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NEWS BRIEFS

Public invited to give input at school facility meeting

The Manchester School Board has set a public meeting for Nov. 23 to discuss facility improvements.

The Facilities Concept Committee will be asking for community input as it begins to formulate a plan to upgrade school district buildings. According to the school board, this meeting is the first step towards creating a bond proposal to bring to voters this year.

The meeting takes place at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 23 at the high school in either the media center or the band room.

Christmas in the Village to take place next week

The annual Christmas in the Village tradition will take place downtown on Nov. 20 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The craft show and the American Legion and bake sale at the United Methodist Church will conclude at 4 p.m.

Holiday specials at downtown businesses, a Santa parade, lunch with Santa and craft and bake sales will be part of the fun of shopping right here at home.

For more information about Christmas in the Village, please call Peg at 428-9640.

Schools reach preliminary deal with support staff

The school district reached a tentative agreement for a new contract with the district's support staff Friday.

The school board has reviewed the terms of the agreement and is waiting for the members covered under the bargaining agreement to ratify the deal. The support staff personnel are expected to vote on the new contract this week.

The deal could be finalized in as little as two weeks.

Community Thanksgiving church service scheduled

The Emanuel United Church of Christ will host a Thanksgiving service for the Manchester community on Sunday, Nov. 21 at 7:30 p.m. Rev. Dick Hardy, of Bethel UCC, will deliver the sermon and other area pastors will also participate in the service.

There will be a children's service within the worship time and nursery care will be provided for those who need it. A fellowship time will follow the service.

Holiday deadline schedule

The Enterprise will change its deadlines for the week of Thanksgiving.

The new deadline for editorial, classified and display advertising will be 5 p.m., Friday Nov. 19.

Birds of Prey



Photos by Shawn Lawrence

Sharon Township resident Cynthia Avery, shown here with her 'weapon of choice,' Roosevelt, a two-year-old Red Tailed Hawk. Avery has been an avid Falconer for two years. This spring, she will host the largest gathering of falconers in the state for a field meet.

Hunter insists on doing things the natural way

By Shawn Lawrence

Associate Editor

On a chilly autumn morning in Sharon Township, Cynthia Avery finishes her coffee, bundles up in some warm clothes, and gathers her dog, ready for the hunt. She's about to collect her weapon, but first she has to weigh him and give him a bath.

Her weapon of choice is Roosevelt, a two-year-old red tailed hawk, falconry her method of hunting.

"It's an ancient sport," she says, "really, the oldest sport in the world. The Egyptians were doing this in B.C., and it was popular with kings during the Renaissance. There's a real mystique to it."

Falconry, or "hawking" is a method of hunting where the bird is actually the weapon. The owner of the falcon or hawk releases the bird in the wild, and then flushes small game for the bird to catch.

When the bird is successful in capturing something, about one in ten times, according to Avery, the hunter takes over and assists with the kill.

AVERY HAS been hunting with her bird for about two seasons. She first became acquainted with falconing through a program on PBS. "I always wanted to hunt and initially I hunted with a gun," she says. "Then I saw this on TV 12 or 15 years ago, and I said 'I have to do this.' "It's a passion," she says. "What I have found is that many falconers were gun hunters who have hung up their guns for this. Working with the birds, being a part of the process of nature

is just exhilarating. Very few people get to experience that.

"It's really a lifestyle, not a hobby. To be out in the woods with that bird ... falconry allows me to be part of what nature has already created."

The birds hunt small game and can retrieve rabbits, pheasants, mice, rats, squirrel, duck, snakes, possums, possums, moles, toads and even other birds. When the bird captures

something that humans would not eat, the hunter will just let the bird eat it. If it captures something out of season, the hunters must observe the leave-it-lay law.

Falconers must comply with regular hunting license, season and bag-limit regulations, just like other hunters. However, they have a series of additional regulations they must also follow, most of which revolve around capturing and maintaining the bird

itself.

Avery has constructed a living area for Roosevelt which has been approved by the State DNR according to exacting specifications. She must weigh her bird each day, and feeds the bird a strict diet of special meats.

"It's a very long and involved process," she says. "We have to pass a written test, get a sponsor, have our facilities inspected, have our equipment inspected. Only then will state give a permit."

Avery currently serves as the treasurer of the Michigan Hawking Club. She says there are about 80 members in the group, and many

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"Working with the birds, being a part of the process of nature is just exhilarating. Very few people get to experience that."

— Cynthia Avery

Village denies mobile home park expansion

■ Village Council affirms Planning Commission's decision regarding zoning

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Staff Writer

Manchester Manor's quest to extend their manufactured home community by 13.48 acres along Gieske Road has hit a brick wall in the Manchester Village Planning Commission.

"Obviously, we're very disappointed right now," said Larry Antonelli, the developer of Manchester Manor.

On Tuesday, Nov. 9, the Planning Commission denied the request for rezoning from AG-1 (Agricultural) to MHP (Mobile Home Park), based on a recommendation from Richard Carlisle, village planner.

In his recommendation of July 19, Carlisle stated, "The request does not comply with the land use plan designation in the Village General Development Plan, nor with the goals and policies set forth in the Village General Development Plan."

Specifically, he continued, the proposed rezoning request will not contribute to a development which is clustered, recognizes natural resources, or provides an architectural style of housing which is compatible with the character of the Village.

Two public hearings were held by the Manchester Village Planning Commission to consider Manchester Manor's request. The first, on Oct. 12, elicited several citizen comments, several of which were from current residents of Manchester Manor.

While some of the residents were critical of prevailing conditions and management in the mobile home park and discouraged expansion, others spoke in favor of the park.

Residents and commissioners alike questioned the effect an expansion might have on village services as well as schools. The impact on traffic, water supply, wastewater treatment, police and fire services, was addressed by Carlisle in his

report, and in attached reports from Sgt. Heren and village engineers McNamee Porter & Seeley.

Carlisle's report was based on the greatest total density (70 units) that Manchester Manor could conceivably manage according to Michigan Mobile Home Commission rules. The developers, however, maintain that they would limit the development to 60-65 doublewide sites.

Carlisle's report estimated an increase of approximately 337 total weekday trips generated by the additional dwelling units within the village. He also noted that the site has extremely

limited access to a paved road.

"Developments of this density should require more than one access to facilitate police and fire emergency vehicles," he said.

Glenn Burkhardt, president of McNamee Porter & Seeley, summarized that the village water and wastewater systems can accommodate the expansion proposed. He did suggest amending the water and sewer connection charge to more closely reflect the true value of utility service.

Heren's report noted that any growth within the village limits would affect law enforcement services, adding that typically a higher density population results in a disproportionately increased request for service to that area.

The current population of the 116 units in the existing Manchester Manor community is 264 people. Of these, 168 are under 40 years of age and 70 are under 18 years of age. A total of 52 students living at Manchester Manor attended Manchester Community Schools in the school year ending June 1999.

Dennis Bartlett, president of Manchester Manor, indicated in an application for amendment to the zoning ordinance, that "The current mobile home park has served a useful need in the community, for low cost, high quality housing, providing a high quality of life. The addi-

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Library continues its plans for the future

■ Township Library Board and District Library Planning committee strive to work together

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Staff Writer

At their monthly meeting on Nov. 1, the Manchester Township Library board continued to discuss the wide variety of options that affect the future of the library.

The on-going financial question, whether the library remains in its current facility at the historic Lynch House or expansion into the proposed Unilox Milacron building, is not a matter of "if," but "how much."

A one-mill levy seems reasonable, said Board president Charlotte Major, and is easily

figured as the board considers their on-going negotiations with the village. The number of households participating in a library district will determine the actual amount of millage needed to meet expenses.

Board member Richard Spring said, "The library board never wants to be in the position that we have to limit services to the public; of course we would prefer to be able to expand services."

The board has reviewed basic revenue projections, based on the 1999 tax base. These projections were separated both by school district valuation and by total township valuation, excluding Sharon Township who has declined to participate in the district library discussion. The district library committee has determined that the bound-

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Community Calendar



Thursday, Nov. 18

■ 6:15 PM - Awana Clubs meet at Community Bible Church
 ■ 7:00 PM - Manchester Cub Scout Pack meeting
 ■ 8:00 PM - Manchester Township Planning Commission; Sharon Township Planning Commission

Friday, Nov. 19

■ 7:00 PM - AA Meeting at Emanuel Church Kitchen

Saturday, Nov. 20

■ Manchester Kiwanis Club meets, call 428-7722 for place and time.

Sunday, Nov. 21

■ Boy Scout Breakfast at St. Mary's Parish Center

Monday, Nov. 22

■ 7:30 PM - Overeaters

Anonymous meets at Chelsea United Methodist Church
 ■ Manchester Optimists Club meets

Tuesday, Nov. 23

■ 10:00 AM - La Leche League meets, call 428-8831 for information
 ■ 6:30 PM - Klager PTO meets, call 428-8321 for information

■ 7:00 PM - Bootstompers at Emanuel Church

Wednesday, Nov. 24

■ 7:30 PM - Manchester Township Fire Department meeting
 ■ 7:30 PM - Community Band

Thursday, Nov. 25

■ 6:15 PM - Awana Clubs meet at Community Bible Church
 ■ 7:30 PM - Community Resource Center Board meets

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.

MMS students rake and run

Manchester's middle school students have been busy again this year raking neighborhood leaves.

For the fourth year, the Middle School Student Council has sponsored this service project to help out area senior citizens. The recipients of the project eagerly watch while troops of middle school students ener-

getically rake leaves into tarps, and dump them at the curbs. The students are happy to

receive the thanks, smiles, and praises and it makes them rake a little harder and a little better.

Sometimes the leaves get thrown and tossed and jumped into, too. That's part of the fun. And that's why, after almost two hours of work, students are still able to tell why they are there... to help others, to feel good, and to have fun.

This year, 24 students helped on one or both of the two afternoons set aside for the project.

The students were Amber Hubbard, Craig Heilman, Kyle Gagneau, Tom Lee, Jeremy Kratz, Dan Lobbestael, Lacy Adamus, Alanna Gehringer, Melissa Blades, Sara Scharpenberg, Emily Bolan, Elizabeth Copeland, Josh Scott, David Spencer, John Crispin, Adam Wheeler, Brandi Walter, Ashly Kissman, Samantha Mahan, Emilee Sweet, Emily Little, Emily Ray, Laura Kreklau, and Carolyn Billetdeaux.

Parent Katherine Ray also assisted while Matt Donnellon organized the project and provided transportation. Student Council advisor Terri Monkiewicz also supervised the project.

Manchester Market generously provided cider and donuts for the workers after their hard work. After the second night, the students were thanking the adults for their fun, and were eager to start on their next service project, visiting the Saline Evangelical Home.

The recipients of the project eagerly watch while troops of students ... rake leaves.



Middle school students enjoyed raking for a service project.

POLICE BLOTTER

Village of Manchester

Car Vandalism

A 1991 Corvette received \$5,000 of damage and had its light covers stolen while sitting in a driveway on East Duncan St. on Oct. 30. The vehicle was scratched with obscenities and egged. Sheriff's deputies believe the vehicle was targeted for unknown reasons.

Possession of Marijuana

An employee of a local factory was stopped for a traffic violation on Nov. 1 and was discovered to be carrying a .22 semi-automatic handgun in his waistband. He was also driving with a suspended license and was in possession of marijuana. He was arrested and taken to the Washtenaw County Jail.

Child Endangerment

On Nov. 3, a citizen reported an intoxicated subject with a child at Carr Park to deputies at Station 4. Deputy Kirby arrived at the park in time to prevent the subject from driving with a child in his vehicle. The suspect was discovered to have a felony warrant and was arrested.

Malicious Destruction at High School

On Nov. 5 at shortly after midnight, an anonymous 911 caller reported juveniles TP'ing at the high school. The deputy was unable to locate any suspects but also discovered soaped windows and liquid kitchen soap sprayed on the outside walls of the portable classrooms. The portable classrooms had petroleum jelly on the door handles.

