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## NEWS BRIEFS

**Girls basketball tryouts**  
 Tryouts for the Saline Buzz, which is, according to the coaches, the city's first Girls AAU U-14 basketball team, will be held Sunday, Dec. 5, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Middle School in Saline.  
 Girls from the Saline area and beyond are encouraged to try out. For more information, call 429-0198, 429-4813, or 429-1488.

### American Legion

**Breakfast**  
 The American Legion Emil Jacob Post will hold their monthly breakfast this Sunday, Dec. 7 from 8 a.m. to noon.

The all-you-can-eat breakfast features eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage, biscuits and gravy, and hash brown potatoes, with your choice of beverage.  
 The price is \$4 for adults and \$1.50 for children under ten.

### Kiwanis to Ring Bells for Salvation Army

The Manchester Kiwanis Club will meet this Saturday, Dec. 4 at 7:30 a.m. at the Black Sheep Tavern.  
 Following the meeting, the Kiwanians will hit the streets to ring bells for the Manchester branch of the Salvation Army.

### Men's Club Tree Sale

The Manchester Men's Club Tree Sale is underway at Tirb's parking lot on Adrian Street. Men's Club members will be at the site from 5 to 8 each evening, Saturday 8 to 6 and Sunday 12 to 6.

### Suspects sought in flag burning incident

The Manchester Men's Club and the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department are seeking tips on the vandals responsible for stealing an American flag from Chibro Park and leaving it burning on the steps of the village office on the evening of Nov. 8. If you have information that may lead to suspects, please call Sgt. Heren at 428-8829.

### Rockin' for the Hungry will benefit local charity

The twelfth annual Rockin' for the Hungry food drive will begin on Wednesday, Dec. 8 and continue through Saturday Dec. 11, from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. each day. Any and all non-perishable and/or dry goods are accepted.

Busch's Value-Land stores on South Main in Ann Arbor, on Michigan Ave. in Saline, and on Broad Street in Dexter, are all accepting donations of food throughout the days and evenings.

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## Board adopts new discipline policy

■ Following a state mandate the board enacts snap suspension and assault regulations for students

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand  
 Staff Writer

The Manchester Community Schools Board of Education recently adopted state legislation with a far-reaching impact. The law, commonly called "Safe Schools legislation," regulates strong disciplinary consequences for violent acts in schools.

Public Acts 102, 103 and 104 were signed into law this past summer and it is required for each district to adopt them as policy.

These new Michigan laws specifically mandate what will be done when a student makes threats or acts in a violent manner. They require suspension of up to 180 days and allow for permanent expulsion from any

school in the state for repeated offenses.

The laws come in the wake of school violence across the country and mandate explicit penalties for several types of violent acts or threatened violent acts by students. These acts may be aimed toward other students or teachers, staff and administration.

**THE MANCHESTER** Community Schools policy includes specific suspension or expulsion consequences for student to adult physical or verbal assault, student-to-student physical assault, which affects students in grades six or above. Repeated disruptions of class can result in "snap sus-

pensions" for all students in grade K-12. There are deeper implications to this legislation, as well. One mandate requires contacting a mental health

professional when signs of violent behavior patterns are noted in students.

To further the school's ability to understand those who commit violent acts, the FBI, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), and some private firms, have developed "profiling" programs designed to rate students on the threat they may pose to the school community. In the wake of Colorado, Arkansas, Kentucky and Georgia school shootings, many school districts feel vulnerable.

**ONE PRIVATELY**-marketed program, RiskWatch for Schools, says in its advertising that, "One police officer (said) that every problem you would think of as being associated only with high schools or middle schools is also present in elementary schools."

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## Gone fishing



Photo by Marsha Johnson Chartrand

(Left) Frankie and Jack Furnari spent part of their Thanksgiving weekend fishing for anything that would bite. They did end up catching four fish on Friday, but not enough to put it on the special's menu at Frank's Place.

## Public gives board input on facilities

■ The facilities committee met with the public to discuss building needs

By Shawn Lawrence  
 Associate Editor

More than 90 interested residents came out last week to a special meeting to let the school board know what they would like to see in a school facilities improvement project.

For several months, the school has been mulling its options for a bond proposal to update or replace school buildings and computer equipment. This meeting was an initial step for the board's Facilities Improvement Committee to get input from the public about their expectations in the project.

The people who attended the meeting were divided into smaller groups to discuss priorities and report their conclusions back to the larger group.

School Board President Ron Ellison said that community input will be the most important part of the process of updating school facilities.

**"OUR CONCERN** is that we want to do the best job to keep open lines of communication with everybody," he said. "Everybody on the board is saying we've got to listen to the people. We don't want to ram something down anybody's throat, we want this to be a community decision."

At this point, the board is trying to decide if the district should build a new high school or renovate the existing school. Public sentiment is not the only consideration in this decision, however. Ellison said that state guidelines mandate the circumstances under which new schools can be built.

Ellison said that the state must approve any new building project, and that the district must be able to justify the project by showing anticipated growth trends, or by demonstrating that the current facility is in terrible condition.

**ONE OF** the first items the facilities committee will handle is obtaining anticipated growth information and determining if

the Manchester district fits the criteria for a new school building.

Ellison said that some of those answers may possibly be available by the next public meeting, scheduled for Dec. 16.

An architectural firm was also present at the meeting last week, and Ellison said that after hearing some of the priorities the community brought forward, the architects will start to create some preliminary dollar figures for renovation projects, and may possibly begin to draft some renderings of what a new or remodeled facility might look like. That information might also be available at the Dec. 16 meeting.

**ELLISON EMPHASIZED** that any information that becomes available in this planning stage is preliminary and may change as the project moves forward.

"We're going to try to answer as many questions as possible at that meeting, but we don't want to give the wrong answers," Ellison said. "We can give people some probabilities, but the one thing we want to stay away from is giving (a final) number. But the (people at the meeting) asked for something, and the architects are going to be at the next meeting to give them some options and some feedback."

Interim Superintendent Bob Smith said he also thought the meeting was very productive.

"It went very well," he said. "The goal was just to listen to the community and to hear what their concerns were about the different buildings. It was a lot of what we expected. The community wants to narrow the focus. They're interested in finding out what the various projects would cost."

**"OUR GOAL** was to hear the concerns of the public and then to talk with our architects and start prioritizing which things were important, and to see what else could be done if money available," he said. "We'll do something practical that meets the important facility needs first."

The next public meeting of the facilities committee is set for 7 p.m., Dec. 16 at the High School.

## Manchester Township divides into two precincts for presidential primary

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand  
 Staff Writer

The more things change, the more they remain the same.

Years ago, Manchester Township was divided into precincts depending on whether the voter lived in the village limits or in the rural area of the township.

The township will definitely divide into two precincts in time for the February primary elections, and once again will separate along village boundary lines.

Manchester Township Clerk Kathy Hakes explained that the population of the township has grown to the point where it can no longer be encompassed by only one precinct.

"The law requires that a precinct can be comprised of 2,999 voters, and according to the qualified voter file, we now have around 3,300," she said.

For the Feb. 22 primary election, all voters will go to the same polling place as usual - the Manchester Township Hall on Macomb St. One precinct will vote in the large meeting room where the elections are customarily held. The other will use the smaller firemen's

room across the hall.

Those who live in the village limits will be Precinct 1, and those who live outside the village will be Precinct 2.

"We'll see how that works out," said Hakes. She noted that one wrinkle they will have to iron out will be to see that peo-

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— Kathy Hakes  
 Manchester Township Clerk

ple get in the correct lines from the beginning.

"It could be very frustrating to wait in a long line for a presidential election, only to find out that you've been standing in the wrong line for an hour," she said.

At their Nov. 8 meeting, the township board voted to have the Clerk purchase the Quali-

fied Voter File computer equipment, and to purchase a second optical scan voting machine and three voting booths, to accommodate the new precinct.

"If having both precincts voting at the township hall becomes too confusing, we would possibly consider finding another location," said Hakes. "But everyone in the precinct who would be affected by such a change will be notified in advance."

**IN OTHER** action, acting upon the recommendation of both their own 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 Allen, Van Tye, Bowens and M-52, will not be rezoned to Mobile Home Park but will remain zoned as Rural Agriculture.

The township planning commission will need to find another site to designate for Mobile Home Park zoning.

## Optimist student of the month



Patsy Aiken, Elizabeth VandeCar, Brandy Aiken and her father Larry Aiken pose at the optimist dinner. See story on page 2-A.

# Community Calendar



## Thursday, Dec. 2

■ 6:15 PM - Awana Clubs meet at Community Bible Church  
 ■ 7:30 PM - American Legion Post #117  
 ■ 7:30 PM - Manchester Township Planning Commission  
 ■ 8:00 PM - Sharon Township Board

United Methodist Church  
 ■ 7:30 PM - Manchester Township Library Board meets  
 ■ 7:30 PM - Masonic Lodge Business meeting

## Tuesday, Dec. 7

■ 7:00 PM - Bootstompers at Emanuel Church  
 ■ 7:00 PM - Manchester Band Boosters meet in High School band room  
 ■ 7:30 PM - Freedom Township Planning Commission

## Friday, Dec. 3

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

## Saturday, Dec. 4

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

## Sunday, Dec. 5

■ American Legion Breakfast at American Legion Hall

## Monday, Dec. 6

■ 7:00 PM - Manchester Village Council  
 ■ 7:30 PM - Overeaters Anonymous meets at Chelsea

## Wednesday, Dec. 8

■ 8:30 AM - Manchester Merchant's meet at Black Sheep Tavern  
 ■ 7:30 PM - American Legion Auxiliary  
 ■ 7:30 PM - Community Band  
 ■ 7:30 PM - Manchester Recreation Task Force

## Thursday, Dec. 9

■ 6:15 PM - Awana Clubs meet at Community Bible Church

If you would like to have your group or organizations event listed in the Community Calendar, please contact Julie Schaible by phone at 428-8173, by fax at 428-9044, by e-mail at [Manchester@Heritage.com](mailto: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.

# Student of the Month named

Brandy Aiken, the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Larry (Patsy) Aiken of Manchester, has been selected as November's "Student of the Month" by the Manchester Optimist Club.

Brandy is a senior at Manchester High school and is involved in many school activities. She has been a member of the National Honor Society for two years, a member of Equations team for four years, and has been active in the Social Science Academic Games for the past two years. She was also a member of the Spanish Club for two years.

She has been an active athlete for all four of her years in high school. She has been a member of the Varsity Volleyball team for three years where she was named All

Conference Honorable Mention. A Varsity Basketball player for two years, she has also achieved All Conference Honorable Mention. Brandy has been on Varsity Track for three years. In addition to her involvement in sports, she has been a member of the Manchester High School Band for four years.

Brandy also has many activities outside of school. She has been a Sunday School Teacher for four years at Bethel Church. She has also been an active member of their Senior Youth for the past four years.

Brandy plans to attend the U.S. Naval Academy and play basketball there. Good luck and continued success from the Manchester Optimist Club.

# School collecting winter items for orphanage

## Money and clothes sent to Russia

From Nov. 29 through Dec. 10, the Manchester High School will be collecting money, gloves, scarves, mittens, underwear, socks, and hats (new clothing is recommended). All donations will be going to the Detzy Dome Orphanage outside of Moscow, Russia. The orphanage is great need of help, especially during the winter season when temperatures average 30 degrees below zero. The orphanage does not have an adequate heating system.

projects, please bring donations of clothing items listed above or money to the high school office labeled for the Leadership Class.

-Rachel Hough

For three weeks, MHS collected nonperishable food items for needy families in Manchester. They did this in the form of a contest. For the first week, freshmen and sophomores participated. The sophomores were victorious in this phase of the contest.

The second week, juniors and seniors duelled it out, with the juniors winning by only 15 cans.

On Nov. 18 and 19, the sophomores and juniors held a "Can Off." The winners of the "Can Off" were the juniors, by quite a few cans. They will be rewarded with brownie sundaes made by the Leadership Class.

-Kylie Guenther

Leadership students plan to match whatever funds are collected by Dec. 10 and make a donation to the "Warm the Children" project being sponsored by the Ann Arbor News. The "Warm the Children" project will provide needy local children with warm outer wear for the upcoming winter season. If anyone in the community wishes to participate in these

# Students take practice test results were impressive

Students at Manchester High School took the PLAN test (practice test for the ACT) on Oct. 13. Forty-nine students (43 sophomores and 6 juniors) took the test.

The results of the test were impressive, according to Dave Taylor, MHS Counselor.

The composite scores ranged from 13 to 27 (out of 32). Sophomores Aaron LaRock and Adam Knapp scored the highest of those tested. The mean score among the Manchester students was 20.8, compared to a state mean score of 18.9.

Scoring highest in English was sophomore Eric Mackres; Adam Knapp got a perfect score in reading. Highest achievers in Math scores were Justin Henderson and Natalie Weidmayer and Science scores again tied

LaRock and Knapp. In each case, mean scores outranked the state and national levels.

A PLAN test score of 20 predicts an ACT score of 20-24; while a 27 predicts a score of 29-32. Students who take the PLAN score higher, on the average, on their ACT tests than students who don't.

Students taking the test were asked ten questions about where they needed the most help. The responses indicate that they feel the most need for help in developing public speaking skills and developing math skills. Developing study skills, choosing a college or technical school, and selecting a career that is a right fit also ranked high on students list of needs, said Taylor.

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# POLICE BLOTTER

## Village of Manchester Assault

At 1:35 p.m. on Nov. 20, an assault was reported at the corner of Clinton and Main St. The altercation between a male and female subject ended with the female being transported to Chelsea Hospital. Initially the victim did not wish to file a complaint, but later returned to say she had changed her mind and wanted charges filed. The incident will be reviewed by the prosecutor's office.

of M-52 and Austin Road. The deputy and the Tecumseh officers arrested Steven R. Donko, 24, of Tecumseh, who was wanted on a warrant for violation of parole for possession of cocaine.

## Drunken Driving

Deputies were dispatched to the intersection of M-52 and Austin Road on a report of an accident on Nov. 19. En route, they were notified that there might be alcohol involved. When they arrived on the scene, they met a 59-year-old woman from Oak Grove, Mo., a passenger in the semi truck that was struck in the crash.

The woman told the deputies that the driver of the pickup truck that struck her vehicle had tried to leave the scene, and when he finally pulled over, asked her not to call police.

The deputies spoke with the other driver, a 19-year-old man. They noticed a strong smell of alcohol from the man, watery eyes, and rumpled clothes. The man told a deputy he had been drinking in his truck. He estimated that he had had between three and four 22-ounce bottles of beer, but did not think that had contributed to the crash.

The man performed several sobriety tests, with mixed results. He was then taken to the Saline Police Department, where he was given a breath test. The test results indicated that the man had a blood alcohol content of .19 percent, almost twice the legal limit.

The man was arrested and

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## Disorderly

An ex-employee at Collins and Aikman was served with a trespass notice and subsequently arrested on an outstanding warrant, after harassing current employees at the C&A plant in Manchester at 8:02 p.m. on Nov. 20.

The subject was intoxicated at the time of his arrest.

## Suspicious Incident

A report of a subject with a gun at the High School on Monday, Nov. 20, proved to be a student who was playing with one of the props from a recent Drama Club production.

Compiled by staff writer Marsha Johnson Chartrand from reports filed at Manchester, Station 4 of Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department.

## Manchester Village Warrant Arrest

A sheriff's deputy was dispatched on Nov. 20 to meet officers from the Tecumseh Police Department at the intersection

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# Men's Club selling Christmas trees

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand  
Staff Writer

Once upon the time there were simply Christmas trees. People went out to the back forty and picked out an evergreen tree that seemed appropriate for the season. It was usually put up on Christmas Eve after the children had gone to sleep and taken down a few days later.

As time went on, the search for the "perfect" Christmas tree began. People started putting up their trees earlier and extending the season of joy and giving a bit longer. It was important to find a tree that looked good in the house and that would keep its needles on for more than a day or two.

As our society became less rural and people lived further and further from their own "back forty," a new kind of business began. It was a Christmas tree lot. They sprung up right after Thanksgiving in the cities - in vacant lots, near stores, and wherever there was a place for a few dozen trees. It was a chance for entrepreneurs to make a little bit of extra money during the holiday season.

The Manchester Men's Club has done this business one better. The local Men's Club Christmas tree sale at the Tirth Chevrolet parking lot is a long-standing tradition kept on from their Jaycee days.

Each year the Club has over 200 trees cut to order. The proceeds from their Christmas tree lot are used for projects that benefit the entire community.

Bob Rhees, a dedicated member of the Manchester Men's Club, was at the tree lot bright and early the Saturday morning after Thanksgiving. He didn't have to wait long for his first customers to pull up.

"It's about time you guys opened up!" said Liz Daubner, with a grin. "I've been waiting to get my Christmas tree."

And Daubner had plenty of trees to choose from. This year's lot holds 230 trees in six varieties of spruce (blue), pine (scotch and white) and fir (Douglas, Fraser and Concolor). The price can't be beat, either - the pine trees are \$20 each and spruce and fir just \$5 more.

"We just sold a \$50 tree to that guy over there," said Cliff Tracy, another member of the Men's Club who stopped by to assist Rhees. "Are you sure we don't have these priced wrong?"

Tracy and Rhees both brought along their pickup trucks. Some customers will stop in on foot and find a tree that is just perfect. Not a problem - the guys are happy to deliver the tree right to your home.

"A lady last night came and she picked out a beautiful, huge tree," said Rhees. "She didn't have room in her little car to take it home. So I delivered it for her." That isn't a service you'd be likely to find in a city lot.

"We generally sell out well before Christmas, but we have a schedule made up that lasts right through the season," says



George Daubner and Bob Rhees examine a tree to see if it will fit in Daubner's living room.

