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Contention arises over Bridgewater sewer issue

■ Some residents oppose lagoon treatment facility.

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Associate Editor

While waiting for the outcome of its grant to help finance a sewer system in the Bridgewater hamlet, the Bridgewater Township board is "doing its homework." Supervisor Carol Peacock spoke to representatives in Lansing last week to determine a time frame for receipt of the grant funds, and learned that the target date to begin disbursement is April 1. "We can put the project on hold except for land acquisition activities, which would not be covered by the grant," she told the board.

Dan Myers, chairman of the Washtenaw County Department of Public Works, said that the commissioners have accepted the project and a contract with the township will be developed, but the project will not be designed until after April 1. "Really, they've given us time to do a

little more homework, which I think we need," said trustee Doug Parr.

Sewage treatment is a multi-stage process to renovate wastewater before it reenters a body of water, is applied to the land or is reused. Its goal is to reduce or remove organic matter, solids, nutrients, disease-causing organisms and other pollutants from wastewater.

Glenn Burkhardt of Tetra Tech MPS, the township's engineers, presented a report about the pros and cons of lagoons versus mechanical treatment plants.

"The feasibility study (begun in 1998 and completed the following year) recommended a lagoon," Peacock said in explanation of Burkhardt's report. "But since that time concerns have been raised by some property owners. We've received several letters from property owners and one from the Saline Township board."

Most recently a group of 10 residents of Bridgewater and Saline townships wrote a letter to the township board that was published in the Saline Reporter.

"The site you are considering has six

homes within one-quarter mile of the proposed lagoon," the letter reads. "Not one of the six is located within the hamlet of Bridgewater. Not one of the six will be served by the project. In effect, you are foisting your problems onto neighbors who are not served by or a part of the problem. Your human waste is going to be dumped in our back yards."

Lagoon water treatment systems are shallow basins which hold wastewater for several months to allow for the natural degradation of sewage.

They are one of the most popular methods for wastewater treatment around the world and are among the simplest and least expensive. Lagoon systems use natural and energy-efficient processes to provide low-cost wastewater treatment for many rural communities in the U.S.

Lagoons are considered well-suited to small communities because they can cost less to construct, operate, and are simpler to maintain than other systems. They require more land than other wastewater treatment methods.

Peacock asked Burkhardt to explain

the financial impact of lagoon versus mechanical treatment, and if there were concerns other than financial.

She also advised the audience that Burkhardt was in attendance to present his report and she would allot 20 minutes for questions and discussion prior to moving forward on the evening's agenda.

"We will not be able to fully address all our questions and answers tonight," she said. "At our last board meeting we decided that we would hold a special meeting for the purpose of addressing this."

Burkhardt told the board that the labor and maintenance associated with a lagoon typically is very small, while management of a mechanical system would require a significant amount of labor.

"It would take a relative investment of 58 percent more to develop and maintain a mechanical system over the next 20 years than a lagoon," he said. "This is consistent with our conclusions from 1999."

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NEWS BRIEFS

Biodiesel pump opens today at Wacker's

Michigan's first biodiesel fuel pump will open this afternoon at Wacker Oil, 9050 M-52 at the corner of Pleasant Lake Road. The first vehicle will be filled at 4 p.m.

This event makes the state a national leader in renewable fuels. Biodiesel is a diesel fuel replacement derived from agricultural products and is the fastest-growing alternative to petroleum-based fuels.

Teens using drugs: how to know and what to do

"Teens using drugs: how to know and what to do" is a free, two-part community education series. This resource helps family members and professionals learn how to identify and address adolescent alcohol and drug problems. The program is presented by social worker Ron Harrison.

The next series is set from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on Feb. 5 and 12 in Classroom EC4, second floor of the Education Center located at 5305 Elliott Dr. at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

Alumni to offer second annual scholarship

The Manchester High School Alumni Association has set the date for its 125th alumni banquet on June 15.

Again this year, the alumni plan to award a scholarship to a graduating senior. To make a tax-deductible donation to the Manchester High School Alumni Scholarship fund, send your check to Colleen Kemner, 14282 W. Austin Rd., Manchester. Please note if the donation is being given in honor or memory of someone.

Sunday breakfast set

The American Legion, Post #117 will hold its monthly breakfast from 8 a.m. to noon on Sunday at the Legion hall, 203 Adrian St. The cost is \$4 per person and traditional breakfast favorites are made to order.

High School plans blood drive

Manchester High School's chapter of the National Honor Society will hold its annual winter blood drive on Wednesday. The drive is geared for students who are age 17 and older, weighing more than 110 pounds.

The blood drive benefits the Red Cross. The next local bloodmobile will be held on March 4 at Emanuel United Church of Christ.

A Toy to Soothe the Hurt

■ Volunteers' hard work comforts sick children in hospital

By Laura Merte
Staff Writer

Last Christmas they played Santa's elves, hand-making more than 60 stuffed animals for children at Mott Children's Hospital. This year they will make more than 100 for the deliveries in June and December.

They are the Kings Volunteers of Manchester, a group of ladies who meet once a month in the lower level of Manchester United Methodist Church for refreshments before they begin the task of assembling soft flannel and knit toys for hospitalized patients.

Years ago, the group was known as the Kings Daughters. But a lack of membership in later years meant the group could no longer afford the national dues, so they changed their name and simply kept up the work. The group receives no outside funding, but they do collect soup labels and pop can tabs.

Last Thursday they gathered around piles of stuffing, armed with needles and



Photo by Laura Merte

Kings Volunteers Olive Feldkamp (left), Winifred Miller and Lucile Uphaus carefully stuff and assemble the small animals that the group makes for hospitalized children. More than 100 were donated last year and the number may double this year.

thread, chatting about everything from Regis in the morning, to their families, to the school board's decisions about the new high school.

"It's really a social time," said Ethel Wheeler as she used a stick to poke stuffing into a flannel dog. "But we're still doing something worthwhile!"

The stuffed animals are sewn by machine, then stuffed and stitched by hand. Embellishments such as eyes and noses are embroidered or cut from

felt and sewn on. The final result is a pile of bears, dogs, and cats with just the right amount of stuffing.

"It's something to hold on to," member Olive Feldkamp said. "When you're in the hospital, you know, it hurts! It's comforting to have these toys."

"We usually make more than a hundred each year," Marie Pratt said. "But there will be even more this year—the girls are ambitious!"

The Kings Volunteers eagerly

look forward to welcoming some new members.

Veteran 35-year volunteer Shirley Reinhart says, "It's nice to get out and visit with your friends."

Or, make some new ones!

Contact Olive Feldkamp at 428-7903 if you are interested in joining the Kings Volunteers. The group meets on the fourth Thursday afternoon of each month, with the next meeting set for Feb. 28.

Sharon to answer village sewer questions

By Sven Gustafson
Staff Writer

After a month of no response, the Sharon Township Board of Trustees announced at its Jan. 8 meeting that it will respond to a letter from the Village of Manchester regarding the initial site considered for construction of the new Manchester High School.

That letter, written by Village Manager Jeff Wallace and dated Dec. 6, requests zoning details and an estimate of water and sewer residential equivalent units (REUs) desired in the area surrounding the Gourley property.

But because of stalled negotiations between Sharon Township and the village, the school board has moved beyond the Gourley site. At its Jan. 7 meeting, the school board approved a motion to negotiate the purchase of property owned by Duane Beuerle on Gieske Road, across from the current athletic complex.

More recently, the school board announced a decision to move forward on the Beuerle site at its Jan. 21 meeting.

"The problem with Sharon Township was one of the major reasons the board started looking at other sites,"

Superintendent Dave Oegema said.

At the Jan. 7 meeting, Oegema said the school board would not "discard" any property before a deal is struck. Now, however, he said little possibility remained of re-visiting the Gourley site.

The village has offered to provide sewer and water infrastructure for the school. However, the 70-acre Gourley site straddles Sharon and Manchester townships.

That geographical glitch has given rise to a number of concerns for Sharon Township Supervisor Gary Blades, ranging from fire and police protection, to taxable value of the land, to finding an alternative to outright annexation of Sharon land to the village. Blades has gone on record opposing annexation.

Sharon Trustee Roger Kappler, who formerly served on the township's planning commission, suggested at the meeting that the township ask the village for 250 REUs now with an

additional 1,000 over the next 20 years.

"My position as supervisor of Sharon Township is that we need to do our homework before we enter into any agreement," said Blades.

"We want to put a band across the southern end of our township...create an urban district. We're talking 20 years down the road."

The board moved to approve the request for 1,250 REUs across the southern halves of sections 34, 35 and 36 of Sharon Township.

The REUs, Blades explained, are for future manufactured housing parks and residential development in Sharon Township. The area in question, along Sharon Valley Road, has been zoned high density residential for 30 years, he said. Sharon also has reserved 40 acres for manufactured housing parks in the area.

Asked before the school board's Jan. 21 decision whether

"My position as Supervisor of Sharon Township is that we need to do our homework before we enter into any agreement."

— Gary Blades
Supervisor

Blood drives provide the gift of life

Of the 77 people who actually signed in to give blood on Dec. 21, approximately 10 were not feeling up to snuff and were unable to give.

"But this was a great response," said volunteer coordinator Marja Warner. "A total of 64 pints of blood was collected that day."

"Thank you to all who came." Warner also thanks all the volunteers who did their part to keep things rolling smoothly and to St. Mary's for allowing them to use the Parish Center.

"We had no first-timers, but seven donors did have milestone donations and received pins to that effect," she said.

Those donors were Joan Harvey, 2 gallons; Lauren Huber and Connie Widmayer, both 3 gallons; Jim Walkow, 5 gallons; Ed Bernard, 6 gallons and Larry Benedict, 12 gallons. Congratulations and many thanks to all.

Manchester has been asked to do a blood drive during the month of May. It has been accepted and probably will be held on May 6.

"This will still allow for enough time between the March drive and our July drive, for all donors to be eligible," Warner said. "With this new drive, it will mean that Manchester will host drives in March, May, July, October and December, plus the high school drives held each February."

This year's National Honor Society-sponsored high school blood drive will be held on Feb. 6. This drive is especially for students who are at least 17 years old and weigh at least 110 pounds.

"For students who are planning on being a blood donor, please remember to eat before you come and drink lots of water for several days before the drive date," Warner said. "The better your body is hydrated, the better your donating experience will be."

At this time there are seven certified volunteers who work the blood drives. These are the ones who put the numbers on the blood packs and do the computerized registration. Warner is looking for more people who have the time to give, to be trained and certified. The drive usually is divided into three hour shifts.

If you think you would like to help, please contact Warner at 428-9506. She will be setting up a training session to be done in the coming weeks.

Manchester's next community drive will be held from 1 to 7 p.m. on March 4, at Emanuel United Church of Christ.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Feb. 1

Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. in the Emanuel United Church of Christ kitchen.
Al-Anon meets at 7 p.m. at Emanuel United Church of Christ, in the third and fourth-grade room. Contact 428-8786 for information.

Feb. 2
Manchester Kiwanis Club meets at 8 a.m. at the village hall. Call 428-8976 for membership information.

Feb. 3
American Legion breakfast is held from 8 a.m. to noon at the American Legion Hall.

Feb. 4
Euchre Night at the American Legion, 7 p.m. each Monday. All are welcome.

Manchester Village Council meets at 7 p.m. at the village hall.
Preceptor Gamma Theta chapter of Beta Sigma Phi meets. For more information call Diana Sloat at 428-7253.

Masonic Lodge business meeting takes place at 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 5
Bootstompers meet at 7 p.m. at Emanuel United Church of Christ.

Alzheimer's Family Caregiver Support Group meets from 1 to 3 p.m. at Turner Senior Resource Center, 2401 Plymouth Road, Suite C, Ann Arbor. Contact the Alzheimer's Association at (800) 337-3827 or (734) 677-3081.

Manchester Band Boosters meet at 7 p.m. in the high school band room.

Freedom Township Planning Commission meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Freedom Township Hall.

Feb. 6
National Honor Society blood drive 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the high school.

Awana Clubs meet at 6:30 p.m. at Community Bible Church.

Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners meets at 7 p.m. at the County Administration Building.

Raisin Valley Land Trust meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Blacksmith Shop.

Veterans of Foreign Wars meets at 7:30 p.m. at the American Legion Home.

Feb. 7
Sharon Township Board of Trustees meets at 8 p.m. at the township hall.

American Legion Post 117 meets at 7:30 p.m. at the American Legion Home.

Manchester Township Planning Commission meets at 8 p.m. at the township hall.

COMING EVENTS:

Open house for Village of Manchester building, including the Manchester District Library, will be held on March 3.

Manchester Community Fair dates June 25 through 29.

MANCHESTER

Thursday
Sharon Township Board of Trustees meets at 8 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at the township hall.

American Legion Post 117 meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at the American Legion Home.

Manchester Township Planning Commission meets at 8 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month at the township hall.

Manchester Cub Scout Pack meets at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at St. Mary's Catholic Church Parish

Center.

Sharon Township Planning Commission meets at 8 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at the township hall.

United Way Board meets at 12 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at St. Mary's Catholic Church Parish Hall.

Community Resource Center Board meets at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month at the center.

King's Volunteers meet on the fourth Thursday of each month at 1 p.m. at the Manchester United Methodist Church

Friday

Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. each Friday in the Emanuel United Church of Christ kitchen.

Al-Anon meets at 7 p.m. each Friday in the Emanuel United Church of Christ 3-4 grade classroom. Contact 428-8786 for information.

Saturday

Manchester Kiwanis Club meets at 8 a.m. on the first and third Saturday at the village hall. Call 428-8976 for membership information.

Sunday

American Legion breakfast is held from 8 a.m. to noon on the first Sunday of each month, October through June, at the American Legion Hall.

Parkinson Education and Support Group meets at 1:30 p.m. on the second Sunday of each month. Call 930-6335 for information.

Taize Worship on the second Sunday of each month, 7 p.m. at the United Methodist Church.

Boy Scouts host a monthly breakfast on the third Sunday of each month, September through May, at St. Mary's Catholic Church Parish Center.

Monday

Euchre Night at the American Legion, 7 p.m. each Monday from October through May. All are welcome.

Manchester Village Council meets at 7 p.m. on the first and third Monday of each month at the village hall.

