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## New police sergeant begins village post

■ Sgt. Jim Anuszkiewicz says people are best part of police work.



Anuszkiewicz

By Sven Gustafson  
Staff Writer  
If Sgt. Jim Anuszkiewicz had his way, the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department would relocate its Manchester Village substation right smack in the middle of town. That's what Anuszkiewicz (pronounced *Anni-skevich*) told Village Manager Jeff Wallace and Village President Pat Vaillencourt while being interviewed as the suggested replacement for outgoing Sgt. Dieter Heren. Currently, the police substation is located on the

administration offices. "I told them if it was up to me that I wouldn't mind having my office in the center of town. That's just because I enjoy the interaction with people," Anuszkiewicz said by phone from the Ypsilanti Township police substation where he formerly worked. "One of the things I enjoy about my job is just the interaction with people."  
**THE 35-YEAR-OLD** Anuszkiewicz, whose grandparents came to the U.S. from Poland, is currently sergeant in Ypsilanti Township. He will take over as sergeant for the village and Bridgewater Township effective May 1. The current sergeant, Dieter Heren, is being promoted to lieutenant.

and leaves after more than three years as chief of police in the village. Anuszkiewicz, who is approaching 12 years of duty with the county sheriff's department, is no stranger to Manchester. In his first years as a deputy, Anuszkiewicz was frequently assigned to fill in on the same and midnight shifts in the village. Heren formally inducted him to the Manchester Village Council at its April 15 meeting and to the Bridgewater Township board April 17. **ANUSZKIEWICZ SAID** that even though the move is not a promotion, he is looking forward to making the change to Manchester.

"This is just kind of a move for me to a different assignment," he said. "The move is not a promotion but an assignment that is going to broaden my horizons in police work." He also acknowledged Manchester would be a change from the higher-crime Ypsilanti Township. "I'm looking for that change of pace in police work," he said. "The change I'm gonna see down there is I'll have a chance to do more proactive work." "In Manchester, I'm going to have the chance to not only do proactive work, but also meet people." "When these guys are put into these smaller communities they almost take on the role of a

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### NEWS BRIEFS

#### Church to celebrate anniversary

It's our birthday ... but the present is for you! Join Iron Creek Community Church, located at 17046 English Rd., as the congregation celebrates its 147th anniversary on Sunday, Paul Runyon, a former pastor of Iron Creek, will speak during the Sunday School hour at 10 a.m. and the Calvarymen Quartet will be in concert at the 11 a.m. worship service. Immediately following the service there will be a family picnic, inflatable moon walk and kids' carnival. Everyone is welcome at this celebration.

#### American Legion breakfast set

The American Legion Post #117 will host its monthly breakfast from 8 a.m. to noon on Sunday at the Legion hall, 203 Adrian St. The cost is \$4.50 per person and traditional breakfast favorites are made to order.

#### Alumni banquet plans under way

The Manchester High School Alumni Association has set its 125th annual alumni banquet for June 15. Again this year the group will award a scholarship to a graduating senior. To make a tax-deductible donation to the Manchester High School Alumni Association Scholarship Fund, send a check to Colleen Kemner, 14282 W. Austin Rd., Manchester. Please note if the donation is being given in memory or honor of someone.

#### Painted furniture sale at the mill on Saturday

Advanced art students from Manchester High School will be selling their painted furniture items on the porch of the historic Manchester Mill from 1:30 to 5 p.m. on Saturday. The proceeds of the sale will help purchase supplies for the art department and finance a field trip to the Toledo art museum and zoo. In case of inclement weather, the sale will be held inside the mill.

#### Blood drive set for next Monday

Manchester's spring blood drive will be held May 6 from 1 to 7 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish Center on Madison Street. Walk-ins are always welcome, but we will be putting those with appointments before you. Call Marja Warner, 428-9506, to make an appointment.

## Out With the Old, in With the New



Photo by Sven Gustafson

Mike Rockol of the Manchester Department of Public Works takes down the old "Welcome to Manchester" sign from the east entrance to the village. The sign was erected by the Manchester Men's Club about 20 years ago. The flower beds at the base of the sign will remain in the same location.

## Village receives \$16,000 invoice for tax adjustments

■ Amount stems from lengthy appeal of Comerica Bank assessments.

By Sven Gustafson  
Staff Writer

The Washtenaw County Treasurer's office is asking the Village of Manchester to pay back \$16,000 in already collected property taxes to cover re-assessments made to properties on old county tax rolls. That figure is the result of adjustments made to tax values for Comerica Bank properties, including accrued interest, and stems from an appeals process that went through the Manchester Township Board of Review and on to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. The billing ledger lists property tax re-assessments for three taxable parcels, all of which are listed at 135 East Main Street in village records, for the four years of 1997 through 2000. Jacco Gelderloos of the county treasurer's office said that the county has issued tax refunds, and is now billing the village and all other taxing authorities that receive portions of those property taxes—Manchester Township, Manchester Community Schools, the county and Washtenaw Intermediate School District—for the balance.

The county has agreed to waive interest for full or partial payment from the village for one year from the invoice date of Feb. 7.

"WE'D LIKE to budget for that, so we'd like to push that to fiscal year '02-'03," said Village Clerk Julie Schaible, presenting the invoice at the April 15 village council meeting. "We can spread it out however we'd like, as long as we pay it back in a year."

The village's next fiscal year begins July 1. Schaible said she wasn't sure exactly which funds the village would use to pay the invoice.

"It's not terribly difficult; we've got a good fund balance in all of our funds," she said. She added that the matter was not brought up to council sooner because of research and ongoing discussions between the county, village and township, which assesses tax values on village properties.

"We had been going back and forth with the county ... it's a large amount, especially for a small taxable unit," Schaible said.

**THE MICHIGAN** Tax Tribunal, a Lansing-based administrative "tax court" with jurisdiction over all property tax matters, ruled in favor of Comerica's appeal and lowered

the taxable value of the properties for each of four years from 1997 to 2000. It issued a consent judgment last October after Comerica and the township sent in signed stipulations. Small claims adjuster Trisha Helms said the invoice may have stemmed from the consent judgment.

"Pretty much every billing authority gets one, maybe not as big as this one," Gelderloos said of the invoice. "Usually, adjustments occur more often in communities like Pittsfield Township, and so the school districts in that area ... get sizable invoices. From that point of view, if the Ann Arbor school district gets a \$16,000 bill, it wouldn't be unusual."

Theresa Schenk, finance director for Manchester Community Schools, said she had recently reviewed an invoice for \$20,190.41 for the Comerica properties. That was part of a larger invoice listing \$63,000 in re-assessment payments, "which is very high," she said. Schenk noted that last year's repayments totaled \$12,762 and only \$8,000 in 2000.

"Everybody down the line who would have collected those taxes now has to remit them back," she said. "This year, it has been extremely high for Manchester."

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## Library board appointee excited to serve township

■ High/Scope manager has a well-rounded perspective.

By Laura Merte  
Staff Writer

Carrick Legrismith's recent appointment to the Manchester District Library Board should come as no surprise, given his history of community service. Chosen Feb. 20 as one of two representatives from Bridgewater Township, he will bring a well-rounded perspective to the board.

Legrismith will replace Theodore Sippel, whose retirement from the board will become official this month. Legrismith has lived in Bridgewater Township for 12 years with his wife, Kathleen, a Spanish teacher at Clinton High School, and sons Alex and Kevin, who attend school in Clinton.

Attending Southern Illinois University, Legrismith majored in outdoor education and is now general manager at High/Scope Retreat and Meeting Center in Clinton, a facility that is part of High/Scope Educational Research Foundation, a non-profit entity headquartered in Ypsilanti.

**HE ALSO** served for six years in the Marine Corps Reserves, and spent two years in Honduras working with the Peace Corps for two years alongside his wife.

"I see this as a very exciting time to be on the board," Legrismith says. "With all the change that has occurred recently, I feel the board is on the right track, and it's nice to be a part of the change."

Legrismith's interest in serving on the library board stems from the desire to make a con-



Legrismith

tribution to the community. Through his service on the board, he hopes to develop the resources the community offers to both youth and adults.

"With the physical expansion they've already had, I'd like to see an increase, not necessarily in readership, but in the use of the library," says Legrismith. "I'd like to work towards allowing more access to research, not only to youth, but to adults."

One benefit of the library, as opposed to such multimedia resources as the Internet, he said, is the capability for individuals to browse for information.

"BEING ABLE to see all the neighboring books, not just having tunnel vision on one topic, is a great advantage," says Legrismith.

"The library is a link to the outside world," he says. "Other than multimedia resources, it is the only way to explore the world without physically going there."

"I see it as an asset for the whole community."



### Optimist Orators

Carolyn Billedeaux, Marie Amthor, Laura Eisenhauer, Stacey Coval, Lynn Preston, Jason Gaal, Craig Heilmann, Ryan Kleinschmidt, Derek Pennington and Martin Wilson were the finalists in the Optimist Oratorical contest. All are pictured with teachers Mary Nosbisch and student teacher Briana Haeren. Manchester's winning orators were Marie Amthor and Martin Wilson. See story on page 4A.

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**May 2**  
**Manchester Village Parks Commission** meets at 7:15 p.m. at the village 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.  
**Sharon Township Board of Trustees** meets at 8 p.m. at the township hall.  
**May 3**  
**Al-Anon** meets at 7 p.m. at the Emanuel United Church of Christ kitchen.  
**Al-Anon** meets at 7 p.m. at the Emanuel United Church of Christ 3-4 grade classroom. Contact 428-8786 for information.  
**May 4**  
**Manchester Kiwanis Club** meets at 8 a.m. at the village hall. Call 428-8976 for membership information.  
**Manchester Men's Club** will continue its garden tilling project. Call Reed's Barber Shop for more information at 428-8584.  
**Manchester High School Advanced Art Classes** will hold a home furnishing sale on the porch of the Mill. 1:30 to 5 p.m.  
**May 5**  
**American Legion** breakfast is held from 8 a.m. to noon at the American Legion Hall.  
**May 6**  
**Manchester's spring blood drive** will be held from 1 to 7 p.m. at the St. Mary's Parish Center on Madison Street. Walk-ins are welcome.  
**Euchre Night** at the American Legion, 7 p.m. All are welcome.  
**Manchester Village Council** meets at 7 p.m. at the village hall.  
**Preceptor Gamma Theta** chap-

ter 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.  
**May 7**  
**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.  
**Bootstompers** meet at 7 p.m. at Emanuel United Church of Christ.  
**Story Time with Grandma Pat**, 10:30 to 11 a.m. at the Manchester District Library, for children ages 3 to 6, accompanied by an adult.  
**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.  
**May 8**  
**Awana Clubs** meet at 6:30 p.m. at Community Bible Church.  
**The Southern Michigan Street Cruisers Car Club** meets at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Hall on Clinton-Tecumseh Road. All interested parties are welcome to attend.  
**Manchester Community Brass Band** meets at 7:30 p.m.  
**Athletic Boosters** meet at 7:30 p.m. in the high school media center.  
**American Legion Auxiliary** meets at 7:30 p.m. at the American Legion Home.  
**Southwest Washtenaw Council of Governments** meets at 7:30 p.m. Call (517) 456-4642 for information.  
**May 9**  
**Manchester Lamb Club** will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the Michigan

Livestock auction hall.  
**Male Caregiver Support Group** for husbands, sons and partners of someone with Alzheimer's disease or related dementia meets from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Westside United Methodist Church, 900 S. Seventh St., Ann Arbor.  
**COMING EVENTS:**  
**Manchester Homes Club** will tour the Jiffy Mix plant in Chelsea at 1:30 p.m. on May 15. Everyone is welcome. Call 428-7595 to reserve a spot.  
**Manchester District Library** dedication and open house will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 18 at the library. The public is welcome to celebrate this special event with library board, staff, and guests of honor.  
**Volunteer training for Home Care/Hospice of Michigan** will be held at the Ann Arbor office, 3003 Washtenaw, beginning May 18. To register call Sherry Wagenknecht at 971-0444.  
**Manchester Community Fair** dates June 25 through 29.  
**Thursday**  
**Manchester Village Parks Commission** meets at 7:15 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at the village 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.  
**Sharon Township Board of Trustees** meets at 8 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at the township hall.

**Manchester Lamb Club** will meet at 7:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month in the Michigan Livestock auction 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 noon at Dan's River Grill. 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 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. on the first and third Tuesday and Wednesdays 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.

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# Village tree replacement program blossoms

■ 68 new trees will line the streets.

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand  
Associate Editor

There will be more shade along the streets of Manchester this summer and in years to come, thanks to a tree replacement program initiated by the village this spring.

"The village crews didn't replace trees for a few years and wanted to get back on track," said Jack Gould, Project Assistant for the village.

Two weeks ago, Gould and a work crew from the Cotton Facility in Jackson spent three days planting a total of 68 trees along village rights-of-way and in parks. The trees are of many different varieties, including several red maple species, oaks, ash, and many different flowering trees.

"We planted two Princess Diana trees," he said. "They are a flowering serviceberry tree that actually used to be a shrub but they've made a single-trunk tree out of it."

ONE OF these blossoming trees was placed near the gaze-

bo in Wurster Park and the other in Carr Park.

Two flowering pear trees were planted by the township hall, and some flowering crabs were also among the trees obtained through a cooperative effort with the City of Ann Arbor.

"What we did was to piggy-back on Ann Arbor's bid," Gould explained.

The village crews then picked up the trees at a drop location in Ann Arbor after they were delivered by Schichtel's Nursery and Concord Orchard, both New York nurseries.

"There are still a few places that need trees," Gould added. "We are going to try to get a regular replacement program going."

Gould decided where to plant the trees by going to spots where trees had been removed in the past year and also went through the previous year's tree-removal list.

"THIS YEAR was a pretty heavy one," he said. "I think in the future, if we start doing 30 a year, we can get on top of it."

"It just depends on what kind of money the village has avail-



Photo by Marsha Johnson Chartrand

This "Princess Diana" tree planted in Wurster Park is among 68 new trees planted last month throughout the village in a replacement program slated to be ongoing each year.

able for tree planting, and if we don't have to spend it on other tree work."

The village did not have any money allotted for tree replacement in this fiscal year, but Clerk Julie Schaible said that when the opportunity presented itself, the village council agreed that a replacement program was important.

"And we had budgeted tree replacement funds in previous years that had not been used, so there was fund balance avail-

able for that purpose," she said.

IN ADDITION, some winter maintenance budget allocation that wasn't used this year could also be shifted to tree replacement.

The total cost of the program was not yet finalized because labor and equipment allocations had not been figured into the cost, but the cost of purchasing the trees was slightly more than \$3,500.

## VIDEO VOICE

The top five rentals for last week at the DVD Revolution in Manchester included "Domestic Disturbance," "Behind Enemy Lines," "Black Knight," "Spy Game" and "K-Pax."

This week, "Clark" and "Audrey" from the DVD Revolution give "Domestic Disturbance" a better rating than last week's selection, "Black Knight."

She Says... "Domestic Disturbance" ranks 7 out of 10," Audrey says. "It is refreshing to see John Travolta in a high-quality character role again. This is a good one-time-watch movie."

"What is really good about this movie is that it is suspenseful more than scary and will be enjoyed by a universal audience."

He Says... "This is a good suspense movie in which John Travolta is a well-played character," Clark says. "The twists and turns will keep people watching this high-quality movie that has suspense and a little bit of fear thrown

in." Clark gives "Domestic Disturbance" a rating of 8 out of 10.

Movies released on April 30 are available now at the DVD Revolution, including "Ali" with Will Smith, "Not Another Teen Movie" and "Biker Zombies From Detroit."

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# SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS

I received some golf and tax one-liners from sister Bid that made me giggle. I would like to share some of the article as it "tickled my fancy" (whatever that is)!

- Golf is a lot like taxes. You drive hard to get to the green and then wind up in the hole.
- A fool and his money are soon parted. The rest of us wait until April 15.
- America is the land of opportunity. Everybody can become a taxpayer.
- Congress does some strange things. It puts a high tax on liquor and then raises the other taxes that drive people to drink.
- A harp is a piano after taxes.
- A dyed-in-the-wool patriot is one who says he's sorry he has only one income to give to his country.
- It is reported that the politicians in Washington are thinking of abolishing the income tax and taking the income.
- The average man now lives 40-some years longer than he did in 1850. He has to in order to get his taxes paid.
- You really can't beat the game if you earn anything; it's minus taxes. If you buy anything, it's plus taxes.
- The greatest income tax form has been greatly simplified. It consists of only three parts: How much did you make last year? How much have you got left? Send amount listed in part two.