Rhees. "It's hard to say - whatever comes up, we try to accommodate people."

Customers like Daubner are prepared for the good-natured ribbing they get from the Men's Club members. It seems to be part of the deal when you purchase a tree from them.

The proceeds from past Christmas tree sale have provided scholarships for high school students, built pavilions in the parks, helped fill sandboxes around town, and a wealth of other community

based projects.

The Men's Club is proud of their tradition of community service and expects to continue their sale as long as people come to buy trees. And from the brisk business they were doing on a chilly Saturday morning, it doesn't look like sales are going to slow down any time soon.

Senior citizens, young families, newly married couples and single folks are all customers of the Men's Club tree sale. The club has customers who return year after year, knowing they'll find a freshly cut, high quality

tree. And besides getting a good deal, they have the satisfaction of knowing that their money will be used for a good cause.

Of course there are many who will choose to cut their own tree - whether from their own back forty or from one of the many local Christmas Tree farms. And others will put up an artificial tree.

But for those who choose to buy a pre-cut tree in town, the Men's Club stands ready to serve - both during the Christmas season and beyond.



Foster Griffith brought his magnifying glass to examine trees.

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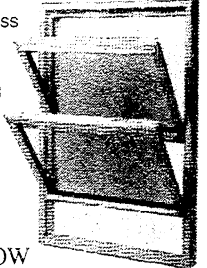
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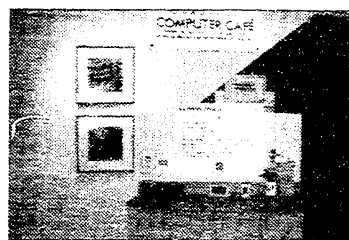


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# LIVING AND SURVIVING BY DAVE HELISEK

Finally, by mid-November I started to feel human again after the less than stellar early fall that I had been having. As I felt better the cockier I became in going outside and doing some cleanup for the winter. However, my mention of this at the clinic brought a quick rebuke of, "GET OUT OF THE GARDEN." That was followed with a reminder that if I caught a fungal infection there was little that could be done for me.

All this came about as I began to wonder exactly where I'm at in the recovery process. In many respects I'm doing well. I haven't needed any blood products at all. I've been free of serious infection, and slowly my strength is returning. My immune systems condition, though, is a different question and one of those I have spent quite some time trying to get a concrete answer.

I DO HAVE more general resistance than when I was on

the steroids, and I have a good white cell count, but I am still taking a considerable amount of immunosuppressives, namely cell-apt and tacrolimus. I am unsure at this time of how much of my immune system is working after these drugs hold it back. I know that the main purpose of the drugs are to prevent more graft versus host disease from occurring, but what else, and to what extent other immune system functions are being held back. I just am unclear.

It just boils down to, right now, I've got to be very careful of what I do and where I go, especially with the cold and flu season on us. You would not believe how tense or uptight a transplant patient can get when standing next to someone who coughs or sneezes. It's as if your

whole future is passing in front of you, it's scary.

I DID MANAGE, though, to get a lot of things winterized around the house without putting myself in too much jeopardy, I think. The snowblower is on the tractor, the generator has fresh gas and oil and all the outside equipment is put away. I may not be able to do much, but a little bit every day adds up. The weather sure has helped. Some things outside in the garden will just have to do until next year, and I better get used to it.

My wife is very busy, she works three days a week at St. Joe's as a surgical technician, and she is five weeks away from graduating from nursing school. This fall she has carried quite a burden. I grew up with both

**I'm still happily getting e-mail from many folks, and it is still much appreciated.**

## ANNIVERSARIES



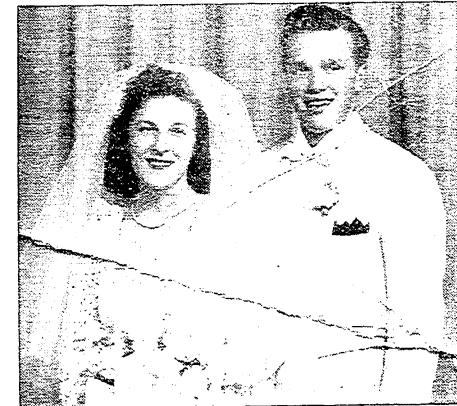
Mr. and Mrs. George Macomber then and now



Mr. and Mrs. George Macomber of Manchester will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary on Dec. 4 with a family dinner at their home. George Macomber and Mabel

Graden were married on Dec. 4, 1934 in the parsonage of the Plymouth Methodist Church in Plymouth, MI. The couple has six children, 22 grandchildren and 17 great-

grandchildren. George and Mabel have retired from farming. However, George still enjoys caring for and driving his team of Percheron horses.



Eleanor and Donald DuRussel

### Eleanor and Donald DuRussel

Donald and Eleanor DuRussel celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 1. Their day started with Mass at St. Mary's where Fr. Charlie gave them a special blessing. They then had a quiet family get-together in their home at 324 Riverbend, Manchester. In attendance were their children: Mike, Diane, Pat (Sue), Lori, Mary (Greg), and Jim; along with their 14 grandchildren. Absent was their son, Don Jr., who was hiking on the Appalachian trail at the time. The DuRussels were married on June 1, 1949 at St. David's Church in Detroit.

## Chelsea Hospital presents a fall series of programs for area senior citizens

To encourage Seniors to take an active role in managing their health, Chelsea Community Hospital has developed a free membership program to promote health and well-being for adults 55 and above. THE NEW Senior Health Connection gives members discounts on Hospital dining room services, prescription medications, Lifeline, wellness programs and more. Members also receive a low cost personal Wellness Profile and a free

Senior Health Connection newsletter. Chelsea Community Hospital is dedicated to helping seniors stay healthy, active and as independent as possible. For an application or more information, please call the Senior Health Connection Information Line at 475-4023. CHELSEA COMMUNITY Hospital offers "First Aid" Wednesday, Dec. 1 6-10 p.m. at the White Oak Center Great

Room. Call 475-4103 for information and registration. Chelsea Community Hospital Auxiliary and Staffan-Mitchell & Staffan Caskey Funeral Homes present a "senior Christmas dinner" on Friday, December 10 at 6 p.m. at the Washington Street Education Center cafeteria. Chelsea Senior Citizens host the annual dinner. Please call 734-475-9242 for information and registration.

parents working so I am quite capable of feeding myself and doing household chores. It comes in handy, particularly at times like this. How the Christmas holidays will pan out is a mystery. I think we will just play each day by ear.

I'M STILL happily getting e-mail from many folks, and it is still much appreciated. After not writing for six weeks, I sat down and wrote the last column and this one in one afternoon. Today just feels good. Placing a few put-off phone calls the last

few days also feels good. One of the odd adjustments to make this year will be to have an artificial tree: remember, no dirt, no garden, no live plants in the house, even for Christmas. It is truly weird having to think about things like real or fake trees at Christmas, but after a while it becomes second nature to the patient and their immediate family. The rest of the world must think we're crazy, but that's what a transplant patient has to go through.

I hope everyone is going to

have a happy, safe and as healthy as possible Christmas season. Talk to you later.

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B Honor Roll: Travis Amburgey, Marion Billitier, Tarah Bondy, Jonathan Braun, Stuart Chartrand, Kyle Clark, Weston Clark, Elizabeth Copeland, Thomas Crawford, Kristina Fernandez, Brian Gladie, Ryan Galaska, Seth Goodell, Andrew Gumtow, Travis Henry, Nicole Hogan, Brandon Hone, Justin Joye, Joshua Kasbohm, Scott Lewis, Stephanie Mackres, Ryan Maki, Jason Moriarty, Travis Navarro, Alec Parker-Finger, Brent Roberts, Emery Rose, Jeremy Satterla, Joseph Sawyer, Sara Scharpenberg, Joel Schneider, David Spencer, Maggie Sucha, Ashley Thomson, Andrew Tindall, Derrick VonBroda, Ryan Walker, Adam Wheeler, William Wood, Robert Young.

**6th Grade**  
 A Honors: Larissa Adamus, Justin Baier, Nicholas Baier, Josh Brady, Jessica Braun, Alexandra Breilein, Nicholas Burkhardt, Steven Bush, Travis Church, Levi Clark, Melissa Cole, Michael Coltre, Sarah DeSautel, Steven Dettling, Lindsey Ebersberger, R.J. Edgerly, Laura Eisenhauer, Justin Frey, Jason Gaal, Jesse Gehringer, Jonathan Gibbons, Stephanie Haeussler, Justin Hanewald, Jennifer Harrison, Craig Heilmann, Katelyn Hill, Julie Hinkley, Benjamin Huber, Zachary Johnson, Ryan Kleinschmidt, Zachary LaCross, Christopher Liiienthal, Allison London, Rebecca Long, Emily McConnell, Joseph Mierzwa, Daniel Murray, Kyle Neal, Zachary Neal, Misty Neely, Maegan Payne, Matthew Pieski, Lynn Marie Preston, Emily Ray, Devin Render, Joshua Ritter, Kristina Schwab, Michelle Shirk, Danielle Simon, Ashley Slocum, Samantha Smith, Holly Staten, Krista Strong, Alex Tallman, Aaron Thomas, Kyle Thomas, Joey Vigilanti, Daniel Warner, Allie Watson, Aimee Werner, Martin Wilson, Sara Wootke.

B Honor Roll: Michael Ahrens, Lauren Aiuto, Matthew Brewington, Ian Callaway, Darcy Chrestensen, Kevin Click, Raya Cooper, Stacey Coval, Ashley Donahue, Elizabeth Dover, Matthew Duffy, Donald Ervin, Brittney Fargher, Cassandra Fetters, Bradley Fiigel, Matthew Fusilier, Katelyn Gall, Alanna Gehringer, Brian Guenther, Jesse Hagerman, Jayne Helton, Lauren Hone, Travis Hone, Zachary Jacob, Kristen Kinsey, Dustin Lee, Tom Lee, Brent Long, Anthony

McMahon, Derek Pennington, Jennifer Schittenhelm, Joshua Scott, Molly Sears, Amy Selecki, Amber Siero, Katharine Spicer, Jeffery Tervo, Seana White.

**7th Grade**  
 A Honors: Carolyn Billetdeaux, Joel Blades, Michael Brief, Crystal Cloke, Megan Cornell, Sean Crawford, Brennan Crispin, Lindsay Ellison, Roxanne Ernst, Elizabeth Flahie, Danielle Forner, Bryan Haeussler, Rosalyn Harvey, Kayla Kornexl, Carley Kratz, Aaron Kwolek, Sydney Lee, Emily Little, Tanya Lorince, Samantha Mahan, James Murray, Natalie Palms, Kyle Piatt, Kimberly Smail, Alexandra Sondeen, Megan Spring, Ryan Taepke, James Tobias, Mark Trinkle, Mary Wallis, Brandi Walter, Andrew Way, Nicole Wiseman.


B Honor Roll: Shawnda Aldrich, Marie Amthor, Thomas Breilein, John Church, Scott Clark, Lianne Collier, Amanda Crawford, Jessica Curtis, Jordan Forner, John Frey, Dustin Guenther, Cody Bo Hamilton, Jessica Hochstetler, Megan Kanta, Brianna King, Brett Kingsbury, Ashly Kissman, Corey Kloster, R.J. Layher, Kevin Lemon, Andrew Little, Amy Maisano, Clint McCalla, Kelly McCarthy, Brett Melcher, Tyler Mester, Shantelle Neff, Matthew Noggle, Jessica Pierson, Rodney Posky, Daniel Randall, Erin Salyer, Kelly Schaible, Michelle Schulze, Amanda Scott, Eric Strong, Bailey Sucha, Emilee Sweet, Tim Tyler.

**8th Grade**  
 A Honors: Terris Ahrens, Lance Aiken, Ashley Billitier,

Amanda Carey, Ashley Collins, Dawn Collins, Terre Deacons, Bryce Dettloff, Megan Eisenhauer, Lauren Engel, Nicole Feldkamp, Katie Fielder, Sebastian Gregerson, Sarah Henderson, Sean Heslip, Sydni Johnson, Abby LaRock, Jason Lindemann, Katie McConnell, Katharine Meranuck, Abigail Preuninger, Chelsea Render, Kimberly Roberts, Jacob Satterla, Jonathan Schaible, Daniel Schulte, Austin Scott, Caitlin Sewell, Rosemary Sondeen, Patrick Spensley, Michael Taddonio, Jordan Tallman, Sarah Van Raden, Scott Van Raden, Christina Vecchioni, Heather Walter, Amanda Young, Jason Young.


B Honor Roll: Jamieson Abbott, Aimee Adams, William Aldrich, Kevin Bancroft, Michael Bolan, Brad Burmeister, Matthew Callaway, Todd Canter, Korry Chavey, Andrew Coutts, Michael Coval, Clairissa Dancy, April Dondero, Katie Downs, Megan Doyle, Heather Duffy, Justin Dukus, Christopher Ecarius, Dan Fleck, Nici Forner, Michelle Fox, Brittney Gardner, Wade Goodell, Kristin Guenther, Aaron Helber, Johnathan Jameson, Rodney Kidd, Joshua Knouase, Erica Lowell, Andrew Mahony, Lianne Maly, Jeffery Miller, Lauren Miller, Katharine Ochs, Jamie Powers, Allen Scharpenberg, Fallynne Schlosser, David Schneider, Jennifer Schulz, Chelsea Shaw, Cori Steele, Ryan Thomas, Vanessa VonBroda, Alexandra Vondra, Andrew Warner, Megan Wheeler.

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Coutts, Amber P. Cullip, Levi Earhart, Rachel Elliot, James Fuerstnau, Jennifer N. Gray, Shannon Green, Annie M. Hinkley, Lesley Jacob, Sarah E. Luckhardt, Nicole M.

McUmbert, Martin Muntz, Kevin Nickert, Elisabeth C. O'Dell, Jacky Palms, Peter Schulte, Patrick Schulz, Katherine Sondeen, Michael Stiles, and Megan K. Widmayer.

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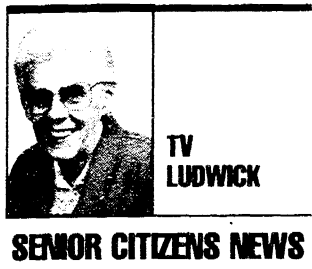
# Man honored for charity work

The following is a memorial to Russell C. Smith, 14658 Henzie, written by Jeannette Kirk:

"Smitty has been remembered by many for his charity but my memories are of a man who worked with boys and girls as one of our 4-H leaders. The Hills and Valleys 4-H Club had as many boys as girls in this club. He helped the boys redo old furniture into beautiful and useful pieces. He never used the excuse that he was too busy to help. We met in his unfinished basement where my son Kevin refinished a chest of drawers that won a blue ribbon at the County Show and went on to the State Fair in Lansing to win Blue again.

"Smitty seemed to know when the kids were getting restless at our meetings and he called time out for a baseball game. Who said you have to have nine on a side? Smitty always got in the game and made sure that every kid got a run.

"Smitty did not have a college degree but the way he worked with the kids in the 4-H made me realize that he was blessed



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## SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS

with the ability of a philosopher."

(Thanks, Jeannette, for your memorializing a good and decent man who did his job willingly as a 4-H parent and friend to 'kids.' I've always thought those 4-H parents are the best in the land!)

**Thursday, Dec. 2:** Sue Miller's extra good meat loaf is the treat all birthday folks will enjoy with those who weren't born this month. This is the date of the December Birthday Bash for those born this month who are 55 or older in our area... come, come. Get those reservations in to Kelly at 428-8359 ahead of dinners, or to sue at

428-7630 on Tuesdays and Thursdays between hours of 9 and 11 a.m. Wouldn't it be fun to have a crowd in that birthday picture?

**Monday, Dec. 6:** Seniors will be leaving the Center at 9:45 on the trip to Turkeyville for their Christmas show. Marion Ahrens is in charge of arrangements and can be called at 428-7865 for information.

**Tuesday, Dec. 7:** Cook Sue is making crispy baked chicken for our enjoyment today. We invite you to call in and then come to Emanuel's fellowship hall to join other senior citizens who hate to miss these good and inexpensive meals. Come try them.

**Thursday, Dec. 9:** Senior Council meeting will be called to order at 9:30. You are invited to come. Also, at 10:30 work begins on the Jan.-Feb. 2000

calendar (where do the years go?) At noon, pork chops and kraut are on the menu and how we do enjoy this. Bingo is listed at the Center at 12:30 for your continued enjoyment.

**Friday, Dec. 10** lists the Klager School Christmas party for all seniors. Keep this in mind and next week we will announce the time of pickup by senior bus. Also watch for the starting time of the program presented by all the Klager School children grades 1-4. It is a real treat for all of us who regularly attend...these kids are good and so are their teachers who have this brand of patience and know-how!

And, once more we'd like to remind you if any senior or handicapped person needs transportation to their doctor or hospital, call Howard Parr at 428-9233 to make arrangements.