Preceptor Gamma Theta chapter of Beta Sigma Phi meets on the first and third Monday of each month. For more information call Diana Sloat at 428-7253.

Masonic Lodge business meeting takes place at 7:30 p.m. on the first Monday of each month.

Manchester Optimist Club meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday of each month at Emanuel United Church of Christ.

Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce Board meets on the second Monday of each month at 7:30 a.m. at the new Village Hall. All chamber members may attend.

Manchester District Library Board meets at 7:00 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at the new village hall, 912 City Road.

Bridgewater Township Planning Commission meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at the Bridgewater Township Hall.

Manchester Knights of Columbus meets at 8 p.m. on the

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second Monday of each month at St. Mary's Catholic Church Parish Center.

Manchester Community Fair Board meets at 8 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at the village building.

Manchester Township Board meets at 8 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at the Manchester Township Hall.

Manchester Board of Education meets at 7:00 p.m. on the third Monday of each month in the high school media center.

Tuesday

Bootstompers meet at 7 p.m. each Tuesday at Emanuel United Church of Christ.

Story Time with Grandma Pat, 10:30 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 1:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the Manchester District Library, for children ages 3 to 6, accompanied by an adult.

Manchester Band Boosters meet at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the high school band room.

Freedom Township Planning Commission meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Freedom Township Hall.

Manchester Area Senior Citizens meet at 9:30 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at the senior center.

Little League organizational meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at the high school, room 104.

Manchester Village Planning Commission meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at the Village Hall.

20th Century Club meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month.

Freedom Township Board meets at 8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at the Freedom Township Hall.

Shakespeare Club meets at 1 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

Ackerson Middle School PTA meets at 3:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at the middle school.

Manchester Historical Society meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at the Blacksmith Shop.

La Leche League of Western Washtenaw County meets at 10 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Call 428-8831 or 475-2094 for location or information.

Klager Elementary School PTO meets at 6:30 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Call 428-8321 for location.

Wednesday

Awana Clubs meet at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday at Community Bible Church.

Manchester Community Brass Band meets at 7:30 p.m. each Wednesday.

Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners meets at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month at the County Administration Building.

Raisin Valley Land Trust meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month at the Blacksmith Shop.

Veterans of Foreign Wars meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month at the American Legion Home.

Athletic Boosters meet at 7:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month in the high school media center.

American Legion Auxiliary meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month at the American Legion Home.

Southwest Washtenaw Council of Governments meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month. Call (517) 456-4642 for information.

Women and Infant Children program meets from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the senior center.

Bridgewater Township Board meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the

Bridgewater Township Hall.

Manchester Men's Club meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month.

Manchester Family Services Community Food Gatherers program takes place from 1 to 3 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month at St. Mary's Catholic Church Parish Center kitchen.

Manchester Township Fire Department Board meets at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the fire hall.

The Manchester Garden Club meets informally on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Gardeners of all levels of experience are welcome. Call JoAnn Okey at 428-9667 for details.

Association at (800) 337-3827 or (734) 677-3081.

National Association for the Mentally Ill public education meetings are open to consumers, families and the general public. Meets second Mondays except December, July and August at 7:30 p.m. at St. Clare's Church/Temple Beth Emeth, 2309 Packard, Ann Arbor. (734) 994-6611.

GETTING LISTED


If you would like to have your group or organization's event listed in the Community Calendar, call The Manchester Enterprise at 428-8173, fax your copy to 428-9044 or mail to The Manchester Enterprise, 109 East Main Street, Manchester, MI 48158. Calendar events may also be submitted by e-mail to mchartrand@heritage.com. Deadline to have items listed in the Community Calendar is 5 p.m. Friday for the following Thursday's paper.

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Alzheimer's Family Caregiver Support Group meets from 1 to 3 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at Turner Senior Resource Center, 2401 Plymouth Road, Suite C, Ann Arbor. Contact the Alzheimer's

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Ludington State Park is a scenic, inexpensive getaway

■ *Mini-cabins strike balance between rustic and comfort.*

By Sven Gustafson
Staff Writer

Luxurious, it's not. Until spring, you can't even enjoy modern plumbing.

But for those who don't mind sleeping on a bunk bed, using an outhouse, and working a bit for your pleasures, there's a lot to like about a winter weekend at Ludington State Park.

Located on the isthmus of land separating Lake Michigan and Hamlin Lake approximately eight miles north of Ludington, the 5,300-acre park offers six miles of unspoiled Lake Michigan frontage, a lighthouse, miles of hiking trails, diverse scenery and wildlife, and three mini-cabins available for rent year-around.

Ludington is about a four-hour drive from Manchester.

Having reserved a mini-cabin for three nights, my girlfriend and I, snowshoes in tow, had hoped to find the place buried in snow. Alas, the ground was bare, and snow, when it came, was in small, wet dustings.

No worries.

The campgrounds at Ludington feature excellent access to 18 miles of trails accessing an enticing variety of terrain and ecosystems. Sand dunes, beaches, hardwood and pine forests, wetlands, inland lakes, footbridges, benches and cobblestone trail shelters can all be found here. In addition, the park maintains 16 miles of cross-country ski trails.

Typical of what you find at many of Michigan's most beautiful state parks, Ludington caters to the trailer and RV crowd, meaning the park is clogged with automobiles and noised in the summer months. The "campgrounds" are really large, paved parking lots with plenty of picnic tables. Ludington has 344 modern campsites with electric hook-up and modern toilets and showers. There is no backcountry camping allowed.

Park supervisor Dan Flaherty explained that Memorial Day through Labor Day is typically peak season at Ludington, with weekends filled through mid-October with people eager to see fall colors.

"We have an extra-busy fall season compared to other campgrounds," he said.

With wide, sandy beaches in summer and leafy, colorful forests in the fall, it's not hard to understand why the park draws the winter crowds. It may just be why winter is the perfect time to visit.

Although the modern facilities are closed, the picnic benches are upturned, and the wind screams off the lake, the park is quiet and uncrowded. Aside from the occasional through-hiker, we had the place completely to ourselves.

"Normally, when we have good skiing, that will help us to try and fill those cabins," said Flaherty. "We do fill them pretty regularly this time of year, especially when there's a little snow."

The park has three 12-foot by 12-foot mini-cabins, which are clean, airy, and designed to sleep four people. They feature an electric heater, a small table with two chairs, and two bunk beds with cushions. Each rents for \$37 per night. In addition, there is a \$4 daily fee for park entry. The cabins would work fine for couples or families with small children where privacy is not an issue. You can park your car right next to them, locking the gate to the campground behind you.

There is no running water available in the winter, so all water must be brought in - we used large gallon jugs. Also, there are no cooking facilities, save for outdoor grills with metal grates. Because I brought the wrong kind of gas to use with my camping stove, we had to cook over the grill, harvesting fallen twigs and branches for fuel. A nearby party store supplied us with cheap (and dry) firewood.

If that doesn't appeal to you, Ludington is a short drive away. Luciano's, an Italian restaurant on the main drag, offers a tasty assortment of gourmet and traditional pizzas and salads.

But building a fire and cooking over it was one of the weekend's charms, a gratifying and productive way to enjoy time spent outside. It's also a good way to test your resourcefulness and culinary creativity. And a campfire makes the food taste great, especially before and after a strenuous day of hiking.

Ludington boasts numerous trails of varying length that will appeal to your every whim. You can hike the Lighthouse Trail to the Big Sable Point Lighthouse, or just skirt the Lake Michigan surf. Trails here are hilly by Michigan standards, and offer scenic views of many inland lakes, dunes, and forests.

The park is also rich in wildlife typical to the forest-dune environment, such as white-tailed deer, squirrels, and raccoons. Flaherty said the park also supports hundreds of species of ducks and geese, which can be viewed in winter when Hamlin Lake is frozen and Sable River is free of ice.

There are also the occasional black bear sightings.

"Bears in this part of the state are pretty scarce, but they do exist," he said. "About once a year, somebody says they see bear tracks, but we don't see them."

A year ago, he said, a bear was spotted in downtown Ludington.

In addition to white and jack pine, hemlock and oak, the forests here support large numbers of beech trees. However, beech bark disease, an exotic invader introduced to Nova Scotia in 1890 and discovered in Michigan in 2000, has taken a sobering toll.

The disease is named for the exotic beech scale insect, which pierces the tree's bark and feeds on sap. This weakens the tree, making it susceptible to Nectria fungus that weakens and eventually kills the tree. Infected trees show white, cottony growths covering affected areas on the bark.

Along some trails, entire stands looked like graveyards.



Photo by Sven Gustafson

The rugged shoreline at Ludington State Park includes six miles of unspoiled Lake Michigan frontage.

as if lumber crews had felled the largest trees and then forgotten to remove the timber. Park crews have even begun removing what Flaherty called "high-risk trees" from around campsites where limbs could fall.

"It's a safety issue for us," he said.

In Maine, where the disease has been present for more than 60 years, most large-diameter beech trees have been killed. Biologists nationwide are look-

ing to the roughly 1 percent of beech trees that have shown genetic resistance to the disease for a solution.

In addition to making for a fascinating ecology classroom, Ludington State Park is a scenic,

healthy, and accessible getaway. Call it a recession-proof vacation.

Flaherty "highly recommends" reservations for cabins. Call (231) 843-8671 for more information.

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D.A.R.E. essays reflect elementary pupils' efforts

On Jan. 16, fourth-graders at Klager Elementary School officially completed their study of Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.), conducted by Deputy Katrina Armstrong and Deputy Ryan Cavanaugh of the Washtenaw County Sheriff Department. Each student received a certificate and eight were chosen as representatives of their classes to read the final essays they had written about what they had learned in this year's class.

The results are revealing and sometimes touching. Following are two of the eight winning D.A.R.E. essays, from students in Yvonne Henry's class.

Drugs and D.A.R.E.

by Siobhan Bamford

Hi. My name is Siobhan Bamford and I'm going to tell you about how drugs can hurt you and about D.A.R.E.

What I Have Learned in D.A.R.E. Drugs are basically any substance other than food. Drugs can be good; some drugs are medicine that you need to stay healthy. But even prescription drugs can be bad for you if you take them when you are not supposed to.

Drugs affect the way your mind works. For example, some drugs make you forget things, or make your vision blurry. Bad drugs such as nicotine or marijuana might give you cancer or another sickness.

Drug abuse is the misuse of drugs, or not using drugs in a smart way. If a doctor prescribed a drug for someone else in your family, you should not use it. If a doctor prescribed nicotine to you, you should not take too much.

Consequences are the results of something you do or choose not to do. For instance, if a friend is daring you to rob a store, you have to choose whether you will do it or not. If you choose to do it, you may end up in jail. If you choose not to do it, you may lose that friend, but you won't go to jail.

Pressure is a force or influence that acts on you, persuading you to rob a bank or to abuse drugs. Peer pressure is almost the same. It's a force or influence that comes from another person. There are four kinds of peer pressure: friendly, where someone just asks you to do something; teasing, when someone

might call you "chicken" or "baby" if you don't do what they are doing; tempting, where someone might say, "I'm going to have a beer party and your best friend Jacob is going to be there;" and heavy, where someone might say, "Come on, let's have some beer, or I'm not going to be your friend any more."

Self-esteem is the way you feel about yourself. If you like yourself, then you have good self-esteem. If you're happy just the way you are, then you also have good self-esteem. If you aren't happy and don't like yourself, then you don't have good self-esteem. Helping people, working hard, reading, taking good care of yourself, and being kind are all ways to get good self-esteem.

Assertiveness is a way of telling other people what your rights are while still respecting theirs. For example, if someone was trying to make you smoke or take drugs, that is not respecting your rights. If you punched them in the nose, that would not be respecting their rights.

Stress is any strain, pressure, or excitement that you feel about an event. Stress can be good, like when you're excited about a play performance. Stressors are situations or events that produce stress, like if Christmas was coming soon, that would be a stressor, but a good stressor. Or maybe if your Mom or Dad was in the hospital, that would be a stressor.

Violence is a destructive action that is directed toward people and things, both living and non-living. For instance, if you were very angry, you might throw something. Or if you were angry with a person, you might push him. A youth gang is any group of young people whose members take part in acts of violence.

The media is any means of communication that reaches or influences a large number of people, like a popular TV show, a

major newspaper, posters, signs, or the internet.

A risk is when you take a chance, like if someone dared you to steal something, the risk would be if you did it, you could go to a juvenile home. An alternative is another choice that you can make, like not stealing but instead watching a movie.

How Am I Going to Use This Information to Stay Drug and Violence Free? I will avoid places where gangs hang out so that I won't get beat up and I won't become part of a gang. I also won't let people make me or convince me to take drugs, or let peer pressure make me do things that are bad for me or others. I will take PSA's (Public Service Announcements) advice so that I don't get addicted to drugs or smoke cigarettes. I will stay active in sports, school, and family activities so that I will not be tempted to take drugs. I won't believe commercials for beer, wine, or cigarettes. When I go to parties, I will bring my own drink everywhere I go so people won't poison it with drugs. I won't get a ride home from anyone who has been drinking alcohol or taking drugs; I will call my parents for a ride. I will use the Ways to Say "No" to get out of bad situations.

What I Think About the D.A.R.E. Program? The D.A.R.E. program is really great because it is fun, and it teaches you to be drug and violence free at the same time. If you don't go to D.A.R.E. at all, then you may have problems with drugs, alcohol, and violence in the future. The D.A.R.E. instructors care about kids because they want us to grow up healthy and happy. Thanks to Deputy Cavanaugh and Deputy Armstrong, I will grow up to be drug and violence free.

D.A.R.E. ESSAY

by Matt Johnson

What I have learned in D.A.R.E. is that drugs can affect

the body functions. Drugs like cigarettes cost a lot. I'm never going to waste my money on drugs, and I'm never going to have drugs. You can get lung disease and cancer from smoking. It can also turn your lungs black. Beer and liquor can affect the brain badly. Tobacco is a drug that affects the jaw. You may even lose your jaw. A lot of people just want to look cool and older. Sex appeal is when, let's say, you take drugs just because you want to look beautiful. Well, let me tell you, you're not going to look very pretty. When you drink with a lot of people you're using the bandwagon approach!

Sometimes you drink beer that costs a lot to look rich. But a drug that costs a lot can affect your savings to go to college. If you buy too much, I doubt you'd get to college. For one thing, you might not have enough money and second, beer can affect the brain really badly. Remember this, drugs cost a lot and hurts several parts of your own body. Don't buy something that will hurt you, maybe even kill you.

