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By Marsha Johnson Chartrand

The Manchester Community School Foundation is up

and running as a resolution was signed by the Board of

The selection of the executive committee is under-

"We are getting ready to set up a board of directors."

"The school's attorneys have reviewed the agree-

said Walter, "and we have made a temporary agree-

ment with the Tecumseh Community Foundation as a

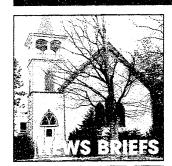
ment, we have established a post office box, and the

way and three members have already been named.

Education last Thursday at a special meeting.

Staff Writer

Thursday, December 30, 1999



#### Millennium celebration

Club and the Manchester Township Fire Department invite you to look toward Kirk Park at midnight on Friday, Dec. 31.

and the new millennium will be part of the local celebration at the American Legion Hall.

Happy New Year to all from the Manchester Men's

Emil Jacob Post will hold their monthly all-you-caneat breakfast this Sunday. Jan. 2 from 8 a.m. to noon.

cakes, bacon, sausage, biscuits and gravy, hash brown potatoes and your choice of

All are welcome. Adult price is \$4, children under 10 eat for half price.

#### Council sets meeting

Council will hold their regular meeting on Tuesday. Jan. 4 at 7 p.m. at the Village Hall. The village as a legal holiday

their next meeting which will feature attorney Cynthia Faulhaber as the

The meeting will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 5 at 7 p.m. in the Manchester Township Hall meeting

The public is invited to bring their questions. thoughts and insights on the

The Manchester Enterprise will maintain regular deadlines for the Jan. 6 issue, for editorial and classified submissions. Editorial submissions are due Friday, Dec. 31 by 5 p.m., although the office will be closed. Please leave your editorial copy in the mail slot in the left-hand deadlines remain Monday, Jan. 3 at 4 p.m. Display advertising deadline will be Thursday, Dec

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#### Paul Kluwe is the chairman, and Denise Walter and Barb Fielder are also members of the executive com-

pass-through fund.

The Manchester Men's

A salute to the new year

#### Legion Breakfast Sunday

The American Legion

The menu includes pan-

The Manchester Village has declared Monday, Jan. 3

#### District library meeting scheduled for Wednesday

The District Library Planning Committee has set guest speaker

room.

planning of a district

#### Holiday deadlines

door at the office. Classified

**WHAT'S** 

school board will act as an advisory committee. Meetings will be held monthly beginning in January. to develop a plan for the coming year. They are filing for a 501(c)3 status with the IRS.

haritable school foundation established

People who wish to get involved with the foundation are invited to contact Kluwe. Walter or Fielder.

"We hope that students will get involved, and volunteer, for this project," said Walter. "We also hope to get a lot of support from other members of the community. Our goal is to keep as close to the community as possi-

The committee will start planning events, one of which will be a black-tie dinner/dance affair early next

"United Bank has been very helpful," said Walter. "Not only did they initially donate over \$8.000 for new account opened this past year, they are also giving us

another opportunity, by matching the funds that we col-

United will contribute 1/2%, matching donations up to \$5 million.

"The focus of this foundation is on kids - number one, kids. That is going to be a part of our mission statement." said Walter.

"Above and beyond what we need today, this is what we have to do (for the future). It's not in competition with anyone, our mission is to build an educational foundation for our kids.

"We're not in competition with the bond issue. This is not political, and we won't make it political."

The funds collected for the foundation will be used for academic, fine arts, scientific, technology, and

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#### Off-duty Angel



Photos by Marsha Johnson Chartrand

What do angels do when they're taking a break? They adjust their halos, as did this young cherub (left). Last week's live nativity scene (below) at Emanuel United Church of Christ is a reminder of the true reason for the Christmas season. Members of several local congregations participated in the re-enactment on Dec. 20 and 21.



# Boyscouts, K of C serve up kinship

Staff Writer

The Knights of Columbus make a mean meal. The Boy Scouts are ready to serve.

Together, it makes an unbeatable combination.

On the third Sunday of each month the community of Manchester helps these two groups participate in something special. "It's a win-win-win situation,"

says Knights of Columbus member Ed Barnard. "The Boy Scouts get a chance to do a service project; the Knights of Columbus get a chance to interact with the boys: and the community gets a good value for their money."

The monthly pancake break-

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand fasts. co-sponsored by the Knights and the scouts, are also an opportunity for many in the community to get out and see their neighbors on a regular

> The Knights of Columbus is the charter holding organization for Troop 423. One of their responsibilities is to help the troop with fund raising activities, and the scouts likewise have a responsibility to work cooperatively with the chartering organization.

> "This is a great way that the money can stay in the community and the kids get maximum benefit from the funds that are raised," said Barnard. "The breakfasts provide a service. and the community gets their

money's worth."

The Knights buy and cook the product, and the boys do all the serving and clean up. The meals are held on the third Sunday of each month, from September through May.

At the breakfast, opinions differ on the popularity of the breakfasts.

"It's the potatoes." insists Pat DuRussel, champion potato friar. "That's what brings them back every month.

Others maintain it is the pancakes, or the scouts' service. It depends upon to whom you're talking at any given moment.

Assistant Scoutmaster Bill Kwolek has been involved with this troop for about eight years.

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# New regulations may cost home sellers

By Wanda Fish

Special Writer
Jan. 3 will be more than the first working day at the beginning of the year 2000. In Washtenaw County it's the kickoff date for new well and septic regulations that must be applied before a property can be transferred. Home sellers are required to have their water and septic systems inspected and approved in order to transfer property.

The regulation does not affect homes on municipal water and sewer systems. Never-occupied new homes are also exempt.

County commissioners passed the regulations last June in response to a state-mandated water quality restoration program for the Rouge River watershed. In Washtenaw County, only Superior, Salem and Ypsilanti townships were required to deal with Rouge River restoration. The new reghowever. applies throughout the county.

HOME SELLERS or "their agents," will have to hire county-certified inspectors to evaluate their wells and septic systems. Fees will be market driaccording to Randy Gregory who coordinates the program for the Washtenaw County Environmental Health Division. Gregory said he expects the fees will be around \$250 to \$300 for a septic system. The county will charge an additional \$40 to file the inspection report and an additional \$120 if remediation is required

Water testing will involve taking samples and having them tested through the county and

While law has not required well and septic system inspections, most mortgage companies do commonly require them. When the regulation was passed, it included specific lan-

guage stating. "It is not the intention of this regulation to cause existing systems that are currently functioning but do not meet existing construction standards, to be brought into compliance with such standards.

THE CONCERN over such retroactive regulation stemmed from bad experiences several years ago when the county upgraded construction standards and older working systems were rejected because they did not comply with construction criteria adopted years later.

Following the evaluation and report by the inspector, the County's Environmental Health Division will review the report and issue one of two written notices. If there is "substantial compliance." property transfer is authorized. If the system is found in "substantial noncom-pliance." a remediation plan must be filed, approved by the county, a contractor selected and either the work completed or the funds for completion placed in escrow before property transfer will be permitted.

THE REGULATION requires the Environmental Health Division notices within five business days of submission of the inspector's report. Home sellers will have 30 days to submit a corrective action plan if there is noncompliance. Needed corrections will have to be completed within 180 days.

Water supply system conformance standards include test results within certain limits. with allowances for minor construction or operational "deviations" such as venting, a loose fitting well cap, and location 50 to 100 feet from the nearest drainfield. Nonconformance. requiring remediation, is based on an unsafe water testing

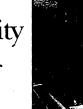
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Breanne Haeussler (right) was the winner of a Play Station game for her outstanding sales job in the annual Klager PTO fundraiser.

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# ommunity alendar



■ 7:30 PM - Freedom Township

Wednesday, Jan. 5

■ 7:00 PM - Athletic Boosters

■ 7:30 PM - Raisin Valley Land

Trust meets at the Blacksmith

# 7:30 PM - Community Band

■ 7:30 PM - Veterans of Foreign

Thursday, Jan. 6

■ 6:15 PM - Awana Clubs meet

at Community Bible Church

■ 7:30 PM - American Legion

**■ 8:00 PM** - Sharon Township

Township Planning Commission

8:00 PM - Manchester

meet at High School Library

Planning Commission

Sunday, Jan. 2

28:00 AM to Noon - American Legion Breakfast at American Legion Hall

Monday, Jan. 3

7:30 PM - Manchester Township Library Board meets 3 7:30 PM - Masonic Lodge Business meeting

2 7:30 PM - Overeaters Anonymous meets at Chelsea United Methodist Church

Tuesday, Jan. 4

雅 7:00 PM - Manchester Village Council

₹ 7:00 PM - Bootstompers at Emanuel Church

₩ 7:00 PM - Manchester Band Boosters meet in High School band room

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

# **POLICE BLOTTER**

#### Freedom Township Missing Person

A deputy was dispatched to the 3600 block of Rentz Road on Dec. 18. He met with a 47vear-old woman, who reported that her husband, a 57year-old man, was missing.

She was concerned, as the man was diabetic, and required several medications, all of which were left at the house. She thought he had gone to Windsor, to gamble in a casino there, as was his wont, but was gone longer than normal.

#### **Bridgewater Township Recovered Property**

On Dec. 22, a deputy was dispatched to Hogan Road at M-52 to receive recovered stolen property. The deputy recovered a stolen payphone, and advised the phone company of the recovery.

#### **Manchester Village** Car/house accident

On Dec. 9, a southbound vehicle on Ann Arbor Hill hit

OBITUARY

Marian E. Below

Local woman was Middle School

Marian E. Below, 81, of

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Manchester passed away on

was

Manchester on September 3.

1918 the daughter of Edward

and Cleora (Cooper) Buss. On

August 22, 1938 she was married

to John F. Below and he preced-

ed her in death on July 15, 1989.

Marian was a member of Emanuel United Church of

Christ. She is survived by her

daughters, Barbara (Larry)

Schaffer of Grass Lake and

Janet (Roy) Waters of Coden,

Alabama; a son. Lee (Bonita)

Below of St. James City.

Florida; six grandchildren and

seven great-grandchildren; a

sister. Virginia Neuderfer of

Rochester, NY. She was also preceded in death by a brother. Funeral services were held on Monday, Dec. 27, 1999 at 11:30 a.m. from Emanuel United

Church of Christ with Rev.