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<p><b>BETHEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> <i>Saturday, Dec. 4</i> 5:15 PM Orchestra rehearsal <i>Sunday, Dec. 5</i> 10:30 AM Bible Study <i>Monday, Dec. 6</i> 7:00 PM Final Cantata rehearsal</p> <p><b>EMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> <i>Thursday, Dec. 2</i> 12 noon Senior Meal 6 PM Jazzercise 6:30 PM Women of Emanuel Christmas Potluck Supper <i>Friday, Dec. 3</i> 9:15 AM Jazzercise 6:15 PM Daisy's 7 PM AA <i>Saturday, Dec. 4</i> 9:15 AM Jazzercise 2 PM Chelsea Baton Core <i>Sunday, Dec. 5</i> 11:30 AM Sr. Youth Group Meeting, Advent Workshop <i>Monday, Dec. 6</i> 6 PM Jazzercise 7 PM Mom's In Touch, Stewardship/Mission Meeting <i>Tuesday, Dec. 7</i> 12:00 noon Senior Meal 7 PM Boot Stompers, Boy Scouts <i>Wednesday, Dec. 8</i> 9:15 AM Jazzercise 1 PM Emanuel Quilters</p>	<p>4 PM Volleyball-Chrysler 4:30 PM Swiss Steak Dinner 6:15 PM Jazzercise 6:30 PM Basketweaving &amp; Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p> <p><b>MANCHESTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> <i>Thursday, Dec. 2</i> 1 PM King's Daughters <i>Sunday, Dec. 5</i> 11:45 AM Potluck Dinner 12:15 PM SPRC 1 PM Church Conference <i>Monday, Dec. 6</i> 6:30 PM Scouts <i>Tuesday, Dec. 7</i> 7 PM UMM <i>Wednesday, Dec. 8</i> 3:15 PM Scouts 7 PM Care &amp; Share Christmas Party</p> <p><b>ST. MARY'S CHURCH</b> <i>Saturday, Dec. 4</i> 4-4:45 PM Confession <i>Sunday, Dec. 5</i> Rel. Educ. pre-K 10:30, Thomas Group 11:45/CH <i>Tuesday, Dec. 7</i> Rel Ed. gr. 1-4 (Klager) &amp; gr. 5-6 (PC) after school; gr. 7-8 (PC) 7 PM 7:45 PM Parish Finance Council Meeting/CH</p>
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If you have information you would like included in the Church Calendar, please contact Julie Schellie at 428-8773, by fax at 428-9944, by mail at 109 E. Main Street, Manchester, MI 48130, or by e-mail at jlschellie@manchesterenterprise.com

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**ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
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**UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES**

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Rev. Faye McKinstry, Pastor. 501 Ann Arbor St. Parsonage 428-8013; Church 428-8495. Sunday School 9 a.m.; Worship 10:30 a.m.

**SHARON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Minister Rev. Carter Garrigues-Cortelyou. Corner M-52 and Pleasant Lake. Parsonage 428-8430; church 428-7714. Sunday School 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m.

**MORMON CHURCH**

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Gary Spooner, Branch Pres. 1330 Freer Rd., Chelsea • 475-1778. Sacrament 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School 10:40 a.m.; Relief Soc., Priesthood & Youth 11:40 a.m.

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Pastor Bruce Seiking. 8400 Sharon Hollow Rd., 428-8709. Worship 10 a.m.; Sunday School 11:30 a.m.; Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m.; High School Youth 7 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.

**IRON CREEK COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Tom Butterfield, Pastor. English & Sharon Hollow roads. Sunday School 10 a.m.; Morning Church 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening 7 p.m.

**PENTECOSTAL CHURCH**

**CLINTON ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Rev. Richard Coury. 13080 Clinton-Manchester Rd., (517) 456-7510; Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Worship 10:45; Sunday Eve 6:30; Weds. Prayer, Bible Study, Youth 7 p.m.

**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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# The ENTERPRISE COMMENTARY

## EDITORIAL

### Christmas in the Village planners deserve thanks

Hats off to the folks who coordinated the Christmas in the Village event last week. It takes a lot of advance planning and dozens of dedicated volunteers to bring a little bit of the North Pole to Manchester.

The Christmas in the Village program began several years ago as a home-based craft show with just a few people participating. As it grew in popularity and began to encompass more people, it eventually had to move out of a home, and became a popular event at the Knights of Columbus hall.

The program almost died out after a few years, but there were a few who didn't want to let it go. Local merchants became involved and the event began to include the downtown businesses. The craft show moved to the Emanuel Church and added the local church bazaars and bake sales to entice shoppers.

And they seem to have hit on the perfect combination. Businesses, churches, service organizations, schools and local entrepreneurs have combined to make this event a success year after year.

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**SANTA COMES** to town on this day, not in a sleigh but in a horse drawn carriage. His arrival in the parade sparks the interest of the children of the community. Visiting Santa at the American Legion gave kids something to look forward to. The parade drew in students of all ages, from Klager Kids to High School band members. Churches participating in the parade reminded parents and children alike of the real "reason for the season."

Craft shows, bake sales, church bazaars, luncheons, and other events all contribute to the festivities throughout the village. This event has truly come to encompass "Christmas in the Village."

With everything happening at once, it seems like a perfect occasion to begin the holiday shopping season - right in our own back yard.

And what better way could there be of promoting our very special community to those surrounding us? All involved in the planning are due a big thank-you.

**PLANNING FOR** this year's event began right after the Chicken Broil in July. Representatives from local churches, downtown businesses, and other interested folks began looking for a larger location. The American Legion was a great choice. It is barrier-free, close to downtown, and with a kitchen space to provide a morning coffee bar and a noon-time lunch.

Even so, the hall filled up quickly and coordinators Elaine Steele and Janice Little had to turn down several local craftspeople, much to their regret.

In future years, organizers hope to pull even more threads together. This year, for example, the Middle School PTO put on a Christmas Shopping event for home businesses such as Avon, Tupperware, Discovery Toys and more, during the week preceding the Christmas in the Village. This could easily provide yet more ways for this event to branch out and include more organizations and more opportunities to shop locally.

This affair is great for everyone in the Manchester community. It supports local businesses and it provides an opportunity for neighbors to get together for a pleasant day. It attracts more people to our town and showcases all that the community has to offer.

**THIS WORTHWHILE** program came off without a hitch again this year, and credit goes to the people who planned and coordinated Christmas in the Village. In particular, this includes the hard working coordinators of the craft show, Janice Little and Elaine Steele, and the dedicated members of the Downtown Merchants Association who coordinated the shopping events.

The church representatives who helped plan and execute the bake sales, the luncheons, and the bazaars are also due a word of thanks. The Key Club, who provided helpful elves and a special lunch with Santa for the kids, are also very much appreciated.

Thanks to Santa himself, for taking time in his busy schedule to visit Manchester, and thanks to Dave Render for providing Santa's transportation. Dave also stuck around throughout the day to convey shoppers from the Legion to the downtown area. Mike Miner drove the senior citizens' bus as a shuttle for shoppers of all ages.

Many more volunteers and helpers will remain unnamed but are no less appreciated.

Hopefully Christmas in the Village will remain a Manchester tradition that we can share through the generations.

## Loudmouth sours fishing trip

I wonder when I'm going to learn to keep my big mouth shut.

People have been telling me for as long as I can remember that this is a skill that somehow or another, simply passed me by. And after what I did the other day, I'm starting to believe them.

Here's what happened. It all started out on an afternoon fishing excursion. Three of my friends and I went to Four Mile Lake in Chelsea for a day of relaxation on the water. Now, one of my friends, I'll call him Jim (because that's his name), has always been a friendly rival. When Jim and I used to go to school together, we always competed. Who could come up with the most creative excuse for not doing their schoolwork, who could out-do the other in sports, who could drink the most beer.

As we got older, we began to compete in hunting, fishing, virtually everything. If we were helping each other move, we would each insist on carrying the heavier item. If we went out to eat with our wives, we would try to out-eat each other in the buffet line.

**OK, THAT'S** pretty bad, but as I said, it is a friendly rivalry.

Anyway, Jim was among the friends I was fishing with on that day, so naturally, we devised a competition for our fishing trip. We decided among the four of us to divide into two teams, each in their own boat. The team that could lay claim to the largest fish at the end of the day would have the trip's refreshments paid for by the opposing team. Very simple bet, right?

Well, things got complicated right off the bat. My partner in the boat caught a nice sized



SHAWN LAWRENCE

### CAPTAIN'S LOG

base, but the other team was on the opposite side of the lake at the time and did not see the fish before we threw it back, so they refused to acknowledge the fish as legitimate. And so the ground rules had been laid. The opposing team would have to verify any fish that would be allowed into this competition. OK.

**BUT THEN,** further complications. This time it was my turn to catch a fish, a 16-inch pike. Not a great fish, but one possibly big enough to win the contest on this day. I thought, I measured the fish and hollered to our friends in the other boat to come verify it. But they pretended they could not hear me over the noise of their boat engine. Sound travels well over water, so as they zoomed by us we could clearly hear Jim tell his partner, "Pretend you don't see them."

OK. Now I know what kind of competition we're in for. As the day progressed, more and more boats joined us on the water until it was a fairly crowded lake. Toward the end of our

campaign, as luck would have it I pulled in a larger fish, a 22-inch pike. Still smarting from the previous slight, I decided I was not going to let them ignore me this time. (Note: this is where the part about learning to keep my big mouth shut comes in.) I stood up in the boat, held the fish high above my head and hollered to my friends, who were still within earshot. I showed them the fish and invited them to come over and inspect it for their approval; they didn't answer.

**BUT I WAS** prepared for this. With a smug expression and in a gloating voice, I launched into a verbal tirade, espousing in graphic detail my theories on the validity of their manhood,

putting forth hypotheses about precisely why they were inferior fishermen and inferior persons, and finally I closed with a litany explaining why I was indeed the king of all fishermen, and for them to even consider fishing on the same lake with me was only a cruel irony they perpetrated upon themselves.

It was then that my partner leaned in and said, "Hey man, I don't think that's them in that boat."

Could it be true? It looked like them. It looked like their boat. Sheepishly, I paddled a bit closer to the boat in question and determined that indeed, it was not them in that boat. Needless to say, in my haste to win the fishing contest, I had been one-upped in the

competition of life. Too embarrassed to try and explain to these strangers why I had behaved in such an extraordinary fashion, my friend and I made a beeline for the shore. Later, when we met up with our two friends in the other boat, they got quite a chuckle when my partner relayed what I had done.

**JIM TOLD** me I was lucky that the two fishermen in the other boat hadn't come over and clobbered me. Then he added to my feelings of guilt by telling me that perhaps those fishermen actually took my gloating to heart. Maybe, he said, they were in the midst of an unlucky streak prior to my monologue. He went on. Maybe they said to each other, "you know, he's right. We never catch any fish. Maybe we really should just quit fishing forever and find something else to do."

I've often thought about those two other fishermen since then, and wondered what they must have thought I was doing at the time. Maybe they thought I was late taking my medication. Or perhaps they thought I was a refugee from one of those prison release programs. I suppose that will always remain a mystery to me, but perhaps I'll run into somebody someday who will tell me the story of this outrageous loudmouth they met while fishing on Four Mile Lake, and then I'll have an opportunity to explain myself.

Perhaps it might have been you and you're reading this column right now. If so, let me just say that, at your expense, I have learned a valuable lesson, and I promise to always keep my big mouth shut from now on. Until the next time.

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## Millennium hype is bugging columnist

Everywhere I have gone this weekend there have been reminders that the supposed end of the millennium is near.

Even that matter seems to be up for debate. I realize that some people are insistent that the new century - and hence the new millennium - does not actually begin until January 1, 2001. This argument has quite a lot of merit and in fact makes more sense to me. However, the magic number in most everyone's perception is "2000." So I'm going to start from there.

For the past year it has become pretty evident that the retailers consider January 1, 2000 a major big deal. Hats, shirts, coffee mugs, calendars, posters, and more have been in most stores emblazoned with the numbers 01-01-00.

When I first saw these items I wondered if someone was advertising their locker combination. Then I finally figured out what they were talking about and tried to understand why someone would wear a sweatshirt or a t-shirt with a date on it. I still haven't been able to come up with a reason. Of course, I haven't actually seen anyone wearing one of those shirts, either. Maybe they're saving them for the actual date.

**THE COUNTDOWN** millennium clocks have also been a popular item in stores. You know,



MARSHA JOHNSON CHARTRAND

### AFTER THOUGHTS

the ones that started counting down the days, hours, minutes and seconds until January 1, 2000. I've had a few random thoughts on those clocks.

First of all, what happens when they get to 0 days, 0 hours, 0 minutes and 0 seconds? Does the clock cheer "Happy New Year?" Does it just continue counting upwards? Or maybe it does something spectacular like self-destructing. I've been considering picking up one of those babies on sale, just to find out.

Secondly, what is the purpose of knowing at any given moment, exactly how many days, hours, minutes and seconds it will be until the millennium? I suppose if you believed that this signaled the end of time, it would be important to know how much time you had left.

**WOULD YOU** act differently? I haven't noticed people acting

very much different of late. Most people still seem to be pretty preoccupied with the things they are normally doing at this time of year - stuffing themselves with food, doing holiday shopping, and worrying what to get for great uncle Joe.

And finally, what with the Y2K problems that have been predicted, will these clocks even work after the magic moment?

The hype for a "Y2K disaster" continues. Although every business I've asked keeps assuring me that they are Y2K ready, they caution that they aren't responsible for other people's Millennium Bug problems. In other words, no one really knows what will happen, they are just trying to cover their own posterior.

While I am reasonably confident that nothing untoward is going to happen at one minute after midnight, 29 days from now, it certainly doesn't hurt to prepare. I'll make sure to have a small stash of extras on hand, including candles, easy-to-prepare food, and wood for my wood stove. It's sensible to have this on hand any time - not just at the notorious millennium.

**AND "NOTORIOUS"** it is. Sunday's Ann Arbor News had a front-page story on a mix-up in Philadelphia where people got called to jury duty in 1900,

due to a computer glitch. The News astutely noted that "computer experts around the world have been warning for months about the Y2K bug." I knew it was a slow news week in Manchester - it's comforting to know that it must have been just as slow in Ann Arbor.

A commercial for Mercedes-Benz has a lovely song about the end of the millennium. Why? I have no idea, but it must have seemed like a great promotional tool to get people to buy a luxury automobile.

The hot gifts for the holiday season seem to include battery-powered lights, generators, and a variety of other items that will come in mighty handy when the lights go out.

**WHAT I'VE** mostly been stocking up on is books. If there is really a power failure on 01-01-00, we won't be able to put out a newspaper on time. So I'll have a little reprieve from work and I intend to snuggle up in front of the fire and read all the books I've been meaning to read for the past year or so. I think I'm up to six or seven now. I should collect a few more over the holidays.

And if nothing fails, and things just go on as normally as I expect, I'll have a couple of years' worth of books to catch up on. And maybe those will take me into the next millennium.

## Street Talk

By Marsha Johnson-Chartrand

## When do you begin your holiday shopping?



"I don't hardly do any."  
- Helen Priehs



"This year I'm late - I haven't started. I usually start before Thanksgiving."  
- Marian Creason



"I'm late - I'm so behind!"  
- Janey Koch



"Ummm... Soon!"  
- Terrence Green



"My wife has it halfway done."  
- Gary Seguin

# SCHOOLS

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The ATF-developed system, known as Mosaic-2000, has come under criticism as a "Big Brother" program for labeling students.

The FBI has developed a list of about 60 risk factors to help identify potentially violent students. In a report to be released this month, the agency also suggests ways for parents and teachers to evaluate the seriousness of threats and determine how to help the students who make them.

**RICHARD SPRING**, a Manchester resident and parent who works as a social worker in the Webberville school district, believes this needs to be done with a close eye to some of the underlying messages that might be coming from a student or from staff people.

"I am very concerned any time there is a list drawn up of 'how violent students look.' And then it's inevitable that people go through their class lists in their heads - you can't make decisions based on that sort of profiling alone. That may draw your attention to the fact that you may have a student in crisis that needs some form of positive intervention. But when this is used to exclude or target specific students, I have a problem."

A SENATE Safe Schools Task Force in Michigan presented a report on July 31, 1999. The task force, chaired by Sen. Joanne Emmons, took a look at issues regarding school safety around the state, and tried to determine what programs were currently being used K-12. They made recommendations to schools to cooperate with law enforcement in developing a crisis response plan.

As part of this plan, the Michigan State Police put together a School Safety Response Guide detailing how to handle a variety of specific crisis-type incidents, including:

- armed student or hostage,
- death by homicide/suicide
- bomb threats
- sexual assault
- unauthorized removal of student
- drug use or possession
- minor in possession
- Bus incidents/accidents

The safety response guide is designed to assist school personnel in providing a consistent response to dangerous situations that may arise in the school setting.

**SCHOOL BOARD** vice president Polly Jo Deacons says, "Kids need to know they are supposed to respect the teachers."

She adds, however, that the "snap suspension" policy may

pose problems for the board and administration.

"What those problems are, we simply don't know yet because we haven't had to deal with them," she said. "And (the laws) are so new that we haven't heard feedback from other districts yet either. It will be very interesting when we have to deal with our first one."

She doesn't feel the legislation leaves the administrators off the hook, because it mandates board action - rather, she believes it will involve administrators and teachers more closely in the disciplinary process because there are specific steps each one has to take prior to board action. Deacons says she is all for the policy if it gives teachers more control in the classroom.

**SGT. DIETER** Heren met with interim superintendent Bob Smith on Wednesday, Nov. 24, to discuss the Safe Schools' mandate to cooperate with law enforcement. Heren is registered to attend a workshop on this topic, presented at the Washtenaw Intermediate School District, on Dec. 3.

In coming weeks, Heren will take a tour of all the schools to determine their readiness to respond in crisis situations.

"In reality, I have been working with the schools ever since I arrived here in March, and presented an in-service on crisis response in May. The support network is really in place; we just need to make the plan more encompassing."

"Getting communication going between the school and the community will provide a broader perspective and framework on which we can build our response."

**WHO IN** a district is charged with the responsibility of determining danger? Spring says that everyone who is employed by the district - whether it be superintendent, coaches, custodians, teachers or aides - are responsible for speaking out when they see a student exhibiting traits from a list of warning signs. When an employee spots concerns they should consult with a mental health provider, who could then work with the student and family, possibly making referrals to outside programs and providing support services.

"No one is very good at making those decisions, however," said Spring. "There are kids who come from really troubled backgrounds, who make it despite the odds. Then there are kids who seem to have all the support they need, from family, friends and school - and they might be the ones who might do something."