Illegal Entry

On Nov. 6 a resident on E. Duncan reported an illegal entry to her apartment and obscene words written on her wall with ball point pen. Deputies discovered no sign of forced entry to the secured apartment building. The woman reported that she was having an ongoing domestic dispute with her ex-husband who lives in the Monroe area over custody of their children, and she believed he was the perpetrator. The case remains open pending further investigation.

Flag Burning

On Nov. 8 at 7:15 p.m. a partially burned American flag was left on the railing in front of the village offices. The flag was suspected to be stolen from Chi-Bro Park. An ongoing investigation has not revealed any solid suspects, according to Sgt. Heren.

Larceny

On Nov. 9, four tires were reported stolen from a vehicle at Stu Evans Ford on W. Main St. The tires were recovered on the old railroad bend near Union Street, and returned undamaged to the dealer.

Dogs weren't mutilated, say state police

Michigan State Police Trooper Tim Doyen of the Manchester unit received a report on Oct. 9 that some dead animals had been found near the county gravel pit on Bethel Church Road in Freedom Township.

Doyen said that a total of four dogs were discovered in response to the complaint, and that they had not been mutilated.

"As far as I could see, the animals died. They were certainly not disposed of in a proper manner, but other than that there was no evidence of anything untoward happening to them," he said.

"There was no evidence of satanic rituals or pranks. These dogs had probably died late in September."

An anonymous tip to Humane Society investigators had stirred up the story at the end of October, nearly a month after the original report came in.

"People expect us (the state police) to report incidents in a professional, factual manner."

The state police investigation took place in early October and was closed soon after interviewing suspects whose names were reported by anonymous tipsters.

"There was no evidence at all to connect the suspects with these dogs, or any crime," said Doyen.

The case will remain closed unless new information comes to light.

Doyen added that sensational headlines about animal abuse are sure to scare residents.

"People consider their pets as part of the family," he said. "When news like this comes out, they get alarmed."

Compiled by Marsha Johnson Chartrand, staff writer, from reports at Station 4, WCSD, Village of Manchester.

Manchester Township

Juvenile Runaway

A deputy responded to a report of a runaway on Nov. 14. He spoke with a 43-year-old woman, who said her 16-year-old son had runaway. She had last seen him on Nov. 12. He had not been home since. She heard from friends that he had been at a Clinton gas station on Nov. 12.

She said they had not argued, and he was doing well in school. He had run away before, but always called to let her know where he was. He has no identification, and no access to a car.

Found Property

A deputy was dispatched on Nov. 10 to the 16900 block of Heim Street. He met a 51-year-old man who owned the property. The man said he had found a deer stand and a pair of gloves in the woods on his property. He did not know to whom the items belonged.

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Woman battles township for right to do business

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Staff Writer

It seemed like a simple plan at the time.

Juli Troiz has been a wallpaper hanger and interior decorator for ten years and has over 500 homes to her credit in Washtenaw and Lenawee Counties. Last November, she applied to the Manchester Township Planning Commission for a Home Occupation permit, to allow her to continue her business from a pole barn on her property. She never realized that this would be the beginning of a yearlong battle that may yet end up in the courtroom.

"For various reasons, I've been turned down by the township. I have commercial businesses completely surrounding me, and no other residents have objected to my plans," says

Troiz. There are currently eight businesses within two miles of my house. I've done everything they've asked, and I am clearly in compliance with the ordinances.

"EVERY TIME" one reason doesn't work out they come up with something new."

Troiz says she is confused by what she perceives as "new rules" creating roadblocks to establishing her home-based business. A lack of rest rooms, number of parking spaces, the size of her home vs. the space she intends to use for her business, and whether or not items in her displays would be considered incidental to her business, are all issues she has faced and fought during the past year.

"My specialty is in older homes," says Troiz. "I try to find

furniture and accessories that fits the particular period and style of someone's home. I've always had a knack for finding things for people. Now I can't hang the wallpaper anymore, for physical reasons. So I've decided to expand the "hunting" part."

PART OF the disagreement ensues over what retail items would be considered incidental to her decorating business.

"I don't stock wallpaper, I simply have wallpaper books from which people can order. But if I go searching for something for someone, it is purely on speculation. If they decide they don't want an item I've purchased at an auction, I may be stuck with it until someone else wants it."

Troiz says she would use such antique pieces as part of a dis-

play in her shop in the barn.

"If someone wants to see a sample of my decorating skills, they want something they can look at," she says. "That's the kind of display I would have. It would be a very small portion of my business."

"BUT SOME" of the commissioners have a problem with that. They seem to think I would be an antique shop. That isn't the purpose of what I'm doing. I've tried to explain that this would be part of how I would have to do business as an interior designer. They don't understand or don't listen. I simply want to move my decorating business into my barn, which already exists, have regular hours and be able to meet people, by appointment, to go over decorating ideas. In the course of that, I would also have a small number of items - antique pieces, mostly - for sale.

"I don't presume to tell them how to be a farmer, or a lawyer. I wouldn't want them to tell me how to be an interior decorator. I can name ten different decorating businesses in the county that operate on the same basis. You have to have a display; and you also have to keep changing the merchandise, to show your diversity."

TROIZ ALSO says that her objection to a mini storage building across from her home was brought up during her own public hearing in front of the

planning commission, a point she considers irrelevant to her own business venture.

"My objection, and that of my neighbors, to mini storage was the amount of lighting it would need, and they also wanted to be able to house outdoor recreational vehicles. Several of us thought that would be a bad idea and detract from the character of the neighborhood. Yet, the permit for the mini-storage went through despite the objections."

Troiz says she feels like she is being discriminated against, and she cannot understand why.

"I am desperate to find a solution to this. I've gone through this legitimately, paid my fee, and been up front with the Planning Commission. Other home businesses, some larger operations than what I plan, don't seem to have all the trouble I have had."

"I BELIEVE with all my heart I can make a living at this, and I shouldn't have to start over. But if I can't do this here, I'll have to go somewhere else."

Manchester Township's chair of the Planning Commission, John Schmitt, preferred not to

comment on the Troiz situation.

The minutes of the Planning Commission meeting, which occurred in January, mention several questions by commissioners and indicate simply that Troiz's request was tabled at that time. The request was subsequently denied at the Feb. 18 meeting.

Planning Commission member Emory Garlick, who was not in attendance at these meetings, says that the commission can't tell Troiz what to do. But he does not consider this an unworkable situation.

VICE CHAIR Paul Siano says, "I've been on the Planning Commission for a year and a half now. I can't answer for what happened before but since I have been on, we follow the rules. They are there for a reason, and we are here to see that they are followed."

"We are right. We haven't done anything wrong and the record will show that."

Troiz says, "I've invested my savings into this barn. I made the mistake of assuming there would be no problem. I should have gone through the process first. I just thought everything was going to be OK."



United Way

(Front) Teresa Bross, Maria Marshall, and Mike Figuerola; (back row) Dick Cooper, Dave Petsch, Chris Williams, and Mike Mahrie were among the 15 United Way chairpersons at Uniloy-Milacron who raised \$24,600 for Manchester United Way.

OBITUARIES

Madge A. Hill


Madge A. Hill, 93, of Manchester, passed away on Nov. 6, 1999. Madge was born on June 22, 1906 the daughter of Earl & Kathryn (Housman) Throop. On Nov. 13, 1926 she was married to Jay Hill and he preceded her in death on Nov. 1, 1967. Madge was a past member of the Manchester United Methodist Church.

She is survived by a son, Roger E. Hill of Ypsilanti; daughters Janet (Ted) Wilkinson of Jackson, Doris (Vernon) Herman and Marilyn Jean Walter, both of Manchester; 20 grandchildren; 37 great grandchildren; five great-great grandchildren; and a sister, Lucile (Herman) Albright of Reading. She was preceded in death by one sister.

At her request, cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to the Jenter-Braun Funeral Home, Manchester.



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Anna Trefny, nee Flik, beloved wife of the late Louis, loving mother of Carol Hanson, Christine (Robert) Desjardins, Diane (George) Henderson, Dennis and Debbie, grandmother of twelve; great-grandmother of four. Funeral was held Thursday, Oct. 28 from the Soltes Funeral Home to St. Clare de Monte Falco Church, Chicago, Illinois. Interment St. Mary Cemetery, Chicago.

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Local couple gives birds a second chance to take flight

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Staff Writer

"One animal is not as important as the entire species, but if it is an animal that I have, it is important to me," said Dody Wyman of the River Raisin Raptor Center.

Although Wyman has been working with and rehabilitating raptors for many years now, the River Raisin Raptor Center was recently formed as a non-profit corporation in an effort to add new dimensions to her raptor rehabilitation program. As a 501(c)(3) non-profit, all donations to the center are fully tax deductible. Her quiet location in Bridgewater Township is an excellent place for birds of prey to be rehabilitated in a natural setting.

WYMAN AND her husband, Jack, have lived on Sheridan Road for 13 years. They currently care for 40 to 50 birds a year, and the number keeps growing. They have as many as three raptors in active rehabilitation at one time.

In the "clinic," where Wyman begins her work with injured or traumatized animals, she has medications, bandages, a microscope to check for parasites, and other equipment.

"I keep the very sick or severely injured birds here at first, to keep an eye on them and give them a chance to rest until they're over the hump," she says. Then the birds progress to a variety of outdoor cages where they can live closer and closer to the wild to which they will eventually return.

A **SMALL** barn houses an 8'x8' cage close to the house. Another one nearby is a bit less sheltered. Each has a variety of small perches such as sawhorses or low branches, so that the birds can begin their exercise program. Jack Wyman is the cage builder and designer.

"It's kind of like your first few days out of bed after having the flu," Wyman explains. Every few days the birds improve enough to progress to other habitats with more exposure to the weather.

Behind the barn in a protected habitat are two non-releasable screech owls. They are tame and serve both as educational animals and as surrogate parents for baby owls who come to the rehabilitation center. Further up the hill it looks like you are approaching a small gazebo. But in reality, it is a converted corn crib which serves as home to two great horned owls.

"They are quite a pair," says Wyman with a laugh. "They really like each other." These non-releasable owls also participate in Wyman's school programs.

A **LARGE** cage is their most recent addition to the River Raisin Raptor Center. The Wymans received a grant from the Helmut and Candy Stern Wildlife Foundation in Ann Arbor. It is a 12x24 cage, with sheltered sides and a screened roof, which can provide the beginning stages of rehabilitation. Its size allows the birds to fly and perch: undergrowth at the base will provide shelter for the mice and other rodents that serve as the birds' prey. A rodent-proof siding keeps them from escaping and gives the birds an opportunity to hunt. Trees that are left inside will continue to grow and provide perches.

"I need to furnish this a little further," says Wyman, referring

to the boxes and perches that she will add to the large cage. "Birds do better in rehab when they feel protected and not vulnerable." Wire around the exterior base of the cage provide protection from predators such as raccoons.

"IT'S IMPORTANT to recondition birds, particularly raptors, before releasing them," she says.

"Songbirds will eat seeds, but these raptors need to be in top shape because they catch live things, that really don't want to be caught. If they aren't in top condition, they'll become part of the food chain," she adds, noting that these birds of prey eat only meat.

One of the gauges that Wyman uses for seeing if birds, particularly owls, are ready to release is whether or not they can maintain their weight for a week simply hunting on their own.

Because they are territorial, these birds are released wherever they came from. Wyman explains that they need to keep careful records so that the birds can be released to a familiar habitat.

"Even though another animal might have taken over their territory, they are better off somewhere they know," she says.

ONE PURPOSE that she hopes to achieve is to do some post-release studies of mature red-tailed hawks as they work their way back into the wild.

"No one really knows what happens as they try to reclaim their territory after rehabilitation," she says. "I would like to increase the overall knowledge of wildlife rehabilitation methods through this field work."

Two red tail hawks, currently the temporary residents of the River Raisin Raptor Center, are brought out to the Rossette Airport each morning. One of the hawks was caught in a trap, its toes almost severed. The other had a broken bone in its wing which was originally misdiagnosed as a simple trauma. Both need strengthening and healing before they can be released.