Interment will be in Oak Grove

William

Utke officiating.

secretary for many years

December 22, 1999.

Marian

ported by HVA to Chelsea Hospital, sustaining minor injuries.

Harassment A suspect in a previous domestic assault was reported to be threatening and harassing his victim at 101 Hibbard, at 3:10 a.m. on Dec.

a home after the driver fell

asleep at the wheel at 4:45

The pickup failed to negoti-

ate a curve and drove off the

road, striking a bush and two

house. The driver was trans-

before hitting the

The victim took out a personal protection order and the report was turned over to the prosecutor for possible additional charges.

On Dec. 19 the suspect was arrested for violation of the protection order.

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"I first got involved with the Jubilee when I was newly in recovery. A friend talked me into going - it was the first time I'd left home after dark. The bars were closed; yet everyone was sober and celebrating.

"My mission has become to help people know they can have

"We had over 2500 people last year, and are expecting a lot more this year," says Welt. "We have a lot of new and exciting things - including the addition of some new sites.

Welt's non-stop enthusiasm for the Jubilee festivities has

"We also added the Second Baptist Church, and they'll be sponsoring an all gospel night. with a celestial choir and Kenneth Lackey. soloist.

fireworks display. We will kick off the night with a dazzling low-profile fireworks display between 6 and 6:30 p.m.

Ypsilanti Township Community Center is an excit-They've agreed to keep doors featuring laser tag, wally ball, billiards, craft room. Jonathan Park, a local juggler includes hacky sack to music. Michael Bryce is a humorous be puppeteers, magic, juggling. a piano show, and much more

#### By Marsha Johnson Chartrand between the 13 sites at about 15minute intervals, and will trav-If you're looking for a safe. el to the Community Center about once an hour.

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Beckerman, Robert Jones and

Matt Watroba, and Bover &

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most popular sites and at

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dancing with the Golden

Griffon String quartet at the

First Presbyterian Church. And

no jubilee would be complete

without Mr. B at the First

"Probably one of the biggest

Methodist Church Sanctuary.

asked questions has been Y2K.

says Welt. "If you're worried

about Y2K, the Jubilee is the

place to be. You can get your

money's worth and still be back

to Manchester by 11:30, so you'll

Beverages and light fare will

be served at many of the sites.

for a small additional charge.

All monies benefit either the

Jubilee or the non profit orga-

nization providing it. The badge

price is just \$20 at the door, and

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said Welt. "If you love to dance,

the Jubilee is the place to be."

Fitzsimmons magicians.

Other locally known entertainers who will be returning Anderson, Madcat & Kane, Michel Brown, LaRon Williams,

The New Year Jubilee is a drug and alcohol free family Years Eve celebration. This is the eighth annual Jubilee and there will be over 70 performances, in thirteen town Ypsilanti, all available for

Dawn (England) Welt is a Manchester native who has been involved with the Jubilee for several years. This is her third year as a steering committee chair and her second as president. There are over 200 volunteers the night of the jubilee alone, and many more who are involved with planning

fun and party sober.

According to Welt, the people who founded the Jubilee wanted somewhere that families could get together on New Years Eve. and get away from the idea that new years can only be celebrated with alcohol.

got to be contagious.

"We'll have Rich & Eddie's Rocking Oldies band at the antique car museum. This is a great site for oldies and we're very pleased to have this addi-

"One huge new thing is the

ing new addition this year. open for youth - and they'll be Entertainers there will include and magician. Josh Casey will be doing rhythm sports - which Scottish storyteller, who also does song and guitar. There will for the young people.

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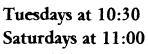




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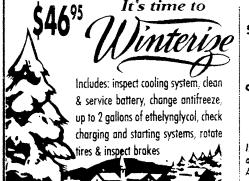


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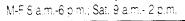
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# Changing American Legion addresses declining membership

**By Shawn Lawrence** 

Associate Editor
The soldiers who belong to the American Legion have already fought in one war. Now they're fighting another.

State and national membership in the Legion has been declining at a steady pace for the past five years, and with the largest segment of its membership. World War II veterans. dying at a rate of 1,000 per day nationwide, membership remains a major concern.

Across the . state of Mich-Legion igan, membership in 1994 stood at an all-time high of 101,400. Today there are 94.200 members.

World War II

veterans com-prise 36-percent of the Michigan American Legion membership. In Michigan, those veterans are dying at an average of about 30 per day.

But despite the numbers, among the American Legion leadership, there is optimism.

As the old saying goes 'Reports of my death have been greatly exaggerated," said Lee American Legion Harris, Deputy Director of Public Relations.

"I don't see us in any jeopardy of losing large amounts of members," Harris said. "It's a fact that our numbers are down (compared to 1994 numbers). but they're up in comparison to 1988 (membership figures)."

In 1988, American Legion membership in Michigan stood at 86,000 members.

Bill Brannock, commander of Manchester's Emil Jacob Post 117, says that the local post's numbers are holding steady. and World War II veterans no longer make up the largest percentage of membership.

"We've lost a few members in the past year; not only WWII but Vietnam veterans," he said. "But we have made it up in new memberships."

Vietnam veterans account for 40% of the post's 170 members, followed by World War II (30%) and Korea (20%) vets.

"We just aren't getting as many new members as we need to meet our quota; we are keeping the status quo pretty well but not increasing our membership over the past few years."

Brannock believes there are probably a lot of veterans who live in Manchester who simply don't realize that they are eligible for membership in the American Legion.

Most people know that veterans of both of the World Wars, Korea, and Vietnam are eligible. While three more conflicts have further opened up membership to the organization, only 10% of the post membership is comprised of veterans of

these three wars. Veterans who served during the Lebanon/Grenada conflict (Aug. 24, 1982 to Jul. 31, 1984). Panama (Dec. 20, 1989 to Jan. 31,

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1990), or Persian Gulf (Aug. 2, 1990 to present) are eligible to join the Le-Wives. gion. daughters.

mothers, and Legion State Adjutant other female relatives of these veterans are eligible to join the American Legion

> Brannock, who is a veteran of the Lebanon/Grenada conflict. savs that he decided to join from meeting neighbors who were members of the post.

"At the time. I hadn't thought of joining, and when I joined I didn't plan on being too active. As time went on I volunteered for different projects and became more involved."

Nine years later, Brannock is still one of the younger members of the post.

'We really need younger people. I know it's hard with a family and work - but it doesn't take a lot of time to volunteer for something.

"A lot of our aging members can't be as active as they used to. They have already put in a lot of time and work, and are looking forward to enjoying being in the Legion.'

New members are encouraged by receiving their first year dues free, and receiving a discount on hall rentals after the first full year of member-

The post recently discontinued their weekly bingo games because of a lack of available

The Emil Jacob post continues to give to the community. offering free or reduced rate use of the Legion hall to schools, scouts, and service organizations who utilize the

They also give monetary donations to local veterans' and children's' causes, from poppy funds. The post's major sources of income are their monthly breakfasts and hall rentals.

But while the Manchester post continues to be an important part of the community, many posts across the state have not been as fortunate.

Michigan American Legion State Adjutant Patrick Lafferty said the key to a thriving Legion will be to recruit Persian Gulf War veterans to join the club.

"The Persian Gulf vets. they're the future," Lafferty said. "We don't have as many of those members as we'd like and that's putting it mildly."

Lafferty said that 36-percent of the Michigan Legion members are WWII vets, 27-percent are Vietnam vets, 21-percent are Korean vets, three-percent are Lebanon and Granada vets but only one-percent are Persian Gulf vets

"In Michigan, around 30 WWII vets are dying daily,' Lafferty said. "Those are figures we have to live with. But the American Legion is moving ahead.

"It is a battle and it is a tough battle." he said. "We understand the challenge we have ahead of us, but there is a tremendous amount of potential for membership. What the Legion's got to do is get the word out.

The jury's still out. It's going to be a very interesting two or three years.

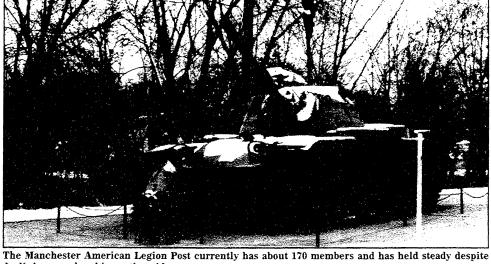
Lafferty said the Legion will be focusing on publicizing its role in veteran's affairs and its other services to Persian Gulf War vets in the hopes that they will begin to replenish their declining numbers. He said the main function of

the Legion is to serve as an advocate for veterans in politics and to assist veterans with claims, free of charge

"We are a watchdog here in Lansing and in Washington D.C. to protect those benefits." Lafferty said. "But we also have scholarships for veterans' children, we have a strong economic committee that helps vets get jobs, and we have numerous programs for children.

Some of those programs include the Boys' State, where hundreds of children are taken to Washington to learn how government works, student trooper programs for children Interested in law enforcement careers and the national oratorical contest that awards scholarship money each year for public speaking. The Legion also operates a vast little league program

for children of vets. Lafferty said that as times



declining memberships nationwide.

change, the Legion is trying to re-identify its role to appeal to potential new members.

One of the programs Lafferty points to is the Post Revitalization plan.

Post Revitalization is an initiative started by the national American Legion headquarters to help ailing posts. In the program. American Legion leaders will travel to posts where membership has dwindled, and the post is in danger of becoming defunct. While they are visiting the post, they will assist in recruiting new members, helping create new programs that are relevant to the specific community and start new projects.

In Michigan this year, four Legion posts have gone through the post revitalization program. with much success. Lafferty

In addition to revitalizing posts. Lafferty said there is also an emphasis on starting new posts in areas where there may be a number of veterans living.

That push. Lafferty said, has been very successful this year. Since January, there have been 24 new posts opened across the

"It used to be that the Legion was the center of town for weddings and social things." Lafferty said. "But with society changing and other things available, the Legion post is not always the center of the town anymore, so now we're looking for ways to make it fit for younger vets.

One of the test programs an American Legion post in Indianapolis tried was a daycare facility. Lafferty said this type of program was a benefit to many of the Persian Gulf soldiers that now have young chil-

Another post built a fitness facility on its premises, and Lafferty said this was also well received.