A **PACKET** on creating safe schools, from the US Department of Education, is available free to districts. The packet

includes a book on preventing chaos in times of crisis.

"Right now schools are getting flooded with that kind of material," said Spring. "The more of this we have and can make sure the district is following recommendations, the better off we will be."

The potential for extremely violent acting out is greater than it has ever been in our country, said Spring. A number of things have combined to create that atmosphere. Children and teens observe violence being glorified in media and popular culture. There is ready access to very powerful weaponry and information regarding other kinds of weaponry (such as how to make bombs on the internet). And there are students who simply feel totally disenfranchised and don't see any hope for their own future. Given those things combined, you have a very powerful mixture that can result in violent behavior.

**ANY TIME** incidents are reported on the news, and the faces of these kids are plastered throughout the media, it adds to their "celebrity." These kids may have felt all along like no one paid any attention to them. Suddenly, everyone pays attention to what makes them tick. It's powerful stuff.

In light of this controversy, the asset-building program being undertaken by Manchester Community Schools in cooperation with the Search Institute is one program designed to identify positive values and build on those as a proactive rather than reactive approach.

Spring notes that in a school that is safe and open to all children, a relationship with students is one of the best ways of preventing violence. Staff members at each school might have a number of students with whom they have regular contact and positive interaction.

"**IF YOU** go through the list of students in the school and you have kids who are not on anyone's list - someone should be forming a relationship with that student. This is way more effective than metal detectors and other policies that people could develop."

Interim superintendent Bob Smith said, "The pendulum swings both ways. We need to take a realistic look at how this affects our system and perhaps sometime in the future it might be reconsidered. We need to find a middle ground, and not go overboard."

Deacons concluded, "I don't know what the right answer is - I hope the new policy will be implemented consistently. What's fair for one should be fair for all. The board will need to keep things in the open, and use this tool wisely."

"I expect that we will also exhaust all other avenues before resorting to the maximum offenses. It could be a good thing."

"It's gotta turn around somewhere; it might as well turn around with us."

## BRIEFS

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8 through 11.

Food Gatherers, one of the sponsors of this event, is the not-for-profit food rescue/food bank program serving Washtenaw County. Each month, Food Gatherers provides a truckload of food to Manchester families in need through Manchester Family Services and other community agencies.

### Family activities at Ella Sharp Museum


Great holiday family activities are planned for this weekend at the Ella Sharp Museum in Jackson.

On Saturday, Dec. 4, the Museum offers its popular series of Discovery Days at the Museum. Drop in with the kids to the "make and take" activities any time between noon and 2 p.m. on Dec. 4 to create and take away a fun craft. This week's discovery day is entitled, "Deck the Halls." Participating

children will be able to make ornaments at four different stations around the museum.

Discovery Day activities are free with admission to the Museum.

On Sunday, Dec. 5, families are invited to a special holiday brunch with Santa and Mrs. Claus in Ella's Granary restaurant. The brunch, served buffet style, includes family friendly holiday fare. Seating is available from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The cost is \$8.95 for adults and \$4.95 for children 10 and under. Reservations are recommended.



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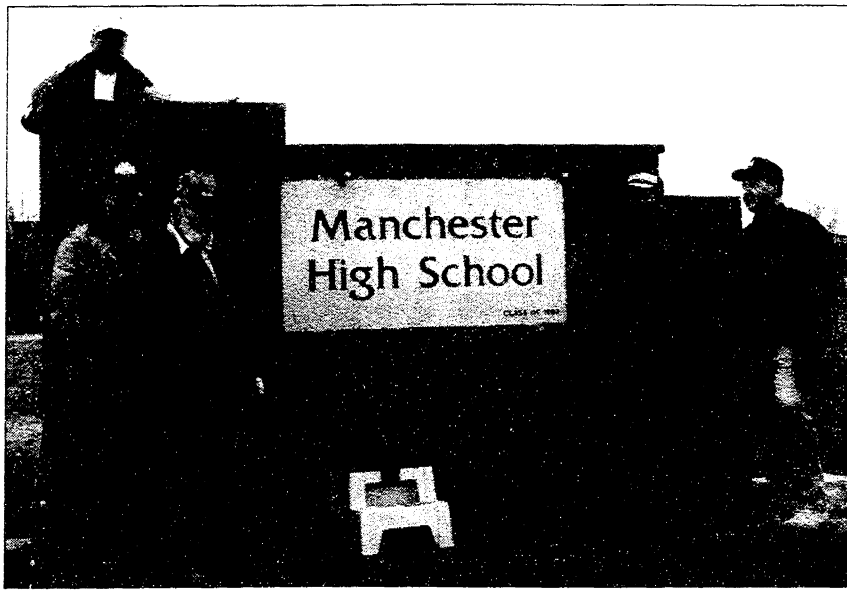
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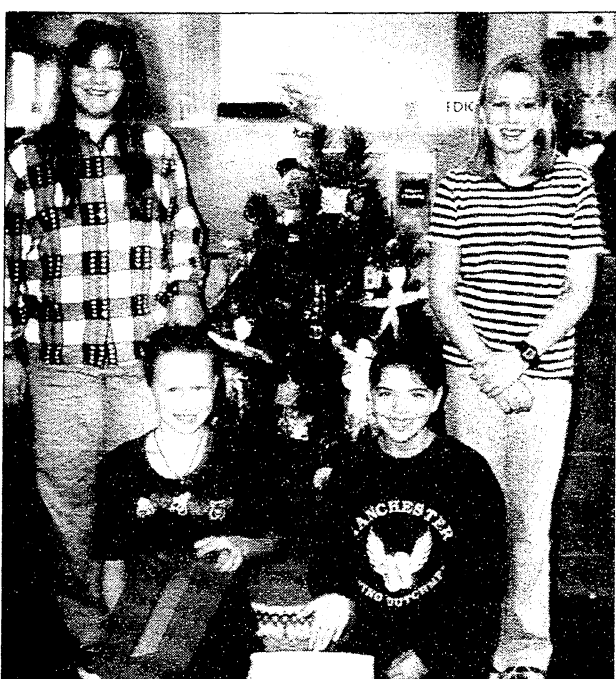


### Sign of the times



The Class of 1962 left a legacy to Manchester High School 37 years ago - the sign in front of the school. Through the years the sign has been replaced twice due to vandalism. Over the Thanksgiving weekend, several members of the Class of '62, along with some other local alums, replaced the lettering with a new sign. During the replacement, a time capsule was exposed including the Class of '62's Class Will and Prophecy. The time capsule remains in place, behind the new sign. Pictured are (left to right) John Schaible, '65, Brad Roberts, '73, Dan Wahl, '62, Duane Kuebler, '62, and Robert Bunney, '63. Also assisting in the project was interim superintendent Bob Smith.

### Charity drive



Junior Girl Scout Troop 596 decorated the "Warming Tree" at D&N Bank. Bring new hats or mittens for children to the Warming Tree between now and Dec. 17, and they will be donated to the Manchester Family Services. Pictured are: Melissa Cole, Lauren Hone, Lynne Preston, and Aimee Werner.

### Sock Tree



Cecilia Niehaus organized the "Sock Tree" at Comerica Bank. New socks for children through adults are being accepted until Dec. 17 and will be donated to the Manchester Family Services. Comerica Bank employees pictured are Bernadette Coltre, Pam Vernier, Brenda Sterner, Diane Hayworth and Elizabeth Leader

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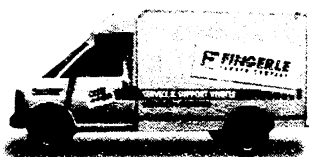
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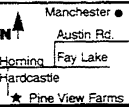
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To be sure, mortgage insurance has dramatically improved the ability of people to purchase homes by allowing down payments as low as 3 to 5 percent.

**TROUBLE IS**, once obtained, PMI can be difficult to shake.

"Many homeowners are never even notified that they can discontinue that insurance," Rep. John LaFalce, D-N.Y., has said, "and just keep paying and paying and paying and it adds up to thousands of dollars."

That's because lenders have not been obligated to notify borrowers when PMI can be retired, nor have they been required to refund PMI premiums collected after 20 percent equity was satisfied.

Until now, the new federal bill will make PMI stop automatically when 22 percent equity is achieved, compared to the original purchase price. If lenders haven't acted within 45 days, they have to start refunding the PMI payments to the

borrower. Further, if you get one of these mortgages and you have a good payment record, you can ask to have your PMI stopped when your equity hits 20 percent of the purchased price and the lender is required to comply.

**BUT THAT'S** only true for mortgages issued after the Homeowners Protection Act takes effect, July 29. So what of the estimated 5 million American homeowners currently paying PMI without benefit of the new law?

While the Home-owners Protection Act of 1998 cannot offer assistance to those who borrowed before July 29, that does not mean that termination of PMI cannot be requested after the 20 percent equity level has been reached.

What do you do if you want to cancel your PMI?

\* First, determine whether your original mortgage carries any PMI restrictions by consulting the truth-in-lending statement. If you don't already have one, contact your lender for a copy. You will find a breakdown of costs, including interest, principal, escrow and PMI. Wade through the fine print to figure out if private mortgage insurance is removable and under what conditions.

\* Estimate the current market value of your home by contacting your real estate agent

for recent home sale figures in your neighborhood. This information can also be obtained from your city or township offices.

\* Contact your lender to petition for PMI removal. Don't be shy. If possible, speak with your loan officer for guidance as to what the chances are of PMI removal at this stage. For instance, if you've invested in dramatic home improvements, ask what weight such investments will carry in an appraisal.

\* If your mortgage originator requires that you take out a new mortgage to eliminate the PMI premium, you will need to demonstrate your creditworthiness, just as in your first mortgage application. Be prepared for a credit check and a new title search to make sure no liens have been added to the home since you bought it.

\* Expect to pay for an appraisal, typically \$250. Some lenders will accept a certified letter of comparable neighborhood values if a customer's figures are higher than the mortgage appraiser's. In neighborhoods where the homeowners have sold many houses themselves consumers can get sales statistics from city hall.

\* If you have to refinance, shop around. Consider interest rates, points paid at closing and

other closing costs, as with any mortgage. Weigh the cost of refinancing against the cost of continuing to pay the PMI premium. In some cases, the cost of refinancing the mortgage might equal one or two years of PMI payments. Will you stay in your house long enough to recoup the costs?

\* And finally, should you win freedom from PMI, consider continuing to pay the same amount each month to your lender. This way, you're continuing to strengthen your debt to equity ratio without having to change your lifestyle.

Lori Z. Bahnmüller is director of Public Affairs for the Michigan Credit Union League, a statewide trade association representing Michigan credit unions. Send your financial questions to "Your Money Matters" c/o the Michigan Credit Union League, P.O. Box 8054, Plymouth, MI 48170-8054, or stop by our Web site ([www.mcul.org](http://www.mcul.org)) to learn more about smart money management.



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# Cyber scams

Better Business Bureau provides tips to protect yourself from cyber stalkers

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The Better Business Bureau suggests the best way to avoid being scammed is to educate employees on how to spot Internet scams and how to avoid them. Here are some red flags to help business owners identify potential cyber-scams:

\* Beware of "techno-scams" promising to create and post your company's site for a very low fee, but who never follow through.

\* Be cautious about downloading unsolicited e-mail. Some attachment files contain a virus that can wreak havoc on your hard drive.

\* Be careful of e-mail messages threatening your company with legal action unless you pay for an overdue account. In many cases such e-mails request you call an 809 area code (which is in the Caribbean) for further information. If you do, you'll get a recording, and the pay-per-call phone number could end up costing your company hundreds of dollars.

\* Be skeptical of offers to list your company's name in CD-ROM, Internet or fax directories. Before listing your company in these types of directories, verify their claimed circulation/distribution and make sure they exist. Ask for a sample CD-ROM or Fax Directory and call refer-

ences at other companies using these services.

Web site attackers can target your server and change information on your Web page, steal credit card information, enter orders and redirect your shipments. There are also browser attackers who send incriminating electronic mail and

make it seem as if it's coming from you. Use a secure server and take proper precautions to protect access to your Web site contents.

To combat these and other types of Internet scams, the Better Business Bureau suggests you do the following:

(Always collect and check references carefully.

(Take steps to protect your office computers. Always run an anti-virus program to help prevent computer viruses.

(Instruct your staff to carefully evaluate e-mails from businesses they do not recognize, before determining whether to respond.

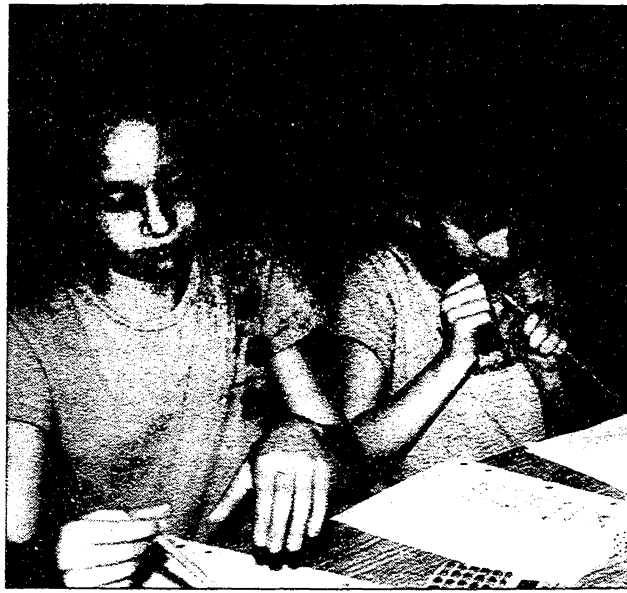
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**"The Better Business Bureau suggests the best way to avoid being scammed is to educate employees."**

## Another look



(Above) Caitlyne O'Dell experiments with a coin game at Math and Science Night at Klager School on Nov. 18. At right, Amanda Kissman and Ashley Zigila get excited over a dice game where they practiced math skills.

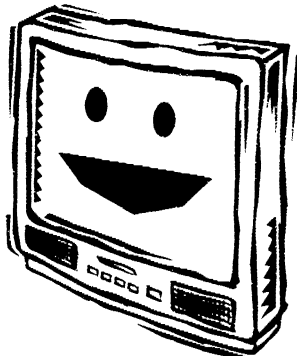


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The Manchester Unit conducted the Christmas Shopping Day for veterans at the Ann Arbor VA hospital on Nov. 29. The men and women spon-

sored a very successful District meeting on Oct. 24.

The Dec. 8 meeting will be a potluck beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Legion Hall. Please bring a passing dish and your table service. Paper products and canned goods for the Manchester Family Service can also be brought to the meeting. The Second District President has been invited to the meeting so please attend and show your support for both the local organization as well as the district organizations.

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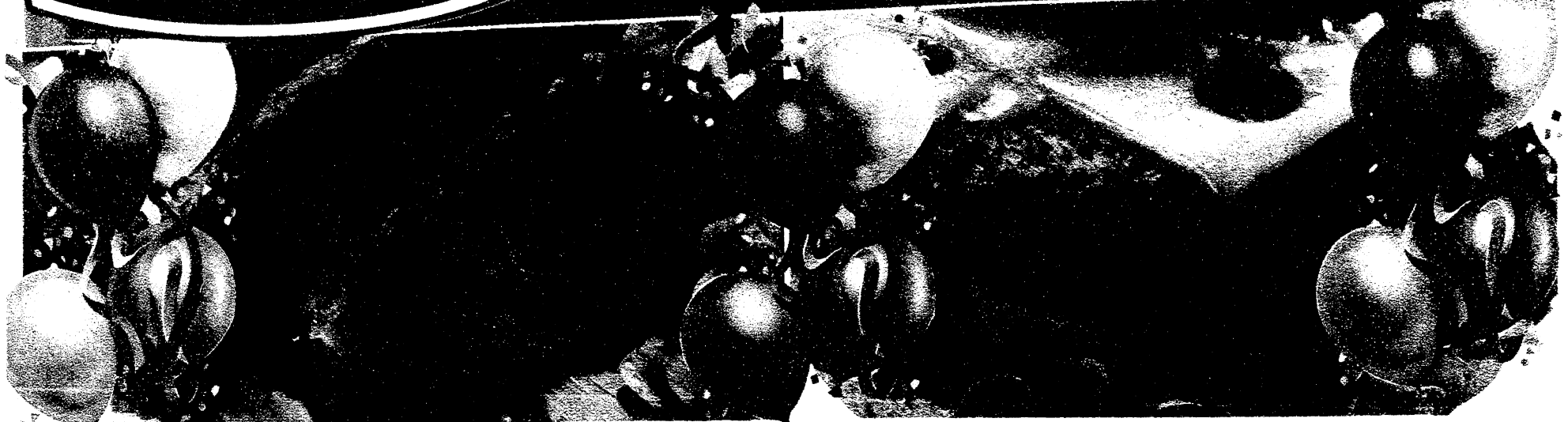
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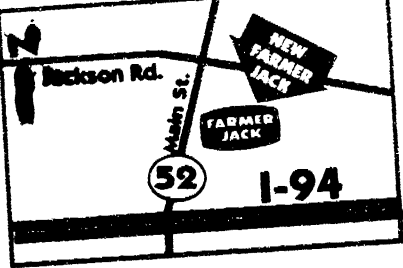
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# The ENTERPRISE SPORTS

Thursday, December 2, 1999

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## Scholar athletes named to all-academic team

Fourteen Manchester athletes are 1999 Cascade Conference Academic Award winners for the fall sports season.

All conference academic means they have maintained a cumulative 3.0 grade point average throughout their four years of school while participating in sports.

In addition to those most-impressive statistics, two of these athletes are carrying a perfect 4.0 GPA for their four years of high school in Manchester.