I'll not go where I know that people sell drugs. If I want to be drug free and violence free, which I do, I can follow the eight ways to say "No." The eight ways to say "No" are:

Say "No thanks."



Matt Johnson (left) and Siobhan Bamford.

Giving a reason or excuse
Repeated refusal or keep saying "No" (broken record)
Walking away
Changing the subject
Avoiding the situation
Cold shoulder
Strength in numbers
I will use the eight ways to say "No" whenever I need to. Maybe, just someday in your life you will need to use them (the eight ways to say "No").

I feel that someone who has been in D.A.R.E. and never takes drugs is going to have a happier and safer life. I know that someone who never takes drugs will

get that degree from college. I think that everybody should go into D.A.R.E. because it's a program where there are some good things along the way. If you're in fourth grade and you want a healthier and happier life, you should come to D.A.R.E. Thank you Deputy Armstrong and Cavanaugh. You have made my life a lot better.

Editor's Note: Due to space considerations, not all winning D.A.R.E. essays could be printed this week. They will be published in subsequent weeks.

The family of Loren Traub want to express their heartfelt thanks to relatives, neighbors and friends for their kind expressions of sympathy during the recent loss of our brother and uncle. The donations of money, cards, flowers and food were very much appreciated. Our thanks also to Reverend Richard Hardy for the very comforting words at Loren's funeral service and also his home visits. Our thanks also go out to the emergency personnel for their rapid response and the staff at the Jenter-Braun funeral home for their kindness during our time of bereavement.

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1:00, 9:20
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The ENTERPRISE COMMENTARY

Street Talk

By Laura Merte

What do you use the library for?



"I was diagnosed with cancer, and my mother recently was, too, so I'm using it to research cancer."

Bette Brindamour



"As a resource, for data, to communicate ... A lot of the time I meet interesting people and share some wisdom."

Father Ted



"I work here! I do research here, too, and use it for my own personal entertainment."

Sarah Luckhardt



"Recently I've been doing job searches on the computers. I come here to get books, videos ... a lot of things. The library has made a lot of resources available since it moved in here."

Dan Wright



"I come here a lot for my boys, to find books and videos. For myself, I like to browse for books with interesting ideas."

Peggy Garrigues-Cortelyou

Teach your children well... and yourselves too

Please tell me it can't have happened so soon.

The surge in patriotism that surfaced immediately following the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11 seems to be losing its political correctness already.

Did people forget what this is all about? I know that collectively we seem to have a short attention span, but I thought this was worth remembering.

Or are folks just tired of the endless repetition of events that they see on the news?

While I freely admit that the media gave a serious overkill to the coverage of the collapse of the twin towers and its aftermath, I don't think our nation is in any position to conveniently "forget" about the patriotic fervor that swept our nation in its wake.

Already, people are forgetting



MARSHA JOHNSON CHARTRAND

AFTER THOUGHTS

to remove their hats or cover their hearts during The Star Spangled Banner. Kids have gone back to horsing around as the national anthem plays at a basketball game.

Last week someone came in and reported yet another upside-down flag hanging in the community.

Traditionally, an American

flag flying upside down is considered a signal of military distress. But sometimes it has been flown in that manner as a symbol of disrespect.

The thought of someone being disrespectful at this juncture was pretty distressing, so I investigated the report but was unable to find it at the location described. Maybe it was a mistake. I hope so.

In case we've forgotten—or ignored—the fact, there still are soldiers out there dying for the cause of freedom and there still are people out there risking their lives as they search for someone who's too cowardly to do his own dirty work. While we sit at our own dinner table or in a comfortable chair in front of the television, or enjoying a high school basketball game, there are members of the United

States military forces eating sand in the desert, sleeping on the ground or on board a ship and they aren't enjoying it very much at all.

I'm not saying there is no room for lightheartedness or humor in this time of crisis.

Last week I had a good chuckle at a tongue-in-cheek article from Theonion.com about a man who wasn't sure about when to take down his flags. It was particularly humorous to me because we had a similar conversation at our dinner table recently.

Certainly, a sense of humor can get one through a lot of difficult times. Nor can we spend the rest of our lives bemoaning what has happened and predicting doom and gloom to our country.

But neither can we turn the calendar over to a new year and

forget the legacy that the previous year has left us.

Even though we're now in a new year of 2002, we have to keep teaching the lessons that came in the wake of Sept. 11, 2001. We need to teach them in our homes and in our schools—and keep reminding our children and ourselves that national pride and respect still are important.

We've decided to keep displaying the flag at home. We'll probably do it for a long time to come.

Let's all have the courtesy to those who have served and fallen as well as those who continue to serve by taking the time to respect the flag, the national anthem and all that they represent.

It only takes a moment.

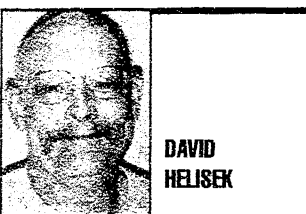
Small town life can still be idyllic

Do any of us big people remember what it was like to be 10 or 12 years old? Can a guy like me think about what it would be like growing up in a small town? After all, my own youth was spent on the asphalt of the east side of Detroit.

I have a young man across the street, named Joey, who lets my friend Midget out every day while I'm at work. And although I've said it for years, I really do understand now that every dog needs a young boy to run around with.

I can't believe, or rather, I can't remember the energy involved in a boy running in circles with no particular plan with a dog chasing at his heels. What simple, unabashed fun. Do we remember what that was like as we grow older?

Should we forget?



DAVID HELISEK

THIS 'N' THAT

Take also the sheer wonder of children and trees, climbable trees. There is a maple tree in young Joe's yard, probably 25 or 30 feet tall. One day I walked across the street to talk to the neighbors and I noticed two bikes sitting next to the maple. As I walked by the tree I heard someone say, "Hey Dave!"

I looked around and saw nothing, but then realized I had hap-

pened upon one of the key fun-spots. Soon, out dropped three pre-teenaged boys who obviously were very comfortable just sitting up in the tree.

I don't remember ever having a tree to climb like that; I barely remember if I ever climbed a tree at all. But here in this time in this small town it just seems right.

I've seen Joe by himself or with his buddies just reach up, grab the lowest branch, swing up and just disappear into the tree. Sometimes for what seems like hours they may disappear into the mysterious tree world.

Can you remember what you thought when you were in a special place like a tree with no one to tell you what to do or what to think? To be that young and free again!

There are also several very

large, old pines in Joe's backyard and I have seen small groups of adventurers drop out of the tree come suppertime. Joe's mom just looks sometimes and shakes her head with the very soft "be careful" look of big-people concern registered on her face. I know that she worries about all the tree climbing, but can you imagine the stories and memories all this will bring in coming years?

Especially if young Joe some day yells at his children about being careful and "don't climb up there!"

It has taken me a while to figure out that I was living right across the street from what good storytellers have written about for years: the life of a young boy and growing up in America. It's a very nice thought.

The only intrusion into the

modern world for me is when I venture into the neighbor's basement. There, Joe's brother Chris has assembled his computer fiefdom: three computers interlinked for game-playing, or the two boys and dad each having their own space. Mom's is upstairs in the kitchen. There is just as much energy down in the computer room as out in the yard chasing the dog's tail (or your own.) There is also, however, a brood of young quail under the grow light which bring the scene, at times, back to the small town warmth.

I wish all of us could carry around a large portion of our youth at 10 years old, and just take a little snippet each day. I think there would be more good nature and hearty laughs, and far less worry than we all seem to carry around.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Land purchase is only the beginning.

To the editor,

Congratulations, taxpayers. You are about to become owners of the building site for the new high school. On Jan. 21 our school board unanimously agreed to buy the land. And such a deal: only \$35,000 per acre for 35 acres, and only \$15,000 per acre for an additional eight acres. That's a cool \$1,345,000 price tag for 43 acres ... give or take a square foot or two, because of the 1.7-acre road easement/back side extension swap.

And that's not all. For good measure you get three acres of wetlands and a power transmission line right on the property.

Wetlands. I'm told this is a technical term for an area where certain soil types, moisture and plant life form a particular ecosystem. An old farmer like me might mistakenly call it a swale, marsh or swamp. Isn't it great that we will only pay \$45,000 for these three acres of wetland? Maybe it can be used for winter sports like ice hockey or figure skating.

Now, less informed taxpayers might think the \$1,345 million negotiated price a bit high. Perhaps the property is somewhat over-valued and the price, therefore, inflated for the sole benefit of us taxpayers. One might also think this \$1,345 million price was the result of an independent professional land appraisal, and fair is fair.

Sorry about that. When asked about such a logical method of determining value, the response from our school board was essentially as follows: there was no need to spend money on an appraisal, because we know the property is over-valued, over-priced and inflated.

Now let me get this straight. The board knows the land is over valued but apparently does not think it prudent to get an independent appraisal. The board committed your tax dollars on property knowing the price is inflated and says its possible lower market value is not relevant. Why is it not relevant?

The board members indicated they have evaluated every possible site location in the Manchester School District. This site is the most cost-effec-

tive of all those considered. Therefore, paying the inflated price is our best option. I think this is called "Catch-22."

Taxpayers, let's face it. We're being "fleeced" ... or so it seems. The landowner is probably laughing all the way to the bank with our tax dollars.

Wait, there's more and you're going to like this. One member of the audience asked about construction cost. More specifically, once the bids are awarded, will the total costs stay within the limits of the funding authorized in the school bond issue? It seems that other school districts in our area are experiencing serious cost overruns. Translation, the projects are costing more than the funds stated in the tax initiative. I guess this means the taxpayers "ante-up" more money or settle for less.

The response from our board members was very candid and it went like this: during construction, changes in design or site conditions are inevitable. Specification changes usually add to project costs. (Note: I have heard it said that some contractors will intentionally bid

low, knowing the real money is in the changes.) According to the board, when change situations arise, decisions will have to be made to either pay the extra cost or scale back ... ante-up or settle for less.

As that famous Yankee baseball player once said, "it ain't over 'til it's over." The land purchase is only the beginning. The potential for cost overrun and spending is real, folks.

Attendance by the community at large was small in number at this decisive meeting. It may be in our best interest to get more involved. The goal is to get the most bang for our buck. But, if fleecing cannot be avoided, it would be nice to know in advance by whom and by how much. Put the next school board meeting date on your calendar and go.

George F. Boone

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SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS

Just checked with T.V. and am happy to report that she is finally on the mend. But when she told me she tried to type some stuff the other day and came up with chords and found it tiring, I offered to stand in again for her. She is planning to get out for the next meal at church and that's a welcome sign.



HOWARD PARR

SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS

I know how she feels about typing. With the old typewriters you really had trouble when you played chords—two or three keys at a time, like one does on the piano. Those suckers all got stuck mid-action and you had to stop and pull them loose. Sometimes it was so bad you even had to straighten one of them out so it would move freely the next time.

Our IBM selectrics don't play chords easily; the action is so fast that you only get one character—usually the wrong one, though. However, I am concerned that T.V. get back in the harness soon. Otherwise, the calluses on her fingers will slough off and she'll have to work hard to get them back again. I'm sure everyone welcomes this upbeat report on the health of our perennial columnist. Way to go, T.V.

I hope many of you were able to watch the recent television series on Mark Twain. I learned a lot about him I never knew and had quite a few good laughs at his lines of humor—especially at the expense of politicians. He saw things in a different light compared to the rest of us. Some of his thoughts reminded me of one of my brother Les's experiences with the wood he was working into bowls and lamps. In his spare time he worked hard with his equipment to produce his masterpieces, only to have them crack after they had been in use a few months.

In his frustration he sought out

a fellow woodworker, Walter Luckhardt, and asked him how he could always pick out wood blocks that never seemed to crack. Walter's answer was incredibly simple.

"Les, when you are cutting out the rough blocks you'll be needing, make about three times as many as you may want. Let them stay inside somewhere for a year or two and use the ones that don't crack."

How simple! I got the feeling that Mark Twain must have had some of that same approach to the world as he saw it. I also think Lincoln's mind worked in somewhat the same simple and lucid way. When we remember his birthday soon we need to think of the mind that could set down the Gettysburg Address on an envelope as he rode to the cemetery from Washington in an ordinary railroad passenger car.

If we all could take more of that approach to things, perhaps there would be fewer ulcers and high blood pressure. But maybe I have rambled on enough about various people and should get on to our announcements.

Thursday: Sweet and sour meatloaf on the menu at noon. Bingo and cards afterwards at the center for those interested. Bus is available.

Friday: Snowfest in Frankenmuth. Leave the center at 10:30 eat at Brass Bell along the way. Sounds like a major event with different raw materials. Marion says they haul in snow if none falls naturally.

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Thursday: Pork roast for our noon meal followed by cards and bingo at the center for those interested.

It has been great to see some new faces at our meals. Marion has designated February 14 as "Bring a friend day." You are always welcome, but we all should make a special effort that day to bring in someone who doesn't regularly come. Let's have a super Valentine's Day while we do it. For food reservations, call the kitchen at 428-7630. To use the bus for scheduled trips call Tootie Armentrout at 428-7615. Those who might need the bus for medical runs or dial-a-ride services, call Howard Parr at 428-9233.

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Doors open wide at Village open house

Community invited to Village Hall open house.

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand Associate Editor

The Village of Manchester has been in its new quarters at 912 City Rd. for more than a year, and the district library settled in last October. But many members of the community have yet to tour the facility in the "old Ford plant."

March 3 is the date that has been set for a gala open house honoring past mayors and Village Council members and providing an opportunity for the community to gain a familiarity with this historic structure.

The present Village Council is hosting the open house which will take place from 1 to 4 p.m. and include tours of the entire facility and the various occupants of the building.

Representatives of the Western Washtenaw Construction Authority, the Manchester Area Senior Citizens and the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department also will be on hand to greet the public and show off their new quarters in the building.

A historical display compiled

by the senior citizens is featured in the lower level display cases and will remain there until after the open house. Other old blueprints and photographs also are being sought to display throughout the building.

Bridgewater area residents are especially invited to visit the sheriff's substation and meet the deputies assigned to patrol within the village and Bridgewater Township.