'We're selling the same ideas we always have because they still fit, but we're also looking for new ideas," Lafferty said. "We know we have to offer the younger vets some reason to

Ultimately. Lafferty said he knows that the future of the Legion depends on how well the group is received by Persian Gulf War vets. of whom there are 3.4 million nationwide. This pool of potential members, he said, must pick up the torch from the WWII vets if they are to continue to carry the same clout they have in the past.

"This is a tough period. a transitional period." Lafferty

said. "We recognize that. We're losing some of our key people. The WWII vets have been carrying us for a long time. Now, maybe it's time for us to carry them '

Marsha Johnson Chartrand contributed to this report.



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Well, we've made it through 1999 and what a year it was. The year began with my diagnosis of leukemia and ended with me transplanted and recovering. Fifteen articles in the Manchester newspaper have followed most of it. 1999, the year of the transplant. 2000, the year of recovery.

The results of the second biopsy performed on me since splant are in and all is still looking good. No signs of the leukemia and all the marrow DNA is my donor's. There will be another biopsy in May at which time I will be one year out of transplant. My next clinic appointment isn't until mid-January so the docs are feeling pretty good about my outlook. The last reduction in immunosuppressive several weeks ago seems to be holding with no ill

the next appointment if all goes

I made it through the weekend of the big family get together with no ill effects. Virginia did indeed graduate from nursing school. The amount of people in the house overwhelmed me a few times but it appears as though that no one came sick and all, including myself, had a good time. I had to excuse myself a few times and just lie down for fifteen minutes or so in order to recharge. Virginia said I did good. I've never been the life of the party, so it's much easier to disappear for a little while. I have new confidence that I could do more visiting. maybe even overnight, because

of the success of the weekend. Next year I hope to write several articles on my brushes so

effects, so we will do more at far with the insurance companies and the billing department of the U of M Health System. I was warned ahead of time that U of M had a "mad hatter" billing system, and it is coming true. Now, as opposed to several months ago. I feel ready to take them on a little, with the help of my insurance rep at the local union to which I belong. I can see how the old and the sick get run over by hospitals and insurances, because it is difficult to understand!

As part of my biography last issue. I failed to mention that I was a full time union rep for six years in the steel mill and the newspaper editor for six years following that, so I know that you can fight; it is just very hard when you don't feel well. Ten years ago I would have handled the paperwork and billings as

an afterthought - now they are a major endeavor. Some time this year, major

decisions will face Virginia and I on whether or not I can go back to work or should I retire early on a disability. There are many variables with each decision, all of them possibly life changing. The next three or four months of my recovery will be critical as well as factors as and what insurance I can carry if I retire. Big questions and at times I feel very small in coming up to decide them.

I have had to apply for social security disability due to our insurance agreement: again I will leave heavily on my union's insurance rep to help me with the options. In the end, it will be our call.

Much has been done, but there is much to do. so I feel that I have a few more columns in me as we go through 2000. Hopefully I can still be a little insightful as well as educational and still focus on getting healthy. A happy new year to all and I

will pray for thee as you pray



#### Holiday Dinner



The Manchester Co-op Preschool students enjoyed a "Thanksgiving Feast" last month. Pictured from left - Ryan Stiles, Bradley Allen, Cassandra Cozart, Nicholas Cozart and Kyle Newman

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# Parenting adolescents subject of new book

#### Manchester resident is co-author

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand

What do you do when your children don't seem like kids any more?

They have turned into the dreaded adolescents and it suddenly feels like you don't know them at all.

Manchester resident Nic Cooper has teamed together with co-author Rick McCoy to help parents wade through the confusing seas of adolescence.

"We've worked together since the 70s," says Cooper, "and we've noticed something in the parents with whom we worked as well as from our own experiences. Parenting really changes when your kids start to grow from little kids to the medium sized variety.

"We saw a lot of people who had done it well, and a lot of people who had problems.'

Their book, "How to Keep Being a Parent ... When Your Child Stops Being a Child," is an outgrowth of putting together all of the pieces. The duo put together a parenting series in late 80s and presented it in various communities around southeast Michigan.

'We found that our program ended up putting people at ease. A lot of parents get real scared when their kids become teenagers. And so do teachers. Yet a lot of what they're afraid of is simply developmentally sound. Keeping those things in mind when you're dealing with adolescence is important.'

Cooper notes that the skills addressed in the book are not "rocket science," but they try to put them in a practical context so that parents can put them up against their own ideals of parenting.

The book stresses from the beginning that it is intended to be a "tool box" rather than a "recipe book."

WITH A recipe, it is assumed that everyone will do exactly the same thing and will get exactly the same results. But parenting is much more complex. Each parent must work with unique ingredients.

"So, while you may have picked this up with the hope that you could simply follow a different set of recipes and get the same wonderful, predictable results, parenting will never be this simple," says the introduction.

Although good tools increase our ability to do things, each of us uses them differently according to our own personal

style...Over time, your own style will emerge, and you will use these tools in your own person-

There is a significant distinction, says Cooper.

"When people go to a workshop, they often expect something they can replicate, and work with every day. Instead we try to give people some perspective, and these tools, so they can go about it their own

book discusses the The nature of adolescence and the young person's need to develop both identity and indepen-dence, two "I's" which Cooper and McCoy call the primary tasks of adolescence.

Understanding this need is key to dealing with adolescents. Early on in the book they also identify the nature of parenting and the five primary responsibilities that parents should provide to their children:

- 1. a safe environment 2. consistent structure
- 3. support and encouragement
- 4. a clear set of values

5. an introduction to intimate relationships

The book is reassuring, practical and provides a wellinstructed set of tools for parents to use as they guide their children and themselves through the murky time called 'adolescence.

COOPER'S BANK of experiences for the book go back a long way.

'Rick and I began working in substance abuse treatment in the 80s, and we had a business together in early 90s, doing workshops for schools and businesses. The actual writing of the book began in 1990-91, to duplicate the information we provided in our workshops in a way more people could get it.

The eight-hour workshops spread out over four weeks and were presented in a variety of southeastern Michigan commu-

"A lot of the information we got came from those workshops. The incredible impact we found was how rare and yet how beautiful it can be to find parents and kids affirming each

We would try to get the parents to talk about a quality that their kid has. And we'd see a recalcitrant kid, all of a sudden leaning forward in his chair, making eye contact with his parents. The kids aren't always going to say thank you, but if



Nic Cooper (left) and Rick McCoy have been conducting parenting workshops since the 1970s.

you listen, you'll hear it back later on.'

The book is fresh off the presses, and has only been distributed among friends and in a few bookstores so far. Locally, it is carried in Village Gifts on Main Street, and they are working hard to get the book into a national market. Little Professor booksellers has expressed an interest they are seeking an outlet in other large chains as well.

"It has not been a quick process," Cooper adds with a smile. "It's a little bit like giving

WHAT DOES he see as the most critical message that the book brings to parents?

"I guess if I had to boil it down, it would have to be the primary responsibilities of being a parent. It doesn't matter you're single parent. divorced, a step parent - the five responsibilities are the most crucial - the fact is that no matter what the family structure.

you've got to provide them. "Adolescents are trying to figure out who they are, and gain independence. Give them that ability along with remembering the parental responsibilities. Keep that in mind; that's what you need to grow good adults." One goal that Cooper and McCoy dealt with in the last few chapters are the dysfunctions of adolescence.

There are things that can go real wrong for kids at this age. In their search for identity and independence, they can get really misdirected. It's vitally important for parents to understand that early, so they can intervene quickly.

Whether it's an eating disorder, depression, drugs, it may be significant. We want parents to understand how to discriminate between typical adolescence and the very real problems that can occur.

THE TABLE of contents is line fashion, and there is a purpose in this, said Cooper.

"We made it that way because of the feedback we got from our workshops," he said. "People told us that when they look at a book, they look at the cover. they look at the comments on the back, and then they flip through the table of contents to see if what they are interested in, is in there.

"Everything in the book is in the table of contents so it will be easy to find."

Among those contents there is also a chapter on when to call for help. Cooper cites the emotion involved that often "gets in the way" of making the decision to seek help.

"It's a trying and scary time. people must realize that they have to get by the emotions and get help - just find someone you ean trust.

The book is illustrated by 18year-old Kevin Franks, a student in the Plymouth-Canton District where McCoy is an alternative education teacher. Cooper explains that it was pretty remarkable how Franks came to their attention.

We went to several commercial artists, to ask for their help in illustrating our book's content. A couple agreed to help us. but they wanted a concept drawing.

"We couldn't draw - that's why we were looking for an artist! When we approached Kevin, he came back with two drawings. We just gave him the idea and he hit it right on the nose, really the way-we had envisioned it.

"It seems only appropriate that we have a young person as our illustrator.

"The idea for the title was Rick's." said Cooper. "When we were doing workshops, we needed a catchy title. When it came to writing the book, we decided to keep the title, even though the publishers tried to discourage it. That's exactly what we're talking about, after

The design of cover, came from a focus group, who helped the authors decide on what they saw as the primary symbol for this time of adolescence. It was agreed - a maze really makes sense. And so the cover design incorporates a maze in its

All in all, says Cooper, he is pleased with the outcome.

"This is the book we wanted to write, and I can feel very good about that."



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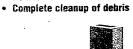
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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year "2000" ~ Klager PTO

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER REGULATIONS

It's hard to believe, but the Christmas break is nearly over. I hope that you've had a joyous holiday season and took the opportunity to share love and fellowship with family and friends. We're nearing the dawn of a New Year, century, and millennium. This is a perfect time to set goals.

Like other forward-thinking institutions, we are seeking school improvement partnerships with nearby universities. We're very fortunate to be located close to leading education al institutions. Every year, educators from the University of Michigan and Eastern Michigan University seek to help

This is a benefit our community has not fully utilized, but needs to explore. We'll begin this process in early January, with help from our staff and community. The greatest benefit of our new four-year labor contract with our teachers is that everyone has the opportunity to work together without interruption for a good period of time. Accordingly, school improvement programs need to become priority one. Our teachers and staff are doing a fine job. Education is a labor of love and faith. Like love, if education is not nurtured and expanded, it becomes stagnant and dies from the stifling sur-

within our means. I'm sure you'd agree that we all want to give our children a strong foundation, and our community has always stepped forward to support our school, and it's that time again. We need to take care of our buildings and maintain them at a level that provides a healthy learning environment for our students. I believe that we have a moral obligation to provide the next generation with the same educational opportunities for success that we had during our youth. We'll be talking about this topic more in coming weeks.