**Thursday:** Baked Italian chicken is served at our **May and June Birthday Bash** in the Emanuel UCC dining room at 12 noon. Come and enjoy special seating, cake, candles and song in your honor. Then, continue your birthday fun at the Center while playing cards and bingo (the bus will take you and pick you up for your return home).

**Friday:** Bus pickup begins at 11:30 a.m. You will eat at Frank's



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## SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS

at noon and then visit the Woodhill Apartments. Call Tootie Armentrout to be placed on the list at 428-7615 (better yet, come to the meals and sign up there).

**Monday:** The bus is available on request to go along shopping at Oak Valley, Target and Meijer. Call Tootie.

**Tuesday:** E-mail pressures will be taken at Emanuel from 10 to 12 a.m. for folks of all ages. Then, if you are 55 or older, please stay for lunch after calling in reservations to Kelly ahead at 428-8359, or to Tod at 428-7630 between the hours of 9 and 10 a.m. on meal days. Ham is served today followed by Stamping Class and work day at the center.

**Wednesday:** Yoga continues for all who are 65 or older. We meet at the village hall and you are welcome to join us at 9:30 a.m. At 11:30 a.m., seniors will eat, then leave to visit Nellie Uphaus. Sign the book at meals or call Tootie. Emanuel serves their monthly dinner at 4:30 p.m. and the bus can pick you up to go.

**Thursday:** Come join your officers and board for council meeting at 9:30 a.m. Pork chops and kraut are presented by Tod and Sue at noon in Emanuel's fellowship hall, get your name on the list! Cards and bingo are fun at the Center next.



Opportunity is the most important fact in developing good or efficient motor development. Young children need the following to develop competent motor skills:

- Ample and frequent practice of fundamental skills;
- Opportunities to develop competence and confidence in their ability to perform a variety of motor skills;
- Activities that allow children to experience early success, are progressive in nature, and

are built upon previously acquired abilities;

- Adults who understand that competent movement provides an additional opportunity for children to explore and interact with their environment;
- Opportunities to develop hand-eye coordination and tracking through large/gross motor activities; and
- Direction about the correct way to perform the skill.

Good gross motor skills help children in several ways. When young children have control of their bodies, they feel confident in exploring new ways to move, take risks and try more complex activities.

This confidence and competence allows a child to enjoy

interaction with other young children as they run, jump, hop, climb or play tag together. Physical activities also provide an outlet for boundless energy and a release of tension and stress.

Problem-solving skills can be encouraged by challenging a child with questions about movement. For example, how many ways can you move across the room without using your feet?

You can help by being aware of the following:

- \* Activities should be enjoyable.
- \* Your child should experience success before moving on to more difficult movements.
- \* Your enthusiasm and not your

skill level is what is most important.

- \* Repetition is helpful.
- \* You can encourage a reluctant child or one who is having difficulty with a skill by modeling the activity.

Everyone needs to remember that we were all young and we develop at different levels, and it is always okay to make mistakes. It may be the largest factor in learning.

Excerpts and ideas taken from the "Parents As Teachers Born To Learn" curriculum, copyright 1997. Submitted by Lou Ann Hamilton, Parent Educator for First Steps Washtenaw - Manchester. For more information on First Steps Washtenaw, call Barb Bergner at 428-7804.

# Optimists hold oratorical contest

The Manchester Optimist Club hosted a local contest in conjunction with the Optimist International Oratorical Contest for 2002. Started in 1928, the Optimist Oratorical Contest is the longest-running program sponsored by Optimist International. Nearly 2,000 clubs host local contests every year.

The contest is designed for teens to gain experience in public speaking skills and to provide them with the opportunity to win a college scholarship. In Michigan, boys and girls compete in separate contests.

The first-place boy and girl in Michigan each receive a \$1,500 scholarship. In Manchester, the Manchester Optimist Club awards an additional \$1,500 scholarship.

Contestants in the contest are under the age of 16. The topic assigned by Optimist International for 2002 was, "If I

Could Change the World." Speeches were between four and five minutes long.

This year, there were 28 contestants from the Manchester Middle School and Manchester High School. Preliminary rounds were conducted at the Middle School in March to narrow the field down to five boys and five girls. Judges for the preliminary rounds were the Rev. Carter Garrigues-Cortelyou, Ed Whelan, Bob Krall, Bob Mottice and Jim Achtenberg.

The top five boys and girls advanced to the Manchester Optimist Club final round held in mid-March. The Manchester finalists were Carolyn Billetdeaux, Marie Amthor, Laura Eisenhauer, Stacey Coal, and Lynn Preston. Jason Gaal, Craig Heilmann, Ryan Kleinschmidt, Derek Pennington and Martin Wilson.

Final round judges were Patricia Shaeffer from Brooklyn, Colleen Porter from

Holt, and Michelle Sanford from Milan. Judging at all levels is blind—contestants are not identified by name. Instead, each contestant is assigned a letter and is prohibited from including any self-identification in their speech. Judging rules and guidelines are articulated by Optimist International to insure a fair contest.

The timekeeper was Scott Gindlesberger. Thanks go to Middle School English teacher

Mary Nosbisch and student teacher, Brianna Haeren, for their assistance and coaching of the students.

Manchester's final round winners were freshman Marie Amthor and eighth-grader Martin Wilson. Both advanced to compete at the regional contest in Royal Oak. Winners at the regional contest will advance to the Michigan District contest.

Submitted by Jim Achtenberg

## HONORS

**UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN**  
Eli Adam, a 1999 graduate of Manchester High School, was named to the fall 2001 Dean's List at the University of Michigan's School of Engineering. To qualify, a student must maintain a 3.5 or better grade-point average for the term.

**ALMA COLLEGE**  
Lindsay Jacob, a 1998 Manchester Jacob school graduate, obtained a bachelor of science degree in biology from Alma College in the college's 2002 Commencement ceremony on April 20.

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# The ENTERPRISE COMMENTARY

## Street Talk

By Becky Noggle

*What do you think of the merchandising of Sept. 11?*



"It's awful. I can't believe a country in this state would take advantage of its citizens with high priced merchandise."

Michelle Smail



"I think it's wrong that people act patriotic after a crisis, but not before."

Josh Clark



"They shouldn't make all that stuff... they should make a memorial."

James Noggle



"I think it's good in some ways, like we're showing we're strong, but on the other hand they're doing too much and making it seem cheap."

John Watson



"I like it, but some businesses have gone too far."

Melissa Luckhardt



"If the profits go to the families then I think it's a good idea, but if businesses just want to make money then it's a bad idea."

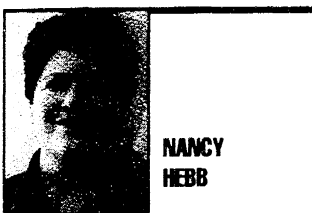
Jessie Richards

## Household hints you'll never hear from Heloise

No better professor of perfectly piddling yet infinitely important information exists than experience. At age 10 we can't comprehend that fact; at 18 we fight it; by 40 or 50 we wish we could absorb every bit of wisdom discovered, usually accidentally, by others.

Prone to accidents, I've stumbled, literally or figuratively, on a few helpful hints myself. Somebody, somewhere, might benefit from them. They aren't apt to top the list of valuable common practices such as using tonic water to remove wine stains. They do, however, represent hard-won knowledge, so I offer the following truisms to the world.

Fifty-pound sacks of horse, goat, rabbit, chicken, dog or cat food can be tossed willy-nilly around a feed store, dropped off the top of a stack of similar sacks at the retail outlet, and heaved without caution into the back of a truck. But once home, if you let them slip out of your fingers just three inches off the ground, they will split open and spill feed



NANCY HEBB

### SHEEP SHOTS

into the dirt. So, don't drop them.

You can buy dozens of publications detailing the miracle properties of common household items for alleviating emergency crises in the home. Vinegar is one all-purpose miracle substance. You need a mere two gallons of white vinegar in boiling water to clear out the gunk in your clothes washer. Ice is touted for removing gum, candle wax, tar, and so on. I've tried some of these no-cost solutions to problems.

Benefit from my experience: save the money you'd spend on

the household hints books and buy products guaranteed to work. Goo Gone and such products actually smell good and do the job completely in half the time you'd spend freezing and scraping bubble gum or candle wax off your floor.

When moving from one household to another, it's nice to have the carpet cleaned and windows washed before you place your favorite furnishings in your new home. However, the feet delivering those items to your new house will negate the effects of expensive pre-move cleaning. And you'll notice upholstery grime on your old furniture once it's placed in your new home. Wait and have both cleaned after you've established residency.

Don't assume delivery people will place packages on a covered porch instead of in the open in front of your garage door on a rainy day. Big signs saying where to put deliveries help. Sometimes, the chance of offending someone by printing out a sign requesting what might

be obvious to any idiot does exist. Sometimes, someone else's taking a bit of offense is preferable to returning home and finding a disintegrating cardboard container full of fragile objects in front of the garage.

Be nice to your mail person. They, and your UPS or FedEx driver, will treat you and your deliveries kindly if they get to know you. This may be in direct conflict with the tip above. Maybe a batch of brownies left where you want your packages delivered would solve the dilemma.

Never store clumping cat litter near footwear, or boots and shoes near clumping cat litter. If economy demands that you purchase twenty pounds of kitty granules rather than a wee box, don't throw it in the back of a truck near muddy boots, even if it's only for a few minutes' ride home.

If, no matter how remote the possibility, some of the litter gets into footwear and there's a drop of moisture anywhere in the vicinity, you'll end up with a

gritty toothpaste-consistency substance on your insoles.

You can scrape as much as possible off, but as it dries, there'll be a hard coating of grayish cement trapping really sharp shards just where they will be hardest to remove and cause the most discomfort to any wearer who, after a lot of time spent trying to remove the offensive stuff, finally gives up and wears the boot because it's pouring and he or she must, absolutely must, go outside.

Goo Gone and its cousins don't work on clumping cat litter. Using them just adds fresh-smelling orange-oil blobs to the overall mess.

Finally, the brands of cat litter claiming to be multi-cat efficient and odor absorbing, so you only have to clean out the box every three days, shamelessly practice false advertising. You still will have to scoop daily, even with only one cat; unless, of course, your sense of smell is nonexistent, or your nostrils are filled with the aroma of orange-scented Goo Gone.

## Manchester folk show their community cares

On April 12, Manchester nearly ran out of its entire supply of spaghetti sauce.

The Knights of Columbus sponsored a benefit spaghetti dinner that night, when the Manchester community and friends of Ryan Weir and his family responded in a huge way.

The dinner that night, held between 5 and 8 p.m., drew almost 500 people to this wonderful event. At this time, the net proceeds that will be donated to the Weir family will be around \$10,000. WOW!!!

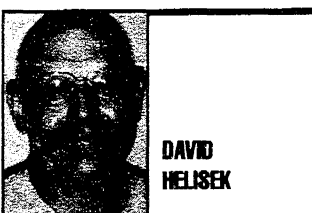
The dinner was co-chaired by Larry and Diane Schwab and Bob Scharpenberg, the current Grand Knight of the Manchester K of C. The many members of the Manchester council and their spouses helped to bring the dinner to a successful conclusion, but it wasn't easy.

Last year, the K of C held a similar spaghetti dinner, but not for a particular benefit. The event drew about 250 people so the thought was that maybe 300 or so people might show up for this year's dinner.

Were we all surprised! Many of us who worked the spaghetti dinner also had worked the fish fries, so when there wasn't a line at the door at 4:45 or even 5 p.m., we figured on a slow but steady crowd that would probably just meet our estimates.

Then, about 5:30 p.m. the crowd hit the door and it didn't let up until nearly 8 p.m. It really was a fantastic sight from the kitchen—that is, when we could spare the time for a look.

By 6:30 p.m., the food was all out of the refrigerators and the decision on what to do had to



DAVID HELISEK

### THIS 'N' THAT

be made. What followed were many trips to the Manchester Market for all the trimmings and basics for the meal. The market supplied the dinner with everything: bread, noodles, "fixins" for the salad bar, hamburger, and I think every jar of Ragu in stock.

It was a sight to behold. I wish there would have been a camera crew at the ready for a course on "How-to-save-a-dinner-when-the-food-runs-out 101." The sauce master, Ron Dosert, did a simply fabulous job of starting from scratch mid-dinner and whipping up some truly fine sauce.

Old hands at Manchester dinners, Pat DuRussel and Mary and Greg Clark and their family helped to make the right calls on what to do, but the chairs of the event handled the pressure without missing a beat.

One of the most wonderful happenings of the night was that, after all was wrapped up and the workers were sitting down to their own well-deserved plates of spaghetti, we learned that Manchester Market took the huge step of donating most of what we had to buy during that night. I know the Weir family and the Knights



A benefit spaghetti dinner was held to help Ryan Weir's family with the medical expenses associated with a liver transplant. The dinner was organized by Larry and Diane Schwab and family, pictured here with the Weirs. Front row, Diane Schwab (left), Ron Weir, Mindy Weir, Nancy Weir, back row Larry Schwab, Ryan Weir and Ken Schwab.

can never forget such a wonderful gesture.

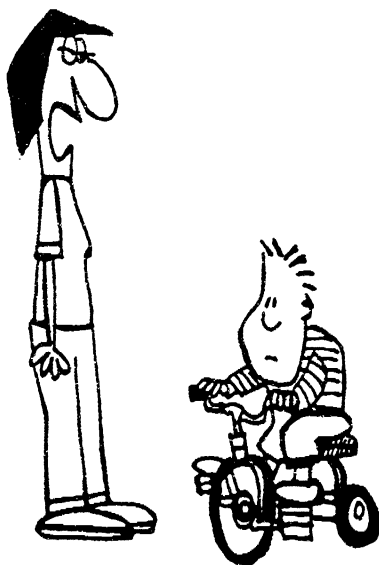
All through the evening Ryan Weir was at the dinner with his mother and father. Ron and

Nancy, and they were just overwhelmed with the response. Manchester proved again that no town has a bigger heart. I know that everyone who partic-

ipated or donated to the event wishes to thank the town for coming out and making this a memorable event.

Talk to you soon.

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# Volunteers in the spotlight again this week

■ *Volunteers in service keep on giving.*

By Laura Merte  
Staff Writer

Last week the *Manchester Enterprise* highlighted the efforts of four dedicated volunteers in celebration of National Volunteer Week. This week continues with three more individuals who sacrifice their personal time to help others.

"All these volunteers are tirelessly giving of their time," says Chris Kanta, director of the



Robertson

Community Resource Center (CRC). "The community really benefits from everything that they do."

Jennifer Robertson is a behind-the-scenes volunteer, thoroughly sifting through the CRC's food cupboard, searching for expired cans and organizing the supplies so that those in need may be assisted more efficiently.

"I was always taught to give something back," said Robertson of her service to the community. "The CRC helped us out one time, and I want to repay them."

Delivering meals to seniors in the community is Vincent



Kornbacher

Kornbacher, who suspects that he enjoys the work even more than the recipients of his good works.

"They get more than a meal, they also get someone to talk to," Kornbacher says. "But I think that I get more out of it than the people I deliver to."

Louise Harrington spends much of her time as a volunteer driver, enabling people to make their medical and other appointments when they cannot drive themselves.

"I love it," she says. "I enjoy helping others. It puts a different perspective on things."



Harrington

## New Tribes Choir Visits Local Church



New Tribes Bible Singers

The 30-voice choir of the New Tribes Bible Institute in Jackson recently ministered at Community Bible Church of Manchester on April 21. Under the direction of J.P. Marr, the choir sang a wide variety of inspirational worship songs.

Following the musical presentation, Chairman Dave Myers of the Bible Institute spoke briefly about the Institute, the first step

in a three-phase training program headquartered in Sanford, Florida. New Tribes Mission currently hosts nearly 3,000 missionaries worldwide, including Martin and Gracia Burnham, who are currently being held hostage in the Philippines by

the Abu Sayyaf group.

Community Bible Church is located just south of Austin Road at 8400 Sharon Hollow Road. Worship Services are at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. each Sunday. The church phone number is 428-8709.

## New book chosen for library discussion

The Friends of the Manchester District Library began a series of book discussions this year focusing on life in other cultures and countries. The book that was discussed last week, "The Road from Coorain," took readers to Australia, a place very far from Manchester.