While the Department of Public Works has not yet relocated to the City Road site as had been anticipated, council members will offer a look at plans for expanding the facility to eventually accommodate the DPW.

"We could get by with what is currently there," said Village President Jeff Schaffer. "But it would not be giving us the best use (of the property)."

It is still hoped that the village can sell the existing DPW yard and move the department to the central location at City Road

and Hibbard Street. Schaffer said that the council wants to be able to answer questions from the public about the plans. Village Council's DPW committee member Pat DuRussel will be able to answer questions from residents.

Tours of the village's waste water treatment facility a half-block away on Hibbard also may be offered.

In the past year, the building has truly become a community center, with a growing number of community institutions and organizations having their headquarters and/or meetings at the site. And Schaffer wants to be sure that all service organizations are aware they are especially invited to attend the open house.

"We really want to recognize all of the people and organizations who donated money, time and effort, and have done a great job getting all of these different groups together under one roof," Schaffer added.

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Margaret May Gistingier of Manchester was awarded her Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Sciences—Law and Society from Michigan State University. Michelle Diane Schaible, also of Manchester, was awarded a Bachelor of Arts in General Management and a Bachelor of Science in Merchandising Management, both with high honors, at the winter commencement ceremonies.

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Freedom Township farms qualify for preservation

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By Sven Gustafson
Staff Writer

Like a contest to determine the homecoming court, four Freedom Township farms have emerged as finalists eligible for Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) funds. Those who receive the state funding can keep their farms in agricultural use and out of reach from development.

Out of 311 applications filed by farmers statewide, 12 were selected as first-tier finalists in December. An additional 15 farms make up the second tier. Two Freedom Township farms appear on each tier.

The top two Freedom farms are George Hinderer's 218 acres and B.E.A. Farms, a 44-acre farm jointly owned by Hinderer and Peter DeLoof, a recent appointee to the Freedom planning commission.

"It makes me feel good that they're interested, but we don't know when it's gonna happen for sure," said Hinderer, who grows corn, soybeans, wheat and hay. "All this stuff is down the line."

Freedom Township residents Loren Blumenauer and Joseph Wissing, who own farms of 78 and 42 acres respectively, appear on the second tier.

Richard Harlow, program

manager of the Farmland Preservation Office of the Michigan Department of Agriculture, said the first-tier farms represent "folks we believe we have sufficient funds to move forward with," and which will have the first options to pursue PDR contracts. Harlow served on the committee that evaluated applications.

Harlow called the selection process for the two tiers a "priority order situation," and said second-tier farms could be funded should others opt not to enter an agreement.

"Part of the reason we selected Freedom was that a block of applications came from that area," Harlow said.

Freedom farmers sent in 15 applications, nearly half of the 31 total from Washtenaw County. The top-qualifying farm—and fifth Washtenaw finalist—is on 271 acres in York Township, near Saline.

With three farms in the top 12, one-quarter of the top farms selected are in Washtenaw County. That fact is not lost on Barry Lonik, former executive

director of the Washtenaw County Land Trust who stepped down effective the end of 2001.

"It's extraordinary," he said. "It just shows that people are interested in preserving farmland here and that there is a vehicle for accomplishing that."

In a PDR agreement, farmers can keep their land undeveloped and in agricultural production by allowing the state to purchase its development rights.

Lonik explained that appraisers must first determine an eligible property's full market potential, "as if it were on the market today for the highest bidder," he said. Secondly, the property must be appraised with development restrictions accounted for.

"The difference of these two appraisals will determine the value of development rights," Lonik said.

Funding for PDR agreements comes from the termination or cancellation of PA 116 contracts. Also known as the Farmland and Open Space Act, a PA 116 contract rewards farmland preservation with tax credits. If

such a contract expires or is cancelled, the farmer is required to pay back taxes, which fill the PDR funding pool.

The State of Michigan has a \$5 million funding pool from 2000 available for PDR agreements. No applications were accepted in 2001 as funding sources have dried up.

Both Lonik and Harlow cautioned that the results do not mean any farms have yet been preserved, only that the state has determined it has the funds to secure development rights on the first-tier farms. But Harlow pointed out that each of those farms must be appraised before

it is known whether the pool is enough to fund all 12.

"Once those people are notified, it takes a year or two for those things to come to fruition," Lonik said. "It's early in the process."

"I think it's significant that five out of the top (27) are from this county. Unfortunately, there's not a lot of money in this program."

Lonik said he personally met with 20 families to help them with applying. He said the applications were scored on a point-based system.

Lonik obtained a matching \$540,000 U.S. Department of

Agriculture grant to preserve the Braun farm in York Township. That grant will not subtract from the \$5 million state fund, leaving the door open for other candidates, he said.

In 1997, three Washtenaw County farms were preserved through the PDR initiative. If the three first-tier Washtenaw farms were funded, that would bring the total amount of county farmland preserved through PDR to date to 1,000 acres.

"We're excited that we were chosen, but nothing is for sure until you get a check," Hinderer said.

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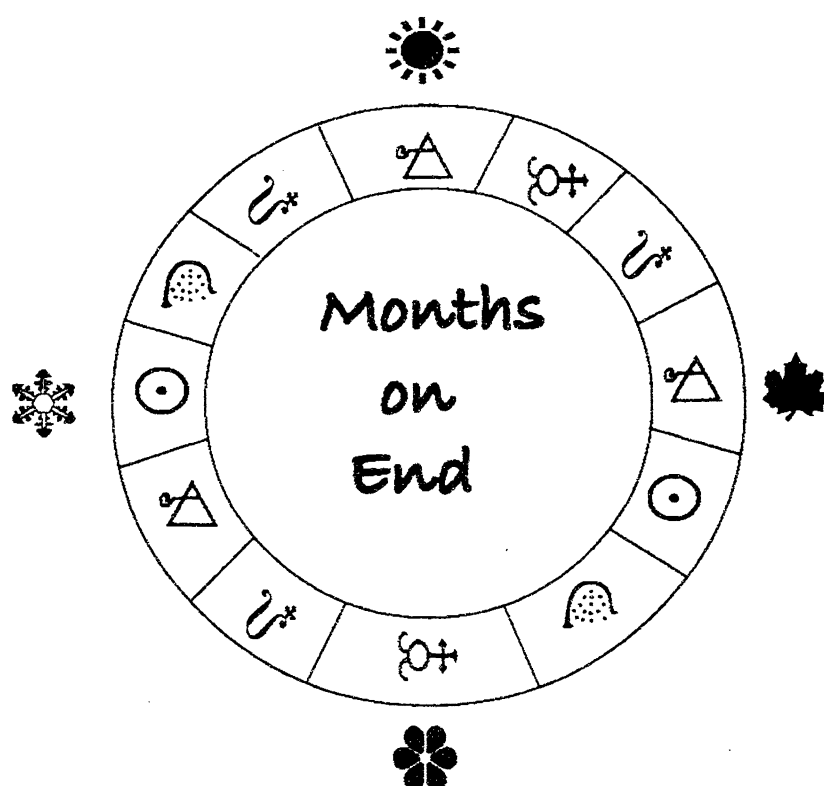
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The special assessment of \$16,475 per Residential Equivalency Unit (REU) will cover the cost of a lagoon. However, Burkhardt said that construction of a mechanical treatment plant would increase that by more than \$600 per REU, even though property acquisition costs would be lower. At the October public hearing where the sewer project was presented to Bridgewater residents, a cost of \$194 per year was estimated for a lagoon system. Annual costs would be proportionately higher for a mechanical system. Bridgewater's system will be constructed to serve a maximum of 100 REU's.

During Burkhardt's presentation, comments and concerns erupted from the audience of about 15 community members, asking about failure rates on lagoons, the health effects and aesthetics. Audience members also questioned the setback requirements for wastewater treatment facilities. Peacock said an 800-foot setback is proposed.

Questioned about mosquito breeding and the consequential spread of West Nile Virus, already present in Washtenaw County, Peacock said that the board will further research and address this concern at the special meeting set for 7:30 p.m. Feb. 12 at the township hall.

Burkhardt said that the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has long endorsed the use of lagoons for small treatment plants and continues to promote them.

"That department is charged with promoting and maintaining

the health of the environment and the people of this state," Burkhardt said. "For this particular project, the DEQ wants to see a lagoon."

Several audience members were concerned that the location of the lagoon would be a specific piece of property, and were concerned about a subsequent decline in property values due to the proximity of a lagoon.

Although the township board has discussed "sites"—in the plural—at its public meetings, all specific discussions about property acquisition have been held in closed session to date. Asked whether the board has selected a specific site, Peacock said that discussions have not yet progressed to that point and anyone who claims to know where the proposed site is, is surmising.

When a specific property is chosen, she said, the purchase will be done in a public setting.

"What people south of the hamlet aren't discussing, though," she said, "is that right now, there is raw sewage in the drains. This project will clean that up. No one is mentioning the benefits of this project."

But the residents in attendance were not convinced.

"No one has put a price on the effect this will have on our neighborhoods," said Earl Klager. "This is what it's all about—this is our lifestyle."

Parr said, "I'm not set on where it should be yet. We're not done. But we're saddled with a problem here."

"Just because you don't want it, doesn't make the problem go away. We've heard your concerns and we know our homework isn't done yet."

OBITUARIES

CHRISTOPHER JEFFREY MANN COURTNEY MICHELLE MANN

Infant twins Christopher Jeffrey and Courtney Michelle Mann were born to Jeffrey and Rebecca (Nelson) Mann on Jan. 21, 2002. Courtney died on Jan. 21 and Christopher on Jan. 22, 2002.

In the short time they lived, Christopher and Courtney were loved and cared for by their parents, grandparents Ronald and Judy Mann of Manchester, Judy Nelson and David Nelson of Saline, aunts and uncles Tom and Sue Mann of Dexter, Michelle Mann of Florida, Tim Nelson of California and Pam Nelson of Saline.

Private graveside services were held at 11 a.m. on Jan. 24 at the Bethel United Church of Christ cemetery with the Rev. Richard E. Hardy officiating. Arrangements were entrusted to the Jenter and Braun Funeral Home, Manchester Chapel.

Those wishing to acknowledge the memory of Christopher and Courtney may send memorials directly to the family.

ANDREW A. POET

Andrew A. Poet, age 85 of Manchester, died on Jan. 25 at the Evangelical Home in Saline. He was born Feb. 22, 1916 in Detroit, the son of Nelson and Ernestine (Gladding) Poet. He was a Wayne County resident until moving to his Manchester farm in 1957.

On Nov. 19, 1938 in Wayne County he

married Cecelia Szyndlar and she survives. He was a member of the Washtenaw County Farm Bureau and Kessel Ost Community Group. He also was a Bridgewater Township trustee for many years. He had an avid interest in horses and ponies and was a regular participant in local parades.

Survivors, in addition to his wife Cecelia, include a son Stanley (Beverly) Poet of Manchester; four grandchildren, Judith (Stephen) Gilmore of Britton, Rober (Lynda) Poet of Ann Arbor, Eric (Karen) Poet of Saline and Scott (Lisa) Poet of Manchester; eight great-grandchildren: Deborah, William and Richard Poet, Samantha and McKenzie Poet; Josie and Rebekah Gilmore; a brother, Melvin John (Marion) Poet; two sisters, Virginia Blair and Shirley Welt; and a sister in law, Norma Poet. He was preceded in death by an infant son, daughter, a great-grandson and one brother, Donald.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. on Jan. 28 at the First United Methodist Church in Saline, with the Rev. Dr. James E. Tuttle officiating. Burial was in Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

Memorial contributions may be made to Individualized Home Nursing Care/Hospice: the Evangelical Home in Saline or to the Washtenaw County 4-H. Arrangements entrusted to the Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home in Saline.

SHARON

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the village."

Acting as village liaison, Wallace has been negotiating with Blades since October over transfer of the Gourley property.

Wallace said he wanted to know the number of REUs being requested before working out an agreement for the location of the school.

"The school needs seemed to be the most urgent, and we wanted to take care of that first," he said. "You can't write a blank check to anybody. (Sharon) may ask for more water and sewer

than we can give them.

"Possibly, there's a win-win situation for both of us," he continued. "Maybe it'll be a defined sewer and water region, I don't know."

As for when he planned to reply to the letter, Blades said, "I guess soon."

"There's been a lot of other issues on board (in the township)," he said, adding that the holidays disrupted the flow of township affairs. He said Wallace's letter was brought up at the December board meeting.

"The letter was acted on at the very next board meeting," he said.