"**ONE WAY** to do this is to have flight cages," says Wyman. "But those are very expensive; I believe there are only two of them in Michigan at this time. We use 'creancing' which is a term borrowed from the art of falconry. It involves the use of a long line for the birds' exercise program."

The creance line looks rather like a short fishing pole with a sturdier line, and works in much the same way. It is Jack Wyman's creation and third in a succession of trial-and-error methods of leashing the birds for their preliminary exercise flights. The Wymans have been asked to write about this, their most successful method, for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The Wymans generally fly the birds over a two week period and their flights normally get longer and more successful with each flight. The bird who was trapped by the feet, however, is something of an enigma.

"**SHE MAY** be more hurt than we realize, but more likely she is exceptionally lazy or smart," says Wyman with a laugh. "She seems to like being picked up and carried. We can't find anything wrong with her, but she tires easily and can't make too many strong flights yet."

Most birds do not sit on her fist as willingly as this one does, but Wyman notes with satisfaction that it is less stressful for



Dody Wyman

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— Dody Wyman
of the River Raisin Raptor Center

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them when they do. She also realizes that the birds absolutely recognize individuals. The presence of a stranger at this flight may have worried the bird as well.

"Unfortunately, rehab is pretty stressful for the animals. The raised wings and open mouth show that the bird is stressed and it is sort of a defense mechanism," she says. "This is definitely a wild bird - nothing about her wants to be around us."

A GENTLE spray bottle of water awaits the bird when it is ready to be returned to its cage in the car. Wyman's heavy leather gloves come in handy as she tries to get the bird back into the cage.

"They generally don't bite as much as talon you with their feet," she says.

The bird is hooded and the cages are covered with dark cloths. Wyman explains that these hawks are very visual animals and so the darkness calms them.

The second bird, with a broken wing, has not flown at all before this day's experimental flight.

"It's always a surprise the first time," says Jack Wyman.

Dody thinks that this bird will start out better than the other one, however. And she does. While the other bird sat quietly waiting to be picked up after her flight, this one keeps flying off in different directions as Wyman heads toward her. Wyman's hand remains lightly on the leash to be able to take up any slack if the bird flies off, so it doesn't injure itself by flying too far, too soon. Meanwhile Jack stays with the "fishing pole" at the starting point, and gently reels them in as Dody carries the bird back for another flight.

ON THIS first day, the bird receives only three flights so

she doesn't get tired out. And it's back to rest in the cages in the woods.

Wyman says she has always been interested in wildlife and began working in rehabilitation with the Friends of Wildlife back in the 1980s. In 1991 she began working specifically with birds of prey.

"I started to realize that raptors were what I really wanted to do," she says. "These mature birds, you really want to get them back out in the wild - they are nature's breeders. At least 75% of raptors don't make it through their first year, so those who make it to maturity are absolutely the fittest."

Although she has no formalized training Wyman has sought resources, networking support, and classes from two national and international wildlife rehabilitation organizations, and says this is one of those occupations where you "learn by doing" and working with others who share this as a livelihood and an avocation.

THE REHABILITATION center is extensively permitted and regulated, notes Wyman, at both a state and national level.

The message of conservation that she brings to students and to others is that if humans and wildlife have any chance of cohabiting on this planet in the future, our children must grow up with an appreciation of how all life is webbed together.

"It's a tremendous joy to release these birds to resume their life in the wild," says Wyman. "Each bird has different reasons for coming into rehab and such different personalities. Most of these are wonderful examples of birds that just need a second chance."



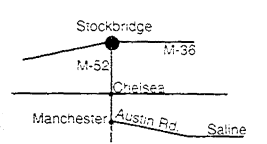
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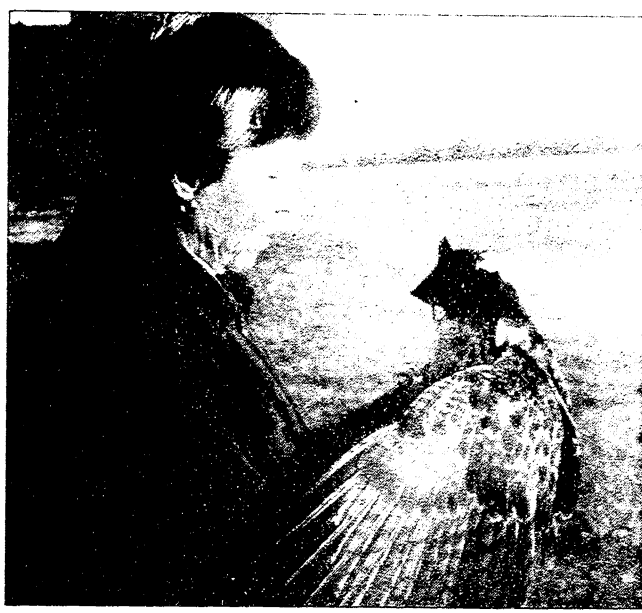


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(Above) Dody Wyman takes a leashed red tail hawk for a trial flight at Rossettie airport as part of its rehabilitation therapy. (Above right) The hawks are hooded for traveling because darkness calms them.



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The Club decided to donate \$400 to the Christmas Lighting fund, and also gave \$300 to the Manchester Family Service to be used for gifts to Senior Citizens.

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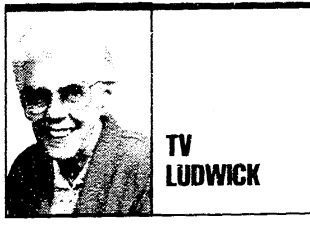
Table mates at the senior citizen meals concur that there is a terrific difference on how men and women talk to each other. We, as the weaker sex (??) sometimes can't understand, even after being married to our guys for a long, long time, how he thinks, much less talks. So, what do we do but talk to another woman?

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The following came from a column from down home, 50 years ago:

"It just came to us how much a newspaper is like a woman. They both have frames, back numbers are not in demand, they always have the last word, they have a great deal of influence in the home and the community, there's small demand for the bold-face type, and every man should have one of his own and not borrow his neighbor's."

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common."

Now, that can pertain to both men and women, with us gals leading the way because we were mothers, huh? I will get feedback on this topic, come see at senior meals.

Thursday, Nov. 18: Our volunteer nurse, Mae Sellers will be present to take your blood pressure at 11 a.m. in Emanuel's fellowship hall. She is one of our dedicated volunteers who is a nurse. Sue, our super cook, will treat us to our senior Thanksgiving Dinner at 12 noon. Get

those reservations in early to Kelly at 428-8359, or call Sue between the hours of 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. on meal days at 428-7630.

But, get those reservations in before you come to eat (you have been doing well, keep it up!) And then, at 6 p.m., the senior bus will begin pickup for the trip to Pleasant Lake for the senior sponsored monthly public card party (for all ages).

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Saturday, Nov. 20: Here it is! Manchester's Christmas in the Village which is planned for all to have a great time in our village. Was it just last year when it was so warm outside? Come out and enjoy your town!

Monday, Nov. 22: A shopping trip is planned for K-Mart & Meijer's in Ann Arbor. Just sign your name in the book at meals,

or call Marion to go.

Tuesday, Nov. 23: NO MEAL today. You may go along to the Hankerd Inn for lunch and to tour the holiday light display. The bus leaves the center at 11 a.m., call Marion for your reservation.

Thursday, Nov. 25: May you have a most blessed and happy Thanksgiving. Enjoy your family and friends on this family day. Cook Sue has this week off to enjoy her family; we are grateful to have you devote so much time and effort to our good meals. Have a glorious day to you all!

Our November birthday ladies were treated to two photo taking sessions last week. Happy birthdays to (left) Milda Koebbe, Marge Geyer, and Della Widmayer and all our other seniors who celebrate birthdays this month.



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<p>BETHEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST Thursday, Nov. 18 7:15 PM Youth Choir Plus Monday, Nov. 22 5:15 PM Weighdown Workshop 6:30 PM Handbell Choir 7:30 PM Senior Choir Wednesday, Nov. 17 7:30 PM Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service, Emanuel UCC</p> <p>EMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST Thursday, Nov. 18 12:00 noon Senior Meal 6 PM Jazzercise 7 PM Cub Scouts Friday, Nov. 19 9:15 AM Jazzercise 6:15 PM Daisy's 7 PM AA Saturday, Nov. 20 9:15 AM Jazzercise Sunday, Nov. 21 2 PM Chelsea Baton Core 7:30 PM Community Thanksgiving Service Monday, Nov. 22 6 PM Jazzercise 6:30 PM Optimist Dinner 7 PM Mom's In Touch, Brownies Troop 966 Tuesday, Nov. 23 12:00 noon Senior Meal 7 PM Boot Stompers, Boy Scouts Wednesday, Nov. 24 9:15 AM Jazzercise 1 PM Emanuel Quilters 4 PM Volleyball-Chrysler 6:15 PM Jazzercise</p>	<p>MANCHESTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Thursday, Nov. 18 7 PM Committee Meetings 8 PM Ad Council, Bell Choir Saturday, Nov. 20 9 AM Christmas in the Village Sunday, Nov. 21 Noon UMYF 3 PM Hanging of the Greens 7:30 PM Community Thanksgiving at Emanuel UCC Tuesday, Nov. 23 6 PM Scouts Wednesday, Nov. 24 3:15 PM Scouts</p> <p>NORTH SHARON BAPTIST CHURCH Thursday, Nov. 18 7:00 PM Church Visitation Saturday, Nov. 20 9 AM Fishermen's Club Sunday, Nov. 21 5:30 PM Choir Practice Monday, Nov. 22 Olan Mills photographers Tuesday, Nov. 23 Olan Mills photographers Wednesday, Nov. 24 2:30 PM Phoster Club, Dunamis, and Teens 7 PM Teachers' meeting 7:30 PM Community Bible Study</p> <p>SHARON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Thursday, Nov. 18 7:30 PM Dorcas Fellowship meet at Mrs. Kennedy's Sunday, Nov. 21 11 AM Boys & Girls Fellowship 7:30 PM Senior Community</p>	<p>Thanksgiving Service at EUCC Tuesday, Nov. 23 7 PM Bible Study</p> <p>ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN Thursday, Nov. 18 6-7:00 PM Junior Choir 8 PM Bible Study Saturday, Nov. 20 9 AM Church clean-up Monday, Nov. 22 7:30 PM Elders Bible Study Wednesday, Nov. 24 9:30 AM Young Mothers Thanksgiving Eve Service</p> <p>ST. MARY'S CHURCH Saturday, Nov. 20 4-4:45 PM Confession Sunday, Nov. 21 Rel. Educ. pre-K 10:30 Boy Scout Family Breakfast 9AM-1PM/PC 1st yr. confirmation mtg. at 11:45 a.m./ Rectory Mtg. Rm 2nd yr. confirmation mtg. w/sponsors at 6:30 PM/CH Monday, Nov. 22 7:30 PM Catechist Mtg. Tuesday, Nov. 23 Rel Ed. gr. 1-4 (Klager) & gr. 5-6 (PC) after school; gr. 7-8 (PC) 7 PM</p> <p>ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA Thursday, Nov. 18 6:30 PM Aerobics 7 PM Ladies Night Out-Gingerbread House Sunday, Nov. 21 7:30 PM Comm. Thanksgiving at EUCC Tuesday, Nov. 23 6:30 PM Aerobics 7:30 PM Senior Choir</p>
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The ENTERPRISE COMMENTARY

EDITORIAL

School board made right call

After the resignation of school board president Paul Kluwe, the board recently agreed to elect Ron Ellison as their new president. The Enterprise supports this selection and believes the correct decision was made. Ellison will do a good job of leading the board through the myriad of issues currently facing the schools.

Ellison brings many strengths to the job. He comes to the board with a vision, with confidence and with a business background.

But he also takes the reins at a pivotal time in the school district's history. Declining enrollment, aging facilities and budget problems are all hampering the ability of the district to thrive, and Ellison and his board members are facing many difficult decisions.