Still, they found that in some ways the people had very similar values and attitudes. In other ways, they were still very tied to the British life style that Americans threw off centuries ago.

Jill Ker Conway, the first female president of Smith College, writes about her isolated childhood on her father's drought-ridden sheep ranch in New South Wales. The detailed description of this area paints a beautiful backdrop to the loneliness and hardship the out-back settlers adopted. Conway chronicles her growth as she moves to the urban life in Sydney, her travels with her mother to Europe and her ultimate decision

to leave Australia for graduate school at Harvard and a life of academic honor.

Raised with British attitudes that essentially ignored the reality of her native Australian culture, it is only in college that Jill comes to recognize the necessity of studying her country and the part it played in her life. Her mother was the finest role model during her youth and yet the best example of what Jill didn't want to become as an adult. Conway compares the barriers against women that she encountered to those that shaped her mother's life.

Her clear description, concise detail and organized style made many readers decide to read the follow up book that chronicles Conway's life in America. "True North."

The book chosen for next month's reading is highly recommended by several discussion participants and is a New York

Times best seller. It is "The Red Tent" by Anita Diamant. Remembering women's earthy stories and passionate history is the theme of this forceful narrative.

Dinah, who only received a glimpse of recognition in the Book of Genesis, is the voice who reveals these emotionally charged stories and takes us inside the lives of the early Jewish families. It's been said that "The Red Tent" is what the Bible might have had it been written by God's daughters, instead of her sons.

Let's find out! Join us on this cultural adventure and pick up a copy of "The Red Tent" at the Manchester District Library where several will be available. Then you will want to come to the discussion, which will take place at the Library, in the meeting room on the basement level, on Thursday, May 30, at 7 P.M.

—Patty Swaney

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# Alternative school seeking to relocate

■ **Teacher, parents advocate a separate facility for alt-ed students.**

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand  
Associate Editor

Faced with losing its facility, the Manchester Alternative High School is fighting to retain its presence in the community.

Teacher Sandie Theissen presented information on the alternative education program at the April 15 board meeting. A large group of parents of alternative students also attended the meeting to speak in favor of retaining the program at its current size.

Manchester's alternative school is the only school-of-choice alternative school in the area, Theissen noted. She said that the district needs to educate the surrounding districts about the program, in order to attract more students to the Manchester district. At least five students from other districts have committed to the program if it is held at Pleasant Lake School, which the board voted to close at its March 18 meeting.

"AT THIS time, 24 students have committed to attend MAHS for 2002-3," she stated at the meeting. "With five kids from other districts, that would equal \$33,500 in state aid to help finance the program."

Since that time, at least two more students have committed to the school for next fall, she said last week.

Theissen's fellow staff member, John Dillon's resignation was accepted effective at the end of the school year. The board also recommended cutting the program to one teacher and 15 students for 2002-03 to help balance the district's budget. The proposal on the table at the April board meeting was to relocate the program to one of the portable classrooms on the front lawn of the high school.

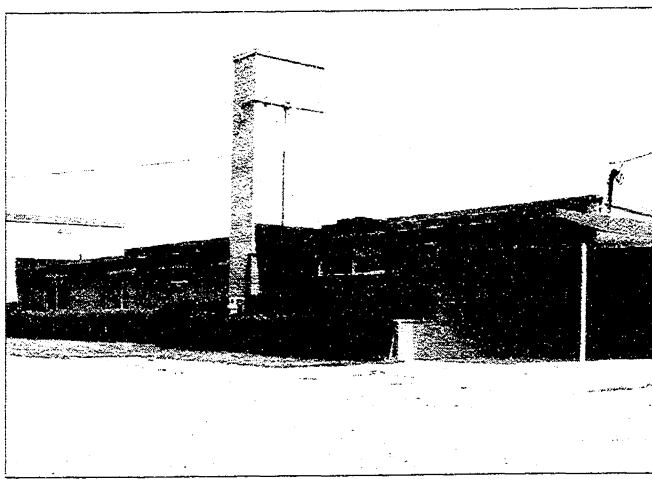


Photo by Marsha Johnson Chartrand

At its March meeting, the Manchester Board of Education voted to close Pleasant Lake School next year. The Manchester Alternative High School is now looking for a new site.

rooms on the front lawn of the high school.

According to studies by the National Association of State Boards of Education, Theissen said, the most successful alternative schools have their own facilities.

"OVERALL, THE kids are not interested in mainstreaming" into the regular high school program, she said.

Board members and Superintendent David Oegema expressed concern about the remote location of Pleasant Lake School, discipline problems and the declining enrollment throughout the year. The alternative school started last fall with 27 students and was down to 16 students last month. Five seniors will graduate this spring.

Board president Ron Ellison and Oegema both reminded Theissen that the district needs to look at the big picture and part of that picture is that the Pleasant Lake facility is considered closed as of the end of the school year.

"We voted on that last month," Oegema said.

Ellison asked Theissen to come up with some options for relocating the school that do not include Pleasant Lake.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR** Theresa Schenk, who recommended the cut, said she was not sure that the solution could be reached within the confines of a school board meeting.

"We need a win/win approach to this problem," Schenk said. "We still have not explored all the options that might be available."

Meanwhile, out at Pleasant Lake, the two full-time and one part-time teacher this year have been "clever" at covering as many academic bases as possible in reaching various objectives for career education through the limited number of classes they are able to offer, Theissen said.

"We really hit the ground running last fall," she said. "We were hired Aug. 20 and school started Aug. 28."

"We knew this year would be

bumpy. Next year, will it be better? Absolutely."

**SHE ASKED** the board to look at what would be the best possible learning environment for alternative-education students.

"Denying these kids a good learning environment is a disservice to our at-risk student population," she said.

"It's a matter of finding a place for the next two years. After the new high school opens, we can move into the Ackerson building."

Theissen said that she and some of the parents and alternative advisory committee members have been investigating alternate sites for the school. The former library and the old village hall were mentioned as possible sites but each has potential drawbacks as well.

"If we do not find another place for the program, what might happen is reducing it to 15 students and one teacher and putting it in a portable," she said. "That presents a whole bunch of problems."

"THESE ARE kids who need space to move around. You're already limiting their opportunities with just one teacher, to get

all the classes they need. "We have 26 kids who have expressed an interest and have 20 more on a list we need to contact yet. We'd definitely have 30 kids committed by August. I don't want to have to tell some of them they can't come ... how do you pick? There's no way."

"So we're trying to find a building to house the program."

Theissen said that one of the backbones of the Manchester alternative education program is consensus-building and conflict resolution, and that it's working with her students.

"We haven't had a fight out here all year," she said. "They talk about discipline problems but we really haven't had anything. We had a cell phone stolen early in the year but they don't tell you the student returned it and paid for it."

"WE DON'T want it to be a stigma to attend the alternative school. We have supportive parents who want their kids to be in

a place they can flourish and learn."

She added that the type of students who attend alternative school have a different lifestyle than a traditional student. Fluctuations in enrollment are part of the package, she said. Theissen has worked in successful alternative education programs for several years prior to coming to Manchester.

"BASICALLY, ALL we need are two classrooms and a bathroom, for two years," she concluded. "That way we can have two teachers, have the kids able to move from one setting to another, and offer more subjects for them to take. We don't ask for much."

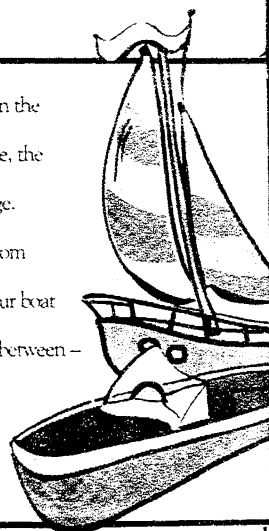
"These kids deserve just as much as every other student sitting at a desk in Manchester schools."

Theissen and her supporters expect to present their options for the program at the May 20 school board meeting.

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**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.

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

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

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# ANUSKIEWICZ

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police chief," said Washtenaw County Sheriff Dan Minzey. "They have to problem-solve, interact with the schools, village councils and other townships."

**ANUSZKIEWICZ SAID** his duties in Ypsilanti Township were more reactive, always "putting out fires," as he quipped.

Yet even before May 1, Anuskiewicz had worked some shifts in the village, even making an arrest on April 19.

That night, as he was driving home in a patrol car, Anuskiewicz picked up a report over the radio from Undersheriff Herb Mahony that a motorist had struck a utility pole and construction trailer along Riverside Drive in Manchester. The driver fled the scene, and Mahony reported the car was leaking oil. Mahony, who was driving an unmarked car, was able to follow the trail of oil onto northbound M-52. After relaying radio reports, Anuskiewicz, who was heading south on M-52, stopped the driver near the corner of Scio Church Road. He arrested the driver for drunken driving and took him to jail.

"AND I thought Manchester was slow," he said.

Anuskiewicz credits his college education—he has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Michigan State University—for steering him into police work. In Manchester, he will be in charge of between four and five deputies. He noted he might be occasionally assigned to posts in Dexter and Webster, Dexter, Lodi and Scio townships as needed.

"There may be afternoons that I am working that there are no sergeants on those posts," he said. "My sole responsibility is going to be Manchester Village and the four or five deputies that are down there. But depending on what is going on, I may be asked to go down and deal with other townships."

**ANUSZKIEWICZ SAID** his first real day in the village would probably be May 4 as he is attending a rifle-instructor training seminar in Oscoda during the first week of May. Anuskiewicz is a member of the county agency's SWAT team, and a team member on the use-of-force team, which he said "dictates anything that involves the use of force by our deputies." Anuskiewicz said he is campaigning to put long guns, or rifles, in patrol cars.  
 Anuskiewicz spent the last year as sergeant in Ypsilanti Township. Prior to that, he spent 2½ years in the detective bureau

and as a deputy. The 3½ years before that, he said, were spent as a deputy assigned as a youth officer, a liaison to the juvenile court. Before that, he worked as a communications operator to fill in for shortages.

Anuskiewicz said it's the people that he most enjoys about police work.

"WITH THIS type of work, you're able to deal with different aspects of what people do and why they do it, and I just think that's so interesting," he said. "The other reason is that the challenges that you face every day are just non-stop. I'm just one who accepts the challenge."

The move to Manchester also puts Anuskiewicz closer to his home in Grass Lake, which he shares with his wife, Shelli, and three children. He said he enjoys working around the house, which sits on three acres, as well as playing with his kids and playing golf in his spare

time. His wife is a registered nurse at the U of M Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Anuskiewicz said he will work the afternoon shifts from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the Village Hall substation.

"You're going to see me down there probably more often than not," he said.

And chances are good he'll keep an open door for people wishing to say hello to the new sergeant in town.

Heritage Staff Writer Will Keeler contributed to this report.

## MANCHESTER VILLAGE COUNCIL AGENDA

Monday, May 6, 2002 – 7:00 P.M.

1. Call meeting to order
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3. Minutes of the previous meeting
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Public Participation
6. Old Business
  - a. Wexford Development Agreement
  - b. Mayors Exchange Day
7. New Business
  - a. M-52 Alternative Route
  - b. Fund Balance Support Agreement
  - c. Dept. of Corrections Public Works Agreement
  - d. Planning Commission Seats
  - e. Tennis and Basketball Court Resurfacing
  - f. Other
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11. Committee Reports
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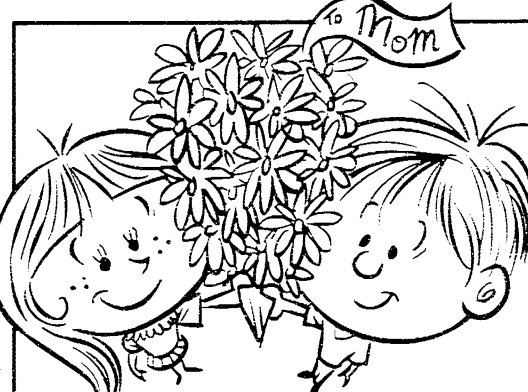
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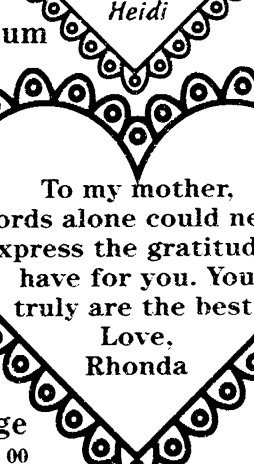


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# Group offers another alternative for education

■ **Proactive parents seek the best education for their kids—at home.**

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand  
Associate Editor

Like most boys his age, 8-year-old Cody Holmquest goes to school each day. He starts his studies at 9 a.m., has periodic breaks throughout the day, including lunch time, and ends his school day at about 3 p.m.

Sometimes, Cody continues his fifth-grade school work of his own free will, even after his "school hours" are past. And his teacher allows him to do that.

Cody's Manchester Township home is his classroom; his classmate is his 4-year-old brother, Chris; and his mother, Jill, is his teacher.

"Cody was advanced for his age," Jill Holmquest says. "I was afraid he would be bored at a public school."

When Cody was three, he was learning to read. So his mother sent him to a day care for six months to participate in some academic activities with other children, but he was already past the point of other 3-year-olds.

"I ONLY liked it when the lady came with the computer," he says.

And five years later, Cody is getting quite good at AutoCAD, working on the self-study tutorials included with the program on his home computer. He is avidly interested in science, particularly the study of the human body and the brain, and would like to be an astronaut some day.

Two years ago, Cody took the third-grade CAT test and most of his scores were above the 90th percentile.

"We use the standardized tests to check up on ourselves, to see how we're doing," Jill Holmquest says. "I know it's working for Cody."

Holmquest did not simply reject public school as an option for Cody.

"Every year he has the option whether to go to school or stay at home," she says. "If he's home, he's required to do school work every day. We set a schedule each week of what we need to accomplish."

"BUT I allow him to follow his own pattern of learning. If they're interested, they'll learn it better."

Nor has she eliminated the possibility that her second son might go to public school in the future.

"Chris is a different child," she says. "We'll see what happens."

"You see how it goes. It's never set in stone; this is just one alternative."

Cody says he likes being home schooled. And he doesn't think that he is missing out on very much by not attending school. He is a member of Cub Scouts.



Jill Holmquest is homeschooling her son Cody, 8, and working on preschool skills with 4-year-old Chris at home. Cody currently is working in a fifth-grade curriculum.

Photo by  
Marsha Johnson  
Chartrand

plays Little League baseball and is active in the Manchester Homeschool Club which includes several members locally as well as members from Belleville, Saline, Dexter, Clinton and Grass Lake. The club has about 30 members, and holds field trips, does cooperative teaching and shares information and web sites for educational curricula. It also provides a mutual support network for

homeschooling parents.

"IF ONE parent in the group is more comfortable with teaching a subject, we share our talents," Holmquest explains. "We also use the internet a lot and suggest sites to other parents that we've found helpful."

The group has toured the Saline post office and will tour the Jiffy Mix plant next month. They have plans for a Lego com-

petition, and also create frequent opportunities to get together for social interaction among parents and students alike.

"We have a reading club, a chess club, a science club and we do a monthly gym day at the old Chelsea High School," Holmquest says. "We also can participate in field trips and outings with the OWL (Oakland, Washtenaw, Livingston) homeschooling group and Clonlara School."

Clonlara is an Ann Arbor-based private school that provides curricula for home schoolers as well as on-site classes.

AT ONE outing, the group traveled to Bloomfield Hills where a high school music teacher who works with homeschooled kids holds frequent programs.

"I got to blow a tuba," Cody recalls. "The first time it didn't make any noise, but the second time it was pretty loud!"

Jill Holmquest admits that there are people, including some family members, who think she must be crazy for considering this option for her sons. But she is confident in her ability to do what's best for them.

"It works," she says simply. "Sometimes the timing is hard. But you make time; you priori-

tize your day.

"We manage to get things done. The kids are part of keeping house, going shopping—they're learning important life skills."

She points out that even a trip to the grocery store provides plenty of opportunities for price comparisons, reading lessons and other learning experiences.

"IT'S NOT just a unit of study—they're actually doing it," she says.

And every day is a new adventure for this homeschooling family.

"You have to reevaluate frequently," Holmquest says. "What is best for each individual child?"

"We just take it one step at a time. It's not a matter of what to teach, it's more a matter of what

not to teach—sometimes it's hard to stop yourself."

She fully believes that she is taking a proactive approach to her children's education and fulfilling her responsibility as a parent.