Our schools will work to add technology to every classroom.

Finally, we need to look forward. Our schools must communicate with vision. Our fifth graders will face far different

-Bob Smith Manchester Interim Superintendent

As you know, education is changing rapidly-just like every other aspect in our lives. Our school and the way we educate our students must also continue to change, so that our graduates are prepared to face the real world and be productive members of the workforce of the future.

schools to improve by working with students and teachers.

roundings. Our school system will resolve to offer the best facilities

The technology network is finally completed. Now we must bring the outside world into every classroom. Technology is no longer a curriculum. It is as essential to the learning process as the ink pen. We need to encourage and train our teachers to use computers in every classroom. New facilities work best when joined to new ideas.

challenges than today's graduates. Therefore, we need to rewrite our school mission and identify five-year goals. Every year is a new beginning and this January is more unique than most. You will seek a new superintendent, consider a bond issue, and join in improving our school program. Research indicates that it's best to focus on a few goals. I'd suggest that if we keep the resolutions noted above, the year 2000 would build a strong foundation for those who will see far more of the next century than me.

Best wishes to all of you.

Bible," available. The Friends

of the Library invite anyone to

participate in the discussions.

The next meeting will be Jan.

26, at 7 p.m. It will take place at

the Blacksmith Shop on East

# Reading group meets

the Friends of Manchester Township Library Reading Group met Dec. 1 to discuss the debut novel of a local writer, that many of us have been looking forward to reading. "Mavis," by Brenda Marshall, is a haunting tale about a North Dakota farm family's six close-knit sisters and the buried secrets and dangerous emotions that a mysterious death bring up.

Marshall, the busy author, was able to attend the discussion and was interested in our comments and feelings about

With six main characters to keep track of, we were all impressed that she could develop them to the extent that we had no difficulty knowing just who they were and how they would act. All the characters were true to their identity and we all felt like we knew them.

This was a question that we asked Brenda: Were these characters her family members or that a writer has to write about what they know and certainly her characters are parts of many people she has known, and her family still speaks to

It was a delight to hear about Brenda's experience in writing, and we're ready to read her next novel which should be available soon.

For the next book discussion, the group has chosen a favorite author, Barbara Kingsolver, who's latest book is a slight departure from her usual form. (The group read BeanTrees" last year).

The "Poisonwood Bible," is Kingsolver's timely coming-ofage novel that is set against the dramatic political struggles in the African Congo that continue to this day. The story is about a family of five American women, the Price family, whose missionary husband and father packed them up in 1959 and moved to the Belgian Congo to convert all of Africa. The story is told in alternating voices, each chapter from a different character's point of view. Ultimately each must strike her own separate path to salvation. Their stories become a compelling exploration of risk and personal responsibility.

Jan. 26 is the opportunity to discuss "The Poisonwood Bible," with others, and make a suggestion for future reading. The Holidays will hopefully offer the time to cuddle up with

a great book. The Manchester Library has copies of "The Poisonwood

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result, unprotected suction line, a buried well head, less than 50 feet to a drainfield or septic tank, any dug well, a well less than 25 feet deep, a well that cannot be located or is not on the owners' property.

ONSITE SEWAGE disposal systems will be more difficult to inspect and evaluate. Systems that are in "substantial conformance" may have some problems, including water softeners connected to the system, septic tanks 33-99% of required capacity, a system less than ten feet from the property line, a drainfield 50-99% of required area and a cover more than 24 inches deep. No more than 50% of the drainfield can be "sludged."

A system will be declared as not in substantial conformance and in need of remediation before transfer will be approved based on several criteria, such as violation of a Board of Health variance, liquid in the septic tank above the outlet invert, no drainfield found, tanks at less than 33% of required capacity and fields of less than 50% of required size, any dry well, a system that extends off property, a shared drainfield, discharge of effluent to ground surface or to a water surface, an available municipal sewer not used, 50-100% saturation above the tile and less than 50 feet to surface

SEPTIC TANK capacity and drainfield area requirements are based on the number of bedrooms in a home and the number of bathrooms. Such size requirements have been changed in many homes through additions to the home as well as by the later construction standards. Thus, even though a home may have no more than two or three bedrooms used as such, it may be designated as having more if rooms used for other purposes. such as home offices or studies could be used for bedrooms.

The Environmental Health Division has certified 41 inspectors, according to Gregory, and will certify more as applications are received. To be certified, inspectors must meet educational and experience criteria and be able to demonstrate it in an interview and through

required to complete successfully a core-training course of one to two days.

GREGORY, A fourteen-year veteran of the Environmental Health Division, believes the new program will work well. but also expects some people will be upset.

He said, "The Department is working hard to get public education material into people's hands.'

He stated that while the evaluations are not intended primarily to deal with the size of the septic systems, the size of the system will be included in the evaluation because it is a critical factor. Asked if the criteria were reasonably well defined, he replied that they were, particularly since inspectors complete evaluation forms which are then reviewed by

Asked about the concern over a water softener system connected to the onsite sewage disposal system. Gregory said the discharge to the system tended to cause overload and premature failure.

WATER FROM softening cycles should be discharged to a dry well, or run down a driveway, he said, while agreeing that simply dumping the water would tend to kill vegetation.

On a practical basis, Emory Garlick, former Manchester building inspector and a long time building contractor, stated, "Most softeners are tied into the septic system; there's not much else you can do if there isn't a lot of space for a whole separate dry well.

On the other hand, water from washing machines and dishwashers is defined as sewage by Washtenaw County and must be discharged to the septic system. In some areas, "greywater" is separated and discharged to the surface for irrigation.

Homeowners can contact the Washtenaw County Environmental Health Division for more information about well and septic systems, water testing and related areas by calling 734-971-4542, extension 2007 or visiting the web site www.co.washtenaw.mi.us/DEPT

Next week: Information about how to maintain your septic sys-

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scholarships of any sort.

The executive committee is hoping that anyone looking for a last minute tax deduction, might consider the benefit of donating to the Manchester Community School Foundation as this year draws to a close.

Those with questions may call Walter at 428-8680, or Kluwe at 428-2000. Donations may also be mailed to Post Office Box 755, Manchester, MI 48158. Donors can specify to which fund they would like their contributions credited.

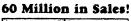
"We are looking forward to some fun things, and working together for the future of our community school," said said Walter. She added that the first fundraising event will be focused on the media center, which has many needs.

"I believe in this: I get excited when I talk about it," said Walter. "This is something that we all can believe in.

"We've got a lot of dreaming

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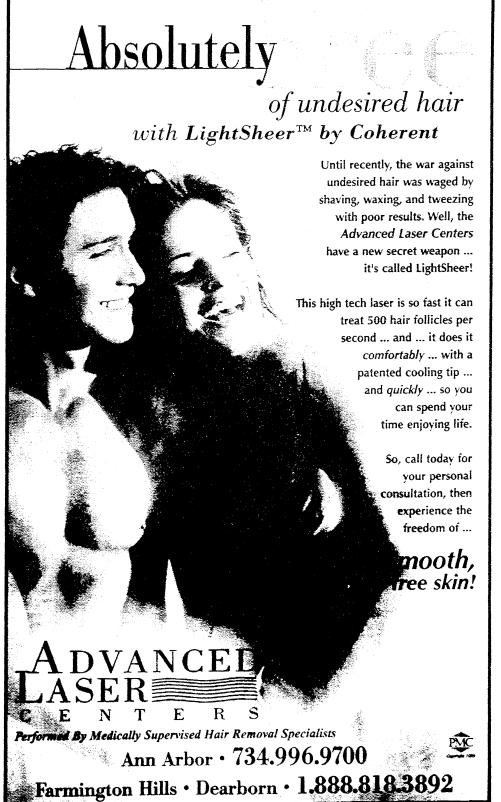
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# The rules for dating are same from generation to generation

Today, we share the following for frazzled fathers: "Ten Simple Rules for Dating My Daughter," sent by internet urchins and taken from Lauderdale's Sea Foam col-umn. Sister Bid sent this from Hilton Head from their island newspaper.

\*Rule One: If you pull into my driveway and honk you'd better be delivering a package, because you're sure not picking anything up.

Rule Two: You do not touch my daughter in front of me. You may glance at her as long as you do not peer at anything below her neck. If you cannot keep your eyes or hands off my daughter's body, I will remove

\* Rule Three: I am aware it is considered fashionable for boys of your age to wear their trousers so loosely that they appear to be falling off their hips. However, in order to ensure that your clothes do not, in fact, come off during the course of your date with my



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daughter, I will take my electric nail gun and fasten your trousers securely in place to your waist.

\* Rule Four: I'm sure you've been told that in today's world, sex without using a "barrier method" of some kind can kill you. Let me elaborate. When it comes to sex, I am the barrier and I will kill you.

\* Rule Five: In order for us to get to know each other, we should talk about sports, politics and other issues. Please do not do this. The only information I require is an indication of

when you expect to have my daughter back at my house, and the only word I need from you on this subject is, "early."

\*Rule Six: I have no doubt that you are a popular fellow, with many opportunities to date other girls. This is fine with me as long as it is OK with my daughter. Otherwise, once you have gone out with my little girl, you will continue to date no one but her until she is finished with you. If you make her cry, I will make you cry.

\* Rule Seven: As you stand in my front hallway, waiting for my daughter to appear, and more than an hour goes by, do not sigh and fidget. If you want to be on time for the movie, you should not be dating.

Rule Eight: The following places are not appropriate for a date with my daughter: Places where there are beds, sofas, or anything softer than a wooden stool. Places where there are no parents, policemen, or nuns within eyesight. Places where the temperature is warm

enough to induce my daughter to wear anything other than overalls, a sweater and a goosedown parka zipped up to her throat. Movies with a romantic or sexual them are to be avoided; movies which feature chain saws are OK. Hockey games are OK. Old folks' homes are better.

\* Rule Nine: If I ask you where you are going and with whom, you have one chance to tell me the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. I have a shotgun, a shovel, and five acres behind the house. Do not trifle with me.

\* Rule Ten: It takes very little for me to mistake the sound of your car in the driveway for a chopper coming in over a rice paddy outside of Hanoi. As soon as you pull into the driveway, you should exit your car with both hands in sight. Speak the perimeter password, announce that you have brought my daughter home safely and early, then return to your car - there is no need for you to come inside. The camouflaged face at the window is mine.