One of the tasks Ellison will be faced with as president of the board is building consensus among the other board members. As one of the more outspoken board members in the past, Ellison may well find this new role a challenge. But the Enterprise believes he is up to the task.

The school board has taken some positive steps toward unity, as Ellison's unanimous election indicates.

As a school board member, it is important to have an opinion, be vocal about that opinion and be accountable to the public. To his credit, Ellison has done this.

As the leader of the school board, the role shifts to bringing issues into focus, making sure all of the facts are accessible to the decision makers and forcing the issue.

The school board, fairly or not, has been perceived as making decisions under a veil of secrecy, and Ellison will need to work on the public perception of the school board as they begin to ask the community for money to fix some of the district's problems.

Any person who takes on a leadership role opens themselves up to criticism. Certainly, Ellison will have his critics as well, and he seems ready to accept that role. Anyone learning a new job will make some mis-steps, and Ellison will be no exception.

But Ellison is a public official with the power of his convictions, and that trait will serve him well in his new position. He has not shied from taking a position on the hard questions.

As the moderator of the school board meetings, Ellison may, however, find himself in the role of peacemaker between the many factions in the school community. As a board member who is used to speaking his mind, this is another role that Ellison may find challenging, and we wish him luck with it.

But with all of the changes on the school board recently, and the many board members who have been appointed rather than elected, Ellison has the additional strength that he was put on the board by the voters.

He is one of only three board members on the seven-member panel who can say they were elected. He has been willing to put himself to the scrutiny of an election by the public, and also an election by his peers on the school board. And Ellison wants the job.

Four of the school board members will be up for election in June. With two-and-a-half years remaining in his term, Ellison provides an opportunity for some continuity in the position, should the board re-elect him as president in the summer.

One final note: the Manchester school district has lost a fine public servant with the resignation of Kluwe. Kluwe left the school board for personal reasons, and his decision must be respected, but the district is less for it.

Kluwe brought unique talents to the school board and they will be missed. He deserves the recognition and gratitude of the community for the time and effort he donated to the schools.

Winter's chill can't dampen spirits

It seems incongruous to think about winter and the holidays approaching when the weatherman is talking about record-setting temperatures. But we do know that cold weather is coming to stay. It's Michigan and it's November and that's all we really need to know.

The blustery breezes are blowing even when it is 73 degrees. The air smells like crisp fall leaves. The leaves themselves crunch underneath our feet when we walk and the breezes blow them out of our own yards and in to the neighbors'.

The same leaves, I swear, were on the trees just a few days ago in beautiful colors of red and gold. All of a sudden they are on the ground. It's a reminder that the seasons have definitely changed, even if the thermometer hasn't been informed yet.

IT'S HARD to think about winter when the magnolia trees are in full bud, when the same trees and bushes that just dropped their leaves are starting to look like they are contemplating another spring.

Even the animals are confused. An old tradition states that you know spring is on the way when you see the skunks coming out of hibernation. And they are out in profusion along the roadways. Of course they are a bit sleepy and disoriented after not having enough of a rest.



MARSHA JOHNSON CHARTRAND

AFTER THOUGHTS

so they end up at the roadkill café. What to wear that will take one through the day? In the chill of the early morning it seems entirely reasonable to put on a sweater or wear a blazer. By mid afternoon you start to feel foolish, as your neighbors are outdoors in shorts and a t-shirt.

IT IS even hard to decide what to make for dinner each evening. Certain dishes seem to go with the seasons of the year. It seems incongruous to be making chili and cornbread on a day when it is warm enough to eat salad instead.

Then comes a day when we realize it is indeed November in Michigan. Oh, yes - the air is cold, the skies are gray and the snowflakes linger in the air. And sometimes on the ground.

Those are the days when we figure winter is here to stay. The balmy

temperatures are going to be a pleasant memory for a while.

Then, it gets warm again. The temperatures may only be flirting with the 70's this time, but it is still unseasonably warm.

Last year we had similar warmth spells well into December. I couldn't bear to do the Christmas shopping until it got cold outside. I almost didn't get it outside, because I had to wait so long to start. This year again, the stores are decked out for the holidays and it looks ridiculous to me. I keep on wondering, "how do they do this in Florida?"

OVER THE past couple of years, people have blamed El nino and La nina, and maybe this year they will think up a third noun to describe these unusual weather patterns. Whatever it is, I just want our old winters back.

I realize that to say such a thing is considered a heresy. Admitting to liking snow or cold weather or even, heaven forbid, slush, usually qualifies someone for serious mental help. Weather forecasters continually apologize for snow, rain, wind, hail, tornadoes, hurricanes, too cold, too hot - anything but these balmy, sunny days in the mid 70s.

It makes me wonder whether there is some sort of meteorological conspiracy going on out there in

weather man land. Perhaps last winter's heavy snows were just subtle smoke screens so that the general public didn't realize that these people do actually have the weather under their control.

SINCE WHEN has it been a crime to welcome the change of seasons? It is, after all, the way it is supposed to be in this area of the country. Those who don't care for it are free to live where the sun always shines. And many do.

Like everyone else, when we have these beautiful fall days I enjoy them and ponder what life would be like if the weather could indeed stay like this, year around.

But I wonder if that is simply tempting the weather gods to give us an even more homogenous climate. As wonderful as it might seem to have this gift of an extended Indian Summer, I would probably be bored if it stuck around for the entire 12 months of the year.

So I will continue to anticipate the snow and even the slush. I will look forward to chestnuts roasting on an open fire and Jack Frost nipping at my nose. I will listen eagerly for sleigh bells ringing or high-pitched snowmobiles whining on a snowy day. I will cheer every snow day right along with my kids.

Because it's Michigan, and we know that winter will come.

Winning isn't all that's important

As I covered the Cross Country State Championship meet last week I was one of several dozens of writers ferried to the start and finish lines in an official van.

As we raced out to the start of one race, writers were discussing the various runners they were there to cover and how everyone was doing. For the most part it was a jovial crowd.

One writer, however, was lamenting the fact that of the four runners she was covering, one had come in second, one in fourth, and the others were unknown.

She wailed out loud, "give me something to write about."

I was shocked that any writer attending a high school cross country state championship meet could not find something to write about just because their "runner" hadn't won.

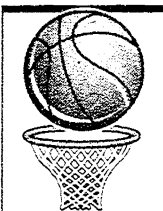
What is the point of writing about high school athletics? Not every school or team wins. Not every athlete is the best. But high school athletics isn't really about winning.

That is the icing on the cake but not the sole reason for participating.

Participating. Being part of something. That is why anyone is involved in sports.

Health. Exercise. Comraderie. Making friends.

That is why elementary kids play



COLLEEN O'NEILL

REFLECTIONS

soccer. Why middle schools offer sports. Why high schools struggle to get kids in uniform, pay the bills and retain all sports.

That is why the weekend warriors are out running or playing tennis, or flag football.

Or skiing or biking or hiking. Sports are around us at all times. They are intense. They are casual. They are fun.

We can be couch potatoes and still be into sports.

We can read about sports or sit on the sideline and paint our face.

There are many other things available to entertain us. But not many of us can go off on a weekend and play with the symphony or act in a movie. There are not too many weekend warrior opportunities in those things.

But all of us can walk out our door, seven days a week, and play a sport.

Winning is always wonderful. But it isn't everything. Ask the runner up in the Super Bowl. Does their season mean nothing because they didn't win?

What about the rookie who played on a team with a losing record?

What about the premier tennis player ousted in an early round at Wimbledon?

Sports is not just about winning. There are so many stories embedded in sports. So many triumphs. So many disappointments. So many lessons. So many good things to write about.

I can't for the life of me figure out why that writer couldn't find some-

thing to write about.

Those athletes were there for that one race. But it was the culmination of an entire season, and in some cases, years of work.

Some athletes fell and couldn't finish. Others staggered across the finish line. Others ran through the race with pain due to injuries.

Some made it there because of coaches. Some made it there because of parents. All made it there because of a dedication and determination to exercise. To participate. To run. They all have a story.

And I for one, enjoy telling it.

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Street Talk

By Marsha Johnson-Chartrand

What improvements do you believe are needed in our schools?



"I would like to see a stronger arts program and a stronger science program. They need to key in on kids at a younger age, and teach real science. If we don't have the strong programs, people will move elsewhere."

-Louise Purfield



"We need to get teachers with enthusiasm. There needs to be a lot more hands-on learning. Learning should be an adventure, for teachers and kids alike."

-Julie Mester



"The same thing we've been doing from the beginning. A new high school. That's been an issue for a long time, and that's where we should start. Then the rest will begin to fall into place."

-Earl Horning



"I have seven children. What I see is that there are poor teachers who are tenured and we can't get rid of them. That's too hard on students - especially those who are already having a rough time."

-Jeannette Kirk



"We need to improve repairs; our buildings are in disrepair. We need to offer a wider variety in curriculum for our kids. And we need more of a team approach to learning."

-Stephanie Braun

LIBRARY

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aries for inclusion in a library district will be along township lines.

The township library board plans to meet with the district library committee to develop a common vision for this project. Formation of a district library has been adopted as a goal for the library.

"We need to work together in a way that the public can understand our need, and get behind something that is going to affect their pocketbooks," said Spring.

The issue of rent for the space at the Milacron building is a big concern, said Spring, because it is a major change in the library's budget.

"You have to be careful that when you add that kind of burden on to your budget, that you have enough income to provide the additional services that the increased space should allow," said Spring.

"So many things rely on others. It's like a house of cards. You really want it to be able to stand on its own but it's all interdependent."

There are other lingering questions about how the building could best be utilized, and whether the space could be on a co-ownership basis - buy of a rent with an option to sort deal. The library is seeking more information from the architect they have contracted to learn what ideas could be helpful in this effort.

"We need more information from other folks who can help us make the best decision for the community," said Spring.

Excluding Sharon Township residents from the district remains one matter of great concern. With the recent formation of a district library in Chelsea, the people of Sharon have lending privileges at either the Manchester and Chelsea libraries only by paying a non-resident fee.

"The Library Board would love to have the people of Sharon Township join us," said Spring. "We remain committed to having a quality library and services available to them."

Major said that a window of opportunity remains open to Sharon Township before the district library committee draws up contracts with each municipality.

"Sharon Township is not totally out of the picture, they simply didn't join in planning for the formation of a library district. I'm an optimist. While the district is being formed, and we return to each township for a contract, it will outline the steps to becoming part of the library district, and that will open the door for Sharon Township.

"What will be unfortunate is if they wait until after the district is formed and voted upon. It will mean that we could have gone with a lower millage rate, yet everyone will have already voted for the higher rate. We may end up being fiscally responsible to our residents then, and not levying the entire millage that is approved.

"If Sharon township joins the district they will then have representation on the board, so they will have both taxation and representation. They have only been left out of the planning process. But I wish we didn't have to do it this way. I feel like we've left an important family member out of a decision that will affect the whole family."

All in all, however, "you can't talk money unless you have money," as library director Dorothy Davies said. "Until this (district library) becomes a reality, we can't really negotiate with the village for a facility."

VILLAGE

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tion of 60-65 units will advance the policy of the Township and preserve the character of the historical housing stock."

Bartlett also observed that the new development would make sense since it is consistent with the neighboring parcel, which is already a mobile home park. The parcel in question is directly to the north of the current park and adjacent to the village limits.

"A mobile home park would generate additional need for school and municipal services, as would any high density development on this property. Since the General Development Plan already anticipates a high density development in this area, a mobile home park development would be policy neutral with respect to this issue," said Bartlett in the letter of application.

In accordance with the recommendations by Carlisle and its Planning Commissioners, the Manchester Village Council likewise turned down the request for rezoning of the additional parcel at their Nov. 15 meeting.

FALCON

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of those don't even own a bird. They are members because they may have an interest in the sport, or have previously owned a bird, but the time involved in maintaining the bird is a major commitment.