"We will provide the best for our children even if we have to sacrifice," she says. "No one ever said parenting wasn't a full time job."

AND A constant reevaluation of what is best for her children's education provides her opportunities for change and growth in her home schooling program.

"If their mode of learning changes, you change how you deliver it to them," she says.

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# GARDENS & NATURE

## Dividing perennials is a delicate procedure

Late March and early April had me scurrying outside to keep ahead of the hot weather. But the recent cool weather provided an opportunity to divide and replant some of the perennials that I didn't get to last fall.

During the unseasonably hot weather my plants popped out of the ground just enough that I could see some really needed to be divided. When the cool weather hit, I decided to take advantage of it and spend a few hours each day digging, dividing and replanting some of my Siberian and Japanese iris along with a few daylilies and hosta.

In a few cases, I transplanted the entire plant to a new location. Doing this in spring is not for the faint hearted. My soil is well drained, somewhat sandy, and easy to dig when moist. But I avoid digging when it's really wet. I don't want to compact the soil while walking on it.

I use exact same methods I would in fall. In addition, I am prepared to shade the newly moved plants if it gets too hot or windy.

Disturbing the roots in spring or early summer temporarily interferes with the plant's ability to take up water and nutrients until they regrow their roots. When moving the entire plant in spring or early summer, I avoid removing too much of the root mass, or exposing the roots to air for too long a time. Divided



**CHARLENE HARRIS**  
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### GARDENS & NATURE

plants may need protection from sun and wind while re-establishing their roots.

My bay window ledge is covered with 18-inch plastic trays filled with plants waiting to go in the ground. The longer window-box style plastic pots allow me to up pot the small cell pack size plants until we are past the danger of frost in mid-May and I have time to plant them.

Each 18-inch tray holds up to 12 small cell pack size plants. The trays are about 5 inches high, just right for the small plants. I remove the plants from the cell packs and score each of the four sides of the roots with a razor knife, or untangle them if they are not too tight. Those that look like a mass of spaghetti get scored.

Sometimes, I completely remove the bottom half-inch or so if the roots are too densely packed. At this stage, they regenerate roots quickly if kept in a

well drained, light-planting medium with ample moisture.

I fit the small plants into the larger tray and then fill it with planting medium, and water well. The larger container of soil eliminates daily watering, and the roots of the small plants have plenty of room to grow.

The plants get bright morning light and direct afternoon sunlight on my bay window ledge. On warm days, I open the side windows for extra ventilation.

The best choice of plant materials is often available two to four weeks before I'm ready to plant in the garden. I like to wait till mid-May, when the ground has warmed up, the danger of frost is gone and the greenhouse-grown plants have time to harden off.

This way, I can get my tomatoes, new perennials and some annuals early in the season, grow them on a bit in the larger containers. They are easy care.

As I write, the temperature is 36 degrees with gusty winds and a light cold rain. The expected temperature tonight will be in the low 30s. This would be a dramatic change for plants that have been coddled in warm greenhouses for their entire life.

Often they don't survive the transplant shock or pout for a week or more before acclimating. Even then they are frequently stunted. I like happy plants, and I don't have time to run outside and cover up or water the

new plants every day.

I like to use the long trays for starting seeds, too. Unlike the shallow trays, the soil does not dry out, and they hold the warmth that promotes seed germination.

When I'm ready to plant outside, it's easy enough to cut the individual seedlings, out of the larger containers and I have ample root growth, more than if they were in the small cell packs. From seed to 6- to 8-inch plants, they are happy in the long deep trays.

The planting medium I use is sterile and thus damping-off is kept to a minimum for seedlings or small plants. I like a light soil less mix of fine bark and vermiculite. Perlite will also work.

I'm particularly fussy with my perennials when I do plant them outside. I like to give them a good start, since most of them will grow in place for three to four years before I dig and divide them. The roots of a small-cell pack plant or even a 6-inch container-size perennial will spread from one to 2 feet in a few years, so that's the size of the planting area I prepare for them.

**Charlene Harris of Chelsea is a master gardener. She will be teaching a container gardening class 6 to 9 p.m. Monday through Chelsea Community Education. To register, call 433-2206. Harris can be reached via e-mail at conifer@coast.net.**

## Library planning to expand services

■ *Changes in the air, but not finalized yet.*

**By Marsha Johnson Chartrand**  
Associate Editor

It will be a big change for the Manchester District Library, but it won't be one that patrons will readily notice.

"It will be just as much work as moving the library was, but it will be less visible," Director Kate Pittsley said of the prospective change in cooperatives and a new automation system for the library.

"This will take a while. It's a really big job, and it's hard for people to see that we're doing so much work."

The switch from Woodlands Library Cooperative based in Monroe, to Wayne County-based The Library Network (TLN) has been favorably voted upon by TLN's board, but now must go before the state's Department of History, Arts and Libraries.

"This will make a big difference in our services, but it isn't for sure until it is approved by the state," Pittsley cautioned.

TLN includes many local libraries including Chelsea, Saline, Dexter and Ann Arbor libraries. When the Huron Valley Library cooperative disbanded in the early 1990s, Manchester was the only Washtenaw County library to affiliate with Woodlands.

Chief among the reasons for becoming a member of TLN, Pittsley said, is to be in the same cooperative as other nearby libraries and participate in the shared automation system uti-

lized by TLN members, but it also will mean expanded inter-loan services for patrons.

"It will be a good way for us to do a system, but it also will offer some really easy ways for folks to do inter-library loan," she said.

The new automation system is a cost factor for the library, regardless of whether it ultimately affiliates with TLN or decides to go it alone while remaining in Woodlands Cooperative.

"The decision isn't completely made," Pittsley said. "In either case, there will be a catalog available on the web, for patrons to be able to access from their homes.

"Most new systems are set up so you can do that."

While awaiting state approval for the co-op transfer, the library is planning for its dedication set for May 18.

Among the honored guests at the dedication will be Linda Head and Sarah Wakefield, the daughters of Franklin and Claire Reck. The Reck family has been major benefactors of the library and Claire Reck served as librarian for many years. The historical room at the Manchester Township Library on Main Street was named in honor of Claire Reck and the children's room in honor of Franklin Reck.

The Friends of the Library will be participating in the dedication ceremony and newly elected Friends president Sue LaRocque will be introduced.

### TAXES

*Continued from Page 1-A*

**THE APPEALS** process dates back to 1997, when an appeal from Comerica was first sent in to the Michigan Tax Tribunal, according to Helms.

"There's been pleadings upon pleadings," she said.

Manchester Township Supervisor Ron Mann, who does the assessing, said the township board of review initially turned down the appeal of Colliers International, the real estate advisory firm who represents Comerica. The appeal then passed on to the Tax Tribunal.

Mann said neither he nor the township board had seen the township's invoice on the properties as yet, but said he expected it to be as much as \$1,600.

He noted that large companies such as Comerica, Consumers Energy and Detroit Edison appeal their property tax assessments each year, but added, "they don't usually go on to the tax tribunal." Property owners must appeal tax assessments first to the local board of review.

**THE THREE** properties include the bank building, a portion of a parking lot, and the defunct drive-through property on Duncan Street between

Adrian and Clinton.

Kathleen Pitton, a spokeswoman for Comerica, said the bank annually reviews assessments in order to lower expenses.

"We have over 1,000 properties, and because of the property taxes that we pay, it's important that we be assessed properly," she said.

Richard Steffens, equalization supervisor for the Washtenaw County Equalization Department, said that the state equalized values (SEV) of the parcels in question all shrank by over half from 2000 to 2001. State equalized value measures up to 50 percent of a property's true market value.

One parcel's SEV was rolled back from \$262,800 in 2000 to \$127,175 in 2001, another from \$131,300 to \$59,800. Those SEVs have risen in 2002 to \$135,000 and \$65,800 respectively.

**STEFFENS SAID** the invoices were not necessarily high for commercial properties.

"The increases that we're seeing right now are basically market increases," Steffens said. "It looks like an error had been discovered."

Comerica has been operating at 135 East Main Street in Manchester since the early 1980s, said Pitton, when it acquired the branch from National Bank of Jackson.

## Watershed council annual meeting

The annual meeting of the River Raisin Watershed Council will take place from 1 to 3 p.m. this Monday, April 29, at the Stubnitz Environmental Center in Adrian.

Items on the agenda include but are not limited to: election of new board and officers, public discussion and recommendations for a 5-year-plan for the River Raisin Watershed, and an update from the Department of Environmental Quality.

The River Raisin Watershed Council is a public service, non-profit organization dedicated to protecting and preserving the wetlands, lakes, river and tributaries of the Raisin River. It is the council's mission to inspire behaviors that enhance and sustain the River Raisin through advocacy, classroom and public education, water quality monitoring and volunteer clean-ups. The council aims to foster an understanding of interdependence of the health and well-being of humans, aquatic crea-

tures, birds, fish and all forms of wildlife living within the watershed.

"Sixty percent of drinking water comes from rivers and river-fed lakes," says Gayle Mitchell, Executive Director of the council. "Contrary to popular belief, water is not a renewable resource. The earth's water cycle is a closed system. We drink the same water today that dinosaurs drank millions of years ago. No new water is ever created so it is imperative that we take care of this precious gift of life."

Pollutants such as trash, oil and gas from parking lots, chemicals from lawn applications, and sewage drain directly into the river and impact the water quality. The river is a source of drinking water for many communities. By educating the community to use better personal practices in their everyday life, the council hopes to make a positive impact on the environment.

Only by working together can

we make a difference. If you or anyone you know are interested in becoming a volunteer or can help us in identifying sites for clean-up, please contact Mitchell at (517) 264-4754 or by e-mail at river.raisin@lena-wee.mi.us.

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## Easy-to-Make Summer Wedding Craft

The summer is much more than beach parties and backyard barbecues. The warm-weather season is host to weddings galore; in fact, June is one of the most popular months in which to get married.

Who could blame the blushing bride- and groom-to-be for choosing a summer wedding. With flowers in bloom, birds chirping in the trees and nary a cloud in sight, it's the perfect backdrop for a perfect day.

If you're planning on a floral theme, or just need a good idea for a bridal shower or wedding favor, try your craftiness out on these adorable rice roses, courtesy of the contributors to About.com.

### "Basket of Rice Roses"

This is a sewing craft because you need to sew the satin fabric into tubes.

### Materials Needed:

- Fabric - 1 yard of satin 45 inches wide
- Floral wire and tape
- Rice

### Directions:

1. Cut the fabric into 45- by 3-inch strips. Sew with right sides together. Turn to right side out. Cut the long strip into 4-inch tubes.
2. Cut a piece of floral wire at 4 inches long.
3. Place the tube inside the wire by about 1/2 inch. Wrap the floral tape around the end of the fabric as you would a silk flower arrangement to attach the fabric to the wire. Wrap the floral tape to completely cover the wire.
4. Fill the "rose" with 1/2 tablespoon of rice. Tuck the ends of the tube inside to close.

## Gowns for an Informal Wedding

When searching for wedding gowns it is important to know what fabric you'd like to wear and what will be appropriate for informal or formal weddings. For example, this white silk dutchess satin gown, with beaded embroidered bodice and sweep train (left); and ivory chiffon strapless A-line gown, with drop waist and removable angle wing sleeves would work well at an informal or daytime wedding. Fashions courtesy of Jim Hjelm Couture and Jim Hjelm Visions.

## Tantalizing Truffles

There is no mistaking the decadent power of chocolate. Though true chocolate connoisseurs may indulge in a daily bite, this tasty dessert usually is reserved for special occasions - like a romantic evening spent with your intended. Try spoiling your sweetie to show your love with a sinful chocolate masterpiece - these truffles are sure to please. "False Truffles" are balls of premium chocolate ice cream, dressed with rich chocolate ganache and dusted with cocoa powder. Enjoy the following recipe, courtesy of "Le Cordon Bleu Home Collection: Chocolate" (Peripus Editions).

### False Truffles

Preparation time: 30 minutes and one hour freezing

Total cooking time: 5 minutes

Makes 12

- 1 cup best-quality chocolate ice cream
- Unsweetened cocoa, to dust

### Ganache

- 8 ounces semisweet chocolate, chopped
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 3 tablespoons sugar

1. Line a baking sheet with waxed paper. Scoop 12 small balls from the ice cream using a melon baller or a teaspoon. Place on the baking sheet and freeze for at least one hour.

2. To make the ganache, put the chocolate in a bowl. Put the cream and sugar in a medium saucepan, and stir over low heat until the sugar has dissolved. Pour the cream mixture over the chocolate and leave it to melt for a few minutes, then gently stir until smooth. Keep stirring every 10 minutes for about one hour, or until cool.

3. Sift the cocoa into a shallow bowl. Once the balls of ice cream are frozen solid, remove a few at a time. Dip into the cooled ganache and immediately roll in the cocoa powder. Return the finished truffles to the freezer and repeat with the remaining balls. Chef's tips: Ganache - a superbly rich chocolate icing - must not be warm or it will melt the ice cream, nor must it be too cold or it will be too thick to coat the ice cream properly.

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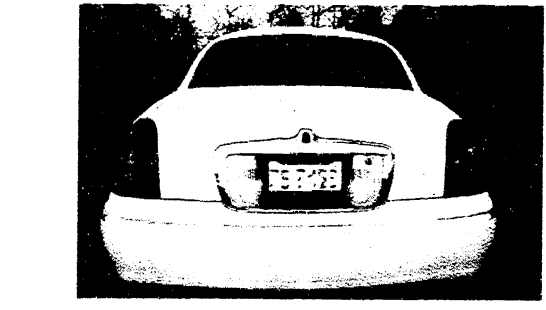
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**THURSDAY**


HIGH: 52°-56°



Mostly cloudy, very windy and cool.

**THU. NIGHT**


LOW: 34°-38°



Clearing skies; cold.

**FRIDAY**

HIGH: 56°-60°




Breezy and cool with clouds and sun.

LOW: 36°-40°

**SATURDAY**

HIGH: 63°-67°




Several hours of sunshine.

LOW: 41°-45°

**SUNDAY**

HIGH: 64°-68°




Mainly cloudy.

LOW: 41°-45°

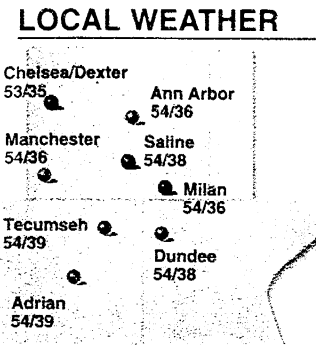
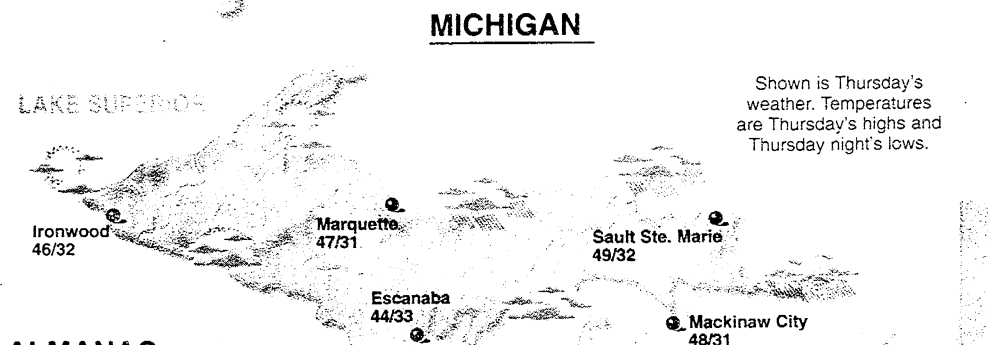
**MONDAY**

HIGH: 61°-65°



Mostly cloudy with a shower; windy.

LOW: 35°-39°



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Fri:				
Sat:				
Sun:				

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Statistics for the week ending April 29.

**Temperatures:**

High for the week	66°
Low for the week	25°
Normal high	63°
Normal low	41°
Average temperature	43.4°
Normal average temperature	51.9°

**Precipitation:**

Total for the week	0.26"
Total for the month	2.92"
Total for the year	7.88"
Normal for the month	3.26"
% of normal this month	90%
% of normal this year	76%

**SUN AND MOON**

Sunrise Thursday	6:30 a.m.
Sunset Thu. night	8:35 p.m.
Moonrise Thursday	1:55 a.m.
Moonset Thursday	10:58 a.m.