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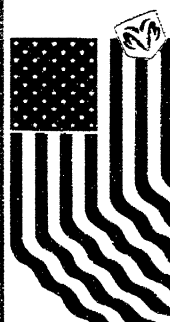
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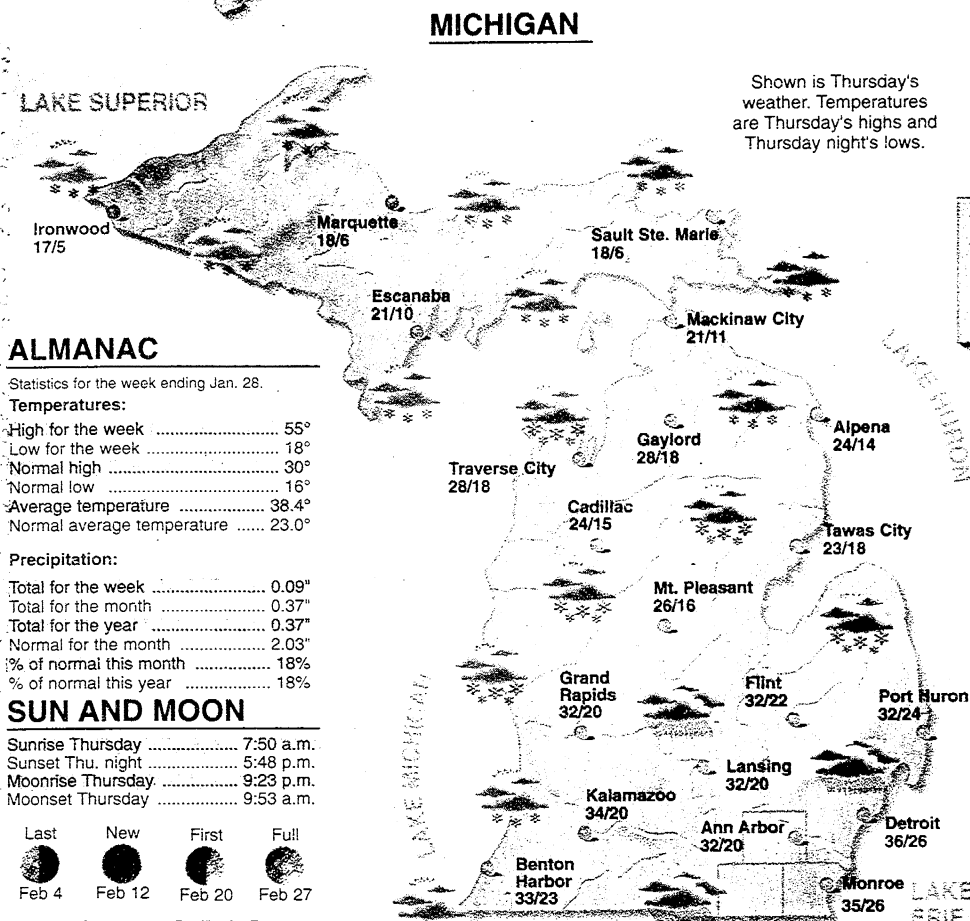
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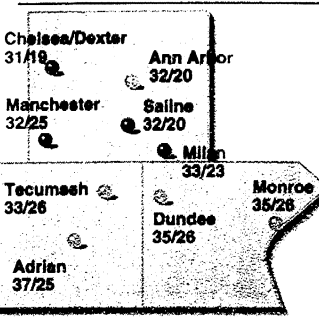
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THURSDAY	THU. NIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
HIGH: 30°-34° Freezing rain mixing with rain.	LOW: 18°-22° Cloudy and windy.	HIGH: 26°-30° Cloudy, very windy, cold; flurries. LOW: 16°-20°	HIGH: 26°-30° Considerable cloudiness; cold. LOW: 13°-17°	HIGH: 27°-31° Partly sunny and chilly. LOW: 17°-21°	HIGH: 27°-31° Times of clouds and sunshine. LOW: 23°-27°



LOCAL WEATHER



TRAVEL

Lenawee, Monroe and Washtenaw Counties
Hazardous travel conditions are expected Thursday. Freezing rain, sleet and snow will make roads slippery. Airport delays are likely as well.

REALFEEL TEMPTM

The exclusive AccuWeather RealFeel Temperature is a measure of how the weather feels, taking into account all weather factors including temperature, humidity, wind, weather and UV radiation. Shown is the highest realfeel temperature for each day.
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Highest Saturday 20°
Highest Sunday 26°

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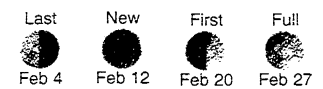
Four-day forecast indicates major feeding times for fish and game.
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Thu: 1:41 a.m. 7:54 a.m. 2:06 p.m. 8:21 p.m.
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Sat: 3:38 a.m. 9:51 a.m. 4:03 p.m. 10:15 p.m.
Sun: 4:32 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 4:57 p.m. 11:10 p.m.

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Statistics for the week ending Jan. 28.
Temperatures:
High for the week 55°
Low for the week 18°
Normal high 30°
Normal low 16°
Average temperature 38.4°
Normal average temperature 23.0°
Precipitation:
Total for the week 0.09"
Total for the month 0.37"
Total for the year 0.37"
Normal for the month 2.03"
% of normal this month 18%
% of normal this year 18%

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise Thursday 7:50 a.m.
Sunset Thu. night 5:48 p.m.
Moonrise Thursday 9:23 p.m.
Moonset Thursday 9:53 a.m.



MICHIGAN CITIES

City	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Ann Arbor	32/20/s	28/18/sf
Battle Creek	32/22/sn	26/10/sf
Bay City	30/16/sn	26/14/sf
Coldwater	36/24/s	26/12/sf
Dearborn	36/26/s	29/17/sf
Detroit	36/26/s	32/14/sf
Grand Rapids	32/20/c	28/16/sf
Holland	28/20/c	26/14/sf
Jackson	32/20/sn	28/18/c
Kalamazoo	34/20/sn	28/16/sf
Lansing	32/20/sn	28/12/sf
Livonia	34/26/s	28/16/sf
Midland	26/18/sn	26/12/sf
Monroe	35/26/s	32/16/sf
Muskegon	28/20/c	26/16/sf
Pontiac	36/26/s	28/18/sf
Port Huron	32/24/sn	32/16/sf
Saginaw	30/24/sn	26/14/sf
Saline	32/20/s	28/18/sf
Sault Ste. Marie	18/6/c	18/4/c
Sturgis	35/23/sn	27/11/sf
Toronto	36/34/sn	34/22/sf
Traverse City	28/18/sn	24/14/sf
Warren	36/26/s	32/16/sf

WORLD CITIES

City	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Acapulco	91/70/pc	91/70/pc
Algiers	70/45/pc	71/47/s
Amsterdam	45/41/c	47/45/pc
Athens	65/51/pc	62/48/pc
Auckland	73/60/pc	75/64/s
Bangkok	85/67/s	89/70/s
Barbados	83/74/s	83/73/pc
Beijing	43/22/s	42/25/s
Berlin	62/52/pc	66/52/pc
Belgrade	56/36/c	52/37/pc
Bogota	46/38/r	44/39/pc
Buenos Aires	69/48/sh	69/48/c
Cairo	84/58/pc	81/66/pc
Calgary	69/47/s	70/47/s
Cape Town	24/7/c	18/7/c
Copenhagen	43/37/r	38/34/sn
Dublin	52/46/c	54/51/r
Frankfurt	44/40/sh	44/41/sh
Geneva	43/31/pc	46/37/pc
Hong Kong	66/63/c	64/66/r
Istanbul	54/47/c	53/44/r
Jakarta	84/77/sh	83/77/sh
Jerusalem	54/38/s	58/39/s
Johannesburg	87/61/pc	71/56/c
Karachi	77/46/s	78/50/s

UV INDEX

Highest Thursday 1 Minimal
The ultraviolet index is a guide to exposure to the sun. The higher the UV index number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection.

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	City	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	City	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	City	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Akron	46/28/r	34/20/sf	Buffalo	38/28/sn	34/18/sn	Denver	24/9/pc	40/13/pc	Knoxville	67/41/c	45/25/pc
Albany	30/27/sn	40/19/sh	Burlington, IA	30/14/c	28/10/s	Des Moines	22/9/sn	26/14/s	Las Vegas	48/29/s	54/29/pc
Albuquerque	36/16/pc	42/18/s	Burlington, VT	28/26/sn	34/12/sn	Duluth	16/0/c	18/2/pc	Lexington, KY	62/34/r	39/18/c
Anchorage	27/18/pc	32/23/c	Casper	23/13/sn	34/15/pc	El Paso	44/20/s	48/26/s	Lincoln	20/7/sn	26/14/pc
Atlanta	70/50/c	56/36/c	Cedar Rapids	23/11/sn	26/9/s	Fairbanks	8/-6/c	11/-7/pc	Little Rock	56/30/r	48/26/s
Atlanta City	44/44/c	58/30/r	Charleston, SC	78/60/pc	68/44/sh	Fargo	8/-8/c	7/2/pc	Los Angeles	63/42/s	65/44/pc
Austin	58/30/pc	54/34/s	Charleston, WV	68/40/r	44/22/c	Flagstaff	36/24/sn	30/16/sf	Los Angeles	58/34/r	36/20/c
Baltimore	49/46/c	56/26/r	Charlotte	72/48/pc	60/34/sh	Fort Wayne	34/20/sn	28/12/sf	Madison	28/13/sn	26/5/pc
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Billings	27/18/c	34/19/c	Chicago	34/22/sn	28/16/pc	Green Bay	26/12/sn	22/3/c	Miami	82/70/s	82/68/s
Birmingham	68/46/r	52/34/c	Cincinnati	50/30/r	36/20/c	Helena	31/17/c	33/16/c	Milwaukee	28/17/sn	28/11/pc
Bismarck	16/-3/c	24/6/pc	Cleveland	46/36/r	36/22/sf	Honolulu	81/69/pc	81/67/s	Minneapolis	16/8/c	20/8/pc
Bloomington	46/27/r	30/15/c	Columbia, MO	32/16/c	30/18/c	Houston	64/32/r	58/34/c	Mobile	70/50/sh	60/36/c
Boise	34/24/c	36/24/c	Columbus, OH	50/30/r	36/18/c	Indianapolis	46/26/r	34/18/c	Nashville	63/38/r	42/23/c
Boston	34/32/sn	44/28/r	Dallas	48/24/pc	50/30/s	Juneau	36/28/r	38/30/r	New Orleans	72/48/r	58/40/c
Brownsville	72/42/c	58/46/c	Davenport	32/13/sn	28/9/s	Kansas City	26/14/sn	28/18/pc	New York	38/33/c	54/26/r

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The ENTERPRISE SPORTS

Wrestlers pin big, bring home medals

■ *Season winds down, showing many achievements.*

By Laura Merte
Staff Writer

A small team faced Adrian-Madison Jan. 16, but all six Manchester wrestlers emerged victorious, with two wins each.

James Tobias and Dan Fleck won with two forfeits each.

"We had them wrestle way above their weights for two exhibition matches," said coach Steve Vlcek. "They did very well, considering they gave up about twenty pounds."

James Meyer won with a forfeit and an early first-period pin, and Austin Scott pinned one opponent in the first period and won 21-4 against the other. Russ Cruz wasn't long on the mat, pinning both of his opponents in the first period. Josh Tobias also got two quick pins for an easy night.

JAN. 19 SAW four wrestlers win medals at the Napoleon Invitational. 21 teams meant a great deal of competition, and the team met it well.

James Tobias brought home his second championship of the year, with two pins and an exciting 10-8 overtime victory in the finals. Four returning state qualifiers in his class meant a tough draw for Fleck, who was out after two periods.

Russ Cruz collected the 100th victory of his career, battling back to win three matches in a row after a close last-second



Photo by David Jose

Junior Josh Tobias earned his 100th career win last week in a first-place victory against a Hudson wrestler at the Leslie tournament.

loss. James Meyer chalked up two victories before losing a tough match for the medal round against Cruz.

Josh Tobias took fourth place for the day, with two wins and two losses. He faced stiff competition against a State placer and regional qualifier. Josh Knouase also brought home a fourth place as well, beating a regional qualifier to reach the medal round with a hard-fought 6-3 win. His two losses were to a State champion and a State

qualifier.

Scott had a big win, with a third period pin against the sixth-place finisher. He later lost to a State champion and his previous opponent. Lucas Longo won his second match of the year with a second-period pin.

"It was great to see the whole team congratulate him on the good job," said Vlcek. "Lucas, keep working hard!"

THE TEAM HOSTED Vandercook and Hanover on Jan. 23, where again only six of

the nine team members competed, and the team came close to success with a 42-36 loss.

James Tobias had a 12-second pin: his 17th pin out of 29 wins this year. Fleck pinned his opponent in the second period, giving him 19 wins this season. Meyer wrestled well, also collecting a pin in the second period against one of the better wrestlers.

Josh Tobias wasted little time, quickly pinning his opponent in for his 18th pin of 29 wins. Cruz followed suit with a two-and-a-half minute pin, marking his 16th of 27 wins. Austin Scott closed the day with a pin for his 16th season victory.

"Every match we wrestled, we pinned," said Vlcek. "It was hard losing like this, but our kids did well and that's all that really counts."

LAST SATURDAY, the team was up against 18 teams in Leslie. The team finished an impressive seventh place, with five wrestlers earning medals.

Meyer went 1-2 for the day, wrestling three weight classes higher than usual.

"This was impressive considering how many weight classes he jumped," Vlcek said.

Scott lost his two matches, one to the runner-up and the second in a tough 8-6 decision.

"Both kids had good days to build on," said Vlcek of the two wrestlers.

James Tobias went 3-1 for the day, bringing home third place and winning 5-0 in the consolation finals. Cruz had a dominant

ing three wins, before losing 15-2 in the finals to last year's State runner-up.

Fleck took his second medal of the year, placing sixth and totaling 3-2 for the day.

"His best match was a 10-7 decision over a kid who beat him earlier in the year," said Vlcek. "This was a great sign of his improvement over this year."

Josh Tobias had a great day, not only winning the tournament, but collecting his 100th career win. In an exciting final match against a tough Hudson opponent, he pulled through 9-8.

"This might have been the best match of his young career," said Vlcek. "The 100 win-mark is especially great for being a junior."

Josh Knouase brought his season total to 25 with an overall 4-1. Winning impressively in the consolation finals, he took fifth place.

THE NEXT TWO weeks will be quieter. The team hosted East Jackson for Parents' Night Wednesday, and is off until Feb. 6, when they travel to Grass Lake for the final league meet, starting at 7 p.m. Feb. 8 will find the team at Napoleon for the league tournament. Wrestling is scheduled to start at 4 p.m. and should last until 8 or 9.

"We hope to see support for the nine kids who are still working hard for the Manchester wrestling team," Vlcek said. "They really deserve a pat on the back for their efforts."



SPORTS BRIEFS

Team ranks in academic all-state

The Manchester High School varsity football team achieved academic-all state honors for the second year in a row.

"Our team had the third-highest grade point average in Division Six," Athletic Director Wes Gall said.

The team's top 11 members had a cumulative grade point average of 3.84 in the fall semester. The team received a plaque from the Michigan State Football Coaches' Association.

Coming home game set for this Friday

Friday night, the Leadership Class is hosting "Coming Home" and has leading spirit activities for the entire week.

During the week, the class is selling "spirit" t-shirts for students to wear to Friday night's game and all home sports events this week, to promote team, school and community spirit. The shirts, maroon with a small gold Flying Dutchmen logo, sell for \$10 and are available in medium, large and extra large sizes.

Admission to home sports events is \$4. The class also is selling pompoms for \$3, or noisemakers and face paint for \$5. A variety of Manchester apparel also is available from the Athletic Boosters.

And the value of being the Ultimate Dutchman Fan? Priceless.

Volleyball teams post wins against Gabriel Richard

Both the junior varsity and varsity volleyball teams were victorious Monday night over Ann Arbor's Gabriel Richard. Scores were not available at press time. The freshman team lost to Gabriel Richard.