"People join who are interested but don't have the time to do it themselves," she says. "If you're a hawk, the most

important thing is your bird. Because of time commitment, people don't do it, but they love the sport so they belong to the club.

"Anyone can be a member. For most part, it's for falconers to get together and communicate."

Another group being long to the reason, Avery says, is to participate in the conservation efforts Hawks support.

Avery says that Falconers nationwide have been active in the effort to stabilize the population of the peregrine falcon, a species that was just recently delisted from the endangered list.

They also participate in the rehabilitation of injured birds, banding programs, and public education programs.

Now falconers are lobbying electric companies to have them put rubber insulators on top of their transformers as many hunting birds are killed when they land on these each year.

Avery says that raptors, predatory birds, have a very low survival rate in the wild, just 10 to 20-percent. So when a person captures one of the birds for hunting purposes, they are increasing the odds of that bird surviving the critical first year.

There are some ethical considerations hawkers must follow in taking a bird as well. Only birds in their first year are allowed to be captured because these birds are not yet part of a mating pair.

And only certain species of bird are allowed to be captured.

The actual training process takes only about three weeks, Avery says. The bird's natural instinct is to hunt, so the owner just needs to find a way to make the bird come back after it is released.

This is usually accomplished through food-reinforcement training. Initially, the birds are tied to a long leader string, released into the air and coaxed back down with meat. But eventually, all falconers must let their bird loose and trust that the bond they have developed will lead the bird back to their owner.

"The first time I tried a free-fly... oh boy," she says. "I was very relieved when he came back. But when he did come back, it was an awesome feeling. Even now, it's an exhilarat-

ing feeling every time the bird comes back."

Even though the initial training period is just three weeks long, Avery said that hunting together with Roosevelt is a continuous learning process for both her and the bird. Different hunting techniques, skills and learning how to take different species of game is an on-going process.

Avery is now trying to teach Roosevelt to hunt pheasants. Roosevelt just recently learned that pheasant can actually outfly him, so now Avery is trying to get him to capture pheasants on the ground, before they take flight.

"You don't really train a bird," she says. "You build a trust with the bird. I learn from the bird, too. You can't domesticate a bird, you can't interject human traits onto him. You can only teach him to trust you and learn to trust his instincts."

Now, Avery says, she can let Roosevelt loose, go for a walk down the road and the bird will follow her, skipping from branch to branch.

"It's like walking a dog," she says.

In February, dozens of falconers will come to Avery's home in Sharon Township to participate in the falconing state field meet. The event is the largest gathering of falconers in the state, and provides an opportunity for the hunting enthusiasts to get together with other people who share their passion to hunt together and learn more

about their sport.

The field meet draws falconers from around the state as well as from Ohio, Illinois and Iowa.

Avery has been hosting the event for three years now. She said that falconing has been gaining in popularity over the past decade as people are learning more about the sport.

Some of Avery's neighbors allow the club members to hunt

on their property during the event, since public land is generally not considered safe for the birds. Avery said that many hunters still consider raptors a nuisance bird that depletes the small game, and will shoot them if they can.

Spectators are not allowed at the field meet, but people interested in the sport of falconry can contact the Michigan Hawking Club at (517) 546-6753, or (517) 725-2854.

OBITUARY

Robert L. Huber

Robert L. Huber, 81 of Manchester passed away on November 2, 1999. He was born in Mainsheets on September 2, 1918 (the son of Ferdinand and Lelah (Ridley) Huber. On October 25, 1947 he was married to Yvonne Merriman and she survives.

Huber retired from the United States Postal Service after over 25 years as a rural letter carrier. He was a veteran of WWII serving in the U.S. Army, and was also a member of the American Legion Post #117 of Manchester. He was an active member of Alcoholics Anon-

ymous and the Rural Letter Carriers Association.

In addition to his wife Yvonne, he is also survived by three sons - Thomas (Judy) Huber and Robert (Wendy) Huber of Manchester and Jan (Sheri) Huber of Wichita, KS; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; sisters Joan (Forest) Walz of Manchester and Margaret Lee Huber of Chelsea; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one son in infancy.

Memorials in Mr. Huber's name may be made to Arbor Hospice or Glacier Hills Nursing Home.

Diamond Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pratt of Manchester will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary with family and friends.

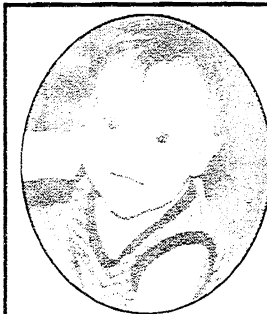
Mr. and Mrs. Pratt were married November 23, 1939 at Sharon United Methodist Church where they are active members. Mrs. Pratt was the organist for 32 years and is involved in many functions. Mr. Pratt is retired from Ford Motor Co. and enjoys farming and wood working. Their children include Roy (Connie) Rex, Bobby, Susan, 5 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.



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Marketplace

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Entering the bank, Marcia Bunney greets you at the service counter. Bunney handles opening new accounts, business accounts, 401K accounts, and is generally the "face of the bank" to the community.

A counter to the left houses the "computer cafe" where clients can be introduced to the Internet for tracking their investments and other uses as well. Online Internet banking will be offered at United beginning in December, and the client services representatives at United are ready and willing to help clients understand this new wave of banking services.

Clients are also invited to sip a cup of United's special brew of freshly-ground coffee as they peruse the investment sites or pause to watch stock quotes continuously running on CNBC at the cable TV station nearby.

"Of course, this area is a promotion of our investment center," said Steve Anderson,

branch manager. "We also have investment specialists in the office each Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon, to discuss the various advantages of annuities, mutual funds, government bonds and other opportunities."

The new bank is designed to be "user friendly," Anderson explains, and to introduce clients to the idea that banking is not just about checking and savings accounts.

"We want to offer all services under the financial umbrella to our clients," says Anderson.

A closed conference room will be used for mortgage closings, investment conferences and other private meetings, and a barrier free public restroom is also included in the remodeling.

The theme of the renovations is to keep continuity with the community and its people. They've retained the brick walls on each side of the building while bringing a totally modern, 21st century look to the rest of the interior.

"United has been happy to be in the Manchester community for the past six months and we look forward to serving the community well into the future," said Anderson.

MHS Visage on sale

What comes to mind when you think of a yearbook? For some, it's the treasured memories of the games won and the exciting victory dance afterward; for others, it's remembering the times at school with all of your friends. So why miss out on these memories?

Manchester's 2000 Visage will be on sale from Monday, Nov. 8, until Friday, Nov. 19, before school in room 110, and at both

lunches. The yearbook will also be sold at parent/teacher conferences, so that busy parents and their kids won't forget to buy one. The cost of the book is \$32 and for \$35, the student's name can be imprinted on the front cover.

Make sure you don't miss out on the sale of the Millennium; order your copy of the 2000 Visage today!

- Rachel Elliott

Honey Creek announces enrollment opportunities

Honey Creek Community School, Washtenaw County's first charter school, will hold an enrollment meeting and tour on Wednesday, Dec. 1 at 5 p.m. at the school, which is located on the High Point campus, 1819 S. Wagner Rd., between Liberty and Scio Church roads.

Parents interested in distinctive educational opportunities for their children for the 2000-2001 school year can discover

Honey Creek's unique philosophy, curriculum and classroom setting, along with answers to questions, during the enrollment meetings.

Honey Creek's 00-01 school years will have openings for children born 12/2/90 through 12/1/95. Refreshments will be served. This is an adult only event. Call 734/994-2636 or go to wash.k12.mi.us/~hccreek for further information.

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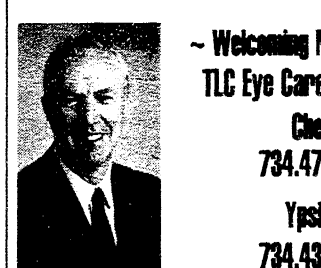
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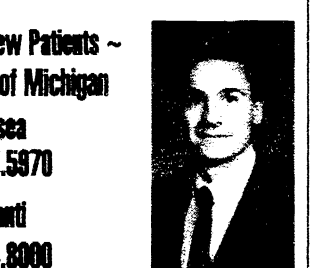
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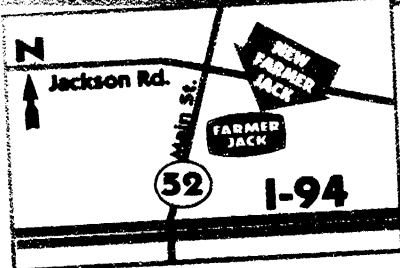
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Varsity girls end season winning big

By Colleen O'Neill

Special Writer

The slump returned, the slump ended and the Lady Dutch ended the regular season on a high note last week.

On Tuesday, the Manchester Varsity Girls' Basketball squad defeated Grass Lake by a score of 44-38, but Head Coach John Wilkins said the game wasn't as close as the final score.

"We led basically the entire game," Wilkins said. "It probably wasn't as close as the final score shows. I thought we were pretty much in control most of the game."

Abra Wise had a spectacular night as she scored 19 points, grabbed eight rebounds and stole the ball three times. As impressive as that is, that wasn't all she did.

As the third quarter ended, Wise threw the ball from beyond half-court and connected on a long three-pointer as the buzzer sounded.

Nicole Leverett added six points and five assists while Stephanie Schleicher put up six points and stole the ball four times. Erin Wiley also had six points and Rachel Lilienthal led the team with nine rebounds and contributed three points.

"WE WERE 16 of 45, shooting about 35%," Wilkins said about his field goal percentage. "If we shoot over 35% we're going to be all right in most games. If we shoot over 40% I think that is excellent."

Wilkins was very pleased with the game.

"I thought we played pretty well," Wilkins said. "We played defense better than we had been lately. We didn't turn the ball over a whole lot. I think we played how we were earlier in the year when we were playing good. We've been slumping a little the last couple weeks. We shot the ball better and our defense is back to what it should be."

The Grass Lake game ended conference play for Manchester and put them at 7 and 7 for a fourth-place tie with Hanover Horton.

"We lost a couple of games by

three or four points that we probably shouldn't have lost," Wilkins said. "If we'd played a little better in those, that might have been the difference between fourth place and second place."

However, Wilkins understands the ever-changing game of high school basketball.

"Considering how young we were this year, I can't be too disappointed with how we finished," Wilkins said. "It isn't a really disappointing finish."

ON THURSDAY, the Lady Dutch closed out their season against Gabriel Richard at home.

"We basically led that the entire game," Wilkins said. "We got up good in the first quarter, going up 11 to 4. They narrowed it down to four or five points at one point in the fourth quarter but that was the only real threat. The final score in the Dutch victory was 42-33."

Wise led again with 18 points and three assists. Brie Hyde had seven points while Brandy Aiken posted seven points and pulled down five rebounds. Leverett had another six-point night. Erin Wiley led the team in rebounds with seven to go with her two points.

Wilkins said the momentum from the Grass Lake carried on through the Richard game.

"I thought we played well against a pretty decent team," Wilkins said. "Basically we were in control for most of the game."

Once Manchester took the lead Wilkins said they didn't have any real lapses where they played bad for long stretches.

"WE HAD a couple of mistakes but no streaks of mistakes," Wilkins said.

A huge benefit was making seven of their nine free throws in the fourth quarter for a whopping 77-percent.

When the Lady Dutch started to run the clock, Richard started to foul them and Wilkins' team used that to put the game away.

"It was a basically low offensive game," Wilkins said. "Gabriel Richard slows the



Photos by David Jose
Brie Hyde (top, left) squares up for a free throw during a recent game. Erin Wiley (above, right) pushes the ball down the court against regional foe Gabriel Richard. (Below) the team huddles up during a break in the action.

game down a lot, doesn't do a lot of fast breaking. We are more accustomed to the fast break but we adjusted pretty well."

Not only was the Richard game the last game of the season, it was also parents' night and Wilkins made that count.