**Phases:**

Last	May 4
New	May 12
First	May 19
Full	May 26

## MICHIGAN CITIES

City	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Ann Arbor	54/36/c	59/38/pc
Battle Creek	55/35/c	58/42/pc
Bay City	54/36/c	57/41/c
Coldwater	54/36/c	59/45/pc
Dearborn	57/39/c	57/42/pc
Detroit	54/38/c	58/40/pc
Grand Rapids	52/35/c	58/41/pc
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Jackson	54/35/c	58/42/pc
Kalamazoo	54/36/c	59/41/pc
Lansing	54/34/c	58/41/c
Livonia	54/38/c	57/43/pc
Midland	54/36/c	58/40/c
Monroe	54/39/pc	56/43/c
Muskegon	47/35/c	56/42/pc
Pontiac	54/37/c	57/41/pc
Port Huron	58/37/c	56/40/pc
Saginaw	54/36/c	57/41/c
Saline	54/36/c	58/38/pc
Sault Ste. Marie	47/31/sh	45/37/c
Sturgis	55/39/c	59/43/pc
Toronto	58/38/sh	46/32/pc
Traverse City	49/32/c	52/40/c
Warren	58/40/c	57/44/pc

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, r-rain, t-thunderstorms, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, l-ice

## WORLD CITIES

City	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Acapulco	92/73/s	92/73/pc
Algiers	72/45/pc	66/39/pc
Amsterdam	59/44/pc	60/41/pc
Athens	73/56/s	74/53/pc
Auckland	60/52/pc	63/56/pc
Bangkok	91/80/c	93/79/pc
Barbados	86/79/c	86/77/c
Beijing	65/59/sh	72/56/c
Belrut	70/59/pc	70/59/pc
Belgrade	79/55/s	84/55/pc
Berlin	57/55/r	64/45/c
Bogota	68/56/r	65/56/sh
Buenos Aires	66/47/s	70/52/pc
Cairo	87/53/s	88/57/c
Calgary	52/23/c	37/20/pc
Cape Town	71/51/pc	69/51/pc
Copenhagen	56/50/sh	56/41/sh
Dublin	54/40/pc	51/42/pc
Frankfurt	56/50/r	61/42/c
Geneva	49/39/r	56/42/r
Hong Kong	84/74/pc	83/74/pc
Istanbul	66/47/s	64/43/pc
Jakarta	88/75/pc	87/76/pc
Johannesburg	79/52/pc	72/45/s
Karachi	102/77/s	105/78/s

## UV INDEX

Highest Thursday ..... 4 ..... Low

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
Akron	60/38/pc	50/40/pc
Albany	64/42/r	56/36/c
Albuquerque	72/42/s	78/46/s
Anchorage	49/37/pc	51/38/pc
Atlanta	84/60/t	78/58/pc
Atlantic City	62/54/c	66/46/pc
Austin	86/56/s	86/62/s
Baltimore	78/52/pc	66/44/pc
Baton Rouge	87/64/t	81/60/pc
Billings	66/43/pc	58/33/c
Birmingham	84/58/t	82/52/pc
Bismarck	55/36/pc	64/36/pc
Bloomington	57/40/pc	63/45/s
Boise	70/42/pc	66/38/c
Boston	59/51/r	56/40/c
Brownsville	94/72/s	92/72/pc

City	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Buffalo	60/38/r	44/34/c
Burlington, IA	56/40/pc	66/42/s
Burlington, VT	62/42/r	52/36/c
Casper	55/35/pc	66/35/pc
Cedar Rapids	52/34/pc	66/44/pc
Charleston, SC	90/66/pc	84/57/pc
Charleston, WV	74/48/sh	68/40/pc
Charlotte	88/58/t	78/52/pc
Cheysnne	58/36/pc	66/38/s
Chicago	52/38/c	62/44/pc
Cincinnati	60/39/pc	62/42/s
Cleveland	60/38/t	48/38/s
Columbia, MO	60/42/s	70/46/s
Columbus, OH	52/38/pc	65/42/pc
Dallas	76/56/pc	82/58/s
Davenport	52/38/pc	66/45/s

City	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Denver	64/38/s	72/42/s
Des Moines	52/38/pc	66/45/pc
Duluth	42/28/pc	52/37/pc
El Paso	80/52/s	82/60/s
Fairbanks	41/26/pc	47/30/pc
Fargo	50/33/c	59/38/pc
Flagstaff	62/28/pc	62/30/s
Fort Wayne	58/40/pc	58/38/pc
Gary	50/37/c	62/42/pc
Green Bay	46/33/c	58/39/c
Helena	66/41/c	56/32/c
Honolulu	86/71/pc	84/71/pc
Houston	88/70/c	88/72/pc
Indianapolis	56/37/pc	62/44/s
Juneau	46/26/s	46/26/s
Kansas City	58/38/s	66/48/s

City	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Knoxville	77/51/r	71/45/pc
Las Vegas	80/58/s	83/61/s
Lexington, KY	65/43/t	63/45/s
Lincoln	56/36/pc	70/43/pc
Little Rock	72/54/pc	78/50/s
Los Angeles	67/55/pc	69/55/pc
Louisville	48/34/c	62/43/pc
Louisville	63/46/r	65/45/s
Madison	49/34/c	62/43/pc
Memphis	72/52/t	74/52/s
Miami	90/76/s	90/76/s
Milwaukee	48/37/c	62/44/pc
Minneapolis	46/32/pc	60/40/pc
Mobile	88/70/t	86/64/pc
Nashville	73/46/t	70/45/s
New Orleans	90/68/t	78/68/pc
New York	66/54/c	64/48/pc

City	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Oklaoma City	86/60/t	72/52/pc
Oklahoma City	72/44/pc	76/52/s
Omaha	58/36/pc	70/48/pc
Orlando	94/70/s	92/68/pc
Palm Springs	84/57/s	87/57/s
Peoria	56/43/c	66/46/s
Philadelphia	74/54/c	66/46/pc
Phoenix	86/62/s	90/64/s
Pittsburgh	70/40/t	49/40/c
Portland, ME	56/42/r	49/34/c
Portland, OR	64/44/pc	56/42/pc
Providence	60/50/r	55/42/pc
Raleigh	88/60/t	78/50/pc
Rapid City	58/35/pc	61/31/pc
Reno	74/42/s	74/42/s
Richmond	66/54/pc	72/50/pc

City	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Sacramento	78/50/s	78/48/s
St. Louis	59/47/pc	70/51/s
Salt Lake City	66/42/pc	66/44/pc
San Antonio	86/58/s	82/66/s
San Diego	65/54/pc	64/54/pc
San Francisco	64/50/pc	66/50/s
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Washington apples are a signature of the American diet. Not only a healthy snack, apples also add inspiration to salads, main dishes and desserts. More than half of all the apples eaten fresh in this country are grown in orchards nestled in the eastern foothills of the picturesque Cascade Mountains. Although Red and Golden Delicious, Granny Smith, Braeburn, Jonagold and Gala are in great demand, it's the new varieties, notably Pink Lady with its crisp flesh and tangy-tart flavor, Fuji, a super-sweet apple, and sweet-tangy Cameo that are creating a lot of excitement.

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**Pecan and Pepper Chicken Burritos**  
Prep Time: 35 Minutes  
Cook Time: 35 Minutes  
Serves 8

- 1/2 teaspoon chili powder
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/2 teaspoon salt, divided
- 1 pound thin-sliced boneless, skinless chicken breast
- 2 tablespoons olive oil, divided
- 3 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 1 cup Georgia pecan halves, coarsely chopped
- 2 bell peppers (orange, green or red), seeded and sliced
- 1 large red onion, sliced in thin wedges

**Black pepper**  
8 flour tortillas (8-inch, soft-taco size)  
Salsa

1. Stir together chili powder, cumin, oregano and 1/4 teaspoon salt. Sprinkle spice mixture evenly over all sides of chicken; place chicken in a plastic bag. Shake lightly and rub the plastic against the chicken to rub in spices.
2. Heat 1 tablespoon oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Sauté the chicken pieces in batches, turning once, until chicken is cooked through. Transfer to a cutting board and allow to cool slightly.
3. Heat remaining tablespoon oil in same skillet over low heat. Add the garlic and pecans; cook until garlic is softened and pecans are fragrant—about 5 minutes. Transfer to large bowl.
4. Add peppers and onion to skillet and increase heat to medium-high. Cook, stirring occasionally, until tender-crisp. Season with 1/4 teaspoon salt and the pepper; stir into pecan and garlic mixture. Slice the chicken crosswise into thin strips and add to vegetables.
5. To serve, warm the tortillas. Divide chicken, pecan and vegetable mixture among tortillas, placing the mixture in the center. Fold up bottom of tortillas to partially cover filling, then fold in sides to create a pocket. Serve with salsa.

**Chocolate Caramel Pecan Squares**

Prep Time: 25 Minutes  
Bake Time: 40 Minutes  
Serves 10 to 12

- 1 package (18 1/4 ounces) devil's food cake mix
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter or margarine, melted
- 2 large eggs, divided
- 1/2 cup plus 1 tablespoon water
- 2 packages (3 ounces) cream cheese, softened
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 container (18 ounces) Marzetti's Caramel Apple Dip
- 1 1/2 cups Georgia pecans, chopped
- 1 cup (6 ounces) semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1/3 cup light brown sugar

1. Heat oven to 350°F. Grease a 13- by 9-inch baking pan. In large mixer bowl, beat cake mix and butter on low until well blended and crumbly. Press half the mixture evenly onto bottom of pan. Bake 10 minutes or until firm; set aside, maintaining oven temperature.
2. Add 1 egg and water to remaining cake mix; beat on low until mixed, then beat on high 1 to 2 minutes to blend any lumps. Set aside.
3. In a medium mixing bowl, beat cream cheese and vanilla until fluffy. Add the remaining egg, scrape down the sides of the bowl; beat well. Warm the caramel dip according to package directions and add to cream cheese mixture; beat on high to blend. Pour mixture evenly over baked crust.
4. Place spoonfuls of remaining chocolate batter randomly on top of caramel layer and gently spread until smooth and even. Combine the pecans, chocolate chips and brown sugar and sprinkle on top. Bake 30 minutes or until set. Cool completely before cutting.

**Baked Rice With Chorizo and Apple**

Prep Time: 20 Minutes  
Cook Time: 30 Minutes  
Serves 6

- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 medium onion, finely chopped
- 4 ounces chorizo sausage, finely chopped
- 1 1/2 cups long-grain white rice
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon turmeric
- 2 1/2 cups hot water
- 2 Washington Pink Lady apples, cored and finely chopped
- 1 1/2 cups shredded Monterey Jack cheese

1. In 9- or 10-inch oven-proof skillet, heat oil over medium heat. Add the onion and sausage and cook 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Stir in the rice, salt and turmeric; cook 2 minutes. Stir in the water, cover and cook 10 minutes.
2. Meanwhile, heat oven to 350°F. Stir apple into rice mixture, sprinkle cheese on top and bake, covered, 5 minutes. Uncover and bake 8 to 10 minutes longer or until rice is cooked and cheese is lightly browned.

**Mexican Chopped Salad With Sweet Spicy Dressing**

Prep Time: 20 Minutes  
Cook Time: 10 Minutes  
Serves 6 to 8

- Dressing:**
- 1/4 cup plus 1 tablespoon Marzetti's Caramel Apple Dip
  - 2 tablespoons water
  - 1/4 cup cider vinegar
  - 1 1/2 teaspoons ground cumin
  - 1 teaspoon hot sauce
  - 1/2 teaspoon salt
  - 1/3 cup canola oil

- Salad:**
- 1 cup Georgia pecans, toasted and coarsely chopped
  - 1 large head romaine lettuce, chopped crosswise into 3/4-inch strips (about 6 cups)
  - 2 Washington Fuji apples, cored and chopped
  - 1 1/2 cups coarsely crumbled yellow corn tortilla chips
  - 1 avocado, peeled and cubed
  - 1/2 cup finely chopped red onion

1. Prepare Dressing: In a small pot, warm the caramel and water to dissolve the caramel. Whisk in the vinegar, cumin, hot sauce and salt to blend. Transfer to jar or other covered container, add the oil and shake well to blend. Refrigerate while preparing salad ingredients.
2. To toast pecans: Spread pecan halves on an ungreased baking sheet and toast in a 350°F oven for 5 to 7 minutes or until they are fragrant and glisten a bit. If using the oven is inconvenient, you can also toast pecans in a large skillet over medium low heat. Stir the nuts occasionally so they toast evenly.
3. Prepare Salad: Combine lettuce, apples, tortilla chips, pecans, avocado and red onion in serving bowl and toss gently. Just before serving, pour dressing over mixture and gently fold to coat salad.

**Cinnamon Apple Flautas With Caramel Sauce**

Prep Time: 10 Minutes  
Cook Time: 20 Minutes  
Serves 6

- 3 tablespoons sugar, divided
  - 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
  - 3 tablespoons butter
  - 6 flour tortillas (6-inch, fajita size)
  - 3 Washington Fuji apples, peeled, cored and thinly sliced
  - 1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice
  - 1/2 cup Marzetti's Caramel Apple Dip
- Whipped cream**

1. Heat oven to 325°F. In a small bowl, mix 2 tablespoons sugar and the cinnamon; set aside. Melt butter in a large skillet. Brush butter on one side of each tortilla; sprinkle each buttered tortilla with 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon-sugar mixture. Turn tortillas over and repeat buttering and sprinkling. Reserve remaining butter in skillet.
2. Place tortillas on an ungreased baking sheet and place in oven just to warm—about 1 minute. Remove from oven and roll the tortillas loosely to make tubes; place seam side down on baking sheet. Return tortillas to oven and bake just until lightly browned on underside and a bit crisp—6 to 8 minutes.
3. Meanwhile, in remaining butter in skillet, sauté apples and remaining tablespoon sugar over high heat until lightly browned and tender—about 8 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in lemon juice.
4. To serve, spoon warm apples into tortillas. Warm the caramel mixture in the microwave 15 seconds; stir and microwave another 15 seconds. Drizzle caramel over flautas and top with a dollop of whipped cream.

# ENGAGEMENTS



### DICKERSON/WALTER

In July, Shannon Dickerson and Christian Walter will be married at the First Methodist Church in Midland. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Kris and Lisa Shangle of Midland. She earned her bachelor's degree from Western Michigan University in occupational therapy and is currently working for the Children's

Hospital of San Diego.

The prospective groom is the son of Ron and Carol Walter, formerly of Manchester. He is a graduate of Western Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in computer information systems, and currently is serving as an officer in the United States Marine Corps. He is stationed at Camp Pendleton, Calif.



### KEMNER-RENTFRO

Joanne Cynthia Kemner and Ronald Jason Rentfro are engaged and planning a September wedding. Parents of the bride-to-be are Bill and Cindy Kemner of Manchester. The future groom is

the son of Bill and Linda Rentfro of Manchester. Kemner received a bachelor's in accounting from Eastern Michigan University and is employed as an accountant for NSK Corporation. Her fiancé is employed by Visteon in Saline.

## AAA gives bike safety tips

As a rite of spring, bicycles and motor vehicles start sharing the road more frequently. And while cyclists are responsible for following the proper rules of the road, drivers should be cautious around these vulnerable road "partners" to help keep cyclists safe, AAA Michigan advises.

"Crashes often occur because drivers are not looking for cyclists and cannot see them because of blind spots and lighting conditions," says Richard Miller, AAA Michigan community safety services manager.

Some common cyclist errors that motorists should also watch for include wrong-way riding, riding out of a driveway without stopping, failing to yield to crossing traffic, and failing to yield when changing lanes.

In 2000, there were more than 2,271 bicycle/vehicle crashes in Michigan, 29 of which were killed and another 1,860 were injured.

Here are some tips for drivers: Visibility is a primary concern. Before heading into traffic, look down the road 12-15 seconds to see if any cyclists are ahead of you.

Look for bikes when driving in a residential area. Youngsters could come shooting out of driveways without looking or be riding the wrong way against traffic. Children on bicycles are often unpredictable in their actions. Expect the unexpected.

When sharing the road with cyclists, change lanes, if you have room. If not, move as far left as you can to give the cyclist extra space.

Reduce your speed when passing a cyclist, especially if the roadway is narrow.

Reduce your speed when passing a cyclist, especially if the roadway is narrow. When turning left at an intersection, yield to oncoming cyclists just as you would yield to oncoming motorists.

After passing a cyclist on your right, check over your shoulder to make sure you have allowed adequate distance before merging back in. Experienced cyclists often ride 25-30 mph and may be closer than you think.