Do we need more dads like this? Yeah, huh?

Thursday, December 30: Southwestern stew is the special treat that Sue Miller, super cook serves up today in Emanuel's dining room at 12 noon for all who are 55 or older.

dinners, or Sue at 428-7630 between hours of 9 and 11 a.m. on meal days.

Monday, January 3 in the year 2000!: Bus pickup begins at 9 a.m. to go shopping at Adrian. Call Marion Ahrens at 428-7865

to go along.
Tuesday, January 4: Chicken and biscuits on the lunch menu, yummy. These meals are good,

come and try! Thursday, January 6: We will enjoy sweet & sour meatloaf what a treat. And, then you lucky seniors may play bingo at the center at 12:30.

We wish you a beautiful and bountiful year 2000!

#### Raymond and Irene Jacob

Raymond and Irene (Luckhardt) Jacob will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Friday, Dec. 31. They were married at 2 o'clock in the afternoon on Dec. 31, 1949 at Bethel United Church of Christ in Manchester.

Raymond is retired from the Washtenaw County Road Commission; Irene has retired Chelsea Community from Hospital and still works there part time. They live on Lake

LeAnn and enjoy visiting their cabin in Kalkaska, MI.

The Jacobs have three children: Lyle and Linda Jacob of Grass Lake; John and Susan Fletcher of Brooklyn; and Larry and Laurie Jacob of Napoleon. They have six grandchildren -Jason Fletcher of Warren, Lindsay and Leslie Jacob of Grass Lake, and Kaylee, Abigail and Morgan Jacob of Napoleon.

The Jacobs will celebrate their anniversary with family in January.



Church

#### for Food Scoutina



A fun-filled day was had by the Cub Scouts of Den 2 recently. The day started with "Scouting for Food," donated by generous Manchester residents, and the boys helped to unload the truck at St. Mary's Parish Center. The Christmas spirit continued as they boys sang Christmas carols and served refreshments to residents at the Woodhill Senior Apartments.



# Church Calendar

#### **BETHEL UNITED** CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, Jan. 2 8:45 AM Pick Up Choir rehearsal Monday, Jan. 3 6:30 PM Children's Choir rehearsal 6:30 PM Handbell Choir rehearsal 7:30 PM Senior Choir rehearsal Thursday, Jan. 6 7:15 PM Youth Choir Plus rehearsal

> **EMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST** Thursday, Dec. 30

12 noon Senior Meal 6:00 PM Jazzercise Sunday, Jan. 2 10:30 AM Worship Service Monday, Jan. 3 6 PM Jazzercise Brownies Troop #966 Tuesday, Jan. 4 10 AM Chelsea Baton Core 12:00 noon Senior Meal 7:00 PM Boy Scouts Wednesday, Jan. 5 9:15 AM Jazzercise 1:00 PM Emanuel Quilters 6:15 PM Jazzercise

MANCHESTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Thursday, Dec. 30 5:30 PM Wedding rehearsal Friday, Dec. 31 2:00 PM Wedding

8:00 PM New Year's Eve party Sunday, Jan. 2 10:30 AM Worship service

11:45 AM Choir practice Wednesday, Jan. 5 7:00 PM Bible Study

**NORTH SHARON BAPTIST CHURCH** Friday, Dec. 31

8:00 PM to midnight -New Year's Eve service Sunday, Jan. 2 5:30 PM Choir practice

Wednesday, Jan. 5 2:30 PM Phoster Club, Dunamis and teens

7:00 PM Teachers' meeting 7:30 PM Community Bible study Thursday, Jan. 6 7:00 PM Church visitation

> ST. MARY'S CHURCH Friday, Dec. 31 5:00 PM Mass

Saturday, Jan. 1 10:00 AM Mass Sunday, Jan. 2 11:45 AM Youth Thomas group Tuesday, Jan. 4

After School Religious education 7:00 PM Religious education grades 7 and 8

7:30 PM RCIA meeting



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NORTH SHARON BAPTIST CHURCH

Bobby Toler, Pastor; Robert Burton, Asst. Pastor; Sylvan & Washburn Road • 428-7222. Sunday School 10 a.m.; Morning Church 11 a.m.; Eve. Church 7 p.m., Wed. Bible Study & Youth 7:30 p.m. **VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH (GARBAC)** 

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ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Rev. Fr. Charles Irvin, Pastor, Tel. 428-8811. Masses: Monday 12:10 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 8:30 a.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Saturday 5 p.m.; Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

#### EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Rev. Jerrold F. Beaumont, OSP, MTh, DD. 20500 Old US-12, Chelsea • 475-8818. Worship Sundays at 10 a.m.

#### **LUTHERAN CHURCHES**

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Rev. Dale Grimm, Pastor. 1515 S. Main, Chelsea • 475-1404. Heritage Service 8:15; Contemporary Worship 10:300 a.m. Sundays.

#### ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Rev. Erling Aaserud, Pastor. Austin Road, Bridgewater • 429-7434. Sunday School 9:15 a.m.; Worship 10:30; various mid-week and Bible Study groups.

#### ST. THOMAS LUTHERAN CHURCH

Rev. John Kayser, pastor. 10001 W. Elisworth Road (5 miles north and 6-1/2 east of Manchester) • 913-8691. Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service 10:45 a.m.

#### ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor David Hendricks. 3050 S. Fletcher Rd., Chelsea • 475-8064. Sunday School 9 a.m.; Worship 10:15 a.m.

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# Enterprise COMMENTARY

# Street **Talk**

By Marsha Johnson-Chartrand

"What are your plans for New Year's Eve?"



"I'm having some of my day care friends over and we'll have a family-friendly fun New Years Eve.

- Mary Bortmas



Staying home - we don't go out; it's too risky."

- Donna Gerig

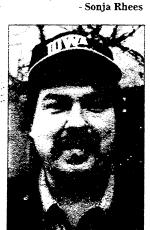


"I'm conducting the militia

- Chris Stein



"I'll be down at the Legion, watching the fireworks.



"Well, I don't know, I'm supposed to go to a party, but we don't know what will happen in the village that night. So I'l have to play it low-key.'

- Bob Ross

# End of the millennium brings a sigh of relief

millennium (unless you are a purist). "Y2K." The end of the decade and the end of the cen-

Whew! I'm glad that's over. After a year of Y2K hype and jokes and e-mail, after a visual countdown in the daily papers, finally it is here.

And what is to happen come Saturday morning?

I'm hoping for peace and quiet

Not only will we have this major hurdle behind us, but we'll also have the crush of this busy holiday season behind us. It will be January.

I love January. It is, to me, the quiet month. We almost never have parties or calendar events in January. We have long open weekends with no do's or

It is the month that I use to recover from the previous year's hectic, even grueling schedule. And the month I use to renew and refresh my spirit



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and my body to prepare for the next grueling and hectic year.

**REFLECTIONS** 

To many of us it is a time of resolutions and new promises. A time of hope.

To me it is always a time of reflection too.

I look back on my life and try to slow down and count my blessings. I try to remember to enjoy this journey we are on.

I resolve to do better this year at being thankful and grateful for the gifts and bounty I have in my life.

I know this will barely last out much. They'll have friends

January is the month I'll use to plan and organize my life. I'll try to get every sports event into my calendar so I can keep them straight. I always intend to add the addresses into my book, the ones on the return address line of the Christmas cards we received.

I always think it would be cool to do a jigsaw puzzle with the kids. Make it a family event, set up a table in the living room

and take a week to do it. But that'll never happen.

We have so many intentions. so many wants, things to do as a family, things to do as a couple, things to do as an individual.

We've been saying for years we'd go to the dinosaur museum in Ann Arbor and still have not made it there as a family.

I think what happens in January is that we really just want to do nothing.

The kids don't even want to go

over, they'll play and go sledding, but they won't want to do day trips.

We all enjoy the quiet of January. We enjoy fires, comfy blankets on the sofa, reading and quiet.

As for New Year's Eve. I hate to admit it but we'll probably be sound asleep when the ball drops in Times Square.

Before we had children my husband and I would spend New Year's at our cabin. It is far north in the upper peninsula and so deep in the woods we have to snow shoe to it in the winter.

We always packed downhill skis, cross country skis and sleds. We'd park the car on the nearest plowed road and pack in our gear and food.

It would take a full day to chase the chill out of the cabin

You see it is a rustic cabin. No running water, no furnace. The only modern convenience is electricity. We get heat in the we cook on a wood stove year round.

You know what happened?

We never skied.

We never went sledding. We never went anywhere. We ate and slept and sat by

the fire reading. On New Year's Eve we just couldn't seem to stay awake

past ten. And we discovered we loved that tradition.

So this year, if the lights go out, we won't know it until we

wake up on Saturday. The good news is, as I reflect back on this tradition and its origins, that we at least learned

something. Now we don't even try to plan a ski trip.

We know it is January and we know what we want to do.

We'll light a fire, grab a book and hit the sofa.

And then we'll say thanks that we don't ever have to hear about Y2K again.

# Political involvement should be everyone's resolution

Resolutions, resolutions... it's an election year and as much as I'd like to avoid it, my mind keeps turning to what I expect of politicians.

Recently, I talked with a staffer from a local State Rep's office about how the Rep had voted on a bill. Maybe it would be more accurate to say that I talked "AT" the staffer.

'Jim, what was he thinking? Who on earth did he talk to before making this decision?"

I was referring to legislation that overturns local municipalities' rights to use local penal fine revenue to support local law enforcement. According to various "insider" reports, the legislation passed the Michigan State House well supported by the trucking industry that thought they were victims of overenforcement." Michigan's libraries also supported it, because they may benefit



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because more of the revenue stream from traffic fines may be directed towards them.

communities Washtenaw County face the need for more, not less, funding for law enforcement as they grow and as the County appears less inclined to support patrols in our area. As far as I'm con-cerned, this legislation is poorly thought out. Fewer road patrols will mean less penal fine income, and I doubt

libraries will see much benefit. So, who wins if this passes the Michigan Senate? Let's see...not the local governments, not the libraries. not rural residents who want more law enforcement in their neighborhoods. Gee, it must be the poor victims of over zealous enforcement... the trucking industry.