YBOA team still undefeated

Manchester's eighth-grade girls basketball team playing in the Youth Basketball of America league based in Lansing, are undefeated after facing teams from around mid-Michigan.

The team, coached by Wes Gall, currently holds a 6-0 league record for this season.

Accepting player profile nominees

The Manchester Enterprise would like to profile one student athlete each week. Senior profiles are especially welcomed, but player profiles are not limited to members of the senior class.

A coach, teacher, parent or counselor may wish to nominate a player who exemplifies the spirit of athletics both on and off the playing field. Or an athlete may have a special story to share about overcoming a challenge or a particular incident related to their sports participation.

To make a nomination, contact Marsha Johnson Chartrand at 428-8173 or by e-mail at mchartrand@heritage.com.

Plans proceed for Little League player evals

Manchester Youth Sports will hold a baseball evaluation day beginning at 9 a.m. on Feb. 23. These baseball evaluations are mandatory, to discover players' abilities at fielding, throwing, catching, batting and pitching.

Softball tryouts will be held the same day.

MYS also will sponsor a coaches' clinic on Mar. 2 at the high school, conducted by athletic director Wes Gall. The day will be geared to help coaches develop skill-building techniques.

Varsity hoops victorious against Jayhawks

■ *Manchester wins lone game of the week.*

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Associate Editor

In the team's only game last week, the Manchester varsity Dutch were victorious over the Vandercook Lake Jayhawks, 58-33.

Brent Leverett led the Dutchmen in scoring with 15 points, but overall the game was "pretty balanced all around," Manchester coach Bryan Barnard said.

Jeff PUNCHES and Aaron LaRock each contributed eight points; Nate Smith and Karl Schaible scored six apiece and Mike Walter added five points. Jacob Sawyer and Nick Strobl both scored four points and Jon Schaible contributed two.

Leading rebounders were Sawyer, Karl Schaible, Strobl and LaRock, all with five rebounds.

Walter and Leverett each had three assists.

"Everyone chipped in and helped out, that's for sure."

Barnard said.

"We got off to a slow start," he explained. "As Vandercook was playing a little bit of a stall."

The Jayhawks tried to hold on to the ball for a long time, and use as much clock as they could.

"They just didn't match up with our size and our depth," Barnard said. "In the first half, they were pretty successful with this strategy."

Manchester tried to speed up the game and pressed, creating some steals with its pressure defense.

"But it took us a while to get going," Barnard said. "The third quarter is when we finally could make our big run."

And they did. After a close halftime score of 25-24, the Dutch went on a 25-0 run to break out to a 50-24 score.

"We did a lot of that with pressing, creating easy shots and pushing the ball up the floor," Barnard said. "The third quarter is where we finally took control of the game."

Barnard said that Vandercook's offense really

made the Dutch defense work hard—and did a good job of it with their first-half game plan.

"When you have to play defense for that long of a period of time, sometimes it works," he said.

"They knew they didn't match up with us well in size and speed, so they wanted to take up as much time as they could every time they got the ball."

"We were a little impatient at the beginning and took some bad shots. We didn't take advantage of our size."

But the Dutch did a better job of creating turnovers and making some of the easy shots in the second half, as the defensive pressure mounted. And the team's rebounding also improved.

"Karl Schaible in particular did a good job of going to the glass," Barnard said. "He's not really an inside player; he was getting his rebounds from the wing spot. He came up with five and that was nice."

The team did a good job of working together, he added.



Photo by David Jose

Senior player Mike Walter shows his determination as the pressure defense mounts against Vandercook Lake in last Friday's game.

"Everyone played; everyone contributed—either by a rebound, a steal, or a basket," Barnard said. "It was a good team effort and it was pretty balanced."

On Tuesday the team faced

5-1 Napoleon. Each team held a 5-1 league record prior to the game and were tied with Grass Lake for second in the league.

Friday's coming home game will be played against Addison, starting at 7 p.m.

Junior varsity downs Vandy in Friday's game

■ *Coach credits team's defensive pressure for win.*

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Associate Editor

In a 54-26 rout of the Vandercook Lake Jayhawks on Friday, Coach Corey Fether said the junior Dutch "had a hand up on everything."

In fact, the Jayhawks only made five baskets the entire game—the team's remaining 16 points were gained on free throws.

"We put a lot of defensive pressure on them, and that led them to 30 turnovers," Fether said. "Our press was working—they didn't have any easy shots." Defensively, Fether said, the team played very well.

"We came out shooting the ball well too, in the first quarter," he said. "At the end of the first quarter we were 19-3."

And then, in the second half the team struggled offensively.

"We shot poorly in the second half, otherwise it probably would have been a running clock," Fether said.

Dan Schulte led in the team's only game of the week scoring 12 points, adding three rebounds

and three steals. Jeff Miller followed up with 10 points, three rebounds and three steals.

Ryan Hendricks led in rebounding with 16, and also scored nine points and had four blocks. Craig Lane scored nine points and four rebounds while Mike Coval had eight points and five assists. Dave Evilsizer added three points. Jordan

Tailman two points and six rebounds and Lance Aiken had one point.

Asked about the second-half offensive struggles, Fether said, "It was just one of those things."

"We ended up getting frustrated, and taking some bad shots. But those weren't falling, either."

In this week's action on the

home court, the junior varsity reached the midway point of the season meeting the Napoleon Pirates on Tuesday.

"Napoleon is the big rival," Fether said Monday. "Hopefully, our defensive pressure and our size will give them problems. We're a lot taller team than they are."

"I hope we'll be able to con-

rol the boards and apply some good defensive pressure."

Tomorrow night the team meets Addison on the home court. Since the junior varsity already has defeated the Panthers on the road, Fether says he looks forward to a good game on Friday.

Gymnastics team's depth shines through

The Manchester/Napoleon gymnastics team participated in the Northwest Invitational on Saturday. Despite having top gymnasts Meaghan Jusick and Christina Hill out with injuries, the team took sixth out of 12 teams with a score of 123.55.

Senior Jenny Solak performed her best meet of the season with a personal-best all-around score of 33.45 placing 10th. She tied for fourth on vault with a score of 8.55, and tied for 10th on beam with an 8.5.

Also leading the Pirates in scoring was Manchester High School sophomore Terre Deacons, who received her personal-best all-around score of 32.85. Deacons placed third on floor with a 9.05.

Freshman Katie Guernsey received a first regional-qualifying score on beam with a 7.4 and sophomore Caitlyn Steiner received a

regional-qualifying score of 7.2 on bars.

Earlier in the week, Napoleon beat Hillsdale 122.5 to 117.65. Top scorer for the team was Deacons, taking second all-around by placing third on vault with a 7.8; first on bars with a 7.9; third on beam with an 8.1; and second on floor with a score of 8.4. Solak took third all-around by placing first on vault with an 8.4; third on floor with a score of 8.3; second on bars with a 7.85 and fourth on beam with a 7.55.

Christina Hill took fourth on bars with a 7.25, and fourth on floor with an 8.15. Steiner received her first regional qualifying score of 7.1 on bars.

The Pirates had their first season loss against Plymouth Canton, 129.3 to 121.1. Deacons again had the top All-Around score for the team of 32.55. She placed second on

bars with a 7.9, fourth on beam with an 8.4, and first on floor with a score of 8.7. Solak received a personal best score on vault with an 8.55, placing first. She also placed second on beam with an 8.5 and third on floor with an 8.25 score. She placed second all-around with a 32.5.

Steiner received personal best scores on vault, bars and floor and Amber Shirey received a personal best score on floor. Ashley Hyatt received a second regional qualifying score on vault.

The lady Pirates now are 3-1 overall and remain undefeated in the Southern Michigan Gymnastics League with a 3-0 record.

The team met Northwest last night.

—submitted by Shelley Jusick

Freshmen hoops post double victories

Team currently holds a 9-1 overall record.

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Associate Editor

On Monday the youngest Dutchmen traveled south for what started out as a sluggish game. But the outcome was far from sluggish as the freshmen scored a 57-20 victory over Sand Creek.

"We were only ahead 13-10 after the first quarter," said Manchester coach Jim Krzyzaniak. "But we woke up in the second quarter, and outscored them 20-0, to give us a half time lead of 33-10."

"We really got rolling!"

"After a slower pace again in

the third quarter the team rebounded in the fourth, this time outscoring Sand Creek 13-1 to bring the final score to 57-20.

Leading scorers were Brett Melcher and R.J. Layher, each with 10 points. Tom Breilein scored seven, while Rodney Posky, Andrew Little and Andrew Way each scored six points.

Posky led the team in rebounding with eight; Eric Strong grabbed seven rebounds and Caleb Bergner six. Mark Trinkle and Brett Melcher each had four steals in the game.

On Friday, the team returned home for a league game against Vandercook Lake.

"We played our best first-half of the year," Krzyzaniak said.

"We were leading at half time by 46-9."

In the second half, the young Dutch let down a little bit.

"But that's a natural thing when there's such a big lead," Krzyzaniak said. "We just played the string out to the end of the game."

The final score was Manchester 66, Vandercook 33.

Layher led in scoring with 12 points followed by Breilein with nine. Mike Tremblay and Bergner dunked in eight points apiece and Posky scored seven points.

Little was the team's leading rebounder with 10 while Posky had eight and Breilein and Melcher each grabbed seven. Melcher also led in steals with

four, and shared the lead in assists with Tremblay. Each had four assists during the game.

"The thing I like about this team is that we continue to improve as a team," Krzyzaniak said. "We have 11 solid players and they're getting a lot of playing time."

"We just want to continue to do well."

The team's record stood at 9-1 as they faced Napoleon on Tuesday night.

"That will be a nice competitive game," Krzyzaniak said.

Tomorrow night's game will begin at 4 p.m. on the home court with Addison as the triple-header opponent.

Flight of Hope



Children's Flight of Hope—Michigan conducted its first flight on Dec. 10. Mike Walters of Manchester flew to Youngstown, Ohio to pick up grandmother Florence Kitka and then to Charlotte, N.C. to pick up little Katrina (pictured here with her grandmother and her father, Paul Kitka before the flight.) Katrina and her grandmother were then transported to North Oakland Medical Center in Pontiac for Katrina's treatment.

Varsity netters edging closer to success

Girls face closer competition at this week's tournaments.

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Associate Editor

In last week's only volleyball game, the varsity lost to East Jackson by a score of 3-15, 14-16.

"We got into trouble in the first game," Manchester coach Dan Roughton said. "They had a server get seven points in a row, so we got down from the start and didn't wake up till the second game."

"In that round, trouble with missed serves kept the Lady Dutch from going on to win."

"It was a really close game."

Roughton said.

Leader Brie Hyde had seven points, three aces, five kills and two blocks. Dara Jose scored three points and added one ace, one kill and five digs.

Michelle Slocum had three points, one ace and two digs while Liz Okey had four kills and four digs. Senior Kelli Randall scored one point, one ace, four kills and two blocks for kills and two digs.

Sarah Johnson had an ace, making her biggest contribution with 15 assists and four digs. Natalie Weidmayer scored two points with five kills, one assist and four digs.

"The girls keep improving," Roughton said. "They're playing

harder every day.

"It's a matter of one person stepping up and deciding they want to lead the team, and the rest should follow."

The team holds an overall record of 5-9 and is 2-2 against conference opponents.

Monday night, the team traveled to Ann Arbor to meet Gabriel Richard and tonight will host Hanover-Horton. This weekend, they will head to the

Springport tournament.

At Springport, the Lady Dutch will meet schools that are a closer match in size and competition. Roughton hopes that the experience the team has had in playing stronger, larger schools will give his team a chance to shine.

"They're getting really close," he said. "They're working for it and they're not giving up—they'll get over the hump."

Group sets dinner

The Lenawee County Christian Women's Club is sponsoring its annual dinner for men and women. The dinner will be held at the Christian Family Centre, located at the intersection of West US 223 and Wolf Creek Hwy.

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PUBLIC NOTICE**

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Limited services will be available during this time by calling the Field Office at 971-9041 and leaving a message. Situations requiring immediate attention should be directed to the Sheriff's Department at 971-3954.
We will resume normal business hours at our new location on Tuesday, February 5, 2002.

**MANCHESTER VILLAGE
COUNCIL AGENDA**
Monday, February 4, 2002, 7:00 P.M.

AGENDA:

1. Call meeting to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
3. Minutes of the previous meeting
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Public Participation
6. Old Business
 - a. Old Village Hall Discussion
 - b. Open House
 - c. Other
7. New Business
 - a. Marshall Resignation
 - b. Garbage Contract
 - c. Sewer Separation Project
8. Correspondence
9. Committee Reports
10. Adjourn

**BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**
FEBRUARY 12, 2002 AT 7:30 PM
AT BRIDGEWATER TOWNHALL

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING:
AN INFORMATIONAL MEETING REGARDING THE BRIDGEWATER SEWER PROJECT.
PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF DIFFERENT SEWER TREATMENT SYSTEMS.
RESIDENTS AND PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

**REGISTRATION NOTICE
FOR VILLAGE ELECTION**
MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2002

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE VILLAGE OF MANCHESTER (PRECINCT NO. 1) COUNTY OF WASHTENAW, STATE OF MICHIGAN

Notice is hereby given that in conformity with the "Michigan Election Law", i. the undersigned Clerk, will upon any day, except Sunday and a legal holiday, the day of any regular or special election receive for registration the name of any legal voter in said Village not already registered who may APPLY TO ME PERSONALLY for such registration.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I WILL BE AT MY OFFICE
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The 30th Day Preceding Said Election

As provided by Section 498, Act No. 116, Public Acts of 1954 as amended.
For the purpose of REVIEWING THE REGISTRATION AND REGISTERING SUCH OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS IN SAID VILLAGE AS SHALL PROPERLY APPLY THEREFORE.
The name of no person but an ACTUAL RESIDENT of the precinct at the time of registration, and entitled under the Constitution, if remaining such resident, to vote at the next election, shall be entered in the registration book.
Julie A. Schaible, Village Clerk

**BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC NOTICE
PLANNING COMMISSION**
Public Hearing on Special Land Use for a Kennel
February 11, 2002

Notice is hereby given for a public hearing of the Bridgewater Township Planning Commission on Monday, February 11, 2002 at 7:30 P.M. at the Township Hall, 10990 Clinton Road, Clinton. The purpose of the hearing is to obtain public comment on the Application for Special Land Use by Nancy C. Hebb for a kennel at 11840 Hogan Road, Clinton, Michigan 49236.
The application for the Special Land Use and all supporting papers can be examined by making an appointment with Wanda Fish, Administrative Assistant, telephone number 517-456-4314. Persons wishing to comment may do so at the public hearing or by writing to the Planning Commission Chair, James Fish, 11891 Hogan Road, Clinton, Michigan, 49236 or jfish@ini.net.
The Bridgewater Township Board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting or public hearing upon ten days' notice to the Bridgewater Township Board.
Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Bridgewater Township Clerk, Karen Weidmayer, at 13360 E. Austin Road, Manchester 48158 or call 734-428-8641.