Erin Wiley, Women's Basketball and Track; and Kyle Harris Men's Cross Country and track both have a perfect GPA and both have participated in two sports throughout their entire career at Manchester High School.

The All Conference Academic honorees are:

Chrissy Abbott, cross country  
Lauren Adler, cross country  
Brandy Aiken, basketball  
Lisa Burmeister, equestrian  
Pat DuRussel, II, football  
Erin Fox, cross country  
Kyle Harris, cross country  
Annie Hinkley, cheerleading  
Amber Hoelt, basketball  
Phil Krall, cross country  
Brandon Maggotti, -cross country

Kevin Spangler, cross country  
Katie Sondeen, cheerleading  
Erin Wiley, basketball



Phil Krall



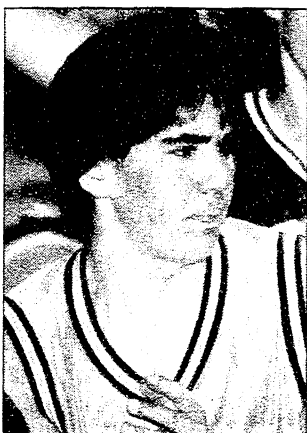
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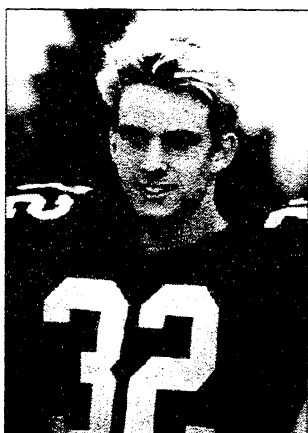
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Lauren Adler



Brandy Aiken



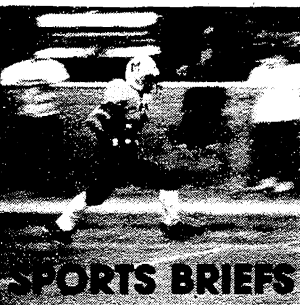
Pat DuRussel



Lisa Burmeister



Erin Fox



### SPORTS BRIEFS

#### Scoreboard

**Basketball Scores**  
November 22  
Seventh Grade Basketball  
Manchester: 32  
Grass Lake: 8  
Eighth Grade Basketball  
Manchester: 51  
Grass Lake: 36

November 23  
Seventh Grade Basketball  
Manchester: 39  
Addison: 13  
Eighth Grade Basketball  
Manchester: 42  
Addison: 33

#### Varsity and JV Men's Basketball to Open Season

The Manchester Men's Basketball teams will start their season at home against Clinton on Tuesday, Dec. 7. The junior varsity team will start at 5:30 p.m. with the varsity game immediately following.

#### Cheerleaders to participate in showdown

The Manchester Varsity and Junior Varsity Cheerleaders will participate in the Holiday Cheers competition at Macomb Community College on Dec. 11. Competition starts 12:45 p.m. and admission is \$4, under 5 are admitted free.

The teams will only compete in one round and varsity will be taking their award winning cheer with just slight modifications. Head Coach Dana Dietz said that while they can do pretty much anything; stunts, use poms and signs and music, they will not be changing much. They will just incorporate a little holiday material into the cheer.

South Campus is located at 12 Mile and Hayes. Take I-94 exit 12 Mile West or take I-696 exit Grossbeck North to 12 Mile Road, go left on 12 Mile to Hayes one quarter mile until entrance to field house.

#### Fall Sports awards

Girls Basketball  
Most Valuable: Abra Wise  
Most Improved: Brie Hyde  
Coaches Award: Abra Wise

Football  
Most Valuable: Nick VanBogelen  
Coaches Award: Jason Flint  
Most Improved: Mike Boehmer

Equestrian  
Most Valuable: Lisa Burmeister  
Coaches Award: Erin Makielski  
Most Improved: Leslie Murray

Golf  
Most Valuable: Brett Maki  
Coaches Award: Justin Preston  
Most Improved: Ian Chartrand

Men's Cross Country  
Most Valuable: Kyle Harris  
Coaches Award: Kyle Harris  
Most Important: Phil Krall

Women's Cross Country  
Most Valuable: Heidi Ernst  
Coaches Award: Shannon Green  
Most Important: Natalie Weidmayer

Cheerleading  
Most Valuable: Amanda Coutts  
Coaches Award: Katie Sondeen  
Most Improved: Briana Clark

## High school athletes receive awards, honors for accomplishments during fall sports season

By Colleen O'Neill

Special Writer

Manchester has sports. Manchester has brains too. A whopping sixty five-percent of the athletes who participated in fall sports in Manchester earned Scholar Athlete honors by maintaining a 3.0 or better GPA while participating in their respective fall sport.

That translates to 95 out of 146 athletes with a 3.0 or better GPA.

On any team, in any town, those are impressive numbers.

Scholar Athletes for the Fall of 1999 are:

Varsity Football: Mike Boehmer, Tyler Breilein, Pat DuRussel, II, Jeff Fetters, Jason Flint, Holly Horodeczny, Matt Jones, Alex Kormendi, Jon Miller, Jeff PUNCHES, Nick PUSCAS, Jason Schaible, Will Slocum, Jeremiah Tobias, Mike Young.

#### VARSITY BASKETBALL:

Brandy Aiken, Amber Hoelt, Brie Hyde, Nicole Leverett, Rachelle Lilienthal, Laura Meyer, Stephanie Schleicher, Ashleigh Sewell, Abra Wise and Erin Wiley who earned a 4.0.

Varsity Cheerleading: Briana Clark, Amanda Coutts, Megan Coutts, Annie Hinkley, Emily Hughes, Rachel Landry, Sara Luckhardt, Jenn Schultze, Katie Sondeen and Holly Sutton.

Boys Cross Country: Nathan Bragg and Phil Krall. Kyle Harris and Brandon Maggotti both earned a 4.0.

Girls Cross Country: Chrissy Abbott, Cassie Clark, Heidi Ernst, Rachel Fleck, Erin Fox, Shannon Green and Jessie Revill. Lauren Adler and Natalie Weidmayer both earned a 4.0. It should be noted that every member of this team is a Scholar Athlete.

Golf: Dale Becker, David Canter, Ian Chartrand, David Ellison, David Evilsizer, Jeff Galaska, Ryan Holt, Ryan Kee, Craig Lane, Chris Loud, Brett Maki, Nick Stroble, Kevin Walter, Mike Walter and Adam Knapp who earned a 4.0.

EQUESTRIAN: Taryn Meyer and Leslie Murray.

Junior Varsity Football: Russ Cruz, Jeremy Forner, Tyler Harvey, Matt Hogan, Seth LaRoque, Brent Leverett,

Chris Maley, Josh McCalla, Jacob Miller, Casey Preuninger, Chris Roberts, Jacob Sawyer, Karl Schaible and Ken Schwab. Aaron LaRock and Ryan Maggetti both earned a 4.0.

Junior Varsity Basketball: Cori Chrestensen, Christine Fairbanks, Jenny Meyer, Kate Meyer, Nicole Minder, Elizabeth Okey, Michelle Slocum and Julia Steinaway. Kristi Trinkle and Annie Wiley both earned a 4.0.

Varsity Cheerleading: Christine Jensen, Shelby Troz, Heather Wackus and Katie Keller.

Coaches' pride in these athletes abounds.

Craig Vitale, head coach of Cross Country changed his "Most Improved" award to "Most Important."

Head Cheer-leading coach Dana Dietz just says it straight. "I'M VERY proud of them."

Dietz said. "These girls take more stuff on then I every could. They are in band, play piano, they are in the play, they tutor, and they do other activities outside of cheerleading. To me it is amazing that they do all of this plus maintain their grade point average."

Athletic Director West Gall is also very proud of the athletes but points out an interesting phenomenon.

"It is a very interesting thing that during the sports season the athletes GPA is higher on average than it is as a whole."

Wes Gall  
Athletic Director

"I need to show the importance of a positive activity for students after school. That positive activity does bring the GPA up."

Gall does question whether you can relate GPA with success. "I DON'T know how you do

that," Gall said. "As a coach I know that if we have a very smart football team we tend to finish with better records."

Gall is adamant that the important message be that getting kids in school involved in a positive activity gets positive results.

He goes on to point out that the chance for those students to complete their education while participating in sports is greater.

"The motivation is there because in order to participate in sports they have to keep their GPA up," Gall said.

"I'm extremely proud of our athletes for the GPA and I want to encourage the athletes who did not get the scholar athlete certificate to work on it in winter and spring to get it there. It is important.

"Let's face it education is first, athletics is second, but we do know that they go hand in hand. Statistics show that grade points go up. I hope the community understands that is why it is important to keep athletics."

It certainly is a positive combination in Manchester.

**"It is a very interesting thing that during the sports season the athletes GPA is higher on average than it is as a whole."**  
— Wes Gall  
Athletic Director

## Manchester mat gladiators are preparing for another challenging year with high expectations of achievement

By Colleen O'Neill

Special Writer

Wrestling is a sport of classes.

Athletes are divided into a class based on their weight. There are fourteen weight classes in all ranging from the 103 class to heavyweight.

Steve Velcheck, head coach of the Manchester wrestling team has seventeen kids on his team as they prepare for their season opener, December 2. For a variety of reasons, Velcheck expects his team to drop down to about a dozen kids for the season.

Of the fourteen classes, Velcheck does not have wrestlers in the two highest weight categories, 215 and heavyweight. As a result, when his team goes to a meet, they will forfeit those two matches.

The forfeits will happen even if the opposing school also does not have athletes in those weight classes.

"Probably fifty percent of the schools at this level will forfeit those categories," Velcheck said.

**THE FORFEIT** gives a team the same points as a pin. Velcheck explains that a match

can be won by either three, four, five or six points.

"It depends on what you do in the match," Velcheck said. "If you win by less than eight points, you get three points. Between eight and fourteen is a major decision worth four points.

"If win by fifteen, but don't pin him, it is a technical fall worth five points."

The forfeit and the pin earn six points.

"Bigger programs will have kids in all weight classes," Velcheck said. "But about fifty percent will have forfeits. If two teams have to forfeit, that is a double forfeit."

Josh Tobias and Doug Cruz, both freshmen will be representing Manchester in the 103 class.

At 119 the Dutchmen will have freshmen James Meyer and Dyon Evans.

"Both Dyon and Josh won league titles in junior high," Velcheck said.

Junior Willie Slocum will

wrestle at either 125 or 130, they are not sure yet.

"He (Willie) had 34 wins with probably 12 losses last year," Velcheck said.

Damian Evans is a sophomore in his first year of wrestling and will compete at 130 but Velcheck does not know how he'll do.

#### SOPHOMORE

Russ Cruz is another athlete whose class is not decided yet. He will either wrestle at 130 or 135.

"Russ had a 18 and 20 record as a freshman and was second in the league last year," Velcheck

said. Another first year wrestler is Jacob Miller who will compete at 140 along with junior Andrew Roberts.

At 145 Manchester has senior Jeremiah Tobias and sophomore Seth LaRock.

"Tobias will be wrestling for his fourth consecutive state

**"While Velcheck does not like to single out superstars, Jeremiah Tobias does deserve some attention...he is a special athlete."**  
— Steve Velcheck  
Head wrestling coach

championship," Velcheck said. "He is fairly dominant."

Seniors Mike Boehmer and Jordan Wahi will wrestle at 152.

At 160 the Dutch have senior Matt Jones.

"He was second in the league last year and had 28 wins," Velcheck said.

First year sophomore Ryan Maggetti will also wrestle at 160.

"Senior Tyler Breilein will wrestle at 171," Velcheck said. "He was 13 and 4 last year but was hurt the whole year. He wrestled when he could, he should be one of our leaders this year, pretty tough when healthy."

Sophomore Alex Kormendi was third in the league last year with about 15 wins as a freshman and will compete in the 171 class.

**LAST YEAR** the wrestling team was third in league and wrestled right around the 500 mark.

"We wrestle 16 dates, some are team tournaments, some are individual tournaments," Velcheck said. "The kids will probably wrestle up to 60 times."

The first meet on Dec. 2 will

be at Grass Lake with Clinton.

"That will be two dual meets," Velcheck said. "Clinton has a real strong young team, they beat us two or three times last year, they are fairly strong."

Grass Lake is young but they had some real decent kids, and this year their numbers almost doubled so they will have a lot more kids out there this year."

The team practices daily from 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the fitness facility.

They will compete twice a week. Most of the league meets are on Wednesday and then there will be a tournament on Saturday, the exception being the league tournament, which will be at home on a Friday night.

While Velcheck does not like to single out superstars, Jeremiah Tobias does deserve some attention. In addition to going for his fourth state championship this year, Velcheck said he is a special athlete.

**"YOU HEAR** about a once in a lifetime thing for a coach," Velcheck said. "He is it. His work ethic is strong, he is a good leader and he knows what his

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**SPORTS CALENDAR**

**Thursday, Dec. 2**

■ **6:00 PM** - High School Wrestling, away against Clinton and Grass Lake

**Sunday, Dec. 4**

■ **9:30 AM** - High School Wrestling, away, Springport Tournament

**Monday, Dec. 6**

■ **4:30 PM** - Middle School Boys' Basketball, away against East Jackson

**Tuesday, Dec. 7**

■ **5:30 PM** - Varsity and Junior Varsity Basketball, home against Clinton

**Wednesday, Dec. 8**

■ **4:30 PM** - Middle School Boys' Basketball, away against Michigan Center  
 ■ **6:30 PM** - High School Wrestling, home against East Jackson

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goals are in the future." Tobias wants to wrestle in the Olympics.

"He has pretty high standards for himself," Velcheck said.

As for the upcoming Olympics Velcheck wouldn't comment.

"The average wrestler peaks at 28 to 30 years old. He's got a long way to go."

For the short term, Tobias is thinking about college. Velcheck said he has been making several visits and his test scores are good.

"He's mentioned several Big 10 schools and some MAC," Velcheck said. "We'll have to talk about it, sort it out. No matter how good you are, wrestling scholarships are hard to get. He and his parents will figure out what is best for him."

Velcheck has something else to say about Tobias, something maybe even more important.

"Jeremiah is a well-liked person in the wrestling community," Velcheck said. "Some kids who are this good can be arrogant and pompous, he isn't."

**7th grade team dominates opponents early**

By Colleen O'Neill

Special Writer

The Manchester seventh grade basketball team dominated their opponents in the third week of the season by crushing Grass Lake 32-8 and then defeating Addison 39-13.

"They had a little difficulty putting the ball in the basket," said Head Coach Curt Fielder of Grass Lake.

Grass Lake had a 4-2 lead at the end of the first quarter but Manchester was up 7-4 at the half.

"We had a big third quarter to go up 23-6 before finishing 32-8," Fielder said.

Once again the scoring for this team was very balanced again. Out of 15 dressed players, ten scored.

Brett Melcher led the team with seven, Tom Breilein, Dan Randall and RJ Lair each had four points. Andrew Way scored three while Mike Tremblay, Andrew Little, Mark Trinkle, Eric Strong and Tyler Mester all added two points.

WAY AND Tremblay scored all their points from the free throw line.

"Grass Lake was probably a little more inexperienced than we were," Fielder said. "Our kids were quite a bit more aggressive, took the ball to the basket much more frequently."

Even though it was a lopsided win, Fielder said it was the first game on the road and that showed.

"It took a while to get used to their court, we played in the high school where there is quite a bit of room under the basket and it takes a while to get used to the perspective," Fielder said.

Eric Strong came out late and this was his first game.

"He had probably 12

**Basketball team ready for regular season**

By Colleen O'Neill

Special Writer

Manchester Men's Basketball kicked off the season Saturday with a scrimmage against Dexter.

"We learned a lot of things," said Head Coach Mike Quinn. "We learned where our deficiencies were, and got a chance to see a lot of kids play."

Not only did the team get a good chance to mimic game time with other teams; they went up against pretty stiff competition.

They scrimmaged Milford, a class A school and Hastings, Dexter, and Jackson County Western which are all Class B schools. According to Quinn they did pretty well.

"We ran two 12 minute running clock quarters against each team," Quinn said.

First up for the day was Dexter.

"I thought the first game jitters were bad in that game, Quinn said. "We didn't execute very well and we didn't do things we should have, as the day went on we got a whole lot better. When you look at the level of competition they did really well."

**8th Grade Basketball squad opens year with a bang**

By Colleen O'Neill

Special Writer

The Manchester eighth grade basketball team continued their winning ways by defeating both Grass Lake and Addison last week.

The Flying Dutchmen defeated Grass Lake by a 15-point margin, 51-36 on Monday.

Dan Schulte led all scoring with 11 points, while Jordan Tallman sunk 10 points, Jeff Miller added nine, Terris Ahrens put up six points, Jason Lindeman and Lance Aiken each scored five, Mike Coval had three and Jon Schaible scored a basket.

"We played real well," said Head Coach Adam Benschoter. "It was our first away game, we cut our turnovers way down."

Benschoter is still concerned with the team's shooting which is only around thirty percent from the floor.

"WE SHOT 37% in that game (Grass Lake) which was our best shooting game," Benschoter said. "It is still a little bit of a struggle."

However, when you play good defense you can still win. Manchester gave up the ball 16 times but stole the ball 14.

Benschoter said they also hit the boards really well.

Jeff Miller led the team with 10 rebounds and Mike Coval, as

FOR A NUMBER of reasons the team was actually down to seven players for the later scrimmages.

Two players are still recovering from football injuries. Jason Flint has a back injury and Derick Hanewald had a broken leg.

"At this point I don't know their prognosis," Quinn said. "We may possibly get both of those kids this week or it could be after Christmas."

If the players are not cleared to play until after Christmas, they will both miss the first four games of the season.