In inclement weather, give cyclists more room, just as you would other motorists.

Learn to recognize situations and obstacles, which may be hazardous to cyclists, such as potholes, debris, and glass. Then, allow the cyclists adequate space to maneuver.

Look for approaching cyclists before opening your car door.

Tips to help cyclists stay safe on the road include: Obey traffic signs and signals. Use hand signals when turning and stopping.

Ride with the flow of traffic on the right hand side of the street. Be cautious going through intersections, pulling out of a driveway or changing directions. Most drivers aren't looking for

cyclists. Always wear a helmet—they reduce the risk of serious head injury by 85 percent. Research concerning known helmet use in Michigan reveals that most people killed in the year 2000 chose not to wear them. Wearing helmets might have saved many of those lives.

Attach a rearview mirror to your bike or bike helmet. You'll be able to see cars as they approach.

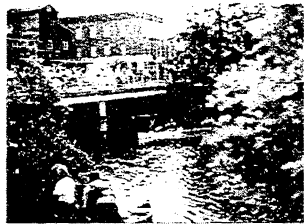
Give cars and pedestrians the right of way.

Wear light or bright colored clothing and use safety flags to make yourself more noticeable.

"Children often engage in thrill-seeking and risky behavior on bikes," says Miller. "Parents must teach youngsters not to risk their safety. In 2000, some 14 cyclists under 16 years of age died in crashes with motor vehicles. 48 percent of the 29 total bicycle fatalities in Michigan. Nearly 970 children in that age group were hurt, which represents 52 percent of total injuries."

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**U.S. MARSHALS SERVICE**  
NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE

UNITED STATES VS. REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 847 EUGENE, YPSILANTI, MICHIGAN TOGETHER WITH ALL ITS BUILDINGS, FIXTURES, IMPROVEMENTS AND APPURTENANCES.

Notice is hereby given re: The United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, Order of Judicial Sale, dated February 28th, 2002 in United States vs. Rick Dean, et al. Civil Case No. 01-72466. Real property located at 847 Eugene, Ypsilanti, Michigan, more particularly described as:

Lot 112, Dianne Acres Subdivision, Liber 14, pages 49 and 50, Washtenaw County Records (Parcel #105-037-000-038-00) will be sold by U.S. Marshals auction, at 200 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor, Michigan, at 10:00am on May 13th, 2002. The sale shall be subject to building lines if established, all laws, ordinances and governmental regulations (including building and zoning ordinances) affecting the property, and easements and restrictions appearing of record, if any. No bids for the property (except as to the United States) shall be accepted unless accompanied by a certified check or cash deposit of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000). The remaining balance will be due sixty (60) days following the date of the confirmation of sale. Property shall be sold subject to the local real estate taxes for the tax year 2002, which are payable in 2003, and all subsequent tax years. For additional information, please call 313-234-5640.

**PERSONALS 103**

**ADOPTION.** A baby is our dream. Affectionate, fun-loving couple promise your baby a cozy & secure home. Full-time mom & devoted dad await your baby. Expenses paid. Ann & Jeff, 1-800-417-2493.

**STUDY PARTICIPANTS** Smokers and non-smokers, age 25-65, who have a history of depression and are not currently taking any anti-depressants are needed for a 4 month study. Study pays \$40. Call 1-800-742-2300, #6308 or e-mail

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**Notices (Legals) 102**

**REQUEST FOR BID.** Washtenaw County Purchasing on behalf of Washtenaw Community Health Organization is issuing a Sealed Request for Proposal for Community Homes for the Developmentally Disabled for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2002. A mandatory bidders conference will be held May 6, 2002 at 2:30pm in Room 107, 555 Tower, Ypsilanti, MI. Detailed specifications may be obtained at Washtenaw County Finance/Purchasing Dept., 220 N. Main, Room B-35, Ann Arbor, MI. Bid #5995. Due: May 29, 2002 by 3:00pm Local Time. For more information please call (734) 222-6760.

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**Lost & Found 104**

**LOST, SIAMESE 7 year old cat.** Last Wednesday, On McKinley Rd., Chelsea. Possibly hurt. Front declawed. Please call (734) 475-9095

**REWARD!!!!** LOST: BABY blanket, 4x4, light pink on side and yarn ties on other. Blanket left at Mill Pond Park in Saline on April 20th. Sentimental value!! PLEASE CALL: (734) 429-0120

**Houses for Sale/Owner 200B**

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**300**

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Check out our "specials" on select  
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**MANCHESTER**

**Apartments/Flats 300**

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**STORL APARTMENTS**  
41 W. MAIN MILAN  
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**Apartments/Flats 300**

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**Houses for Rent 301**  
**BEAUTIFUL FURNISHED (OR UNFURNISHED) THREE-BEDROOM HOME**

**Houses for Rent 301**

in Tecumseh's most prestigious family neighborhood. Water view, private yard, library, Florida room. No pets. No smoking. \$1,650/mo. plus utilities. Security deposit required. Call (734) 439-2172.  
**★★★★★★★★**  
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Close to I-94, one mile W. of Village. Available immediately. Small two bedroom home, newly painted & carpeted. \$650/month. (734) 475-8294  
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**SAIL AWAY**  
Your ship will come in when you find the boat of your dreams in the Heritage Classifieds!

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**MANCHESTER: charming & roomy three bedroom in village.**

**Houses for Rent 301**

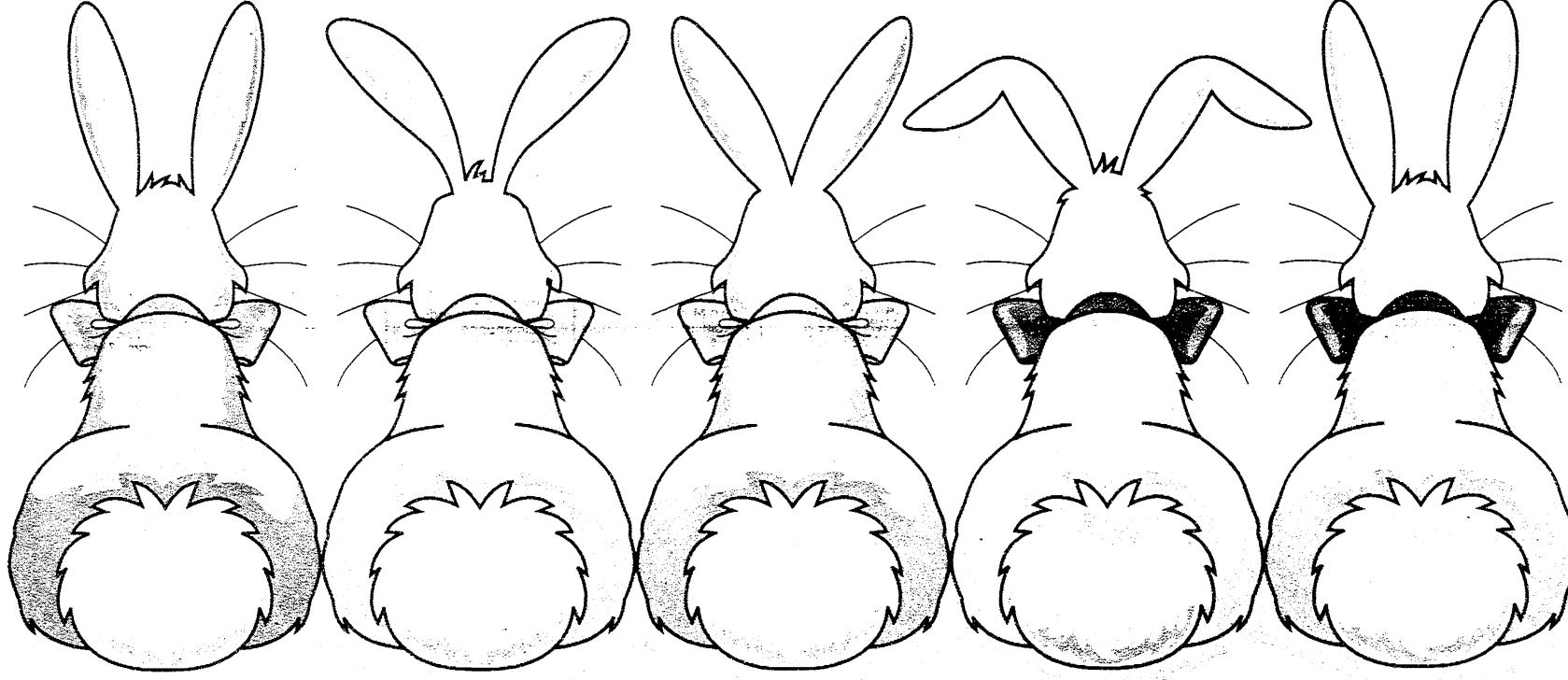
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**SALINE- TWO bedroom brick duplex, full basement, attached garage, stove, refrigerator. Available June 1st. \$850 per month plus security deposit, references. (734) 254-0831.**  
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**Professional Services 400**

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to own this three-chair, established, 30 year old business. Be your own boss...keep all your own. Will also consider renting chairs only. Call owner. (734) 475-5913  
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*No buts about it...*



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College/High School students/ Others SUMMER WORK Secure your summer job...

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General Help Wanted 600

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Alcohol is responsible for millions of injuries and deaths each year across the United States. Approximately half of all fatal motor vehicle accidents involve alcohol, a number which is rising according to research by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. In 2000, the nation experienced the largest percentage increase in alcohol-related traffic deaths on record. In a recent survey by Nationwide Insurance, 13 percent of adults say that they have ridden with someone who has had too much to drink, or they themselves have driven while intoxicated in the past

year. Underage, and especially binge drinking — often considered a “rite of passage” — also remains a very important national concern, costing more than \$52 billion per year. Studies have shown that young people who drink are more likely to develop drinking or drug problems, be involved in a violent crime and engage in unsafe sexual activity.

With television networks set to lift bans on liquor advertising while “zero tolerance” rules are still in effect across the country, it’s more important than ever for individuals and fam-

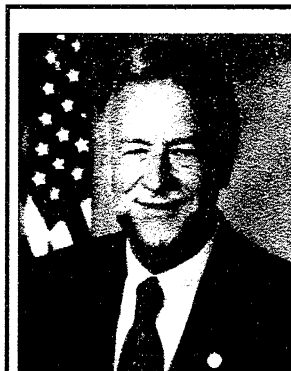
ilies to be aware of the facts when it comes to alcohol abuse at all ages.

Think you know everything there is to know about alcohol? Is your level of alcohol awareness up to “bar”? Test your knowledge with the quiz below courtesy of the Bowles Center for Alcohol Studies, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill ([www.med.unc.edu/alcohol](http://www.med.unc.edu/alcohol)).

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| 10. It takes about as many hours as the number of beers drunk for the liver to completely burn up the alcohol ingested.<br><input type="checkbox"/> TRUE <input type="checkbox"/> FALSE                  | <input type="checkbox"/> TRUE <input type="checkbox"/> FALSE |
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| 14. A person cannot become an alcoholic by just drinking beer.<br><input type="checkbox"/> TRUE <input type="checkbox"/> FALSE                                                                           | <input type="checkbox"/> TRUE <input type="checkbox"/> FALSE |
| 15. "Proof" on a bottle of liquor represents half the percent of alcohol contained in the bottle.<br><input type="checkbox"/> TRUE <input type="checkbox"/> FALSE                                        | <input type="checkbox"/> TRUE <input type="checkbox"/> FALSE |
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# Parents as teachers program growing and thriving

■ *Child's first teachers are the most important.*

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand  
Associate Editor

From the outside, it looks just like the three other justable classrooms on the high school campus.

But inside, this building has a distinctly different atmosphere than the rest of the classrooms at Manchester High School.

Brightly-colored toys, climbing and play structures, low tables for coloring and soft carpeting for babies to lie on are found in the First Steps Washenaw—Parents as Teachers classroom in the front row on the lawn of the high school.

"We are getting new families every week," said Barb Bergner, coordinator of the Parents as Teachers program, which is a new venture for Manchester Community Schools under the umbrella of community education.

"WE HAVE 40 families with 54 kids registered and it keeps increasing all the time," she said. "Parents are seeing the importance of this program—it's a great resource."

In addition to Bergner, there are three educators in the program: LouAnn Hamilton, Carol Kahn and bilingual instructor Lydia Hernandez. Beckie Brewis is the parent assistant. The entire PAT staff is part-time, and the program is financed by a three-year ACAP-PIE grant from the state.

While parent-child play groups are an important part of the program, Parents as Teachers focuses on developmental stages and overall school readiness for children ages 0 to 5. The play, creative activities and interaction provide a variety of opportunities to develop gross motor movements and is just one way the program helps to prepare children for a successful school career.

"PARENTS ARE the child's first and best teachers," Bergner says. "The PAT curriculum follows this premise and guides the parent and child into their first schooling experience."

"Everyone has strengths—everyone is a good parent. We reinforce that here."

"And we also have a lot of support services accessible for parents. A public health nurse, speech therapist, and a good start consultant from the Washtenaw Intermediate School District all provide support and information to parents about developmental stages."

**PARENTS ACTIVELY** participate in the program along with their children, Bergner emphasized.

"It's not a day care, it's a time for interaction between parent and child," she said.

Play groups meet for 1 or two hours, four days per week. In addition, a weekly tumbling class was offered to the PAT

group and held at the fitness center, and a special monthly story hour is held at the library.

As part of its overall focus on literacy this year, the Kiwanis Club of Manchester has had special guest readers visit the PAT classroom. The program also offers home visits from an educator, along with periodic screening to assess overall development including health, hearing and vision.

**SPECIAL GUEST** speakers provide even more good information for parents to help them in strengthening their parenting skills.

Infants, toddlers and preschoolers end up bonding with their educators as well as with their parents, and benefit from being with their peers. Bergner says that the program can help to reassure parents that their child is going through normal developmental stages.

"It's such a busy world we face today," she says. "That one-on-one parenting time is so important. PAT provides the affirmation that parents need."

"SIMPLY COMING to the program, stepping through that door, shows that they have put a priority on the well-being of their children. It says a lot about how much they value parenting."

Bergner says that she spent seven years in a similar program with her own sons, both of whom are now in high school.

"It's the best thing I ever did," she says. "Parenting is the world's most important job—and yet, children don't come with



Madelyn Hamilton concentrates on developing small-motor skills.



Tamarra Getty spends time coloring with Madelyn's sister Abigail and Getty's daughter Lisa, in part of the Parents as Teachers program play group activities.

## Health Day

Senior Health Services of Saint Joseph Mercy Health System (SJMHS) of Ann Arbor will present a Senior Health Day from 9 to 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday at Saint Joseph Mercy Health Stop, located in Briarwood Mall.

"Depression or Mood Change—Do you Know the Difference?" will feature Alan Dengiz, MD, Medical Director of Senior Health Services at SJMHS. Dr. Dengiz will discuss why so many people over the age of 65 are depressed, the difference between depression and sadness, when feeling blue becomes something more serious and more.

Senior Health Day will begin at 9 a.m. with a short discussion on the benefits of exercise by Mary Vaclavik, RN followed by Denzig's presentation from 10 to 11:30 a.m. There will be samples of healthy food plus free gifts and a prize drawing.

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## Varsity sports 4-1 conference record



### SPORTS IN BRIEF

#### Local athlete on all-state basketball team

Mike Walter of Manchester, a senior at Manchester High School, recently learned that he has been named to the All-State Junior Nationals basketball team.

Out of a field of 110 hopefuls trying out April 7 at Eastern Michigan University, Walter was chosen to participate in the program in Columbus, Ohio from July 8-14, which will feature a national tournament.

In an effort to fund his participation, Walter, who was featured in the March 14 sports profiles in the *Manchester Enterprise*, will be seeking donations and working on fund-raising for the next several weeks.

#### Sports week shortened due to prom events

No track, baseball or softball games will be held this weekend to accommodate local high school prom events. Next week will resume a regular sports schedule.

#### Manchester Metrics seeking helpers

The Manchester Metrics Invitational is looking for workers for the May 11 event. Athletic Director Wes Gall asks any former track team members who would like to come down for a day of sun at the Manchester Athletic Complex.

If you're willing to work, call Gall at 428-7333, ext. 1138, or track coaches, Denny Steele or Cory Cox.

#### Player profile nominees sought

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.