**FREEDOM TOWNSHIP
SYNOPSIS OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING**
JANUARY 8, 2001, 8:00 P.M. AT FREEDOM TOWN HALL

1. The regular Board meeting of Freedom Township was called to order by Supervisor Little. Clerk Schenk, Treasurer Steve Anthony, Trustees morning and Weidmayer were present as well as several residents at 8:00PM.
2. Anthony moved to accept the minutes of December 11, 2001 meeting. Little seconded. A roll call vote resulted in all ayes, motion carried.
3. Little moved to accept the November 2001 Treasurer's report. Weidmayer seconded. A roll call vote resulted in all ayes, motion carried.
4. Emory Garlick's presentation on the Kuebler pit was moved up on the agenda. Emory reviewed topographical maps and his evaluation of the pit. Steve presented 3 options for restoration of the pit. C&T trucking has submitted a \$50,000 letter of credit. They have not complied with the insurance certificate requirement of the mining ordinance. Mr. Garlick's opinion was that there had been ongoing mining at the pit without the Township's approval. Mr. Garlick recommended posts be put on the pit delineating its boundaries, and the pits need to be monitored. A general discussion about pit monitoring ensued. The Board discussed the Township's options: revoke the permit, and contact the attorney. Mr. Schmitz will start the process with the attorney. The DEO suggested the separator be removed from the pit. Steve moved that The Freedom Twp Board take legal action to suspend the mining permit of C&T, to pursue legal action with the two attorneys, and to request removal of the separator from the pit, and no mining or removal of any material until ordinance defects are cured. Little seconded. A voice vote resulted in all ayes, motion carried.
5. Audience Participation -
6. Reports: Planning Commission - meeting will be Jan 15. A public hearing at 7PM will be held for the changes to the growth management plan. Changes to the zoning ordinance will be reviewed by the County Planning Commission and will be on the Twp agenda in February. Zoning Board of Appeals met about a setback issue on a non-conforming building. The variance was granted. Ordinance Enforcement Officer - Still working on junk cars. The DEO finished a sign registry. Zoning Inspector - was not present. Library - Jane Thornton described some of the new services-technology, a family science reading program, story hour, and dinosaur projects for older children. History Project - no report. Little moved to commend Bob Miller, and the Purlois for their contribution to Township history. Anthony seconded. A voice vote resulted in all ayes.
7. Old Business - We are still waiting on a furnace quote from Brooklyn & Brian Koch. Parking lot sealer-nothing new to report. Our junk ordinance is not very different from Bridgewater's ordinance. Item tabled. A quick facts sheet was distributed on PA 262 from Farmhand & Community Alliance. The sample ordinance we have seems too complex...we will keep working on this issue. We will contact MTA for a sample.
8. New Business - No one wanted to attend the MTA annual convention. Wireless master plan-ask our planner to look at the proposal. SWWCOG meets tomorrow to see if there is interest in this topic.
9. Little moved to accept warrants 6222-6251. Anthony seconded. A roll call vote resulted in all ayes, motion carried.
10. There being no further business, Supervisor Little adjourned the meeting at 9:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
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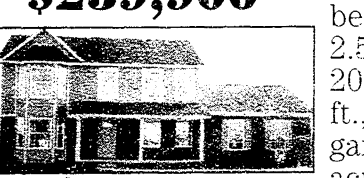
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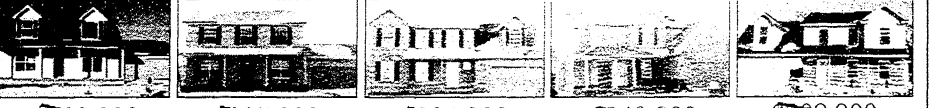
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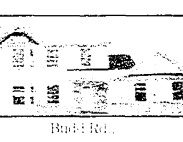


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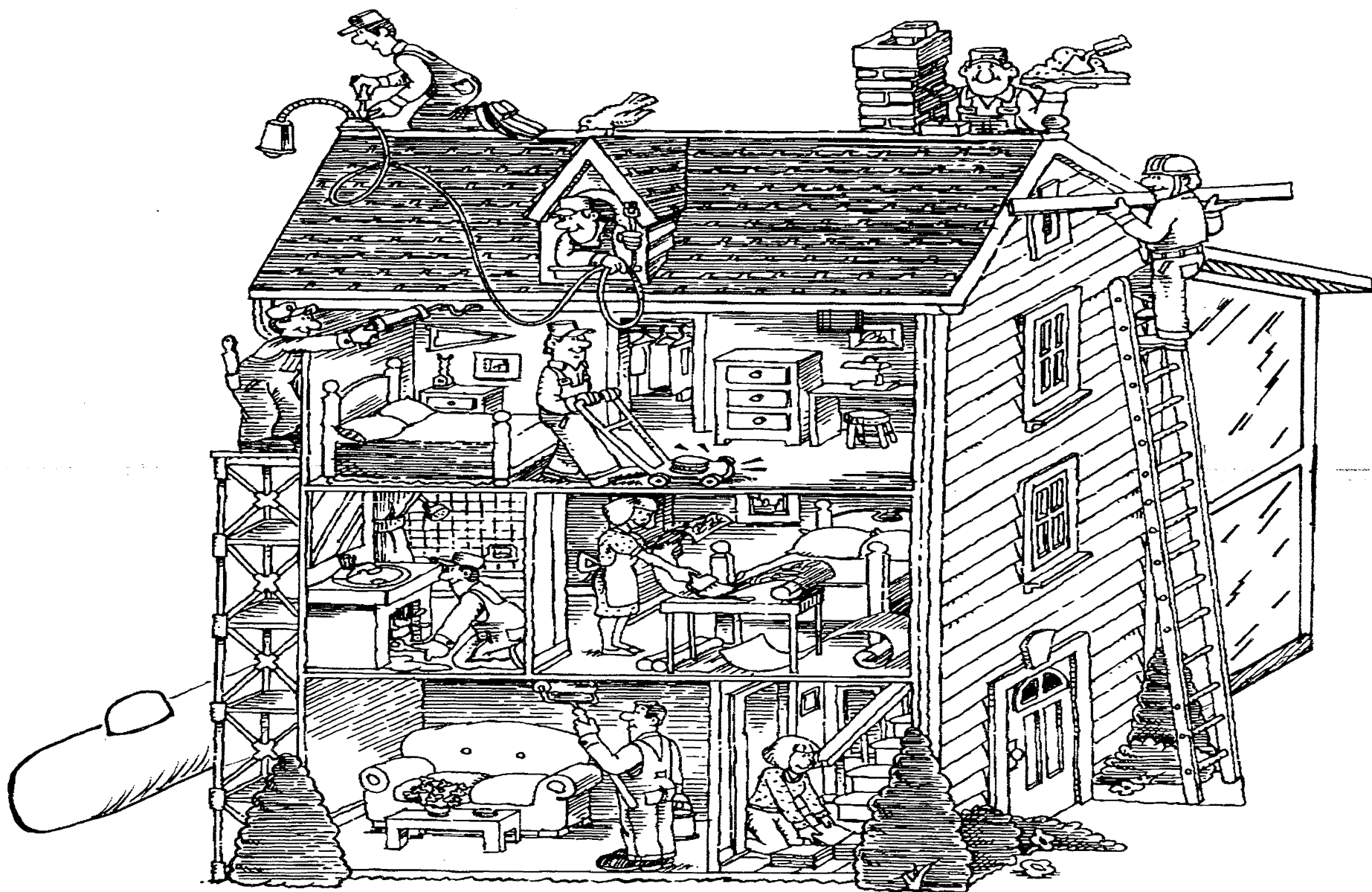
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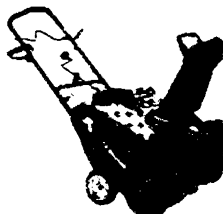
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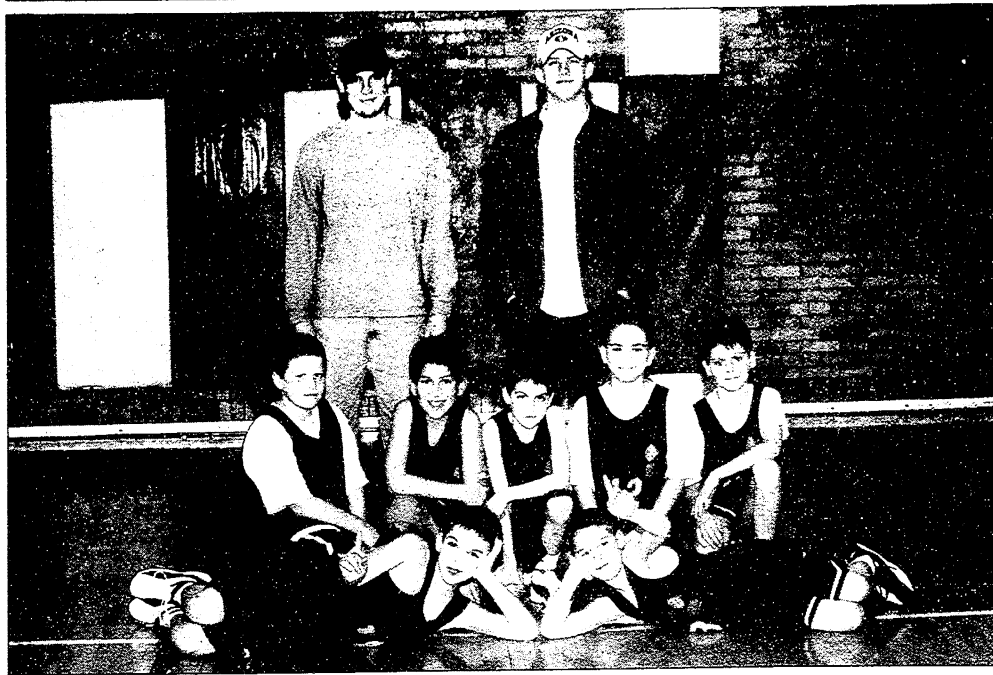
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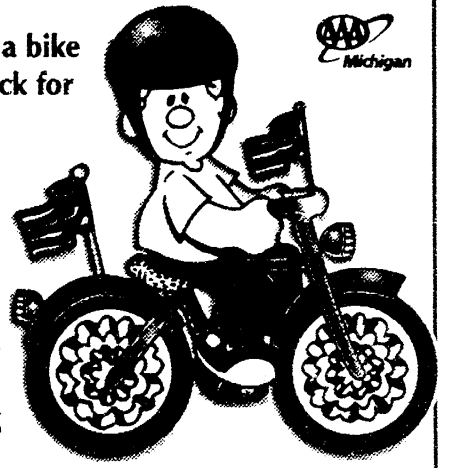
Winning Team



Manchester fifth-graders played a basketball tournament at Chelsea High School and came home with first-place trophies. The team is also 3-0 in Ann Arbor League. Pictured are Trevor Hanewald (front, left) and Coyle Render; Jordan Guest (center, left), Randy Kleinschmidt, Josh Miller, Philip Voegeding and Matthew Layher; and coaches Jason Flint (back, left) and Derick Hanewald. Congratulations and Go Dutch!

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Young golfers sought for program

Michigan Junior Golfademics provides opportunities for kids.

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Associate Editor

Students aged five to 15 are welcome to participate in Michigan Junior Golfademics, a program founded by the mission of providing underprivileged youth across the county the opportunity to learn to play golf.

The program also provides instruction, academic assistance and mentorship for youthful golfers participating in the program.

Mike Walters of Manchester is recruiting local kids to become part of this special program. The Michigan Junior Golfademics will provide these services free to low-income families and also have a sliding-scale cost schedule for families with higher incomes.

"We'll determine a central meeting point for the children, pick them up and drive them to a golf site," Walters said. "There will be a winter program, held indoors on a Saturday at the Golf Dome in Ann Arbor, and a week-day summer program will be held at county golf courses."

Each program will be eight weeks long and the children will receive instruction, practice, lunch and mentoring. Balls and clubs will be provided for the students.

"After completing the eight-week module, the kids will also have a chance to get a free set of golf clubs, a bag and balls," Walters said.

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Charles Douglas, founder of the Michigan Junior Golfademics, has been active in promoting youth opportunities in golf for several years. From 1988 to 1999 he conducted the Arborough games, a program that allowed Washtenaw County youth to participate in Olympic-

style games with youth from other counties around Michigan.

Walters, who has lived in the Manchester area since last summer, got connected with Douglas through a fund-raising collaboration with Children's Flight of Hope of Michigan, a non-profit corporation that provides air transportation for critically ill children and their families.

"Golf is traditionally related to charitable contributions," Walters said. "This is one more outreach for fans of the sport."

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Association currently is promoting golf instruction for underprivileged youth. The organization is helping to fund this program and Michigan Junior Golfademics received a grant to pay for clubs, instruction, site fees and other expenses.

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ROSS KNIGHT

Almon "Ross" Knight, age 67, of Bridgewater Township, died on Jan. 28, 2002.

Mr. Knight was born in Gibraltar on Feb. 7, 1934 to Mary Ellen (Cox) and Mark Knight. He was affectionately known as "Grandpa."

He is survived by his sons, William (Marianne) and Steve (Sheryl); a daughter, Susan (Daniel) Rose; two brothers and three sisters. Two brothers preceded him in death.