Quinn does not have too many players to start. With Flint and Hanewald out and Jacob Dyer on a family vacation, he was down to just nine players. Throughout the day a few players got banged up and although both will be fine, Quinn played it safe after they got hurt.

"WE ACCOMPLISHED what we wanted to accomplish," Quinn said. "Against Jackson County Western we lost by one but we took the last shot and missed it. We did some things on both offense and defense

that will get us to the final product.

"Overall I think we got a lot of things done yesterday."

Against Dexter most of the baskets were scored either in transition or on offensive rebound put-backs. Milford executed to a tee, continually beating the Dutchmen to a spot and then just shooting the ball. In the game against Western, Quinn felt the execution was great.

"If we would have made any amount of baskets at all we would have won," Quinn said. "Our execution against them was really, really good."

By the time the team played Hastings they were tired, down to seven players and up against an extremely good team.

"They have been to the state championship game two years in a row," Quinn said.

BUT MANCHESTER controlled the ball in that game.

"If time of possession means

anything we would have won," Quinn said. "We were patient, we wore them down, but they were bigger, more physical."

With the exception of Milford, most of the teams, like Manchester, had small numbers of players.

"Numbers were not a big issue," Quinn said. "The size was a huge issue. Milford was so big, so strong they just pounded away on us."

Dexter was another physical team.

"They pounded and beat us up physically," Quinn said. "Same with Hastings, you can tell they've played a lot of basketball, won a lot of games. Each one of them executed to a tee. By the end of the day we were executing too."

Quinn used the scrimmage to put his players in many different spots. He used a lot of different combinations.

"A lot was dictated by the fact

that we were so far down in numbers," Quinn said. "At one time, we had three post players in the game at the same time."

QUINN WANTED to see the different combinations, and see how the kids played together.

The Dutchmen will scrimmage again on today at Sienna Heights. They will meet up against Whitmore Lake, Hillsdale and Lenaway Christian starting at 5:30 p.m.

"We'll see very contrasting styles," Quinn said of this competition.

The first game is Dec. 7 at home against Clinton. Junior Varsity will start at 5:30 p.m., with the varsity team starting immediately after, probably around 7:30 or 7:45 p.m.

"What we'll do against Clinton will depend on whether we have Flint and Hanewald," Quinn said. "We have some interesting characters and kids who want to get after it and play hard."

"We came out of the scrimmage knowing we can play the game, we know we still have a long way to go but we know what we are looking for."

a guard, pulled in six rebounds. Schulte had four blocked shots.

"It was a good game," Benschoter said. "We needed that kind of game, we were up the whole time, played good defense everybody got a lot of playing time."

Then the team went to Addison and won 42-33.

"We had a rough go of it," Benschoter said. "We were win-

**"With the players we've got, I'm still very confident...it will just be different"**

— Adam Benschoter  
8th Grade Boy's Basketball Head Coach

ning 18-17 at half time. We shot very poorly the first half, even below our standards. We really did not get after it defensively in the first half."

TALLMAN SCORED 12 points and Schulte had 11 for the second game in a row. Coval, Aiken and Schaible each sunk four points. Mike Taddonio, Miller and Lindeman all scored two points.

Tallman and Schulte also had

9 rebounds apiece.

"We were way down in turnovers in that game, just 13 turnovers," Benschoter said. "We also had seven steals and 11 assists, of which Lance Aiken had five."

Benschoter said that his team went to Addison a little over confident.

"In fact we just came out real flat like we thought they were going to lay down," Benschoter said. "Especially after handling Grass Lake the way we did. You have to give Addison credit. I thought they put it to us pretty well, even though we were winning by one at the half I thought they badly out played us."

HOWEVER, AS good teams do, the Dutchmen regrouped in the second half, picked up the defense, and gave up just four points in third quarter while scoring 16.

This week the team will see some of the toughest competition of the season. The hosted Napoleon on Monday Vandercook Lake on Wednesday.

"Napoleon is always going to be tough," Benschoter said. "Vandercook Lake, if I remember right, gave these guys a real good game last year."

To make it even tougher, the leading rebounder and scorer, Jason Tallman will be out for

the Napoleon game. Benschoter expects him back on Wednesday.

"With the players we've got, I'm still very confident," Benschoter said. "It will just be different."

The team will also have a

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**SHARON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION**  
 Public Hearing and Meeting  
 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 Duvall 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.  
 Sharon Township Planning Commission  
 Roger Kappler, Chairman  
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**FREEDOM TOWNSHIP PROPOSED SYNOPSIS**  
 November 9, 1999  
 The meeting was called to order, 8:00 p.m. at the Freedom Township Hall, with Board members Little, Rybarsyk, Schaible, Uphaus and Weidmayer present. The minutes of the October 12, 1999 Regular Meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.  
 Attorney Fred Lucas discussed attorney client relationships with the Board.  
 Various communications including fire runs, newsletters, educational opportunities and meeting dates, minutes, and agendas were received. Also received was a letter from the Chelsea District Library announcing an \$85 non-resident fee to go into effect Jan. 1, 2000.  
 Reports were accepted from the Planning Commission, the Ordinance Enforcement Officer, the Zoning Inspector, and the District Library delegate.  
 Old Business: The Board approved a motion to retain Fred Lucas as the Township Attorney contingent upon review of his agreement form.  
 New Business: The Board approved the interlocal agreement to form a Building Authority and two related resolutions.  
 Bills were reviewed and paid as presented.  
 There being no further business, Little adjourned the meeting at 10:30 P.M.  
 Submitted: Julie A. Schaible, Clerk  
 Approved: Robert Little, Supervisor

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# Executive finds tranquility in outdoor activity

By Dirk Fischbach  
Editor

Chelsea's Bill McRoy has always been significantly ahead of the curve.

A high-powered corporate exec, he packed in a successful career at Johnson Controls to pursue his own financial consulting business at age 50.

Quickly establishing himself as a top-flight analyst - long before the age of the "gurus" - he gained the confidence of a select portfolio of clients and his business soared. True to form, however, he eschewed the trappings of constantly growing his business and instead stayed on the course of a retired "trout bum."

Here, too, though he was miles ahead of the masses.

Years before "A River Runs Through It" moved a generation to pick up fly fishing, McRoy was a master of the long rod. And as the fly fishing revolution moved full circle back to bamboo rods, McRoy was already waiting at the other end.

But, for McRoy mixing business with pleasure is a natural progression. Soon, his penchant for classic cane rods led him to start dealing in them. Today, he is regarded as one of the country's foremost authorities on bamboo rods, with a clientele that stretches coast to coast and beyond.

Business may not be "bustling" in a strict retail sense, but between his financial consulting and rod dealing, he is kept at least as busy as any trout bum would want to be.

"I enjoy doing the shows and

## Man proclaims business important, can't get in the way of fishing

running the business," McRoy says with a smile weaving its way across his face. "Provided it doesn't interfere with my fishing."

Fishing has always been at the center of it all.

Since his childhood when his family spent its free time in northern Wisconsin, McRoy has been as securely hooked by the sport as any fish ever has been by him.

"My family always fished," McRoy explains. "A family vacation meant going to Wisconsin for three weeks to fish."

While his earliest fly fishing memories involve the first generation of post WWII Shakespeare Wonderods, he confesses that fly fishing didn't get his exclusive attention until about 25 years ago.

Curious about the mysterious bamboo rods that the experts spoke of, McRoy one day picked up a seven foot model built by the legendary Hiram Leonard.

It was love at first cast.

"I was addicted," McRoy says earnestly.

In the cane, McRoy found the feel and balance he had longed for, and a personality not found in the graphite ("plastic" as he calls them) rods of today.

"With bamboo, you can truly feel the rod flex," McRoy explains, his hands going through a perfect 10 o'clock to two o'clock casting motion as he speaks. "It's as though the rod is talking to you. It has a life to it.

"With my favorite rods, the more you ask of it, the more it will give you. It's as though it's saying 'You think I'm done? I've got more.'"

The cane is not the only thing talking to McRoy. Since being listed in John Gierach's book on fishing bamboo rods, McRoy's phone lines have heated up. As we speak, he is preparing a rod for shipment.

With an active catalog of 70 rods, both classic and contemporary, he is on the list of anglers both famous and rich. And, again true to form, he couldn't care less about the social status of his clients.

"They're all avid anglers. That's all that matters," McRoy states. "Some happen to be famous, some are rich. Some are very blue collar. That doesn't matter to me."

What does matter is that the rods be used. Although some cane rods now fetch as much \$12,000, McRoy does not see it as a collector's game.

"I hope they're buying them to fish," he says emphatically when asked about his customers' intentions. "If someone tells me they're buying a rod as a collector's piece, I try to talk them into fishing with it.

"In the old days, rods were constantly being restored and repaired. They were built to be used."

Proof of this, he says, lies in the fact that a restored rod from a classic builder brings nearly as much as an original.

Not that McRoy sticks to the classics. While there is an obvious fondness when he speaks of Paul Young, Lyle Dickerson, Jim Payne or the classic production specialists Heddon and Granger, he also has an eye for the more obscure builders of yesterday and today.

"It's one of the joys of the business," he says of the discoveries he has made. "I often come across great rods from makers that no one's ever heard of."

Like good microbrewers, it's hard to predict where a good bamboo rod maker might pop up.

"There are more amateur builders now than ever before," McRoy notes. "Some guy might only build three rods in a year - in his life, but they might be excellent rods."

Traditionally, the centers of rod making were New York state, Michigan, Colorado and the West coast - all regions with significant trout fisheries.

Today, the disciples of the early builders still keep those areas prime, but as fly fishing has expanded so too has the role of bamboo. McRoy points out that many now are using cane for warmwater and even saltwater

fishing.

"The market for cane has definitely increased," McRoy says. "People have discovered its versatility. And, while most who

got into the sport during the boom have moved on, those that have stayed have become avid, and many of them are getting into bamboo."

Which inevitably leads them to McRoy. But despite the demand, he

refuses to go to a website or e-commerce style of business.

"Two reasons," he states matter of factly when asked why. "First, a website is hard to maintain, but more importantly, it's too impersonal.

"A lot of my customers are friends," McRoy says. "Many of them I've never actually met, but we're friends through the business. I could tell you a lot about them by the rods they buy and the places they fish."

The personal touch is a common thread running through many of McRoy's stories. One of his most treasured rods is one of the 30 or so that are not for sale is a Dickerson that once was the personal rod of Trout Unlimited founder and

Michigan angling legend George Griffith.

A few years back, Griffith donated the rod to Trout Unlimited to raffle off. Recognizing its sentimental and historical value, anglers quickly bought up the tickets.

As fate would have it, the fellow who won it was not a fly fisher at all, and in fact had bought the ticket simply to support the cause. In the hopes of getting enough money to buy a snowmobile - something he really wanted - the winner turned the rod over to longtime Michigan rod maker Bob Summers to sell.

Summers quickly found a taker in a gentleman from California. The only problem was, the Californian, not big on Michigan tradition, wanted a pristine Dickerson rod, not one that had been subjected to the rigors of use - even if that use had come at the hands of a master.

On a hunch, Summers contacted McRoy, and indeed, Bill had a pristine Dickerson of the same model in stock.

In a turn of serendipity, The Californian got his unblemished rod, the raffle winner got his snowmobile and McRoy got the personal rod of George Griffith.

"It worked out pretty well for everyone, I guess," he says with a laugh.

Just characteristically good timing of someone who is always significantly ahead of the curve.

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— Bill McRoy  
Avid angler

# Migration may explain declining number of bald eagles

The bald eagle is a noble bird, chosen by our forefathers as the symbol of a young nation made up of hardy people that many generations later would still hold in great esteem. It can still be found pictured or engraved on this country's paper money, coins, legal documents and many other places where the impression of strength, honesty, and loyalty is desired.

Actually the symbolism of the bald eagle has fared better over the years than the bird population itself. For hundreds of years the population seemed to be steady, this was probably because the eagle has few natural enemies.

Because of its size and living habits as nesting at heights above the ground that most predators are not willing to negotiate as the eagle has only man to contend with.



JERRY D. POSEY

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Since the eagle is a protected species and has never been looked upon as a game bird suitable for eating, it actually has little to fear from man. Yet man has to take the blame for the continuous decline in the great bird's population, since it is man's use of pesticides and varmint poisons that has caused the once large numbers to dwindle to a small percentage.

Several years ago, an insecticide was discovered that was thought for a while to be the

answer to all of the farmers insect problems. It was labeled DDT, and after this chemical was used it was found to have several bad side effects.

One such side effect was that it caused mating eagles that came in contact with it to produce eggs with shells so thin they could not withstand the slightest jostling or bumping during the incubation period. The unhatched eggs would break and that couple would not reproduce that year.

Another way that man unknowingly caused the numbers to decline was through the use of placing poison laden bait animal carcasses in areas frequented by wolves and coyotes to reduce their numbers. This was done mostly in the western states where these predators were destroying many of the ranchers sheep and cattle.

The eagle often dines on the

carcasses of dead animals it may find in the wild and consuming the poisoned meat left for the wolves and coyotes took a great toll on the eagle population.

Although both of these practices are no longer done in Michigan it has been a very slow process bringing the bald eagle population back to anywhere near the figures they once were.

The 1996 bald eagle census in Michigan took another unexplainable drop when the final count showed that in January of this year only 345 bald eagles were now in the state. This can

be compared to the January 1995 census that showed the total to be an all time high of 751.

The annual survey of bald eagles in Michigan was started in 1979 when a total of only 30 eagles were counted.

I don't have the official counts for all years, but the records show that in 1989 the number had increased to 217 and in 1990 the count was 359. The population had grown in 1995 to 751, then this year it dropped to 345. So it sounds to me like we have a problem somewhere.

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## OUTDOORS

For those who spend a lot of time on the water or live along the waterfront, there might be some relief on the horizon from the obnoxious behavior of operators aboard Personal Watercraft, commonly called "jet skis".

The changes aren't coming from any type of governmental mandate, but rather, from the manufacturers themselves. However, they are under a lot of pressure to clean up their acts.

After nearly 12 months of negotiations, an informal agreement has been reached by the manufacturers of personal watercraft, who have agreed to cap the speed of their controversial but highly popular products at 65 mph. One of the reasons for the cap is the fact these craft continue to be involved in an excessive number of accidents. The U.S. Coast Guard has pressed since last January for an industry-wide speed limit on all new models while hinting it might hold up regulatory approval of some model designs if the industry did not agree. The manufacturers have several motivations for agreeing to the pact. They include burnishing an industry image marred by the accident rate - even if most authorities agree rider error causes most of the problems - and avoiding the costly investments required to make faster machines.

FOR EVERY additional mile per hour, one company executive said, it costs \$1 million in research and development.

"We felt it was time to stop the speed war and start focusing on education," said Jan Hall, manager of government relations and public affairs for industry leader Bombardier Recreational Products, which



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makes the Sea-Doo watercraft.

Nationally, personal watercraft make up 10 percent of registered boats, but are involved in 40 percent of accidents, according to Capt. Michael Holmes, chief of boating safety for the Coast Guard.

"We just want to reel that in a little bit and make sure it doesn't get any worse," he said.

Like Holmes, other safety officials emphasize that rider mistakes, rather than raw speed, probably play the largest role in accidents. As proof, they point to decreasing number of accidents in states that mandate operator education.

SOME IN the industry have tried to address the operator issue with technology. Bombardier this fall introduced a device that caps the speed of a machine at 35 mph. When riders become more seasoned at the controls, they can remove the device and go faster.

"It's a step in the right direction, but, frankly, 65 is still pretty fast," said one state safety official. "Will it make an impact on the overall trend? I'm not sure."

The speed cap, for the 2001 model year, would affect only stock production models that typical consumers buy. Racing watercraft, equipped with speed-enhancing devices,

would be exempt. Models for 1999 and 2000 that in some tests have exceeded the cap also are not affected.

Although here in Michigan it might be difficult to tell, this agreement comes as the personal watercraft industry continues to shrink. In 1995, 200,000 of the boats were sold; this year, about 110,000 are expected to be sold. Just eight weeks ago, one manufacturer, Arctic Cat, withdrew from the market because of soft sales.

READERS OF this column might remember the problem I had with black bears while bowhunting in the UP several weeks ago.

Well, it might have something to do with our body odor or breath, but another friend of mine also had problems with a UP black bear that went on for several years.

She eventually settled her bear dilemma once and for all and here's how.

After his retirement two years ago, Tony and Rochelle Gianolla realized a life long dream and moved to the peace and quiet of Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

They built a home along the Brule River in the western portion of the peninsula and began to enjoy their life of solitude and tranquility.

Tony, an avid fisher and hunter with an Italian's natural gift for gab has made many friends over the years while visiting the area.

IT'S ONE of the reasons they chose to retire to this somewhat remote region.

To pass the time, Rochelle began intently pursuing her hobby of bird watching. To help her enjoy the birds,

Tony built a bird feeder. And like the movie Field of Dreams: Tony built it and they came.

Some guests were uninvited, however.

Along with the birds, Rochelle also attracted a rather pesky and destructive black bear she nicknamed "Tweety Bird."

"HE WOULD tear down the feeder then lay on the ground and eat all the seeds.

"Tony rebuilt the feeder each time, insisting this one was strong enough to discourage the bear.

"Soon after the feeder was reconstructed, we would hear a thud in the night, as ol' Tweety struck again and again."

Having had enough of Tweety, the couple each applied for a bear-hunting permit for this fall.

Rochelle's number was drawn. Tony's wasn't. Plans were made to reduce the UP's bear population by one and Rochelle went into marksmanship training for the coming bear season.

"I tried a variety of rifles but settled on my brother's .30-30," said Rochelle. "It was the only one that seemed to fit me and didn't remove my shoulder with each shot which allowed me to practice a lot. I learned to hit what I was aiming at, which increased my confidence level greatly."

