stand it at all. The skin becomes as red as fire, the irritation is intolerable, and the child dies in convulsions. Yet there is a mountain tribe in Asia Minor that mercilessly salts its new-born babes for twenty-four hours, which shows that the limits of human endurance are wide in some cases. This ancient custom is still in vogue in many parts of Germany, but the rites are merely symbolical. In one district a little salt is rubbed behind the child's ears, in other's a pinch of salt is put on the tongue or a little paper of salt is inserted under the garment. It gives understanding, the people say, and wards off evil spirits. The action of salt in keeping meat sound, no doubt, is the reason that this strengthening and sustaining power was ascribed to it.

Man's Ghost Causes a Confession.

A sensation was created at Onaway on the 6th by the reported confession of Mrs. Anna Bowen that she, and not Frank Morgan, killed Donald Gillis at Mrs. Bowen's farm in Forest Township on the night of April 29 last. Morgan who was living at the Bowen farm at the time of the tragedy, confessed to doing the shooting and was convicted at the Sept. term of the circuit court in Cheboygan of murder in the second degree and is still in the county jail awaiting a decision of the supreme court upon a motion for a new trial. It is believed

that Morgan confessed in order to save the woman he loved. Mrs. Bowen declared that she had been without rest since the crime was committed and was haunted by the dead man, who repeatedly appeared to her, and she claims has censured her for injustice to the innocent, hence her confession.

Americans Had To Leave. Yaquis Spared Their Lives, But Nothing Else.

John Rogers, a Denver prospector, who went into the Yaqui gold country of Sonora a year ago, has reached El Paso, Texas, from the northeast branch of the Yaqui River, where he and Peter Burgess have been working the claim of Quailey Brothers of Chicago. He tells a thrilling tale of his experience with the Indians and counts himself fortunate that he escaped with his life. A few days ago a band of forty Indians, all armed with Winchester and old-fashioned Mexican weapons, appeared at the Quailey claim and robbed the two miners of everything

they possessed, including their arms and ammunition, and ordered them to leave the country immediately, if they wished to preserve their lives. When the Indians appeared, Rogers and Burgess were at work at the bottom of a forty-foot shaft which they had sunk. They were told to come out, and then the shaft filled with loose dirt and stones. The mine is sixty miles from the nearest camp or town, and the two Americans were compelled to tramp the entire distance without food. On the way they met an officer and detachment of Mexican soldiers who said they had been detailed to search for seven Americans from New York who were missing from the Salauripa district. They had failed to find the Americans and the only presumption was that the Yaquis had murdered them.

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