You know, the same folks who exceed the speed limits along M-52 while the kids are on the sidewalks seven feet away. Perhaps it's your neighbor in the red pickup who never seems to leave home on time and speeds to get where he needs to be. The new teen driver, who believes she is immortal, especially when her parents aren't looking. The very people who should be subject to traffic

Of course, there are many benefits from local law enforcement other than traffic enforcement. There is actually response when we need it. The fact is, more local governments have been looking into adding officers utilizing penal fine monies.

I gave the staff person my telephone number and asked for an answer. Gene. I'm still waiting.

But, back to resolutions and politicians. For awhile, I'd tried to head off my tendency to howl when they did stupid things. This summer, however, I got annoyed enough to write to Spencer Abraham about his support for a) massive pork spending and b) massive tax cuts. Guess what? The reply said that because he had heard much support from Michigan's taxpayers for tax cuts and highway improvements, he felt he was really right, but thanks for letting him know. That did it.

And that's my resolution share this with you and encourage you to speak up and speak out. Write, telephone, e-mail. folks we send to Washington, Lansing and even the Village or Township Hall. Before they vote. Tell them what you think. And if you like what they decide, tell them that

Now, I've got my list. I've checked it twice. Campaign finance reform tops my list. Term limits, financial accountability in plain language. Honesty. Social security reform. improved education nationwide. Health care! An end to partisan bickering at the expense of the state or the nation. You know, the dull stuff that we elect them to do.

And for Pete's sake, can we stop dealing with the trash? We get enough of that on television.

# Y2K just a date, nothing to get all excited about

Well the big event is just around the corner and by now everyone is wondering just what will happen come midnight on Dec. 31, 1999. Or rather, what will happen come 12:01 a.m. on Jan. 1, 2000.

I choose to think it won't be much different than any other New Year's Eve. If a disaster of any nature-occurs at midnight or shortly thereafter, someone might have to wake me up to tell me about it.

I got into the midst of a discussion of the Y2K topic last week and it seemed to be the general consensus is that it is nonsense - nothing will happen, and it's all a bunch of hype. I think I've said that before. I

know I've thought that before. Yet, if anything, the hysteria seems even more widespread

than it has been up until now. People are afraid to fly. Do they really think an airplane will simply fall out of the sky. even if the computers all go down? Does it bear thinking



MARSHA JOHNSON CHARTRAND

#### AFTER THOUGHTS

People are stocking up on food, water, fuel, toilet paper... I've noticed a shortage of those large water jugs at the market lately. And I'm still trying to figure out why people are stocking up on toilet paper. Water - I can understand that. Kerosene or propane - sure. But please let me know if I'm missing something. Is all the world's toilet paper supply going to disappear in one large millennial

And if anything does happen. how long will it last? I guess that depends on what "anything" means. It is conceivable that there may be interruptions of power or telephone service or other things that are mighty inconvenient. That can happen any time during the winter - or the summer - not necessarily only on a date that might trip up a few million computers.

But I have a hard time seriously thinking about life not going on pretty much as usual a few days from now, no matter how hard I try. So I pretty much have stopped thinking about

Instead. I'm trying to focus on something a bit different. I always think of the new year as a time of beginnings, of starting over with a clean slate: a time of optimism and hope

It would seem like having a nice, round, even number like 2000 would be a time for increased optimism, and more new clean slates, instead of the dire predictions we've all

I remember when I was a little girl and thinking that the year 2000 sounded like such a magical time. I remember thinking that maybe I would even live to see such a date, if I wasn't too old by that time. (And these days. I don't think I am 'too old" yet.)

ber when my daughter started kindergarten. and I realized that she would be graduating in the year 2000. I thought how lucky would be to graduate in

remem-

what still sounded like a "magical" year. Now, she tells me, people call them the "Class of Y2K." She hates it. She says it sounds like a plague, rather than good for-

I'm still trying to figure out why people are

stocking up on toilet paper ... Is all the world's

toilet paper going to dis-

appear in one large mil-

lennial flush?

I still choose to think that it is pretty good luck. And even though it no longer seems like a magical date. I choose to believe that it certainly bodes me no personal

ill will.

So I'm assuming that we will all be back here next week, basking in the blue glow of our computer monitors.

I think my biggest problem with turning the calendar to the quite similar to the one I experi-

ence every other year - remembering to change the date as I write my checks.

Have a happy new year and a wonderful future.

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#### SCOUTS

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helping them out as Eagle Scout advisor. Kwolek himself is an Eagle Scout, class of 64.

"I mainly got involved with the troop on a regular basis when my son, Aaron, came in about two years ago," said Kwolek.

"When I came into the troop the breakfasts were already going strong. It has continued to gain momentum, and now we're seeing about 140 people on an almost-regular basis," he said.

In addition to being the Assistant Scoutmaster, Kwolek is also the charter representa-

"That means I'm the guy who answers questions for the Knights - sort of a liaison," he

The reason why I'm doing this? I feel like I'm paying back for all the time, effort, and the wonderful things that people did for me while I was in scouts. A lot of the men who become involved feel the same way...or if they haven't been involved before, they're just committed to the ideals of scouting."

Scouting tends to keep you busy, whether you're an adult scout or a youth, says Kwolek.

"We try to keep the kids busy, but scouting is a bit different than when I was a boy.

"Back then I had a lot of time for scouting. Now, boys have to find time in between sports. church and other activities that are important to them.

"Scouting has a definite role to play; sometimes you have to squeeze it in. All the boys come at it from different perspectives Each is unique.

"For some, scouting is a priority, some see it as something they can do periodically and others sort of dabble in it.'

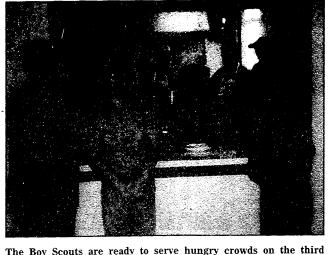
Currently, says Kwolek, there is a really fine core group of kids in the troop.

"It's usually the kids of the parents who participate in scouts, who are there most regularly. When the parents help out, they make it possible."

Usually, about two-thirds of the troop will participate at the scout breakfasts.

"You see many of the same faces but you also get some surprises each month," said Kwolek.

Kwolek adds that the break-



Sunday of each month at St. Mary Parish Center.

fast is something that the scouts have the K of C, particularly Ed Barnard, for which they can be thankful. The Knights established this means of fund raising to provide the troop with a regular source of income, which they didn't have before.

Barnard says that one thing that makes working at the breakfasts so personally rewarding, is that it has given him a good opportunity to work with the young people of the community.

The proceeds all benefit the troop directly, and stay within the community. Of course, much of what is provided to the scouts is camping equipment, but it's also enabled them to do some fun things, according to Kwolek.

"We've taken two ski trips out to Mt. Brighton, where about

half the troop got their skiing badge, paid for by this money, and this project funded it substantially; the boys didn't have to pay for it. It also pays for camping equipment."

And most importantly, said Kwolek, it gives the scouts an account they can draw on, to recognize boys in some way -to be able acknowledge top participation in service and fund rais-

"Both the boys and the adults are working toward that right now," said Kwolek.

The recognition may be in the form of camping scholarships, to purchase personal camping equipment, or funding a Boy Scout High Adventure camp.

When you have a big troop, says Kwolek, this is easy. When

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the troop is small, it is more difficult.

"At best, we have 25 scouts: usually half to two-thirds of them show up at meetings. These days, scouting competes with sports and other activities. Then at 16, it competes with other activities like driving and girlfriends.

"Older scouts can see scouting at its best. Then we can develop a scout-to-scout mentor program. We're working toward that, and I'm impressed with the progress we have made.

Kwolek said that the quality of the parent participation is the key to a successful scouting experience.

"It just amazes me. The parents are so generous with their time and money, it makes going to the meeting a real pleasure.

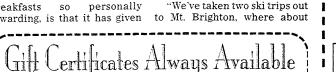
'Seeing not just kids, but half a dozen adults who stay - i doesn't get any better than that. We have adults who want to share with the boys the skills they have. The fact that they consider it time well spent makes scouting a lot more fun and makes the stuff that they learn, stick."

The breakfasts have been going on for over three years now and the scouts have it down to a science. Their popularity is growing in the community and their philosophy of service with a smile is probably one of the reasons why.

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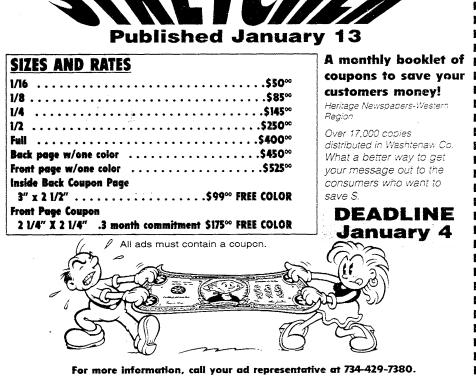




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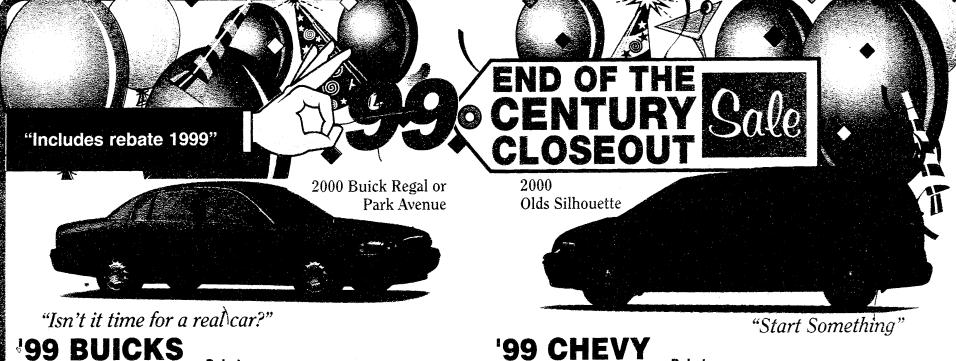
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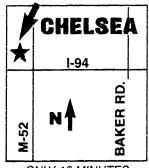


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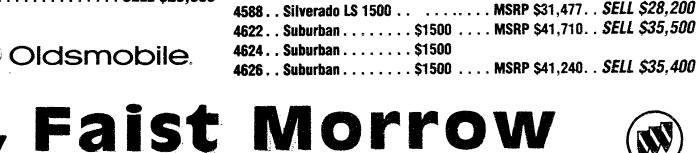
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Coval, Jason Lindemann, Mike Taddonio, Coach Adam Benschoter.