DURING THE weeks prior to the Oct. 25 opener of the bear season, Rochelle and Tony baited an area. It wasn't long before Tweety found the new source of goodies and proceeded to feast on the bait.

On opening day, they packed a lunch, several novels plus snacks and began their vigil

about 75-yards from the bait pile.

For three days, the couple occupied the blind from morning until night to no avail. But soon after shooting hours were over, Tweety would strike, eating all the bait.

Rochelle was getting a bit discouraged and began to long for the warmth and comfort of their new home. Besides, coming in from a full day in the woods and then preparing dinner wasn't her idea of fun.

ON THE third afternoon of her hunt, Rochelle had just settled in with a new book when she spotted a bear moving onto the bait.

At 75-yards, the bear didn't look very big but Tony assured her this was the problem they wanted to get rid of and to go ahead and shoot.

After several deep breaths, Rochelle put the crosshairs of the scope just behind the bear's neck and touched off the shot.

"The gun roared and the bear flipped completely over," said Rochelle. "I couldn't see him laying in the tall grass, but after 15-minutes we walked to the

bait pile.

"NO BEAR and only a few spots of blood. We decided to track our dog Kizzy, who likes to track animals, to find the bear. It wasn't long before Kizzy had us on a large bloodtrail and then began growling near the edge of a swamp.

"The bear was just over a small rise, stone dead about 140 yards from where I shot it. Tony field dressed the bear and then the real work began. We had to get several of our neighbors to help drag it out of the swamp."

Rochelle Gianolla's bear weighed nearly 400-pounds and measured 61.2 feet from tail to snout.

"SEEING HOW large Tweety actually was, I could understand how easy it had been for him to destroy our bird feeders," said Rochelle. "While my problem has been solved for now and we have plenty of good bear meat to eat in the freezer, it probably won't be long before another "Tweety" shows up.

"Maybe Tony can build a 'bear-proof' bear feeder by then."

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# Watercraft makers to self-police

By Rick Schulte  
Heritage Newspapers

For those who spend a lot of time on the water or live along the waterfront, there might be some relief on the horizon from the obnoxious behavior of operators aboard Personal Watercraft, commonly called "jet skis".

The changes aren't coming from any type of governmental mandate, but rather, from the manufacturers themselves. However, they are under a lot of pressure to clean up their acts.

After nearly 12 months of negotiations, an informal agreement has been reached by the manufacturers of personal watercraft, who have agreed to cap the speed of their controversial but highly popular products at 65 mph.

One of the reasons for the cap is the fact these craft continue to be involved in an excessive number of accidents. The U.S. Coast Guard has pressed since last January for an industry-wide speed limit on all new models while hinting it might hold up regulatory approval of some model designs if the industry did not agree.

The manufacturers have several motivations for agreeing to the pact. They include

burnishing an industry image marred by the accident rate — even if most authorities agree rider error causes most of the problems — and avoiding the costly investments required to make faster machines.

For every additional mile per hour, one company executive said, it costs \$1 million in research and development.

"We felt it was time to stop the speed war and start focusing on education," said Jan Hall, manager of government relations and public affairs for industry leader Bombardier Recreational Products, which makes the Sea-Doo watercraft.

Nationally, personal watercraft make up 10 percent of registered boats, but are involved in 40 percent of accidents, according to Capt. Michael Holmes, Coast Guard boating safety chief.

"We just want to reel that in a little bit and make sure it doesn't get any worse," he said.

Like Holmes, other safety officials emphasize that rider mistakes, rather than raw speed, probably play the largest role in accidents. As proof, they point to decreasing number of accidents in states that mandate operator education.

Some in the industry have tried to address the operator issue with technology. Bombardier this fall introduced a device that caps the speed of a machine at 35 mph. When riders become more seasoned at the controls, they can remove the device and go faster.

"It's a step in the right direction, but, frankly, 65 is still pretty fast," said one state safety official. "Will it make an impact on the overall trend? I'm not sure."

The speed cap, for the 2001 model year, would affect only stock production models that typical consumers buy. Racing watercraft, equipped with speed-enhancing devices, would be exempt. Models for 1999 and 2000 that in some tests have exceeded the cap also are not affected.

Although here in Michigan it might be difficult to tell, this agreement comes as the personal watercraft industry continues to shrink. In 1995, 200,000 of the boats were sold; this year, sales of about 110,000 are expected. Eight weeks ago, Arctic Cat withdrew from the market because of soft sales.

# POLICE

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held pending sobriety.

## Sharon Township Home Invasion

On Nov. 24, a deputy was dispatched to the 16000 block of Grass Lake Road on a report of home invasion. On arrival, he met the homeowner, a 57-year-old man, who told the deputy he had left the house the previous afternoon. His daughter had left on the early evening.

When he returned that night, he found the screen door open, and the storm window lifted. He looked through the house, and discovered that the suspect had taken several items from his and his daughter's bedrooms, including a television, a camera, a camcorder, a computer, a video game system, a watch, and some jewelry, as well as approximately \$800 in cash.

## Freedom Township Emergency Aircraft Landing

A deputy was dispatched to the 4600 block of Fletcher Road on Nov. 27, on a report of a downed aircraft. On the scene, he met with a police sergeant

and the pilot, a 49-year-old Ann Arbor man.

The pilot said that, after a pre-flight check of his aircraft, he had taken off from Ann Arbor Airport for a recreational flight. About 15 minutes into his flight, he reached an altitude of 3000 feet, at which point the aircraft began to lose power.

The pilot tried to offset the power loss by increasing the throttle, but the plane lost more power as he did so. He notified the Ann Arbor Airport of his situation and prepared for an emergency landing.

He found a suitable cornfield, reduced his speed, and glided the plane down. He coasted through the field and up a hill, where the plane finally came to rest.

## Domestic Assault

Deputies responded to a report of a domestic assault on Nov. 24. They met with a 45-year-old woman, who said that her ex-husband had assaulted her while picking up their daughter.

The woman said she had gone

out to speak with the man, to tell him the child was running late. She said she opened his car door to speak with him, but he tried to slam the door on her. She said he then pushed her out of the car, pushed her in the chest, and hurled foul invective at her, which she was afraid her daughter had heard. He then took the child to an appointment.

When contacted, the woman's ex-husband, a 58-year-old man, said he had used profanity in front of his child, and was sorry for it. However, he denied striking or even touching his ex-wife.

The couple's daughter said she did not see her parents touch each other at all.

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(Compiled by Staff Writer Jim Silver based on reports filed with the Chelsea Police and the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department.)

## MANCHESTER VILLAGE COUNCIL AGENDA

Monday, December 6, 1999  
7:00 P.M.

1. Call meeting to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
3. Minutes of the previous meeting
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Public Participation
6. Old Business
  - a. Zoning Codebook & Map
  - b. Traffic Ordinance/Resolution-Amended
  - c. Carey Street Vacation Request
  - d. Clerk/Treasurer Position Changes
  - e. Men's Club Request to Close Street
  - f. Other
7. New Business
  - a. Washtenaw County Sheriff Dept. Contract for 2000
  - b. Purchase of Copier for Office
  - c. Other
8. Correspondence
9. Accounts Payable
10. Committee Reports
11. Directives
12. Adjourn

7:30 p.m.  
Zoning Board of Appeals  
Public Hearing  
Moore Variance Request

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING MANCHESTER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS DECEMBER 20, 1999 7:15 P.M.

Notice is hereby given that the Manchester Village Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 20, 1999 at 7:15 p.m. at the Manchester Village Hall, 120 S. Clinton St., Manchester, Michigan.

The purpose of the public hearing is to allow comments on the application from Pilot Industries for a dimensional variance for side and rear yard setback relief to allow them to install a bulk storage tank on their property located at 715 E. Duncan St.

If you would like to comment on the variance application and are unable to attend the public hearing, you may send written comments to Karen Tucker, Village Clerk, Village of Manchester, 120 S. Clinton St., Manchester, MI 48158, or deliver them in person, no later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday, December 20, 1999.

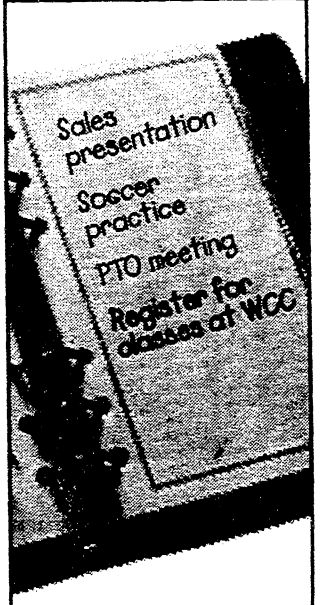
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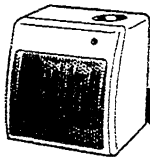
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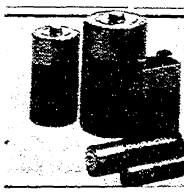
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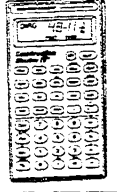
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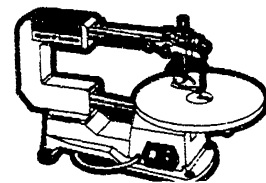
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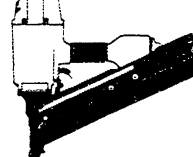
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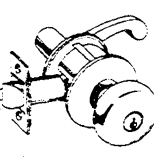
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## Festival lights up Chelsea weekend

The Village of Chelsea celebrated the 1999 winter holiday season with the 12th annual Festival of Lights over the weekend of Dec. 3-5.

The celebration begins with a tree lighting ceremony in Pierce Park on Friday, Dec. 3, from 6:30 to 7 p.m. The ceremony will include holiday music from Chelsea High School students, a reading of a children's Yuletide tale by Sarah Maynard, who will also light the Chelsea Christmas tree, the 1999 Chelsea Fair Queen and the arrival of Santa Claus. Chelsea Rotary Club president Alex Weddon will emcee the event.

From there, children might head for either the Village Plaza shopping center or the UAW Hall, to take a peek at Santa's workshop, and make some last minute gifts at children's craft booths. The activities will last from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

And, of course, where Santa's workshop can be found, Santa is never far away. Children will want to have their picture taken at one of the jolly old elf's several appearances over the weekend.

Friday is also the time to see a live crèche next to the McKune House library building, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Actors will play the roles of Mary, Joseph, shepherds and kings in the Nativity scene. And the manger will echo with the loving of live animals. The library next door will also feature an open house and holiday displays from 6 to 8 p.m.

Marilyn Dusbiber, a folk-art woodcarver, will practice her craft at the Village Shoppe on Friday evening from 7 to 9 p.m., creating one-of-a-kind gifts. Dusbiber is a Chelsea area resident, so local tableaux inform her work.

Downtown Chelsea businesses will play host to holiday window displays, with gingerbread houses, period costumes and merchant events, from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday. The gingerbread creations will be submissions from area residents, perhaps pulled from family recipe books.

Also at the 7 to 9 p.m., the First Congregational Church downtown will be holding holiday lights hayrides, weather permitting, and in any event a cookie decorating activity for children. The church will also feature a preview of the Nutcracker, starting at 7:30 p.m., put on by Dance Arts of Chelsea.

Friday night will end with a community carol sing-along, at the Chelsea Depot, from 9 to 9:30 p.m. Winners of the Home Decorating Contest, judged by the Chelsea Painters, will also be announced at the event, and will be awarded their prizes.

Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., local businesses will be free to hold their own events, including live music and artist displays. Pierce's Pastries Plus will play host to harpist Laurel

Federbush from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., as well as St. Nicholas, who will regale children with tales of German Christmas past.

Several local businesses will offer special products in the holiday season. Dayspring Gifts will be selling personalized glass ornaments, to add a unique touch to a Christmas tree.

Lajolla Shoppe is encouraging celebrants to stop in to the business and sign up to win a limited edition Beanie Baby Millennium Bear.

Maya Place will offer authentic Mexican treats at the shop throughout the weekend.

The Detroit Tigers mascot will visit Chelsea, dressed for the season as "Santa" Paws. Families will have opportunities to have photos of their children with the tiger, at 11 a.m. to noon in downtown Chelsea, 12:30 to 1 p.m. at the Village Plaza shopping center, and 1 to 1:30 p.m. at the Chelsea Pharmacy.

The Chelsea Center for the Development of the Arts will hold a Yule Tree gala at its Congdon Street Center from noon to 5 p.m. Christmas trees will be decorated according to different themes, local artists will be selling their works, and Santa will make another appearance. Live music will be provided by Common Chords at 2

30 p.m., and a male quartet at 4 p.m.

From 4 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Preservation Chelsea will conduct a Candlelight Home Tour, featuring five historic and architecturally distinctive local homes. Tickets, which cost \$15, must be purchased in advance from Dayspring Gifts, Zou Zou's, Pierce's Pastries, Vogel's and Foster's, or Chelsea Woodworking.

The Chelsea High School music department caps off Saturday's events with its December concert at 7:30 p.m. in the high school theater.

Sunday morning will offer everyone involved in the festival a chance to rest and think about the origins of Christmas at area churches, before Sunday evening's events.

Sunday afternoon, from 2 to 4 p.m., the

Chelsea Retirement Community will hold an open house, featuring its acclaimed Heritage Room Museum. The facility will also offer music and refreshments.

The weekend ends with a festival of lessons and carols at St. Paul's United Church of Christ, from 7 to 8 p.m. The church offers holiday scripture reading, as well as choral and congregational anthems, recalling the yearly service in Oxford.

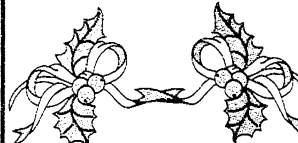
All weekend long, Palmer Family Ford will be accepting donations of new, unwrapped toys at its Holiday Village Display, at 222 South Main St. The donations will be distributed through Palmer's Toys for Tots and Teens program.

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# Calendar of Events

- FRIDAY EVENING**
- 6:30-7:00 Rotary Tree Lighting Ceremony at Pierce Park**  
Emcee-Alex Weddon, Rotary President  
Tree Illumination by Sarah Maynard, 1999 Fair Queen  
Beverage provided at the Gazebo by McDonald's of Chelsea.  
Enjoy Holiday music-provided by Chelsea High School.  
Santa arrives to welcome everyone! Tree Decorations sponsored by Rotary Club
- 6:00-8:00 Chelsea District Library's Winter Celebration**
- 7:00-8:30 Santa Workshop**  
UAW (Downtown) & Village Plaza (by Subway)  
Children can make ornaments while they wait to share their Christmas wishes with Santa. Capture the moment with a FREE photo with Santa (to be picked up at Huron Camera, Chelsea). Santa photos graciously taken by Andy Sacks & John Knox. Film and processing donated by Huron Camera. Craft activities sponsored by Chelsea Children's Co-op. Candy Canes compliments of Chelsea Pharmacy, and Happy Meal toys furnished by McDonald's of Chelsea.
- 7:00-8:30 Live Crèche Tableau Main & Orchard**  
Visit a live nativity scene. Actors from Zion Lutheran. Animals compliments of the Rodger's Family & Church.
- 7:00-9:00 Hospitality Center 121 E. Middle St.**  
First Congregational Church of Christ  
Free refreshments and cookie decorating for the kids. Dance Arts of Chelsea offers a Nutcracker Preview at 7:30. Take a hayride (weather permitting) to view Christmas Lights. Horses & wagon provided by Keith & Laura Bloomensaat and Rod & Kathy Powers.
- 7:00-9:00 Merchant Event**  
The Village Shoppe features Marlene Dusbiber, Professional Wood Carver.
- 9:00-9:30 All Community Sing**  
Chelsea Depot  
Join in and sing traditional carols. Museum open from 8:00-9:30. Enjoy special entertainment by Counter Point. Winners of the Best Decorated Home Contest will be announced. Prizes provided by the Chelsea Area Merchants Association. Refreshments provided by the Chelsea Community Hospital Volunteers. Community sing is sponsored by the Depot Association, Chelsea Historical Society, Chelsea Community Hospital Volunteers.
- SATURDAY**
- 9:00-5:00 Merchant Events**  
Laurel Federbush, Harpist, plays music of the season at 10:30 am-1:00 pm at Pierce's Pastries Plus. Also note that a traditional St. Nicholas will arrive at Pierce's to tell stories of the German traditions surrounding Christmas.
- "SANTA" PAWS**  
A surprise visit to Chelsea by Detroit Tiger's "SANTA" PAWS. Bring the children to say hello, a great photo opportunity for parents! See "SANTA" PAWS at these three locations and times...  
11:00-12:00 Noon Downtown  
12:30-1:00 Village Plaza  
1:00-1:30 Chelsea Shopping Center  
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- 12:00-5:00 CCDA Yule Tree Gala & Artist Shoppe**  
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- 4:00-6:30 Candlelight Home Tour**  
Assemble at First United Methodist church promptly by 3:45. Tickets must be purchased in advance-available at Dayspring Gifts, Zou Zou's, Pierce's, Vogel's & Foster's, and Chelsea Woodworking. Sponsored by Preservation Chelsea.
- 7:30 Chelsea High School December Concert**  
New Chelsea High School Theater  
Come and enjoy music performed by the Chelsea High School Music Department.
- Ginger Bread House Event**  
Bring your creations to the Congregated Church on Dec. 1 from 5-7 pm. View unique, handmade gingerbread houses in Merchant windows throughout the holiday season.
- SUNDAY**
- 2:00-4:00 Chelsea Retirement Community Open House**  
Come and experience an old fashioned Christmas while visiting the nationally recognized "Heritage Room Museum." Enjoy lively musical entertainment and delicious refreshments.
- 7:00-8:00 Festival of Lessons and Carols**  
4600 Old U.S. 12 St. Paul's United Church of Christ  
Rejoice in the season with scripture readings and congregational singing along with choral anthems. Endorsed by the Chelsea Ministerial Association.
- Other Weekend Happenings:**  
Stop by these stores for special merchant events: Maya Place The Gallery, Dayspring Gifts, and LaJolla Shoppe. See Palmer Family Ford's Holiday Village Display and bring your new unwrapped TOY for Toys for Tots & Teens! First United Methodist Church Open House Friday-Sunday  
Santa's Workshop Craft Show-Sat., Dec. 4 10-4pm. Old High School. \$2 admission.