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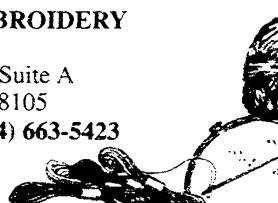
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New generation of women in business 'successful,' says poll

Women-owned firms established within the past decade are making substantial contributions to the economy and are poised for continued growth in the future. They have reached the same level of business achievement as women-owned firms started in the past, and are more likely to be oriented toward future growth than their predecessors, according to a new analysis from Center for Women's Business Research (founded as the National Foundation for Women Business Owners), which was underwritten by First Union Corporation.

Thirty-eight percent of women business owners who have started their firms within the past decade have already achieved at least \$500,000 in annual revenues. Furthermore, 42 percent of the new generation women business owners indicated that they are striving for continued growth over the next five years as they expand their businesses. This compares to 25 percent of women owners of firms that have been in business two decades or more. In this respect, the new generation female business owners are similar to their male counterparts (49 percent of new generation men business owners have growth-related future goals.)

Women who founded their businesses in the nineties are more like their male cohorts than previous genera-

tions of women business owners in several other ways. "The new generation of women entrepreneurs appears to be narrowing the business revenue gap," said Nina McLemore, Chair of the Center for Women's Business Research and President of Regent Capital. "It appears that among businesses started within the past decade, there is no significant gender difference in the share of firms with \$500,000 or more in revenues."

Women-owned businesses established in the last decade are making significant economic contributions, at the same overall level as their predecessors.

"The study found that one-quarter (24 percent) of women-owned firms started less than 10 years ago now have at least 20 employees. That compares with 23 percent of firms aged 10 to 19 years, and 29 percent of firms aged 20 years or older," added McLemore. "Similarly, 38 percent of these new generation businesses have revenues of \$500,000 or more, compared to 39 percent of firms started 10 to 19 years ago, and 34 percent of those in business for 20 or more years. While this analysis cannot directly compare businesses at a similar period in their growth cycle, the fact that the new generation of women business owners has reached this sales level at an early stage in their business development—

along with their outlook on growth and their appetite for capital—may indicate that the new generation of women-owned firms is poised to make an even greater economic contribution in coming years."

Many women entrepreneurs in the new generation are actively seeking capital for their businesses (41 percent of women who started their businesses in the past 10 years compared to 25 percent of women with businesses 20 or more years old have sought capital during the past year), and are more likely to be concerned about access to capital than their more established counterparts.

The new generation of women entrepreneurs appears to be better equipped for success than their predecessors of two decades earlier. Women who started or acquired their firms within the past 10 years are more highly educated than women who have owned their firms for 20 or more years, and have higher levels of pre-entrepreneurial management experience. Fully 45 percent of women who have become business owners in the past decade have at least a bachelor's degree, compared to just 26 percent of those who have been in business for 20 years or more. Thirty-eight percent of the new generation of women business owners held an executive, senior or middle management position in their

pre-entrepreneurial career, compared to just 20 percent of women who have owned their firms for 20 years or more. "The great news here is that the new generation of women entrepreneurs is more likely to have started a business that is related to their previous career. Some 51 percent of those who started their firms within the past 10 years indicate their business is closely related to their previous career, compared to 33 percent of those who started their firms 20 or more years ago," said Myra Hart, Center for Women's Business Research vice chair and Harvard Business School Professor. "This is positive because we know that the more closely related the business is to the owner's previous work experience, the greater the likelihood of success."

Center for Women's Business Research (founded as the National Foundation for Women Business Owners) is a nonprofit research institute focusing on women business owners and their enterprises worldwide.

The executive report, The New Generation of Women Business Owners, is available at no charge. For further information, contact: Center for Women's Business Research, 1411 K Street, NW, Suite 1350, Washington, D.C. 20005-3407, phone 202-638-3060, fax 202-638-3064, or send an e-mail to info@womensbusinessresearch.org.



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Marsi Parker Darwin and JoAnne Darwin

and married Bill in 1990. JoAnne joined the firm in 1993. All three do custom work for area business, homes, and churches. Among the items that they have crafted stained glass for are doors, windows, lamps and home accents, including Marsi's MoonCrystals, SolarCoasters, and Copper Moon line, and JoAnne's fairies and Victorian designs. JoAnne and Marsi often travel to area art and craft fairs to publicize the business and sell gift items.

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Patti Chase, owner of Tanfastic in Saline, says that her business goal is to provide "the highest quality service in a clean, relaxed atmosphere." Tanfastic is a Smart Tan certified salon with Smart Tan certified employees. "The golden rule of Smart Tan training is 'Don't Ever Burn,'" says Chase. She started her business in 1987 with four tanning beds, and now has 3 location with more than 36 tanning units. "Clients have the advantage of being able to use tanning packages at any of the three locations," says Chase.



Patti Chase

"That way, they are never more than a few minutes from a tan." Customers can "experience a wide variety of top quality products including a full line of tanning lotions, 'SPFs,' and tan extenders to maximize tanning while minimizing burning. Whether a customer needs a base tan for a Florida vacation or just wants a little bit of color, we offer several packages to fit anyone's needs." Tanfastic has been voted the top tanning salon since 1995, and is rated an expert salon by California Tan, and a first-class salon by Wolff Systems. The Plymouth Rd. Tanfastic salon received an A.I.A. Huron Valley Home Award 2000 for its interior design.



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Women in Business

Veterinarian Ruth E. Barthel, D.V.M., is a fellow of the academy of veterinary dentistry and owner of Grass Lake Animal Hospital. She has been in business since October 2000. Barthel is "dedicated to excellence in small animal veterinary care," and provides "high-quality" medical and surgical care combined with friendly, caring service. "Our hospital is brand new and was specifically designed for our patients' comfort and health," she says. A 1981 honors graduate of Michigan State University's College of Veterinary Medicine, Barthel's graduate training includes becoming certified as a veterinary dentist. "There are less than 90 fellows in the Academy of Veterinary Dentistry world wide," she says. Barthel has experience in both general practice and emergency and critical care. Grass Lake Animal Hospital provides complete health care services for dogs and cats, including preventive health care, wellness testing, dental care, surgery, and medical care. "We treat each pet as an individual and are happy to work with their owners to design an appropriate health maintenance program," says Barthel. "Our hospital is very modern with an on-site lab, surgery suite with clean air system, heart monitors, blood pressure monitoring, EKG, and defibrillators. We have a special room for pets with infectious diseases and can also take care of critical patients in oxygen cages." The dental suite is equipped for periodontal (gum) surgery, root canals, and even orthodontics for painful occlusion (bite) problems. Boarding and bathing also are available in a heated/air conditioned environment.



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Marian L. Faupel was one of 12 individuals honored in 1993 by The Detroit News as a "Michiganian of the Year" for her contribution as a lawyer to the quality of life in the Great Lakes State. A graduate of the University of Michigan, Faupel earned her juris doctor from Wayne State University's Law School and has written 14 scholarly articles on Michigan law, demonstrating her high commitment to legal scholarship. A resident of Saline for more than 30 years, Faupel has spent 12 years as the principal partner in her own legal practice. Her firm specializes in commercial lending, construction liens, commercial fraud, family law, employment law, and real estate law.



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Dr. Mary Beth Moenssen opened her office in Dexter in December 1998.

She is the sole practitioner of the orthodontic specialty practice, which has grown steadily due to the support and referrals of patients, their parents and the local general dentists.

Dr. Moenssen completed all her college and graduate level education at the University of Michigan, receiving a bachelor's degree in psychology in 1990, Doctorate of Dental Surgery in 1995 and a master's degree in orthodontics in 1998. Because U-M has one of the best orthodontic specialty programs in the country, Dr. Moenssen felt extremely prepared to open a practice of her own.

Although Dr. Moenssen has many adult patients receiving orthodontic treatment in her office, most of her patients are children. Because most of them live in Dexter, the orthodontic practice is located close to the Dexter schools for convenience. Dr. Moenssen also provides early morning and later evening appointments to accommodate parents working outside the home.

Although Dr. Moenssen is a specialist in orthodontics, one does not need a referral to schedule an appointment with her. Additionally, Dr. Moenssen does not charge a fee for initial orthodontic examinations. She takes pride when patients and their parents report having enjoyable experiences while in her office.

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Prior to becoming a Realtor, Barbara Ager was a Registered Nurse at the University of Michigan Medical Center

Over a span of 20 years, she worked as a staff nurse and in administration. She graduated from U-M with a B.S. degree and has brought her knowledge, skill and professionalism to Keller Williams Realty.

She and her husband Bill, an attorney and Realtor, have developed a marketing program which provides clients with a "Satisfaction Guarantee" for buying or selling their homes.

They donate \$100 from each home sale or purchase to the school, charity or nonprofit organization of the client's choice.

Keller Williams Realty, Ann Arbor Market Center, opened in September 1999. Since then, the company has grown to more than 90 agents and has a substantial market share in Washtenaw County.

The company recently opened an office in Dexter at the Dexter Crossing Shopping Center.

Keller Williams has two main purposes: to provide the best real estate services to its clients and to provide its agents with a partnership where they can realize a lasting return on the success of the company.



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Women in Business

Attorney Pamela Byrnes specializes in family law, which includes divorce, support issues, and other areas, including grandparents' rights and guardianships. Byrnes, who opened her practice in Saline in 1981 after leaving the Washtenaw County Friend of the Court, currently is on the Washtenaw County Road Commission. In 1985, she moved her practice to Ypsilanti, and in 2000, relocated to Hogback Rd. in Ann Arbor. Says Byrnes: "For 25 years I have been an advocate for real people dealing with real problems. My career has focused on helping people navigate their way through the legal system at a difficult time in their lives. My strength is in my experience and ability to help people focus on the real issues and resolve them in an equitable and efficient manner that protects their best interests."



Pamela Rymes

Recently, the business added a therapeutic pool that allows quicker reduction of the gravity environment and facilitates stretching and relaxation, thus furthering patients' progress.

T. Herrlinger and Associates is a rehabilitation agency that provides a wide range of physical, occupational and speech therapy services.

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Susan Wright has 12 years of experience as a real estate agent.

She currently is the top selling agent in Dexter's Real Estate One office, specializing in residential resale and new construction.

"When I first started selling real estate, computers were not used much in the business," says Susan. "I have made it a point to keep up and grow my business with technology. Now, everything is accessed over the Internet. I can search for homes and e-mail listings to my clients.

"We no longer use the thick MLS books. Homes that I have for sale can be seen through the Internet via a virtual tour. This allows potential buyers to 'walk through' the home with a click of their mouse. Also, I do digital photography. This is useful for designing high quality marketing material and home brochures," Wright says.

Her Web site address is www.reoagent.com/suewright.



Susan Wright

What an incredible day! I am Dr. Barbara Sturm of Sturm Family Chiropractic, which is located in the Milan Foodtown Shopping Plaza. I'm sure it is apparent from my entry that I do things differently than most. Wellness-minded practice members at Sturm Family Chiropractic also march to the beat of a different drum with a rhythm characterized by being proactive and responsive. We are a loving and supportive group of individuals assembled together through the bond of an intense desire for optimum health and living. We have a firm awareness that chiropractic care is the vehicle that above-average people use in order to live at their best. To that end, as their chiropractor, my daily question is, "How can I help maximize your living today?" I coach practice members to live their dream lifestyles by providing a safe and loving environment focused on removing the interferences to life. This is accomplished through hearty "Hello's," warm hugs, ongoing educational opportunities, and specific chiropractic adjustments. People just like you get adjusted to live the abundant life. Yes, chiropractic care in our office has afforded members pain-free, symptom-free living. This level of health grants them limitless energy, maximized performance, and a sense of ease and decreased stress beyond anything they have ever tried before. It's a great life. At Sturm Family Chiropractic we are living at our best! We invite you to join us.



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Women in Business

Rebecca David has spent 23 years in the banking business and currently is an associate at University Bank in Ann Arbor. University Bank specializes in serving medium to small businesses and nonprofit organizations. According to David, the bank places a high emphasis on personal attention and customer service. Originally chartered in June 1908 as Newberry State Bank, the bank charter was transferred to Ann Arbor and reopened as University Bank in 1996. "Our bank is locally managed and that means local decision making for our customers," she says. "The CEO answers her own phone and returns calls in a prompt fashion. We have a full line of business-oriented services and products, including free courier service, development officers that come to your office, accounts receivable financing, and much more."



Rebecca David

Sue Rushlow is a full-time, top producing real estate agent for the Charles Reinhart Co. in Saline.



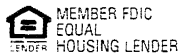
Sue Rushlow

She has more than 13 years of experience in residential real estate sales, and has been a top producer in the Saline market for the last 10 years. Rushlow feels that her success comes with the knowledge that clients are buying or selling not a home, but a reflection of their personal styles.

People are the most important part of Rushlow's job. Her aim is to make sure they are completely happy with their new lifestyles.

Her friendliness and good humor have spilled over into her real estate career. They can be seen in the positive way she works with people, the knowledge she shares with clients, and the enthusiasm she brings to every transaction.

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Jean Addy Little

Little offers clients "creativity, experience, and a passion for what I do." Her specialties include weddings, special events, seasonal home decorating, and custom pieces for the home. She also offers expertise in working with corporations for special events and gifts. Little works out of her home design studio and is available by appointment at (734) 429-1048 or by e-mail at addalittle@aol.com.

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By Renee Lapham Collins
Associate Editor

As in nearly every case today, the Internet is a gold mine of information and support for women in business.

A "Google" search produced more than 3 million "hits" for the topic, with the "Office of Women's Business Ownership" the chief site.

The organization, according to its introduction, is devoted to serving the needs of women business owners.

"This is an exciting time to be a woman business owner. Women are starting businesses at twice the rate of all businesses and staying in business longer. Based on current calculations using the latest data from the Census Bureau, SBA's Office of Advocacy estimates that there are 9.1 million women-owned firms today, employing 27.5 million people and contributing \$3.6 trillion in sales and revenue to the U.S. economy.

"The U.S. Small Business Administration is doing more than ever to help level the playing field for women entrepreneurs, who still face unique obstacles in the world of business. The SBA's Office of Women's Business Ownership is leading the way.

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Women's Business Centers—assistance at 93 centers in 46 states and four territories;

Program Announcement No. OWBO 2000-015—Inviting private, non-profit organizations to submit applications and proposals to conduct Women's Business Center projects;

Women's Business Ownership Representatives in SBA District Offices;

Women's Network for Entrepreneurial Training—mentoring by successful business women at more than 160 roundtable groups nationwide;

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