"We got everyone in the game," Wilkins said. "We were

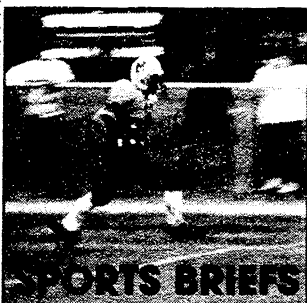
able to play some people who hadn't played in a while, which is always nice, especially on parents' night."

There was one more reason to celebrate the win.

"We wanted the seniors to win in their last game on our court," Wilkins said. "Abra, Brandy, Erin and Amber are the four seniors."

Wilkins admits that he'll miss the seniors and their play. But as a coach he is pragmatic about that loss.

"We'll find someone to replace them," Wilkins said. "If we do things right, keep enough people with experience, hopefully those people will step up and fill those shoes for next year."



SPORTS BRIEFS

Scoreboard

Basketball Scores

November 9
Varsity:
Manchester: 44
Grass Lake: 38

November 11
Varsity:
Manchester: 42
Gabriel Richard: 33

Cascades Conference Basketball Playoffs

A. Pittsford (incl). Hudson on Monday (incl)
B. Manchester played Hanover-Horton on Tuesday (incl)
C. Addison played Homer on Tuesday (incl)

Concord plays the winner of A at 6p.m.

Winner of B will play the winner of C at 7:30p.m.

The Final will be played Saturday November 20 at 7p.m.

Boosters and Board complete summer projects

The Manchester School Board of Education members said they would like to express their gratitude to the business community and individual volunteers who contributed time, materials, equipment, labor and expertise to three summer projects at the athletic complex.

The water main was extended, four new dugouts added and a new flag pole was put solidly in place. The final touches, roofs on the dugouts, are being completed as this paper goes to print. Stop down and take a look at the improvements.

Women's Volleyball to begin season

Women's volleyball try-outs will begin November 22.

Reminder to get physicals

If you did not play a fall sport and want to participate in winter sports remember to get your physical. No athlete is allowed to begin practice until the physical results are turned in.

Nick Davis Badger update

Nick Davis
Stats vs. Iowa
Saturday Nov. 13, 1999

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Current Statistics

Rushing
Games: 10
Carries: 2
Yards: 18

Receiving
Games: 10
Receptions: 18
Yards: 343

Punt Returns
Number: 17
Yards: 229
Average: 13.5
TD: 1
Longest: 76

At A Glance

Davis has 946 all purpose yards, second only to Ron Dayne on the Badgers. He

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PLAYER PROFILE

By Colleen O'Neill

Special Writer

It was a devastating injury.

Brandy Aiken was playing volleyball at the nationals in Chicago in June of 1998. She came down on the ankle of another player and tore her ACL. It split in two.

In laymen's terms, the ACL is the tendon that keeps the knee and leg in line. Without it, the lower leg can rotate in directions no one wants to think about.

She had reconstructive surgery on Aug. 10, 1998. Her doctors said it would be six months before she could think of playing again.

But Aiken had already begun thinking of playing again.

Almost immediately Aiken went to Mike Thalner. Thalner is the Athletic Trainer for Manchester Athletics and works at W.A. Foote Hospital in Sports Rehab and Physical Therapy.

Aiken wanted to know what she could do before surgery to help in the recovery after surgery.

"I ADVISED her and told her what kind of road she had coming," Thalner said. "It was a good idea. You need to have pre-habilitation before rehabilitation."

Thalner's goal became getting the muscles as strong as possible before surgery. Thalner said that eases rehabilitation after surgery.

"It is a philosophy I've followed," Thalner said. "I set her up on exercises she could do on her own prior to surgery."

Aiken also talked to Head Basketball Coach John Wilkins. "She told me she'd be back before the end of the season," Wilkins said. "Quite honestly, knowing how long ACL injuries take to rehabilitate, I didn't

think she had a chance to be back before the season ended. She proved me wrong."

Aiken returned to the team for the last two regular games of the 1998 season, just in time for the playoffs.

"SHE PLAYED an important roll in us winning the district," Wilkins said. "She came off the bench, let us rest our starters. That she made it back that fast is pretty amazing."

Making it back. What a long, lonely road that was.

After surgery her doctors referred her to Saline Hospital Physical Therapy. She visited Darren Griffiths there for one hour three mornings a week. Two days after surgery, Thalner also put her in therapy.

"We worked on isometrics to strengthen the quads and hamstrings," Thalner said.

In the beginning Aiken only worked against gravity. As her strength increased she worked up to bands, designed in stages, each harder than the next.

Weeks two through four Thalner and Aiken had simple goals. Reduce the swelling, increase range of motion, increase quadricep strength, weight bearing as tolerated, straight leg raises, knee press and riding the stationary bike for more range of motion.

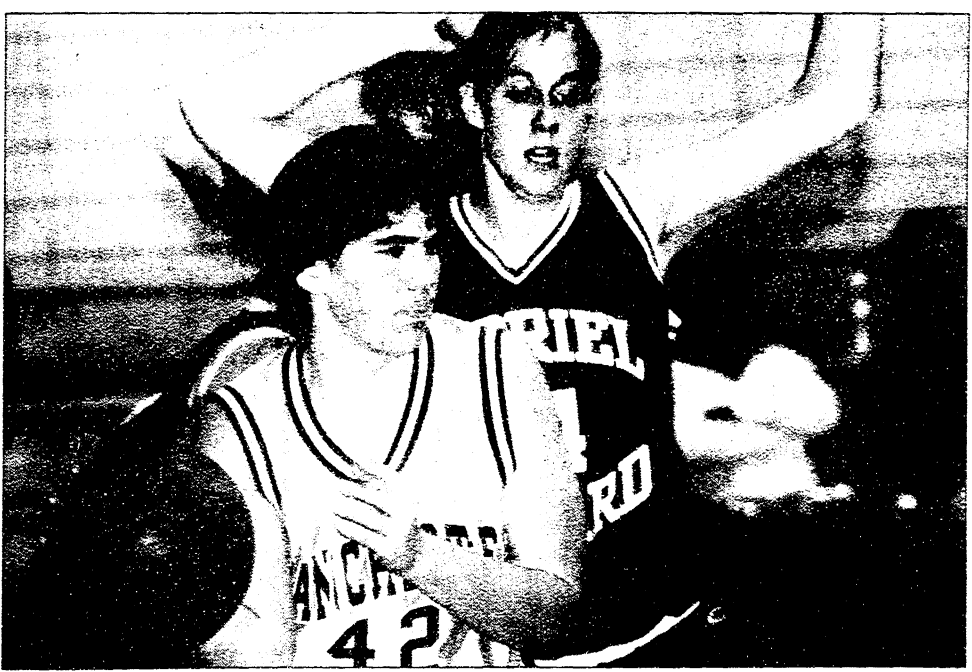
"Mobilization," Thalner said. "Get the kneecap moving around."

AIKEN ADMITS that working with Thalner was tough, but she gives him the credit.

"There were points when I would have liked to say I hated him," Aiken said. "It was tough. But he was one of the main reasons I made it back. He was with me all the time, he pushed me hard."

But Thalner turns that praise right back around on Aiken.

"All I've done in most of this, I've shown Brandy what to do,"



Brandy Aiken

Thalner said. "She motivated herself. She should get all the credit."

"The first couple of times I led her, then she was on her own."

She did have help. Sometimes her mother or brother accompanied her to the weight room, but Brandy went there every single day, from the point of her injury in June until she was cleared to play in November at the end of the basketball season.

Her hard work earned her not only the tail end of the basketball season, including a share of the district title, but it also earned her the volleyball season too.

Oddly enough, volleyball was tougher than basketball had been.

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Cascades Blue Conference Girls Varsity Basketball Final Standings

Team	Overall/Conference			
	W	L	W	L
Michigan Center	19	0	14	0
Addison	14	6	9	5
Manchester	11	9	7	7
Napoleon	13	6	9	5
East Jackson	9	11	7	7
Hanover-Horton	12	7	7	7
Vandercook Lake	5	14	3	11
Grass Lake	1	18	0	14



SPORTS CALENDAR

Thursday, Nov. 18

■ 4:00 PM - Middle School Boys' Basketball, away against St. Francis (scrimmage)

Monday, Nov. 22

■ 4:30 PM - Middle School Boys' Basketball, away at Grass Lake

Tuesday, Nov. 23

■ 4:30 PM - Middle School Boys' Basketball, away at Addison

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

Eighth graders build on success

By Colleen O'Neill

Adam Binchscooter has a pretty talented group of eighth-grade basketball players. As seventh graders, this team was undefeated and won the Cascades division. They went on to win the Cascades Upper Division Post-Season Tournament. All of those kids are returning to play basketball this year.

"I anticipate a very good year," Binchscooter said.

As for having a goal of being undefeated again Binchscooter does not come right out and say so.

"A lot depends on how they respond to being the hunted," Binchscooter said.

He does feel that he has an advantage in that he has a smaller team. Middle school philosophy is to play all the players. Because he has a smaller group of very talented players, he feels that will work to his advantage.

"BY THE time we've played two quarters, all my kids will have been in," Binchscooter said.

Besides talent and athleticism. Binchscooter said one of the other major advantages he'll have is that all of his kids have basketball intelligence.

"They all understand what is happening, they understand what the other team is trying to do," Binchscooter said. "It's not like we are starting from scratch."

This year his players will be playing zone defense. While they are not allowed to play zone in seventh grade, many of his players have experience with zone defense from their summer league.

Binchscooter said that for many kids going to a zone defense could be intimidating.

"This will force them to shoot from outside," Binchscooter said. "They won't get an open lay up."

FROM THE game perspective Binchscooter is working his team on running and will be looking to shoot very quickly.

"With our athleticism, our running, I am not anticipating a problem," Binchscooter said.

As for the transition game, the coach feels his team is looking pretty good right now.

Out of his eleven players Binchscooter expects Lance Aiken, Mike Coval and Jon Schaible to be outside shooters.

"I'll be counting heavily on Jordan Tallman, Jason Lindeman, Dan Schulte and Jeff Miller to rebound and be our inside scorers," Binchscooter said.

His versatile players are Mike Taddonio and William Aldrich and he believes Teris Ahrens will do some scoring off the bench.

"My hustler is Wade Goodell," Binchscooter said.

This is Binchscooter's second year as eighth grade basketball coach. After graduating from Sienna Heights he has coached at both the college and high school levels in addition to his tenure at the middle school.

Seventh graders win opening contest

By Colleen O'Neill

Special Writer

Before the first game of the season, any player is excited. But the Manchester seventh grade boys basketball team had extra adrenaline in their veins Tuesday.

"This game was played at the high school," said Head Coach Curt Fielder. "Being the first game they are excited anyway. To play at the high school compounded their excitement."

That excitement translated itself into a solid 33-15 victory over East Jackson.

The game was never in question.

At end of first quarter, the Dutchmen were leading 8-0, at the half the score was 14-2.

One reason they were so solid was depth.

"We dressed 15 players," Fielder said. "Eleven of them scored."

Considering it was the first game of the year, Fielder said it was a typical seventh-grade game. Especially when you realize that just a couple of weeks ago these kids were wearing football helmets.

"IT SHOWED," Fielder said. "We did not have a lot of time to prepare, we only held seven

practices. As the game went on they got better."

Mark Trinkle led the team in scoring with six points and Rodney Posky had five. Andrew Way put up four points while Brett Melcher and Tom Breilein contributed three apiece. Andrew Little, Mike Tremblay, Daniel Randall, RJ Lair, Matt Church, and Charles Sears all added a basket.

"Charlie's basket was a highlight," Fielder said. "It was late in the game, probably four minutes to go. He is the smallest guy on the team. He caught a pass from 12 feet out, turned, shot, got nothing but net. Everyone in

the crowd was cheering, it'll definitely be a highlight of the season.

Jordan Forner, Aaron Qualick, Brian Heisler and Tim Tyler played a hard game and showed good hustle on the defensive end.

Fielder has 18 players on his team, but only dressed 15 for Tuesday's game with good reason. First, Manchester has a no-cut policy. Every student who goes out for the team plays.