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

#### Ten-Star basketball camp seeks participants

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#### Athletic Director seeking help with Chicken Broil

Athletic Director Wes Gall is looking for someone interested in taking over getting grids washed after the annual chicken broil. With his increased duties as AD, Gall said it is harder to find time for coordinating this activity.

"Anyone who is interested in 'learning the ropes' of this job this year, is invited to call Gall to volunteer. 'I will continue to help out by getting the football players organized to do the cleaning,' he said. 'But we need someone to supervise.'"

This is a stipended position that needs to be done the Friday following the Chicken Broil.

#### Baseball team wins two out of three last week

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand Associate Editor

Michigan Center and Grass Lake were Manchester's two most recent victims of mercy games, but the team ended up on the short end of a 4-1 score to the league-leading Vandercook Lake Jayhawks on Thursday.

On April 22, the team beat Michigan Center 20-5 in four innings.

"Offensively, we had two really big innings," Manchester coach Corey Fether said. "We scored seven in the first inning and 12 in the fourth."

Jon Schaible had three hits, including a triple and two RBIs, and Derik Dwyer had two hits and two RBIs.

Karl Schaible had two home runs and five RBIs. Jeff Panches had two hits including a home run and Adam Little was four-for-four. Beau Bergner had one hit for two RBIs and Chris Loud had two hits with three RBIs. Ryan Maggetti had two hits and three RBIs.

Brent Leverett, who pitched the complete game, was two for two at bat and scored four times. Pitching, Leverett gave up six hits, struck out seven and walked only two batters, improving his record to 3-0 on the mound.

On Wednesday, the team met



Varsity baseball player Chris Loud has been hitting well in recent games, as part of the offensive lineup helping the team to its current 4-1 league record.

Photo by David Jose

Grass Lake and prevailed 26-10 in four innings.

"It sounded more like a football score," Fether said. "There was not much defense in this game."

Jon Schaible had one hit with four RBIs, while Dwyer had one hit for one RBI.

Karl Schaible had three hits, three RBIs and scored four times. Panches had four hits, including a homer, batting in six

RBIs and scoring four times.

Bergner hit a grand slam while Chris Loud had two hits and three RBIs. Josh McCalla had a double and an RBI and Maggetti had two hits including a double and two RBIs.

McCalla also took the pitching win for the game, bringing him up to a 3-0 record for the season. He gave up six hits, struck out two and walked two.

"The game should have been

over before the fourth inning, but we committed six errors and let them stay with us an inning longer than it should have been," Fether said.

On Thursday, the team lost to Vandercook by a score of 4-1.

"We didn't commit any errors," Fether said. "This was by far the best defensive game we've played all year and we certainly had our opportunities to win the game."

In fact, in the first and second innings, the team had the bases loaded and left runners on base, scoring only one run.

"The pitcher was by far the best we've faced all year," Fether continued. "He kept changing speeds on us and was throwing a breaking ball for a strike, that kept us off balance at the plate."

Jon Schaible had a hit and scored the team's only run. Dwyer had a hit and Panches had a double for an RBI.

Leverett took the game loss and currently holds a 3-1 record. He pitched the whole game, giving up six hits, striking out six and walking four.

The varsity's overall record stands at 7-4 and is 4-1 in the Cascades Conference. The team faced Napoleon on Monday, Addison on Wednesday and will meet East Jackson on Friday.

"Napoleon's always a tough team," Fether said. "They're struggling so far this season but I'm sure they'll give us a good game."

"Addison is playing decent ball right now, and we have already played East Jackson once, beating them 12-5. But they're being winning games and they're playing solid ball."

"It will be an important week for us, conference-wise," he concluded.

The Dutch are second in the league, trailing only Vandercook which holds a 5-0 record.

## Track team fourth at Grass Lake invitational



Senior Casey Preuninger earned a first-place in the 200 meter hurdle event against Napoleon last week.

#### Dual losses to Vandy; Napoleon hurt conference record.

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand Associate Editor

The Manchester varsity track team finished fourth overall at the Grass Lake Warrior Invitational tournament on April 20. With 13 teams participating, the Dutch scored 57 points.

First place finishers included Mike Graham, 18 feet, 3.5 inches in the long jump; Dyon Evans with an 11-foot pole vault; and Dan Schulte with a 54.3-second finish in the 400 meter dash.

The 800 and 1,600 meter relay teams both placed second. Jacob Sawyer, Schulte, Dyon and Damian Evans ran in the 800 and Graham, Mike Lindemann, Sawyer and Schulte were members of the 1,600 relay team.

Sawyer placed fourth in both the high jump and the 200-meter dash.

In fifth place were the 3,200 relay team of Graham, Lindemann, Mikayl Losee and Chris Maly and the 400-meter relay team of Dyon and Damian Evans. Brett Kingsbury and Austin Scott.

At last Tuesday's double-dual meet at Vandercook, the Dutchmen also met Napoleon. Dyon Evans set a personal best in pole vault at 12 feet during this meet, which earned him a second place finish.

Manchester lost to Napoleon by a score of 87-50.

First-place finishes were logged by Ben Wojtas in discus with 98 feet, 7 inches. Casey Preuninger came in first in the 110 high hurdles with a 16.7 finish.

Jacob Sawyer finished first in the 100 and 200-meter with 12.0 and 24.5-second finishes, respectively, while Mike Graham placed first in the 400 dash with 55.2.

Damian Evans completed the

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## Varsity softball struggling with 1-5 for the week

#### Team needs to overcome fourth-inning slumps.

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand Associate Editor

"It was a rough week and weekend," Manchester softball coach Wes Gall said of his team's performance.

The week began with a five-inning, 18-2 game against Michigan Center on April 22.

"It was a 2-2 ball game at the end of three innings," Gall said. "Both teams were playing very well."

"All of a sudden, Michigan Center took advantage of some of our mistakes combined with some good hitting on their part and some walks."

"They ended up scoring 13 runs in the fourth inning."

Christine Fairbanks was the losing pitcher. Trisha Miller was the team's standout for the day with two hits, both doubles. Becca Alber also had a double. "It was a double-or-nothing day," Gall said.

The bright spot came mid-week when the Lady Dutch traveled to Grass Lake and played a "fantastic ball game."

Megan Eisenhauer took pitching and Manchester started a 5-2 lead into the seventh inning.

In the seventh, the Warriors

tied up the score and Fairbanks was brought in as a relief pitcher beginning in the eighth.

Neither team scored in the eighth inning and in the ninth, Becca Alber got on base with a walk and moved to second base on another walk. Julia Steinaway hit an RBI single, bringing Alber home and the Lady Dutch the lead.

"The next inning Christine held off the Warriors and we ended up winning in nine innings, 6-5," Gall said.

Alber had two doubles. Miller had a double and Sheila Staffeld and Cori Chrestensen each hit a single. Steinaway had the game-winning hit to round out the statistics.

Fairbanks was the winning pitcher.

On Friday, the team met Vandercook Lake and lost 10-0 in five innings.

"We only had three hits that day," Gall said.

Staffeld, Miller and Steinaway each hit a single.

"The fourth inning was our downfall again," Gall continued. "It seems that the fourth is the one that catches us the most. If we look at the stats, that's where things tend to happen."

"We've gotta change that—either take it off the score sheet or figure out what to do."

Again, a combination of the Dutch missing the key plays and their opponents making the most of the situation was the team's downfall.

"They did hit the ball well on us and they did hit some gaps," Gall said. "Their number-three hitter had two triples."

"It was a tough day," Fairbanks took the loss to Vandercook that day.

On Saturday, the varsity headed to Blissfield for a tournament and played three games. Two of the games were close losses.

"We played Blissfield right off, in a pretty good game," Gall said. "Our problem was as a team we didn't hit but the biggest thing was that we struck out 13 times."

"We had been hitting the speed their pitcher delivered, but we didn't that day."

As a team, Manchester had just five hits—Miller and Fairbanks with two apiece and Eisenhauer with one.

The second game of the day pitted the Dutch against New Boston Huron.

"We lost that one 15-2 in five innings," Gall said. "They were the best hitting team we've seen this year."

New Boston had four doubles, two triples and an over-the-



Christine Fairbanks came in as a relief pitcher when the score was tied in the seventh inning of the Grass Lake game and held off the Warriors, allowing Manchester to win the game 6-5.

fence homer.

"They just came out and swung from the heels and plowed the ball," Gall said. "It was just something to see them hit the ball."

Eisenhauer took the loss in that game.

In the day's final game, the Dutch faced Allen Park Cabrini and had a decent performance.

"We played pretty well," Gall said of his team. "We gave up three runs in the first inning and

three in the sixth and ended up on the short end of a 7-2 score."

"We moved the ball better and had seven hits."

Miller led the team with two hits, followed by Steinaway, Staffeld, Fairbanks, Michelle Dicks and Eisenhauer with one apiece. Fairbanks took the loss for the final game.

Earlier this week, the team faced Napoleon and Addison and tomorrow will head to East Jackson.

# Junior varsity remains undefeated in league play

## Team stays focused on the fundamentals.

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand  
Associate Editor

Manchester junior varsity baseball coach Tim Amburgey is trying to teach his team some important lessons.

And it's working. The team carries a 7-1 season record and is undefeated in league play.

Monday's 5-1 victory against Michigan Center was the first game in which the team committed only one error.

"It was tough game conditions, very cold and sleeting," Amburgey said. "The team showed good character in playing through the weather."

Highlights of that game included Jeff Miller, who continues his solid starting pitching rotation. Miller pitched for seven innings, allowing one run and scattering four hits.

Offensively, Brett Melcher went two-for-four with two RBIs, while Lance Aiken, Tom Breilein and Andrew Little each went one-for-three, with Breilein having a double and Little a stolen base.

On Wednesday, the team met Grass Lake and Tyler Mester had his first pitching start.

"Tyler performed flawlessly through five innings," Amburgey

said. "He gave up one run, one hit and seven strike outs. It was very impressive for his first outing."

Amburgey added that Mester has been battling flu-like symptoms for much of the season, yet got stronger as the game continued.

In support of Mester's game, the defense only produced one error.

"That's a critical fundamental in baseball," Amburgey said. "The defense needs to support the pitcher."

Offensively, Melcher continues to lead the pack with a two-for-four performance and five stolen bases.

"Miller continues to hit with power," Amburgey said. "He went one-for-three with a double and three RBIs."

Eric Strong had a good day at the plate, going one-for-three with two stolen bases. Van Bogelen had a double, two stolen bases and an RBI, while Aiken went one-for-four with three RBIs. Caleb Bergner got his bat going with an RBI and a stolen base.

The team met Vandercook on Friday night and earned a 14-4 victory. Eric Strong pitched his first complete game with six strike-outs and six scattered hits, as the team supported Eric defensively with only three

errors.

Melcher was three-for-five with a double, two stolen bases and three RBIs. Aiken was two-for-three with two RBIs and a double.

"Breilein continues to hit with power," Amburgey said. "He was two-for-four with two doubles."

Way, Trinkle, Layher and Strong all went two-for-four

with Strong, Trinkle and Layher all having doubles. Andrew Little was one-for-four and had a stolen base.

The team headed to Blissfield for a double-header on Saturday.

"I thought this would be a true test for the team because traditionally Blissfield has produced good baseball teams year in and

year out," Amburgey said.

The team lost its first game early in the day, 12-4, but redeemed itself with a resounding 13-1 victory in the second game.

In the first game the team had 10 errors and gave up nine unearned runs.

"You can't do that with the caliber of team Blissfield puts on

the field," Amburgey said.

Some of the bright spots in the game included Rodney Poskey's five innings on the mound, where he scattered seven hits with three strike-outs. Breilein got his first appearance as a relief pitcher, allowing three hits with one K.

"In the second game, the team

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# JV softball battles their way into first win

## Coach expresses pride in young team.

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand  
Associate Editor

In last week's games the junior varsity softball team was 1-4, earning their first win of the season in a Saturday double header against Columbia Central.

The team faced Michigan Center on April 22. "Overall, the girls played extremely well and we almost pulled that game out," Manchester coach Amy Gall said.

But the girls ended up on the short end of an 11-6 score. For the team, Kelly Schaible had a double, Cori Steele had a double with 2 RBIs, and Brandi Walter

and Shelley Schulze each had singles with one RBI. Megan Kanta hit a single.

On Wednesday, the team played "one heck of a game" against East Jackson.

"The girls played hard and battled the whole game, but we ended up falling to EJ 12-10," Gall said.

Emilee Sweet had three hits, all singles; Schaible, Walter and Lindsay Ellison each had a base hit.

Kanta, Abby LaRock, and Schulze each had a single and an RBI to round out a great team performance.

"This game ended up being a heartbreaker because we battled hard, but just couldn't pull it out in the end," Gall said.

Thursday, the team hosted Vandercook Lake in a short

game where they lost 17-1 in the third inning.

By Saturday morning the girls were ready to win as they played in their double-header against Columbia. The girls played two five-inning games, fighting hard and battling the whole way to win 6-5.

"Brandi Walter hit a double in the bottom of the fifth to bring in Cori Steele for the game winning run," Gall said. "We were extremely excited and played errorless ball to beat a pretty good Columbia team."

In the second game, the girls lost their steam and didn't play as well, losing by a score of 11-7.

"Shelley Schulze had two big hits, Cori Steele had a double, and Lindsay Ellison had a single," Gall said.

"For the week we played

extremely hard, kept our heads up high, and fought until the end," she added. "I'm very proud of every one of my players."

Gall said that in the first half of the season her team has improved tremendously.

"I couldn't be any prouder of my players for the intensity that they've showed in close games," she said. "Every day is a new adventure for our team and we look forward to battling hard no matter what the situation."

For this week the girls hosted Napoleon at home Monday and faced Addison on its home field on Wednesday.



Tomorrow the team will face East Jackson at home.

"We are looking forward to playing each of these teams," Gall said.

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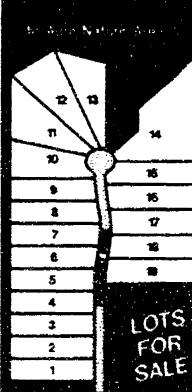
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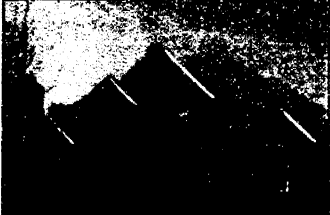
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3.200 run in 12:15.3.

In second place, Preuninger logged a 5-6 high jump and also a 47.4 finish in the 300 hurdles while Wojtas threw a 39 foot, 1.5-inch shot put. Mikayl Losee finished the 800 run in 2:15.2 for another second place. Dyon Evans also finished second in the 200 dash.

Sawyer placed third in high jump and Graham third in long jump. Lindemann received a third place in discus while Will Aldrich finished third in the 110 high hurdles and the 300 hurdles. Chris Maly rounded out the scoring with a third-place finish in the 400.

The Dutch also fell to Vandercook, 91-45.

First-place finishes went to Dyon Evans in pole vault,

Preuninger in 110 high hurdles, Graham in the 400 and the 1,600 relay team of Graham, Losee, Maly and Lindemann.

In second place were Preuninger in the high jump and 300 hurdles, Graham in the long jump, Wojtas in shot put and Sawyer in the 100 and 200 dashes.

Third place saw Sawyer in the high jump, Losee in the 800 and 1,600 and Evans in the 200.

# Wrestlers rack up medals

The Manchester Wrestling Club hosted a weekend wrestling tournament last week with modified wrestling on Friday night and freestyle on Saturday. Classes are novice, schoolboy, cadet and juniors.

Congratulations to the following wrestlers who took medals in their age and weight classes.

Friday's first place medals went to Brad Alber, Dan Lobbestael, James and Josh Tobias and Cevin Walker. Second place medals were awarded to Matt Brewington, Michael Garrison and Josh Scott.

Bo Kingsbury earned a third place medal and fourth place

medals were awarded to Jason Alber, Bill Cloke, Scott Conway, Randy Kleinschmidt and Kyle Thomas.

On Saturday, Clayton Every, Austin and Jimmy Hamilton, Nathan Jackson, Cameron LaDouceur and Will Rickert received first place medals.

Second place found Jason Alber, Scott Conway, Corwin Every, Nathan Fischer, Joe Garrison, Nichole Jackson, Bo Kingsbury, Dan Lobbestael, Cody and Iain Neff, Cody and Coyle Renter, Josh and Kyler Ritter, Katrina Tobias, John Watson and Logan Zigala awarded medals for their second-place finishes.