Terris Ahrens, Jeff Miller, Lance Aiken. William Aldrich. Wade

Goodell. Missing: Jon Schaible, Dan Schulte.

offense."

they had in seventh grade but

down the court, go to their spots

"In seventh grade they run

The eighth graders look to

Benschoter said he'll have

score as they bring the ball up

guys flying for lay-ups: they'll

take two or three cuts and if

that doesn't work then they will

go into position to start their

would get into the flex offense.'

"Maybe two times a game we

And it was working.

with a big, new, difference.

then start

Benschoter said.

offense.



#### Nick Davis in Pasadena for the Rose Bowl

Nick Davis and the University of Wisconsin football team flew to Pasadena on Dec. 25 to prepare for the first Rose Bowl of the new millennium

The team will attend the Wisconsin pep rally at ABC Entertainment Center in Century Plaza on Dec. 30 at 4 p.m.

They will take on Stanford on Jan. 1, 2000 at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena. Calif. Kickoff is set for 4 p.m. The game will be televised nationally by ABC.

Davis finished the season as the number two receiver for Wisconsin with 19 catches for 346 yards and one touchdown. He also was the number one punt returner with 249 yards and one touchdown and the number one kick off returner with 394 yards and two touchdowns.

Davis was second only to Heisman Trophy winner Ron Dayne in all-purpose yards with 1007 yards.

#### **Player Profile Nominees** Being Accepted

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# 8th grade team ends season almost perfect

By Colleen O'Neill

Special Writer The eighth grade basketball

team finished their season with a 10-1 record.

"It was a pretty successful season," said Head Coach Adam Benschoter with a touch of understatement.

In all sincerity he added that it was a joy to work with these athletes and he was especially impressed with their intelli-

"This was the first team I have ever coached, at any level, that every one of the kids was on the honor roll," Benschoter

Not only the honor roll, but nine of his players were on the "A" honor roll.

"They are complete students they worked hard," and Benschoter said.

'It was a fun season."

There were two big games Benschoter said his team wanted to get up for, the Napoleon and the Vandercook games.

We beat Vandercook pretty good, but the one loss we had was to Napoleon by just one point." Benschoter said.

It was the defense that carried the team. Benschoter said his team held their opponents to close to a 21 or 23 point per game average.

'We were excellent defensively," Benschoter said. "We started taking pride in not allowing teams to score and that helped us all year long.'

The Coach did point out that the team only shot thirty percent for most of year and feels a team has to play good defense with that kind of shooting or you will not win too many ball

The defense not only stopped the opponents' offense, but the Dutchmen were able to convert their turnovers into points.

"That acts as a double bonus," Benschoter said.

While the offense started slow with shooting, Benschoter said a lot of that had to do with their new offense.

It is still the same offense as

Benschoter said. "Most of the time the shot would go up. and we got the shot we wanted before going into the flex offense. It was because of this added element that team was slow to start on shooting. But, as Benschoter said, this Realtor is a smart team. "The more we went on the better we got with it.' Benschoter said.

The last two or three games the shooting was forty-five to fifty percent.

Once they got comfortable with the offense and understood what is going on, the shooting improved.

good hard defense, stuck with his man and gave us it all."

Jon Schaible played point guard for Benschoter at the start of the year.

"He is absolutely a great defensive player," Benschoter

Benschoter felt Schaible did better after he was switched from point guard to shooting guard.

"He did much better with that, he saw things better that way," Benschoter said. "With understanding of the offense, he is a good floor leader, high energy, one of the guvs who could do it all. He

Benschoter added that all the

could try for rebounds."

kids did whatever was asked. "Dan Schulte had games where he was the scorer," Benschoter said. "He did an excellent job at rebounding and led the team in blocked shots.

Benschoter was particularly impressed with Schulte's leadership ability.

"He was another one that was kind of one of vocal leaders." Benschoter said. "He was very encouraging, just as I was. almost like a second coach."

Mike Taddonio did some scoring for the team, played forward, a little center and some guard.

"He played all three, and did a nice job," Benschoter said. "He hustled wherever he went. crashed the board. He really got better as the year went along. In the beginning he was kind of tentative and got stronger and stronger as games went on.

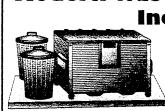
Jordan Tallman was the leading scorer and rebounder.

"He is just an excellent basketball player. He could dominate the boards went he wanted to," Benschoter said. "An all around good ball player.

Lance Aiken started the year at the two guard position and did a really nice job for Benschoter but was moved to the starting point guard at end of the season.

"He was excellent and probably led the team in assists and did a nice job defensively. Benschoter said. "The big thing that helped us out with him is the way he ran the offense the last few games, he did just an outstanding job with that."

Although Jeff Miller was an unfortunate victim of foul trou-See 8th GRADE-Page 2-B



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# 7th grade squad ends season with 9-2 record

By Colleen O'Neill Special Writer

The Manchester seventh grade basketball season was short and compact.

"They changed the length of season." said Head Coach Curt Fielder. "We used to go until after Christmas. Our league changed to have no overlap between basketball and middle school wrestling. "It gives the students an

opportunity to experience four sports at the middle school level. Fielder said in terms of wins

and losses the season was extremely successful.

"Of course, at this age you look far beyond wins and losses," Fielder said. "For the short period of time I had to work with them, I saw considerable improvement from each and every one of these kids.'

Fielder is not only pleased with the basketball season, but with the off-court benefits to sech of the students

"It does wonders for each of these kids in the classroom to have that motivational tool for them." Fielder said. "They continue to work hard in the classroom or they know there are consequences involved."

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And then there are the play-

Benschoter said you couldn't

ask much more of a kid then

what he got from Wade Goodell.

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nately did not score this year."

Benschoter said. "He played

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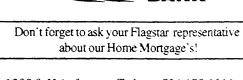
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#### 8th GRADE

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ble in his last game and did not get to play much of that game he had an excellent year.

"He was a man of all trades, guard, forward, center, he'd rebound, he'd assist and he'd score when we needed someone to score," Benschoter said. "Jeff was the best all around player. He could play defense no matter how big the guy was. he got job done."

Jason Lindemann played forward center.

"He made a comment to me that he scored more points in the last game then all of last year. He had a nice outside shot," Benschoter said. "He might have led the team in three-pointers, he rebounded well, and played good defense.

"Like all of them, he did what was asked.'

Mike Coval was busy. He ran the point, ran the shooting guard, ran the small forward.

'We had him switching position-wise, not because he was not doing a good job, but we thought his talents would mix better with different line ups at different places," Benschoter said. "He started the year with a lot of turnovers, it was just amazing to watch him as he almost eliminated them."

Benschoter described Terris Ahrens as possibly one of the streakiest shooters he's ever had.

"Two or three times this year he came in in the fourth quarter and just lit it up," Benschoter said. "Against Grass Lake he scored four of five. At Michigan Center he did all of his scoring in the fourth quarter.

"He has a good outside shot, and did a good job defensively but his strength was to come in and score.'

The eighth graders played excellent middle school basket-

"If they are able to stay together and keep improving, they are going to put together a real nice high school career," Benschoter said. "They have everything they need - ball handlers, shooters, big guys - all the pieces are in place.

But their key talent, according to Benschoter, is their intelligence.

"They are so basketball smart," Benschoter said. "They know what is going on."

He believes if they can stay together and keep working they will be a force.

"I would look for good things from this class," Benschoter

said. Benschoter was thankful to

Larry Aiken who kept the book all year and compiled the stats. And he was thankful to all the parents in general.

"Some kept stats during the games, rebounds, turnovers. They picked them up at all different times, and made sure they were at practice," Benschoter said. "With all the support, this is just an excellent, excellent group."

# Team nets tourney wins

By Colleen O'Neill

The Manchester Varsity Volleyball team got an advance

look at their season at the Parma Western Tournament. We were one of 15 teams to

compete," said Head Coach Dan Roughton. "In pool play, we won six games and lost

In the first game of the day the Lady Dutch lost to 9-15 Mason then won the next game 15-

— Dan Roughton Varsity Volleyball Coach

Against Clio they lost 13-15 and then won 15-

After that the Dutchmen racked up wins by defeating Lincoln 15-10 and 15-13 and they defeated Onsted 15-8 and 16-14. Even with the win, Roughton said the game against Onsted was bad.

"It was bad because we missed nine serves in one game," Roughton said. "That was our big problem all day."

Fortunately the point of preseason tournaments is to get

some action and see what the team needs to work on.

"What we need to work on for our first home match against Addison is serving," Roughton

the pool play with a 6-2 record, which they shared with two

other teams. However because of points they points

place. "There were

Roughton said. In first round of the single championship

"Serving was still a problem." Roughton said. "We missed four serves out of six in the second

But there was much for Roughton to be pleased about.

play of Beth Sodt," Roughton said. "She comes in and just plays back row and she plays very strong and only missed one

# **Program gives kids** a chance to compete

The Manchester seventh and eighth grade basketball teams have ended their seasons.

According Athletic Director Wes Gall, there has been some type of youth basketball program on and off in Manchester over the past 25 years. However, in 1994 Steve McCalla and Ken Branch put together Youth Hoops and the program has been on ever

"Up to that time we found some kids who had been invited to play on a team that would travel to Ann Arbor to play bas-ketball," McCalla said. "Those kids would be a beneficiary of playing basketball at a young

locally so all kids would have an opportunity to play basketball for three months.

Ken Branch runs the girls program on Saturday mornings while McCalla runs the boys program on Saturday evening. McCalla is also the coordinator and gets all shirts, trophies and

gram included fourth, fifth and sixth grades and they played in one level," McCalla said.

"The last two years we've allowed third graders."

The girls all play in the same pool of kids while the boys, because of higher numbers, have been able to break the third and fourth grade kids into one division and the fifth and sixth grade kids into another.

"The first year there were 25 girls, this year 52," McCalla said. "The numbers have doubled in six years. The boys' numbers have gone from 44 to

As for adding the third

program had eight teams with about seven girls per team.

division there were four teams with up to eight players per team. At the fifth and sixth grade level McCalla had eight teams with up to six players per

"We try to make them as thin as possible to guarantee them plenty of playing time." McCalla said.

high school gym. The girls play from 9 a.m through noon and the boys run from 4 p.m.