EIGHTEEN MAKES for a pretty large basketball team.

League rules say that a coach has to play every dressed player. By only dressing 15, Fielder can give those players more solid playing time.

"It is a reasonable way of getting all the players in," Fielder said. "Realistically, getting 18 into a ball game, that is a fair number. For those who don't dress, the most anybody will

have to miss is probably three games."

And Fielder said his entire team will take turns not dressing.

A scheduling error canceled the Wednesday game.

Next week the team will host Michigan Center on Monday and Hanover Horton on Wednesday.

Fielder isn't sure what to expect from those teams, but his kids do.

"The kids will know better what the competition is because of fifth and sixth grade tournaments that are played throughout the area," Fielder said.

Manchester hosts a tournament, Napoleon hosts one, as do other communities and the parents coach them.

One thing that can be said for basketball in Manchester, these kids get to play.

Middle school looks to compete

By Colleen O'Neill

Special Writer

Enthusiasm is high for middle school boys basketball for this year. Nineteen players signed up, and nineteen players showed up.

R.J. Layher, Bryan Haeussler, Andrew Way, Brett Melcher, Tom Breilein, Andrew Little, Matt Church, Craig VanBogelen, Mark Trinkle, Corey Vogel, Rodney Posky, Chris Moutinho, Charles Sears, Dan Randall, Jordan Forner, Mike Tremblay, Aaron Kwolek, Tim Tyler, Tyler Mester.

These young men will make up the seventh grade basketball team in Manchester.

Last Friday was the first practice and Head Coach Curt Fielder found he had a very eager group.

"There is some good potential there," Fielder said.

Fielder will benefit from the fact that a large number of these kids have been playing basketball for a while.

Manchester itself has an

incredible, organized basketball program from grades three through six. Steve McCalla has organized ball on Saturday nights and Fielder will reap the benefits.

AS A TEACHER, Fielder is in touch with these kids. "I see the excitement building in my class."

In addition, kids and parents are committed and play in tournaments in Ann Arbor or just organize a plain old fashion game for themselves.

"There is a lot of enthusiasm in the middle school with regards to basketball," Fielder said.

His team has a 12 game schedule that begins on November 9 and ends just before the holiday break. The first game will be against East Jackson and will be exciting itself because of the location.

"We get to play the first game at the high school," Fielder said. "That gets the kids get really excited to play."

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Answer: The leaking of urine, a condition we doctors call urinary incontinence, affects about 10 million Americans. It is most common in women, but it also occurs in men. Most causes of incontinence are treatable and many are curable.

Urinary incontinence can have several causes, and identifying the specific one is necessary before instituting treatment. Your family physician may be able to help you with this. However, because of the complexity of the human body and the diversity of treatment options we have available today, it often requires the expertise of a urologist — a physician specializing in problems of the urinary tract.

The process of bladder control is quite complex and, as is typical of any complex system,



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tracking down the specific cause of a problem can be difficult. The first step is to report your symptoms to your doctor. This can help him or her to quickly reduce the list of possible causes down to a few that require further investigation. Another thing that you can do that will help your doctor arrive at the correct diagnosis is to keep a diary of when you urinate. Include the time of day, the amount of urine you pass, and whether you've been incontinent since the last time you went to the bathroom. Additional comments about what brought about the incontinence, such as "coughed," are also helpful.

The most common type of incontinence is stress incontinence. The usual symptoms of

this disorder include the involuntary loss of urine and activities like laughing, coughing and physical exertion without a following urge to urinate. In women this condition is often due to excessive mobility of the lower portion of the bladder and urethra — the tube that carries urine out of the body. Frequently it develops after vaginal delivery, particularly of a baby weighing 8 or more pounds. Fortunately, stress incontinence is often curable by surgery designed to provide better support for the urethra and bladder.

When the urge to urinate immediately follows an episode of incontinence, it is called "urge incontinence." This type of problem can have several causes, but all are a consequence of the muscles of urination — or nerves that control these muscles — failing to work properly. Interrupting a moment of intimacy to make an emergency trip to the bathroom certainly sound like urge incontinence to me. The treatment of this disorder often involves a medicine such as the Ditropan XL you have heard about.

Another type of incontinence that predominately

affects men is overflow incontinence. In this condition, the bladder becomes full but the individual can't empty it effectively, usually because of an enlarged prostate. The treatment for overflow incontinence is surgery designed to remove the blockage producing the underlying problem.

I'm sure that you've noticed the new practice of drug companies directing their adver-

tising for prescription products to the general public. The publicity for Ditropan XL is a good example of this. While in your case these ads may have been helpful, health-related ads can sometimes be very deceptive. For instance, the advertisements for adult diapers and similar products carry an unspoken message that you must live with this problem. Don't be fooled by

this insinuation — most causes of incontinence can be dramatically improved or cured. I recommend that you see your urologist to identify the type, cause and treatment for your incontinence.

"Family Medicine" is a weekly column. To submit questions, write to John C. Wolf, D.O., Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine, Grosvenor Hall, Athens, Ohio 45701.

Miss Michigan says no to smoking

The American Lung Association of Michigan's Christmas Seals effort will be extra special this year, with Miss Michigan Audrie Chernauckas as the chairperson.

Just as Christmas Seals raise funds to fight lung disease, Audrie Chernauckas is raising awareness of teenage smoking and prevention. Her platform as Miss Michigan was smoking prevention, and now she is diligently spreading the word about the hazards of tobacco.

"Christmas Seals are a wonderful tradition. I am pleased to give my time to help children and adults with lung disease to breathe easier," said Chernauckas.

Christmas Seals, a primary

source of support for the Lung Association's fight against lung disease and breathing disorders, are mailed to more than one million homes in Michigan annually.

"Each day 3,000 kids start smoking; one out of every three of those kids will die because of it. Children need to learn about the hazards of tobacco and the tactics Big Tobacco uses while seducing them. Through Christmas Seals, you can help kids learn how to keep their lungs healthy, and even quit smoking," said Chernauckas. 1999 Christmas Seal chairperson.

The goal of this year's Christmas Seal Campaign is to raise \$1.5 million. Funds raised will be used to fight and

manage lung disease through programs like Open Airways for Schools, a school-based effort to teach kids how to manage their asthma; Teens Against Tobacco Use (T.A.T.U.), a peer tobacco education program; and research to find a cure for lung disease.

"It seems that the best Christmas gift you can give someone is their breath back; you can do that with a donation to Christmas Seals," said Chernauckas.

For more information about Christmas Seals or smoking prevention and asthma programs, call your local American Lung Association of Michigan office at (800) LUNG-USA.

CROSS COUNTRY

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late and Nathan Bragg broke his foot," Vitale said. "But they were fun and they worked hard. Especially not knowing a lot about what they were doing."

The worst of the season is losing the seniors.

"We'll miss the seniors," Vitale said. "The seniors have been with us a lot of years."

The Cross Country team will hold their Award Banquet on Nov. 23.

BRIEFS

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currently ranks fifth in the nation in kickoff return average.

Against Purdue, he returned a kick-off 91 yards and was named co-special teams player of the week for Wisconsin. He also became the 10th all-time leading kick-off returner in the Big 10 conference.

Numerically Speaking

3rd — The Badgers have recorded the third-longest reception (81 by Nick Davis at Minnesota) in school history this year. Additionally, Davis had a 76-yard punt return against Murray State (eighth-longest effort in UW annals) and a 91-yard kickoff return at Purdue (ninth-longest).

81 — Length of Nick Davis' TD catch from Brooks Bollinger at Minnesota. It 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.

Davis has 11 plays of at least 20 yards this fall, tops on the team. He needs one punt return for a TD to tie the UW career record for punt return touchdowns. He needs just 4 yards receiving to total 500 in his career.

BASKETBALL

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school games are held on Mondays and Wednesdays. This year, the first game has been moved to Tuesday due to parent teacher conferences.

"We play again that week back at Middle School on Wednesday," Fielder said.

Even though league policy says you have to play every athlete that is dressed for three minutes, Fielder tries to play everybody as much as possible.

Although he does admit that it is impossible to tell his players that they will all get equal time, Fielder says, would prevent competition. He wants to be fair but he knows that individual drive is one of the things that will help improve his players.

"Very few kids," Fielder says. "Probably none will play all the time, everyone will have to sit out."

And yet that philosophy is not just to encourage healthy competition amongst his own players.

"Playing time is certainly more important than a win/loss record providing they can maintain academic levels," Fielder said.

AIKEN

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"I'm middle hitter/blocker for volleyball," Aiken said. "I had a rough time getting my vertical jump back up to where I could land and transition off the net."

"I'm the tallest girl, the coach worked others in to cover. I was just not quite as quick as I used to be."

AT THE START of the volleyball season Aiken estimates her knee was probably at 80% of pre-injury strength and ability.

"It was rough on myself, knowing there were times I should have been there, knowing before the injury I would have and now I couldn't and I was hurting the team," Aiken said.

But as the season progressed, so did she.

She admits that her stubbornness is one reason she made such a speedy recovery.

"I am incredibly stubborn," Aiken said. "I hated being on crutches. Mike said, the quicker you can get off crutches the better, as long as you are not hurting, not causing pain in the knee."

So the rehabilitation continued and the knee continued to improve.

Aiken said volleyball is based on leg strength. Between jumping and continued therapy she improved her

knee to 90% of pre-injury strength by the end of the season.

But she still wasn't 100%. And she still couldn't run. Which put a cramp in her track season.

"I was not allowed to do any running or even run in practice," Aiken said of last year's track season. "I was limited to shot put and discus which I could only do with a knee brace."

Aiken did compete last year in those two track events and continued working throughout the summer. Besides putting her back in the middle of her favorite sports, it has put her in the eye of college recruiters.

SHE HAS talked to two colleges but one holds a special place in her heart.

"It has always been my dream to go to the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland," Aiken said. "I have two dreams: to be in the Navy and to play college sports."

If Aiken can earn a spot at the Naval Academy, she has the potential to play two college sports, basketball and volleyball.

She has already tried out for the Navy Basketball Team, and she made the squad.

All she needs is a Senatorial nomination and she will be going to the Naval Academy.

"I want to become a naval officer," Aiken said. "I want to fly F14s, be a naval aviator and major in Oceanography."

Aiken has been doing her homework and researching different jobs available in the Navy.

"A Naval Aviator is one of the hardest jobs there are," Aiken said. "I like to push myself."

At least she will not need to break down legal and sexual barriers in order to join the Naval Academy.

"There is no cut-off for women," Aiken said. "This is not like the Citadel."

As for dreaming for one of the highest, toughest jobs in the navy, Aiken is blunt.

"If I pass all the training and have all the physical abilities then I should have as much right to do this as any guy," Aiken said.

Supposedly, being a success is as simple as having a plan.

Brandy Aiken has a plan.

If the Naval Academy does not come through for some reason, she's already impressed someone else.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Monday, December 6, 1999

Notice is hereby given that the Manchester Village Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 6, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Hall, 120 S. Clinton St., Manchester, Michigan.

The purpose of the public hearing is to allow comments on the application of Dawn Moore, 603 Adrian St. to build a home on her property, without the necessary 66-foot road frontage.

If you would like to comment on the application and are not able to attend the public hearing, you may send written comments to Karen Tucker, Village Clerk, 120 S. Clinton St., Manchester, MI 48158, or deliver them in person, no later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday, December 6, 1999.

Karen Tucker
Village Clerk

PROPOSED SYNOPSIS of a regular meeting of the Manchester Township Board, held Monday, November 8, 1999.

Supervisor Mann called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. with Board Members Macomber, Wilmayer, Turk, Mann and Hakes present. Gale Koebe was present to represent the Fire Department. The Board approved the minutes of their regular meeting of 10/11/99. The Treasurer's report was accepted. The Board designated December 24th and December 31st as holidays when the township office will not be open. An amendment was made to the budget. Approval was given for bills that have been paid and for outstanding bills.