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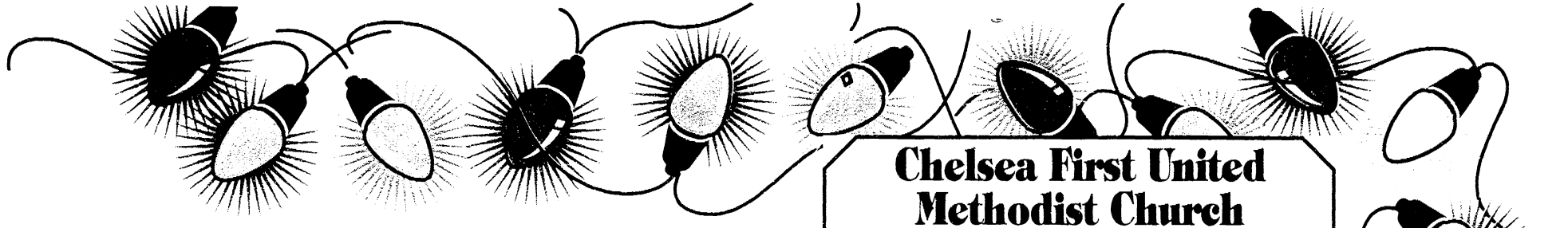
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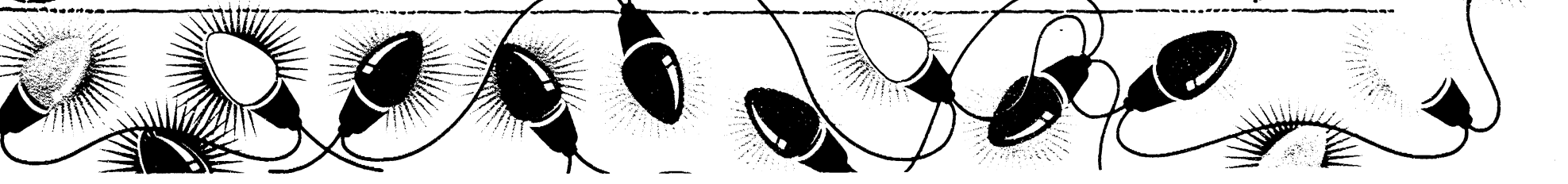


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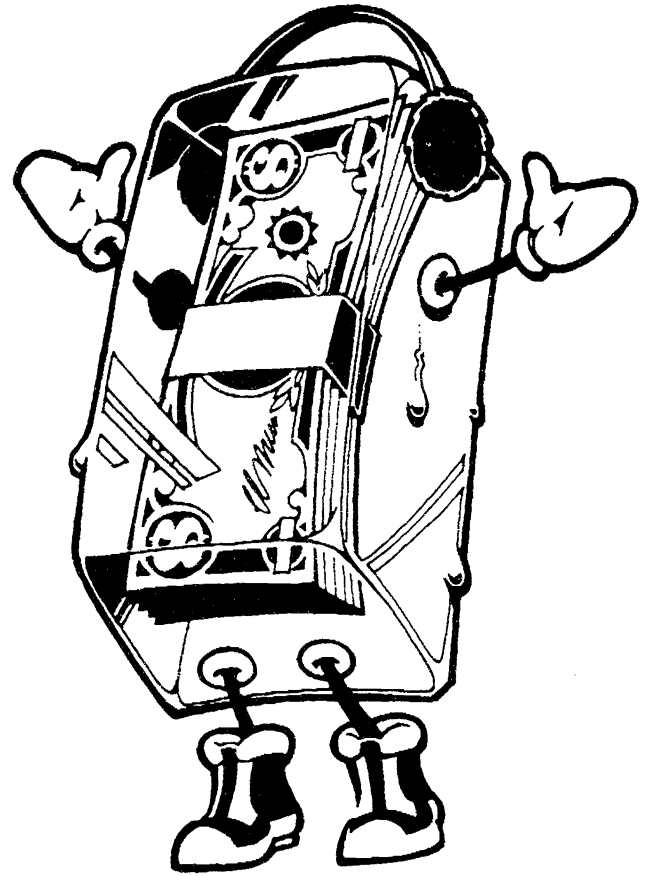
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**King Crossword**

**ACROSS**

- Decline
- Ske-daddled
- Dines
- Troop group
- Scrap
- Sandwich treat?
- "Games People Play" singer
- Jamaican tangelo
- Office-holders
- Crucial
- Romance novelist
- Bad review
- Scroogean cry
- Cornered
- Molly-coddles
- "Let's Make a Deal" choice
- Melody
- Novelist Seton
- Washington city, county or river
- Tire pattern
- Snoop
- Run up the phone bill
- Pool-hall need
- Toothpaste type
- Yon wench
- 1970 hit song for the Kinks
- It's under a setting
- Typical DeMille movie
- Hindrance
- Barrett or Jaffe
- Teensy bit
- Certainly
- Nest items
- DOWN
- Japan's highest peak
- Unsign: abbr.
- Campaign promises?
- Capt. subordinates
- Where Joan of Arc was sentenced
- Ostentatious
- Ultimate
- Cartman's hometown
- Incite
- Soccer legend
- Earth
- Fine
- Pianist at Rick's
- "Monopoly" square
- Prohibit
- TV revenue source
- No. 1 spot
- Halloween outcry
- Chart vanity
- Compass pt.
- Scandinavian rug type
- Rhine
- Whatever number
- Ararat vessel
- Post-shower application
- "Crazy Jane" poet
- Skelton's Kadiddle-hopper
- Arizona tribesman
- Hit the ground
- Urban pali
- Grant a suspended sentence?
- Anagram for "sate"
- Thickness
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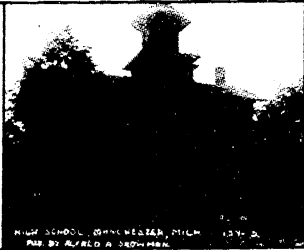
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# Looking Back



On this day in ...

November 30, 1899. Big news in this weeks Enterprise as word of a bank robbery in Brooklyn reaches Manchester. At last word, the three suspects were holed up in the woods, surrounded, with the law closing in ... but we shall have to wait until next week to see if they were captured.

Also of interest in the Enterprise, an advertisement of a farm for sale. With developers buying up large parcels of farm land all across the county these days for large sums of money, it may be interesting to note what real estate sold for 100 years ago.

## The Enterprise. News and Notes. Picked Up Here and There.

The weather has turned a little colder this morning.

Many people predict an open winter.

Some of our merchants complain that this warm and pleasant weather is injuring business.

Edwin Wolff was drawing gravel from the pit near M. T. Prout's, Monday, when one of his horses fell dead.

Jay Corey is building an addition to his residence.

The German benevolent society has paid Fred Widmayer for the plate glass.

### Advertisement

**Farm For Sale**  
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### State Gossip.

An old law seldom used was enforced at Brighton the other day when a farmer was brought before a justice on a charge of cruelty to turkeys, 12 of which he had tied by the legs so they could not run away. He was fined \$2 and costs.

The ministers of Flint are protesting against the practice which requires them to officiate gratuitously at funerals of persons that never had any use for churches or ministers while living.

Corunna has a bread war started by a new baker in town named Hayes. He has cut the price to three cents a loaf and another baker has gone him one better by offering the same price and a rebate of one cent when the paper sack is returned.

Frank Taylor, of Mayfield, returned from the upper peninsula on the 15th, having cut short his hunting trip. While hunting deer on Nov. 14 he heard a shot and felt a shock which nearly threw him. After recovering his equilibrium, he took an inventory and found a large bullet hole through his hat and a groove cut along his scalp where the bullet passed. He was evidently taken for a deer.

William Stevens owns a four-story brick block on the principal corner in Stanton and in it

is located the opera house. A few days ago a slander suit resulted in a judgment of \$500 and costs against him, and now he has begun the demolition of his building, "for spite," he says, though just how the destruction of his own property is going to spite the people who won the suit against him is what the good people of Stanton can't figure out. Although nearly 80 years of age, he is superintending and assisting the workmen who are tearing down the building.

Complaints come from Iron Mountain of non-resident hunters, who have no license, being in the woods there killing deer and shipping venison out of the state. They say that there are no game wardens there to see that the laws are enforced, and the destruction of deer is great. Let's see, was it not at Iron Mountain where L. Whitney Watkins and other faithful servants of the state tried to enforce the law a few years ago, but found the citizens conspiring to thwart their efforts and making trouble for them in various ways? Those people don't know when they have a good thing.

### Brooklyn Bank Robbery.

Mr. Johnson of Brooklyn brought word here Tuesday morning that burglars had made a big haul in robbing the safe in W. S. Culver's bank, in our neighboring village.

People who reside in the vicinity of the bank were aroused about 2:30 Tuesday morning by a shock, which was followed in about eight minutes by another and in a minute or two later by a third. By this time many had arisen and were upon the streets or peering out of their houses to ascertain the cause, and singularly enough most of them concluded what was up.

Several years ago, when Col. King kept the bank, the safe was robbed, and nearly two years ago, after Mr. Culver had purchased the bank, an attempt was made to rob it but without effect. The safe was injured but not opened and the villains did

not get one penny for their trouble.

Mr. Culver then moved his banking office into his store, but a year ago last summer he erected a neat banking office on the south side of his brick store building, which was provided with a Detroit time-lock safe and everything to make a cozy and convenient banking room. Miss Anna Seckel, a former teacher in our public schools, is cashier.

About 2 o'clock a party of masons who had been to Jackson to attend a school of instruction, drove into town and some of the men passed the bank, but neither saw or heard anything unusual. The burglars obtained entrance by breaking the glass in the transom over the front door. The tools used in opening the safe were obtained at a blacksmith shop near by. The first discharge blew the front door of the safe through the office railing and out the front door into the street. The following discharges opened the inner doors and cleared the safe completely. The robbers then grabbed what money they could see, about \$2,890, and hastily made their escape. There were three of them, who were seen to run out into the street and south towards the railroad. John Werden saw them as they passed his house, and called to them. They fired three shots from their revolvers, probably to intimidate the people and prevent pursuit.

When the citizens reached the bank they saw a sorry sight. The interior of the office was in ruins and about \$1,200 in currency, gold and silver was picked up among the debris. The people were not slow in organizing for the capture of the robbers. The telegraph and telephone were both used and in less than an hour the officers at Jackson, and in fact all surrounding cities and towns excepting Addison and Manchester, were notified and out watching for them.

The moon was shining brightly and parties went out in all direction from Brooklyn. There was frost on the ground and they went on each road until

they came to a bridge or place where they could see if any person or team had passed. Footprints could be as readily seen as on snow, but no trace could be found, excepting on the Jackson road, and as parties had lately come into town from that direction it was impossible to tell whether the robbers went that way or were in hiding near by. The track of a wagon was found leading from the old planing mill near the railroad - in which direction the robbers ran - around on a back street past the school house and then to the Jackson road and it is believed that they escaped from town by a wagon in that direction.

It is also believed by many that these are the same fellows that attempted to break the safe before. The officers were notified so promptly and the burglars had such a slight start that it would seem impossible for them to escape.

We learn that there was a burglar insurance on the bank which covers all loss.

Our informant left Brooklyn early in the morning for Napoleon where he took the train for this place to inform the deputy sheriff. It appears that after he left they tracked the men down the railroad towards Woodstock, and it was reported in the afternoon that they were surrounded in the woods.

The Enterprise learns that three suspicious persons hanging around Norvell Monday, bought some groceries and cooked a meal up the railroad track near the water tank. It is also reported that three men coming from the north through Fishville in the morning stopped at a farm house and asked for a warm breakfast but were refused. Whether they were the same parties or not we do not know.

Mr. Culver was in Cleveland Monday and arrived home Tuesday night.

### The Liberty Bell.

The city of Philadelphia is becoming weary of repeated requests to send the old liberty bell junketing across the country from one point to another, to

help in the observance of this, that or the other day, and there are signs that the end is in sight of this kind of performance. The latest request comes from Boston, which thinks it cannot properly observe the 125th anniversary of the battle of Bunker Hill without having the old liberty bell on hand. The liberty bell is by all odds the most precious relic of the republic, and if the practice of sending it hither and thither on the request of cities and program committees is to be indulged in without restraint, there will come a day when the bell will be destroyed.

A philosopher says: "Wise men hesitate; only fools are certain." If the philosopher is certain of this he must be a fool according to his own theory.

Sixty-two automobiles paraded in New York city the other afternoon. Victorias, phaetons, buggies and carriages, with liveried coachmen and grooms demonstrated the fact that the horseless age has arrived, and all the spavined and wind-galled hacks in the great city heighed a sigh of relief.

### Killed Three Deer in Less Than a Minute.

Cash Cantela, the 12-year-old son of a Polish farmer of near Alpena, distinguished himself on the 16th by killing three large buck deer in less time than a minute, and would have killed a doe inside of the minute's time had he not run out of shells. He was stationed on a runway and as the bucks came bounding along he dropped all three. Each of the bucks weighed over 200 pounds. The doe was subsequently shot by Centela's brother.

The Looking Back column is a feature reprinting articles from historic copies of the Manchester Enterprise, appearing through the kind cooperation of the Manchester Township Library.

# S&P 500 funds don't outperform

Q: Lately, there has been quite a bit of controversy concerning the value of active stock management. Many articles have been written that suggest most investors would be better off just investing in an index such as the Standard and Poor's 500 rather than trying to find a good mutual fund.

These articles point to the fact that the S&P 500 has beaten the performance of more than 75 percent of the active managers over the last 15 years.

With this kind of performance wouldn't this be the best investment strategy, especially since the management fees are less with an index fund?

Most of the media infatuation with the performance of the S&P 500 has been because of the truly impressive returns that have occurred since 1995.

From September 1994 through October of this year, the total return of the capitalization weighted S&P 500 was over 225 percent.

Interestingly, if all of the stocks in the S&P 500 were equally weighted, over the same period of time the total return would have only been about 146 percent.

This means that a relatively small number of the largest companies that make up the S&P 500 have accounted for most of the returns.

**ALTHOUGH TECHNOLOGY** stocks (currently one of the best performing sectors) make up the largest sector in the current S&P 500 index, this has not always been the case.

In the early '90s, the largest sectors were energy, non-durables and financial stocks. Since the makeup of the S&P 500 tends to change over time, the performance of the index vs. actively managed funds also has changed.

For the six-year period between 1989 and 1994, according to Morningstar, the average growth mutual fund outperformed the S&P 500 index, after fees.

Keep in mind that this is for the "average" growth fund, so it would seem that with just a little analysis many investors would be able to pick funds that outperformed the average.

But the S&P 500 index's failure to outperform for an extended period of time is not limited to a comparison of only the average growth fund. From January 1985 through the end of 1990, the average foreign stock fund also had better performance than the S&P 500.

The substandard performance of the S&P 500 is not limited to a comparison vs. stock funds. From September 1987 through September 1990, the average corporate bond fund achieved an annual 7.57 percent rate of return while the S&P 500 averaged 1.11 percent.

**IN FACT**, from September 1987 through March 1993, the performance of the S&P 500 was exceeded by the average corporate bond fund as well as the average growth fund.

In light of these facts, why is it that much of the media seems to be saying that the S&P 500 outperforms active management? The answer lies in picking the time period for comparison, looking at "average" performance over a particular period of time and comparing to an "average" mutual fund.

**EVEN THOUGH** the S&P 500 index is considered a proxy for the market, most analysts would say that "growth" stocks currently dominate it.

Therefore, since they have different risk and reward characteristics, comparing the index to balanced or growth and income funds would be akin to comparing apples and oranges.

In addition, if we look at the total return of the S&P 500 over the last 15 years, it has clearly beaten the majority of actively managed funds. However, most of this extraordinary performance has occurred during the period from January 1995 through the end of 1998.

Perhaps we are once again entering a period where the S&P 500's performance will lag that of actively managed funds.

As a matter of fact, from January through September this year, once again the average growth mutual fund has slightly outperformed the S&P 500 and the average foreign fund has outperformed the index by almost 2 1/2 to 1.

**CLEARLY, THIS** means that no single investment strategy will consistently be the top performer. As markets and economies change, different styles and types of investments will tend to dominate.

That is why it is important to keep a long-term perspective; otherwise, you will be constantly buying last year's winners.

Recently, the S&P 500 has tended to be the benchmark by which most investments have been measured. While this may continue to be the benchmark in the future, it would be a mistake to commit all of your investment dollars to any one strategy.

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### MONEY SENSE

A: The S&P 500 index is generally considered the proxy for determining the performance of the overall stock market and as a benchmark for comparing how an investment manager performed in comparison to the market.

Contrary to popular belief, the S&P 500 is not composed of the 500 largest stocks, but rather what are considered by the S&P Index Committee to be the leading companies from the leading industries in the U.S. market.

**HOWEVER, SINCE** many of these leading companies also happen to be some of the largest, the S&P 500 accounts for over 70 percent of the total U.S. market.

Note that the S&P 500 is capitalization weighted, which means that the largest stocks comprise most of the index. In fact, the largest 100 stocks currently make up over 70 percent of the index.

Although it is true that the unmanaged S&P 500 index has appeared to outperform the average managed mutual fund on a total return basis over recent history, just looking at total return figures could lead to some mistaken conclusions.