"I'm there until 10 p.m.," McCalla said. "It takes a lot of time but it is worthwhile."

One reason the program works so well is because both the girls and boys junior high coaches, the freshman coach and varsity coach all volunteer their time to the program. Along with the coaches McCalla draws from a pool of basketball junkies throughout the community to volunteer as well.

The season is split into two

first six weeks or the second, except for McCalla and Branch. who work the entire 12-week

66There were only two teams at the tournament with a better pool record than us.99

The Lady Dutch came out of

were in third

only two teams at the tournament with a better pool record than us,"

Manchester lost to Traverse City 7-15 and 2-15.

"I was very happy with the

By Colleen O'Neill Special Writer

So has the Manchester Youth Hoops program.

"I decided to do something

ribbons. "The first four years the pro-

77 this year."

graders, McCalla said that move has gone over real well.

For the 1999 season, the girls'

In the boys' third and fourth

All games are played at the through 9 p.m.

Volunteers either work the

For the first six weeks the

players work on skills. There are six different stations set up in the gym with a volunteer See YOUTH— Page 3-B

serve all day.

Another player who did well was sophomore Brie Hyde.

"For her first varsity volleyball match she did very well," Roughton said.

Amy Preston was another player Roughton mentioned.

She played consistent all day as well."

As for the problems with the serve, Roughton felt that since this was his first time as varsity coach at Manchester, most of the seniors were not playing the same offense and defense they were used to playing.

"It was like a new tournament for them and for me." Roughton

The bottom line was simple for Roughton. "We did well."

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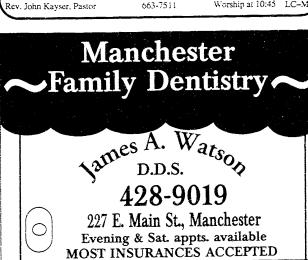
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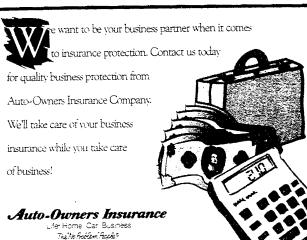
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#### YOUTH

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coach at each location. Each station works on a different skill. Players spend 10 minutes at a station then rotate.

The second six weeks is the actual playing season with teams playing two games every Saturday and some of the volunteers serve as referees.

The girls play for four weeks and then Branch holds a double elimination tournament over the last two weeks.

McCalla runs a single elimination tournament for the boys on the last Saturday of the sea-

While they are similar, the programs are not identical.

"We award trophies in the regular season for first and second place," McCalla said. "In the tournaments we award first and second place trophies as well as a third place medallion.

"Any child that didn't win a trophy or medallion receives a participation ribbon. Everybody runs away with some-

Kids also get a tee shirt with their name on the back.

'We try to change the design on yearly basis. This year it was a four-color tee shirt with the name on the back."

Manchester does not have a community recreation department so this program is run by volunteers and uses the school gym. Other areas do less time for more money.

There is no cost to use the school," McCalla said. "For the first couple of years we charged \$25 per child. This year the cost was \$40 per child for 12 weeks.

Compared to the \$70 player fee in Ann Arbor, the Manchester fee is very afford-

"We primarily slant it toward Manchester kids but over the years we've had a couple of kids from Tecumseh, because they have relatives in Manchester. We don't exclude anyone.'

The funds are used to pay for the team shirts and trophies which is in excess of a couple thousand dollars every year.

"We don't charge a lot," McCalla said. "We are not out to make a lot of money, and some of that we dump back into the athletic program.

McCalla is pleased with the response to the program.

"I see a boost in enthusiasm amongst the younger kids. Some of the first to go through (the program) are getting to high school. It has kind of turned into a feeder program and is reflected in the success both the boys and girls have had at the high school and junior high school level over the last couple of years?

While McCalla and Branch are the driving force behind the program, it is a community

Besides the coaches and basketball fans that volunteer their time, players participate as well.

"Ken includes a lot of junior varsity and varsity girls who donate their time and serve as coaches for the team," McCalla said. "Ken makes up the team, assigns the coaches and they serve as coaches for the 12 week season.

In the boys program McCalla includes junior high and high school players who come in and act as counselors, but he does not assign coaches.

McCalla said he does not focus on perfection from his

"I prefer to just let them play ball," McCalla said. "In the fifth and sixth grade divisions the captains are responsible for rotating in players. At third and fourth grade level I handle substitution of players and rota-

Besides providing an opportunity for Manchester youth to play basketball, besides providing tee shirts, trophies, medallions and ribbons, besides becoming a feeder program for the middle and high school basketball programs, the Youth Hoops program provides uniand equipment to forms

Manchester athletics. All checks are made out to the athletic department where the funds are set aside and have been used for various things over years.

The first purchase was in 1996 when we bought 35 uniforms for boys and 35 uniforms for girls at junior high level for a total of 70 uniforms," McCalla

"In 1997 we replaced the rims in the high school gymnasium of the two main baskets and added the rubber bumper pad under-

neath the back boards. Youth Hoops also donated money toward the purchase of the girl's varsity uniforms.

"We also purchased the girls varsity and junior varsity practice jerseys in 1997," McCalla

In 1998 the program donated funds towards the purchase of the boys varsity uniforms and donated money toward the purchase of four glass backboards that were added last year.

According to McCalla the four new backboards were a combined effort. In addition to the Youth Hoops funds, moneys were also donated by the boosters and from Larry Aiken's grade school tournament.

"This year we purchased the boys varsity warm ups that match last years uniforms," McCalla said.

In addition to Steve and Ken, Dawn McCalla also contributes time to the program doing paper work and other jobs.

McCalla and Branch are trying to build enthusiasm and dedication to basketball in addition to having fun.

The benefits have been huge. "We've seen increased enthusiasm from the kids, we've been able to afford uniforms, and we have tried to benefit both the boys and the girls side," McCalla said.

"We try to split it up on a yearly basis. With the amount of profits we can't do everything for both sides.

"Initially we took care of the junior high uniforms, which were a mess. We helped out with the girls one year, as well as replacing equipment.'

McCalla, Branch and Gall, who oversee the Youth Hoops money, hope to continue to contribute to the athletic programs in the future.

"The boys program is set as far as uniforms and warm ups." McCalla said. "In the future I don't see any more reason to purchase uniforms, both boys and girls are all new.

"The only potential would be girls warm ups. I'll leave that up to the girls, what they see a need for in the future.

Both McCalla and Gall would like to see more parents get involved with youth athletics in Manchester.

"If they want to get involved, (they should) step in," Gall said. The athletic boosters are looking for people to get involved." Gall also said he would like to see another youth program started in Manchester.

One thing is certain, the benefits to the young athletes and to the basketball program are

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Besides those advantages, Fielder is really encouraged with the talent that is coming through the middle school.

"The high school coaches would have to be very excited,' Fielder said.

The eighth grade basketball finished two years of middle school games with a 21-1 record.

"In a few short years these kids will be in high school and I'm anxious to see the fortunes of Manchester basketball program," Fielder said.

But, to Fielder, it is not just about basketball.

He feels these kids need to realize that in order to continue to improve they need to concentrate on more than one sport.

"There is no substitute for having someone direct you as a coach," Fielder said.

"It improves skill and strength and gives you that desire because you are compet-

He also pointed out that it helps provide an athlete with the drive to work hard, which is extremely difficult to maintain on your own.

"It is a lot easier to have a group of peers working for the same cause, to challenge each other in practice and then go on to challenge another school," Fielder said.

He believes athletes should get involved in as many extra curricular activities as possible which his athletes have done. That is certainly part of the reason the seventh graders will take a 9-2 record to the next

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#### Howard and Velma Woodruff

A "double celebration" of 90th birthday and 70th wedding anniversary was held in honor of Howard and Velma Woodruff of Milan.

The party, hosted by their daughter and son-in-law Priscilla and Duane Haselschwerdt of Manchester, was held on Sunday. June 20.

Howard Woodruff was born on June 8, 1909, and was married to Velma in February of 1929. The couple also has two sons, Howard (Evelyn) of Florida and Robert (Sylvia) of

"We do celebrate with a party each summer," said Priscilla Haselschwerdt. "Because our family is so spread out it is easier to get together at that time than in the winter."

The large open house, welcoming 125 friends and relatives from Florida, Connecticut, Indiana, Arizona, and all over Michigan, was very successful. said Haselschwerdt.

"It was their day to shine." All of the couple's three children, eight grandchildren and great-grandchildren were in attendance at the celebration.

Haselschwerdt said the guests enjoyed both birthday cake and wedding cake, along with ice cream and other refreshments.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Woodruff are the last remaining members of large families, said Haselschwerdt. Howard is the youngest from a family of eight children, and Velma the second oldest in a family of six.

Mr. Woodruff is a retiree of Ford Motor Co. Ypsilanti plant and worked as a supervisor. Mrs. Woodruff has always been a homemaker.



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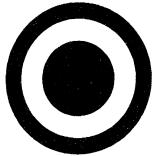
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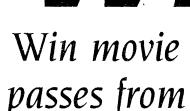
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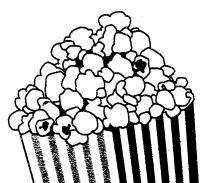
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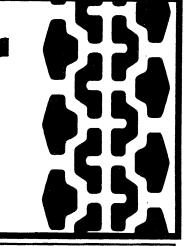
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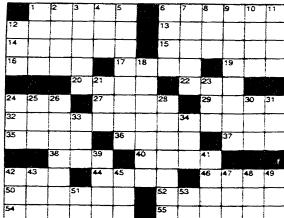
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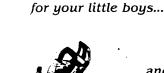
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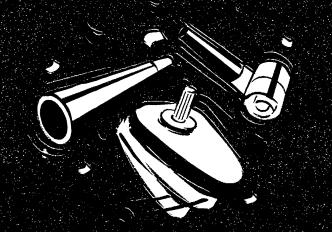
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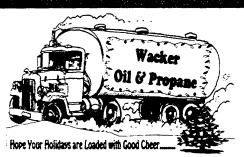
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