Fire Department activity for the month included 6 fires, 10 medical, 5 personal injury, and 1 miscellaneous, for a total of 22 runs. The Board accepted the Fire Department's recommendation to grant a two-year leave of absence to Brian Johnson.

The Board accepted reports for the Zoning Inspector, Planning Commission and Supervisor.

In view of the recommendations of the Manchester Township Planning Commission and the Washtenaw County Planning Commission, the Board voted to deny the rezoning amendment request submitted by Mr. Swope. The property in question, surrounded by center lines of Allen Road, Van Tyler Road, Bowers and by the boundary line of M-52, will not be rezoned to Mobile Home Park and will remain AR-Purat Agriculture.

The Clerk was given permission to purchase the Qualified Voter File computer equipment and to purchase a second optical scan voting machine and 3 voting booths.

Correspondence required no action from the Board. There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:38 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Manchester Township board is Monday, December 13, 1999 at 8:00 p.m.

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

Submitted by Kathleen M. Hakes, Clerk
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On Thursday, December 9, 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:

• A request by Tom Ellis of Napoleon, Mich. and Kevin Duval of Manchester, to re-zone an approximately 9.5-acre parcel in Section 25 from A-1, agricultural, to L-1, light industrial. Stated intended use: trucking co. yard and food processing plant. Property ID: 15-25-200-007.

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 December 8, 1999.

The Sharon Township Zoning Ordinance, 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.

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Roger Kappler, Chairman

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Notice is hereby given for a public hearing and meeting of the Freedom Township Zoning Board of Appeals on November 22, 1999 at 8:00 p.m. in the Freedom Townhall, 11506 Pleasant Lake Road. Purpose of the meeting is for consideration of request for variance from the provisions of the Freedom Township Zoning Ordinance on property at 5237 Happy Hollow, Tax Code No. 14-21-134-006 to construct a garage less than 50 feet from a road right-of-way.

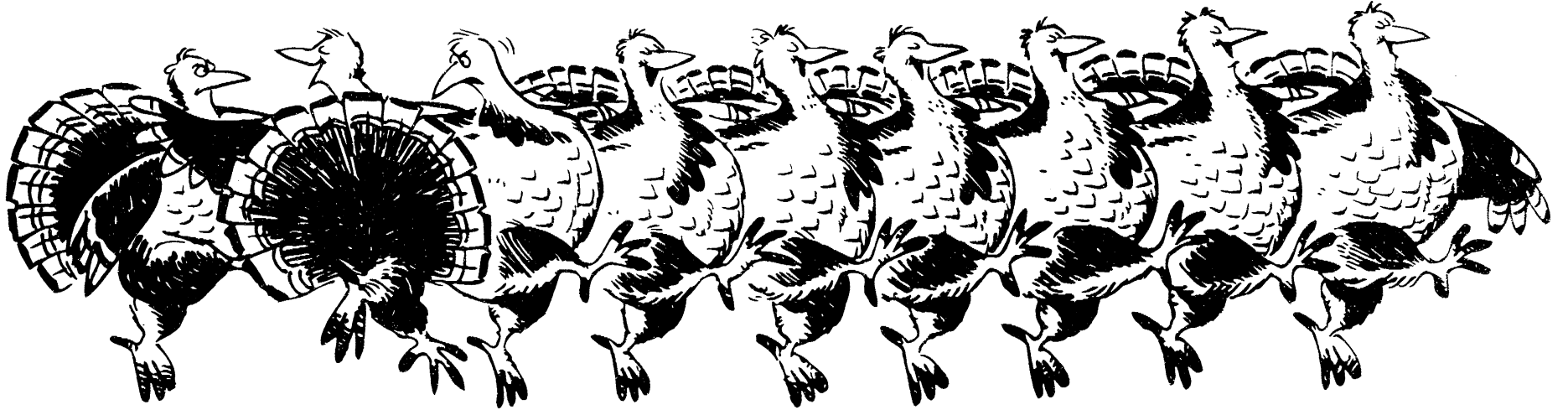
Application for variance and all supporting papers can be examined by making an appointment with the Chairman of the Freedom Township Zoning Board of Appeals Luke Schaible at (734) 428-9120.

The Freedom Township Board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting or public hearing upon ten days notice to the Freedom Township Board.

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King Crossword

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1 Frances McDormand's Oscar film
6 "Lost Horizon" Actress
11 Form a queue
12 Washes
14 Pass
15 Lodestone
16 Ancient
17 Disobey a colonial motto
19 It has 21 pips
20 Requisite
22 Tough wood
23 Erstwhile Persian
24 Ready for battle
26 Sisterly
28 Chemical suffix
30 Postal Creed word
31 Sluggish one
35 - nova
39 Privy to
40 Pen point
42 Reply to the Little Red Hen
43 Central
44 Calyx component
46 Take a mate
47 Slightly better than average
49 "On Language"

DOWN

1 Loose-leaf paper, e.g.
2 Wreath
3 Agent
4 Rush of wind
5 Word with hat or glasses
6 Carson's foil
7 "When I was..."
8 - U.S. Pat. Off
9 Look
10 One of the Iroquois Five Nations
11 "The Queen of Mean"
13 Superman companion
18 Feminizing suffix
21 Condescend
23 Low-IQ type
25 Modern-day evidence
27 Filch
29 Che
31 An arm
32 "20 Questions" category
33 Bareback rider?
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Eighth graders start season with win

By Colleen O'Neill
Special Writer

The Manchester eighth grade boy's basketball team has only eleven players. While that can be an advantage, it can also be a liability.

So far this year, the low numbers have prevented the team from being able to scrimmage. For one reason or another, Head Coach Adam Benschoter has not had 10 players dressed for practice yet.

The Dutchmen began their season on Tuesday and Benschoter talked about that problem.

"The first half we started off real slow which I kind of expected because we had not been able to do full court scrimmage for whatever reason," Benschoter said. "We did not have enough kids at every practice so this was the first live five-on-five type of action they saw."

IN FACT, the problem continued into that first game.

Benschoter was missing three players for the first game leaving him with only eight players dressed to play.

"One player was ineligible due to a suspension, one was sick, one could not play due to a family conflict," Benschoter said. "We went to the game with eight players."

Having only eight players caused for substitution troubles for Benschoter and took its toll

on the team when one key player fouled out.

"We were down to seven players then," Benschoter said. "I went to the locker room and said it was a rough first half, but we were still winning at the half 17-11."

Benschoter said his team was not executing well had a lot of turnovers, which he blames primarily on not being able to go five-on-five. He told his kids to concentrate on taking care of the ball, make smart decisions.

IN THE SECOND half they did better and ended up winning 44-27.

Center Jordan Tallman led the team in scoring with a whopping 16 points and in rebounding with 11. Mike Coval had nine points while Jeff Miller put in eight and pulled down eight rebounds. Miller also had an assist and a steal.

"He was the one guy who had to play every position throughout the game," Benschoter said. "He played center, point guard and did a nice job defensively."

Jason Lindemann added two baskets. Lance Aiken put up a basket and a free throw, and Mike Todoonio and Willie Aldrich both put in two points. Wade Goodow did a nice job hustling and filling in to give people breaks when the team got in trouble.

"We did a better job of moving our feet and playing defense in the second half," Benschoter

said. "Which caused us to have more possessions."

IN THE FIRST half Benschoter was frustrated with his teams turnovers. In the second half the team became more focused and moved the ball better.

"We started making baskets," Benschoter said. "We had a couple straight lay-ups we missed (in the first half). Overall I thought it was a real good game."

Benschoter admits that his team did not play the best. But he is quick to add that when you dress eight and two of the three who were missing are key players, then another key player gets into foul trouble, it was not a bad game.

"They did a nice job of adjusting to the situation," Benschoter said.

The team opened the season in the high school gym which Benschoter said made a difference.

"The floor is so much bigger, there is more room to get things done, room to make some moves," Benschoter said. "It will be interesting without a lot of five-on-five play, to see how they adjust to a wing getting the ball and having the post two feet away instead of eight or nine feet away."

THIS WEEK the team will be back at the middle school where they will host Michigan Center and Hanover Horton.

"Last year Hanover Horton gave the seventh graders some really good games," Benschoter said.

Cross country runners show improvement over season

By Colleen O'Neill
Special Writer

Cross Country is a sport where the low score wins.

It's important to bring your runner to the "front" as well as the "back." First place earns one point, second place earns two points, and so on. Out of seven varsity runners the position of the top five count toward the team score.

This year the Manchester Women's Cross Country team did extremely well considering that their lead runner, Rachel Fleck was injured most of the season.

"The girls, for not having a lead runner with Rachel being injured for most of the season, had a pretty good season," Head Coach Craig Vitale said. "A 5-2 record is not too bad."

Over the past three seasons this team has been 17-4 in the conference. They have pretty much dominated for the past three years, along with Grass Lake.

"THE BATTLE for conference crown has been between our two schools," Vitale said. "Rachel Fleck, Erin Fox, Lauren Adler and Cassie Clark have been around for those years."

"Rachel was the first girl to come through four years of the CC program," Vitale said. "It's been real tough for her to be injured. She started, gave it a shot, came back, was getting in better shape when she was injured, time just ran out on her. We're hoping to get her in shape for track."

Most frustrating for Vitale and Fleck is the fact that the doctors could never figure out what her injuries were.

Vitale will be losing Fleck, Fox, Adler and Chrissy Abbott, all seniors. He does have high hopes for next year though.

Junior Heidi Ernst came on strong for the team this year.

"BY THE end of the season this year, Heidi was the first runner for last four or five meets," Vitale said. "Natalie Weidmayer came back to be the number two girl for last three to five meets."

Vitale said with Shannon Green and Jessie Revill he'll have his top four girls returning.

"We should be really strong next year," Vitale said.

The boys team is a different story.

"Everybody graduates except Nathan," Vitale said. "We'll have to do some recruiting to get some guys out."

Kyle Harris went to the state championship meet all four years he ran for Manchester (see related story) and Phil Krall made tremendous progress this year according to Vitale.

"He came a long way," Vitale said. "He ended up running a 18:43, his best time. He just consistently got better and better every week and every season he

ran. You can literally chart his progress almost meet by meet."

THE BOYS finished the season with an 0-7 record. Which is not bad as it sounds when you consider they started the season with only three runners. Remember, it takes five to score a team.

"Particularly because we picked up a couple guys really

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Scramble

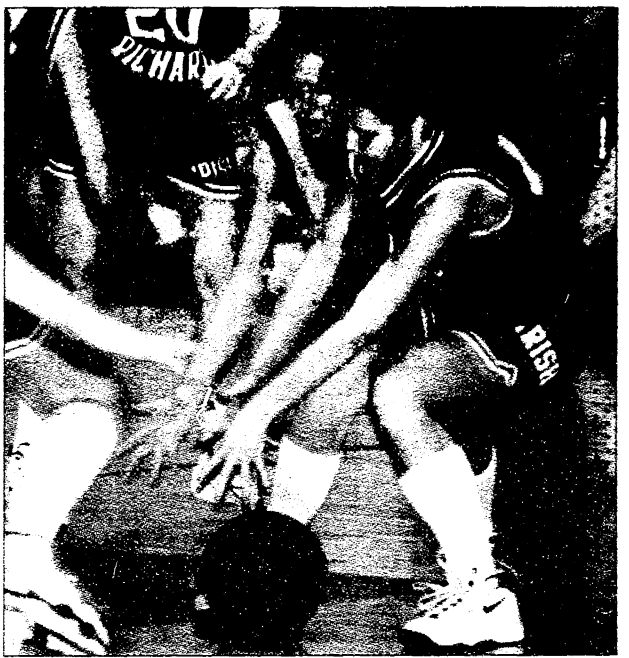


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The girls junior varsity basketball team capped a successful season with a win over Gabriel Richard last week.

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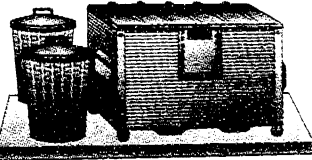
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