Third place medals were awarded to Ricky Azelton, Andrew Fischer, William Honer, Randy Kleinschmidt, Levi Masse and Ethan Seguin, while fourth-place medals went to Spencer Boucha, Nathan Doan, Scott Fernandez, Caleb Tullech and Johnny Wall.

The Manchester Wrestling Club thanks all the friends, families and volunteers who helped to make the tournament a success. Good luck to the wrestlers this Saturday when they return to Dexter to compete at Districts.

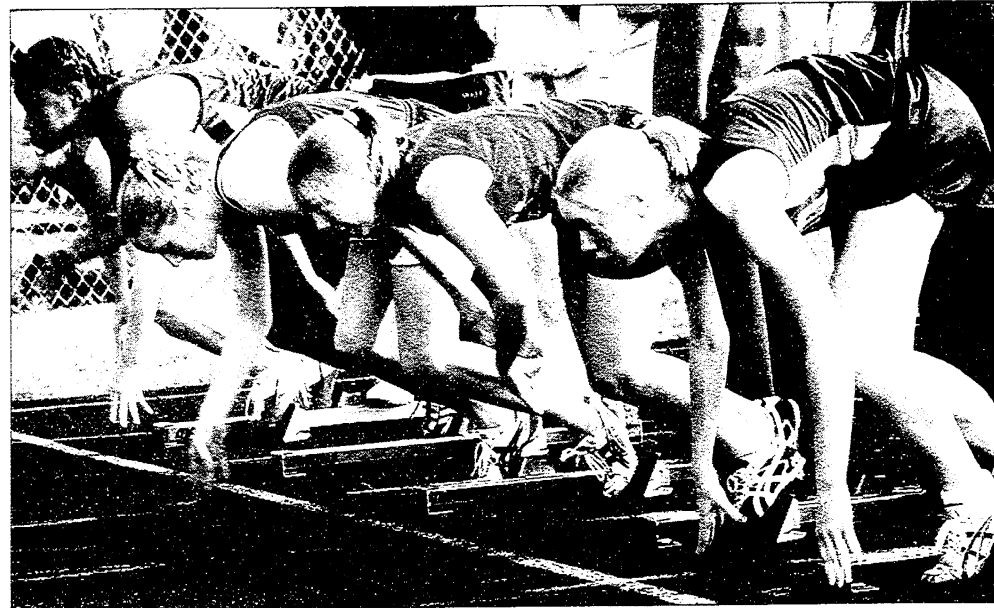


Photo by David Jose

Girls' sprinters line up at the starting line in the Grass Lake Invitational track meet held April 20.

## BASEBALL

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solidified defensively, only giving up two errors," Amburgey said.

Miller, as the anchor of the pitching staff, went five innings, giving up two hits and one run.

"Offensively, Miller helped himself as well, going two-for-three with two doubles," Amburgey said.

"Melcher continues swinging the bat well, and was two-for-three with three stolen bases."

Aiken, Way and Trinkle all went one-for-three with three

stolen bases. Aiken contributed a double and two RBIs.

"Andrew Way is starting to break out of his slump with two RBIs and three stolen bases in this game," Amburgey said.

"Overall, the team's performance through the week was solid," he continued. "I thought that we stacked up well against a

very good baseball team in Blissfield. One of the lessons the team learned was if we play solid defense and don't give up unearned runs, we can play competitive baseball."

After facing Napoleon Monday and Addison Wednesday, the team hosts East Jackson tomorrow night.

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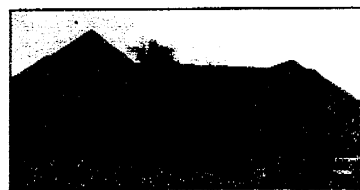
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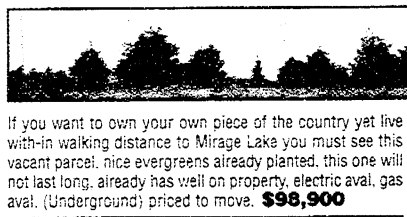


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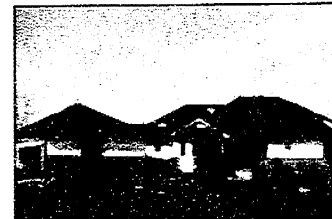
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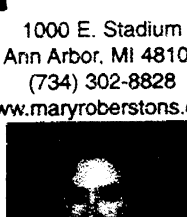
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# Health plan first to advertise generic drugs

In an unprecedented move, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan will launch a \$1 million series of consumer awareness advertisements this spring designed to dispel myths about generic prescription drugs.

The company hopes the move will help in its efforts to establish generics as high quality, safe and effective alternatives to more expensive, heavily advertised brand-name drugs.

The five-part series of advertisements will begin the week of May 5 and appear in daily and weekly Michigan newspapers and business journals through June 7. To capture attention, four of the full-page advertisements will challenge consumers with the headline, "Want the truth about generic drugs?" The body of each advertisement will provide answers to the challenge. A fifth and final advertisement will roll the previous four "truths" into one summary appeal to consumers to "Demand Generics!"

Authorities providing evidence in the advertisements will include representatives of Grand Value Drugs (a Sav-Mor affiliate) and Rite Aid drug stores. Both pharmacies were identified as the top performers, based on the Blues' criteria, for improving their dispensing rates for generic prescription drugs during a competition among more than 1,000 Michigan pharmacies sponsored by the Michigan Blues during the fourth quarter of 2001. The Michigan Pharmacists Association is endorsing the campaign and lending their logo.

Richard Whitmer, Michigan Blues president and chief executive officer said, "The competition helped us see our first upturn in the overall dispensing rate for generic drugs."

The competition saved an estimated \$13 million for the Blues and Blues customers and saved Michigan consumers as much as \$25 million because every Michigan resident is expected to benefit from the effort throughout the year, whether they are Blues customers or not.

Whitmer added, "The Michigan Blues are investing in this campaign to establish a brand for generic prescriptions because we're always trying to save our customers' money."

The campaign dollars were already earmarked to promote Blue Cross products and services and now have been redirected to promote generics. The potential for return on the investment is significant. For example, during the fourth quarter alone, following the introduction of a generic version of Prozac, Michigan Blues customers saved more than \$1 million.

A one percentage-point overall savings in the generic dispensing rate for all drugs results in an estimated \$17 million savings for Blues customers and more than \$30 million annualized statewide in a spillover effect for all prescription drug retail sales.

Whitmer said the Blues feature pharmacists in the ads because studies indicate consumers place high value on the advice of their local pharmacists. The ads

will feature testimonials by pharmacists and additional content has been drawn from materials from the Food and Drug Administration. On a national level, the FDA is educating consumers on generic prescription drugs, whose makers must meet the agency's standards for safety and quality and prove their products have the same effect as brand-name drugs.

The \$1 million Michigan campaign is primarily a print campaign; however, the Blues may expand the effort to additional media later in the year.

Michigan Blues Senior Vice President of Corporate Communications, Richard Cole, who designed the ads with assistance from an in-house team, said, "Manufacturers spend billions to advertise newer, more expensive brand-name drugs to consumers across all media. We chose print as an effective medium for reaching consumers who really want information. Print is a good medium for providing information that can be reviewed and considered and possibly saved for future reference."

Several studies have found a correlation between the direct-to-consumer advertising sponsored by brand-name drug manufacturers and increased use of newer, brand-name drugs. A recent Kaiser Family Foundation study indicates direct-to-consumer advertising encourages consumer demand for the most recently released, brand-name drugs. Messages regarding the quality and value

of generics—unadvertised up to this point—are often lost among the persistent messages about newer drugs.

Cole uses the "David and Goliath" analogy to make the point. Compared to the \$1 billion the Blues are spending on the campaign, the pharmaceutical industry increased its advertising spending for drugs by 31.5 percent from 1999 to 2000 and spent \$2.8 billion to advertise drugs to consumers in 2001. A National Institute for Health Care Management study found the combined sales of the 50 most heavily advertised drugs increased 32 percent from 1999 to 2000. Brand-name makers have expanded direct-to-consumer efforts to include coupons, rebates and free trials for consumers.

Despite the effectiveness of new brand advertising, generic drugs are actually more "tried and true" in terms of performance. Because they are replicas of formulas that have been in the market and in use by a wide population for often more than a decade, their use is tried and true. Generic drugs are less likely to be the subject of recalls due to serious health risks for patients. Pharmacists featured in the ads will include this point among their messages.

Cole said the competition that offered Michigan pharmacists a chance to be featured in the ad campaign helps draw attention to several initiatives already underway by the Blues' pharmaceutical department to reduce pharma-

ceutical costs and help consumers and others make better decisions.

The initiatives pair the Michigan Blues in partnerships with consumers, pharmacists, physicians, business and labor groups.

The initiatives include:  
\* A pilot coupon program started in January that provides a free first supply of a generic prescription medication for Blues members selected to participate in the program.

\* An electronic prescribing pilot with Michigan physicians to determine if the use of electronic prescribing—versus handwriting prescriptions for patients to take to the pharmacy—improves safety, efficiency and generic awareness, and to determine whether electronic information will result in increased prescribing of generics.

\* Free use of the trademarked logo and slogan, "Generic drugs: the unadvertised brand." Health plans that use it only have to provide a courtesy notification.

\* A statement of support for the call by the National Governors Association and the Business for Affordable Medicine coalition for Congress to reexamine regulation of prescription drug patents. The Blues agree with public officials, businesses and labor groups who believe that the law needs to be examined to ensure that the availability of generics is not delayed. A delay can cost health plans, businesses and consumers millions in lost savings—since generic drugs can save between 20 to 70 percent over brand-name drugs. The Blues are helping to form a state collaboration to study legislative remedies to the problem.

\* Discussion on how the Michigan Blues can advance common goals with the FDA and the American Association of Retired Persons. AARP recently began its own national consumer awareness campaign. The campaign's central message is directed toward seniors and their wise use of medication and also recommends consideration of generic prescription drugs. The next few years offer ample opportunity for converting to generic drugs. Several widely used brand-name medications are scheduled to lose their exclusive patents, promising significant savings for consumers. High-use, brand-name medications that could become available to consumers as lower-cost versions in 2002 include Prilosec (anti-ulcer), Zestril (high blood pressure) and Claritin (allergies). Prescription-drug spending rose 18.8 percent nationally in 2000. Aging baby boomers are swelling the ranks of the over-65 population and as they age, their use of prescription drugs is expected to grow.

Roughly four times as many new prescriptions are written for individuals over 65 compared to younger individuals. As more consumers rely more heavily on prescription medications to increase the quality of their lives, the value of generic medications and the demand for more information about them will also grow.

The Michigan Blues said its upcoming ad series along with other initiatives, will help consumers, businesses and others balance quality and cost of care needs. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan is a nonprofit independent licensee of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association.

## Don't be an April fool about exercise

Don't let the warmer weather tempt you into becoming an April fool about exercising.

That's the message of MSU's director of sports medicine, Jeffrey Kovan, D.O., who says doing too much too soon can derail your good intentions. Kovan is assistant professor of physical medicine and rehabilitation in MSU's College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Most people don't suffer major injuries if they start to exercise after a winter's hibernation, but many suffer unnecessary aches and pains that discourage them from continuing, Kovan said.

"Whatever your activity, if it's causing you pain during exercise, you're overdoing it," he noted. "A

good standard is that if you're a little sore after you exercise, you should maintain that level each day until you can do it without discomfort. At that point, you're ready to do a bit more. A 10- to 20-percent increase—in distance, time, intensity or speed of the activity—is ideal."

Prevention is the key to maintaining healthy exercise, Kovan said. Here are some tips:

— If you've been a couch potato, get a screening from your health care provider before you start. This is especially important for those 35 and older and those who have a significant history of problems.

— Make sure that your exercise equipment, clothing and shoes

are appropriate before you begin. — Expect some fatigue until your body becomes conditioned and has built up some cardiac reserve. At the same time, listen to your body, and don't override the signals it gives you.

— Do a short warm-up, stretch your muscles, do your exercise, and then cool down slowly. Stretching is very important, but stretching a muscle that is not warmed up can actually cause injury.

— Consider the weather and your environment and adjust your exercise accordingly. Temperature, wind and rain take their tolls on your body.

If, despite preventive measures, you do suffer an injury, Kovan recommends the classic RICE strategy: Rest, Ice, Compression and Elevation.

"If after 24 to 48 hours the injury hasn't resolved, it's important to be seen by your health care provider," Kovan said. "If pain is above and beyond what you would expect, get in sooner."

"Remember that the goal of exercise is to prevent long-term health risks and concerns," Kovan said. "We exercise today to preserve our ability to exercise tomorrow."

"Injury is a step backward, so listen to your body."

## Free hazardous waste disposal Saturday

Washtenaw County residents will have an opportunity to dispose of household hazardous waste on Saturday from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Wacker Chemical located at 3301 Sutton Road in Adrian.

A brief list of materials accepted include: oil-based paint, flammable material such as old gas, aerosols, home repair and cleaning products, pesticides, fertilizers, herbicides, mercury-containing items such as thermometers, thermostat switches, and fluorescent lights. Make sure materials brought to the drop-off site are properly labeled.

If you are unable to attend this collection the Washtenaw County Home Toxics permanent collection facility is open every Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon, excluding Memorial, Labor, and Thanksgiving Day weekends through the first Saturday of December behind Western Washtenaw County Service Center at 705 Zeeb Road. Call the 24 hour hotline number at 222-3950 for more information.

Unacceptable items include latex paint, motor oil, transmission fluid, car batteries, radioactive materials, ammunition, and antifreeze. To get rid of these items, consult Washtenaw County's recycling guide at [ewashtenaw.org](http://ewashtenaw.org), click on Living link and navigate to the Environmental Health section and check out recycling options.

The State of Michigan, through its Clean Michigan Initiative Grant Program has awarded Washtenaw County's Public Works Division a grant to establish regional collection program from household hazardous waste. Residents from Jackson, Lenawee, and Washtenaw County will be allowed to attend any of these regional collections free of charge. For more information please call 517-264-4556 for more information regarding opportunities in Lenawee County.

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### MANCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS WASHTENAW AND JACKSON COUNTIES, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE ELECTORS

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:  
Please Take Notice that the regular school election of the school district will be held on Monday, June 10, 2002.

THE LAST DAY ON WHICH PERSONS MAY REGISTER IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION CALLED TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2002, IS MONDAY, MAY 13, 2002. PERSONS REGISTERING AFTER 5 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING ON MONDAY, MAY 13, 2002, ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION.

To register, visit any Secretary of State branch office or your county, city or township clerk's office. Persons planning to register with the respective county, city or township clerks must ascertain the days and hours on which the clerks' offices are open for registration.

This Notice is given by order of the board of education.

R. LaMont Okey  
Secretary, Board of Education

### VILLAGE OF MANCHESTER NOTICE OF HEARING OF THE PETITION OF THE VILLAGE OF MANCHESTER TO ANNEX CERTAIN TERRITORY

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Village Council of the Village of Manchester, Washtenaw County, Michigan, has petitioned the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners to annex to the Village of Manchester, Washtenaw County, Michigan, the following described lands located in the Township of Manchester, Washtenaw County, Michigan, to-wit:

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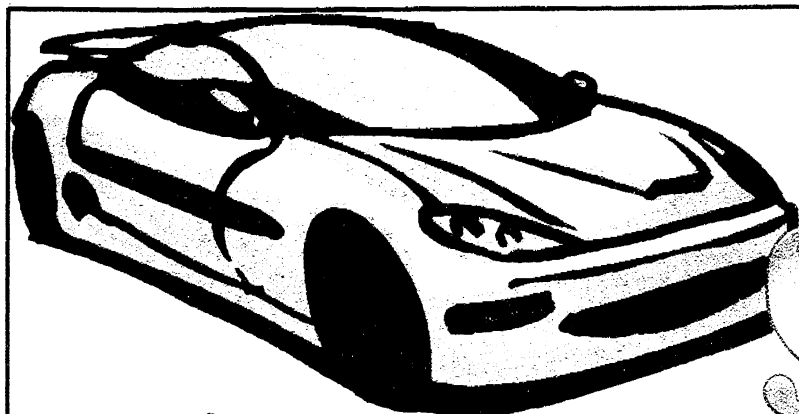
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He could see the possibilities—even in 1995, growth in the area was evident, and the property was just a stone's throw from U.S. 23,

representing easy access to a major freeway.

The store, one of the smallest GM dealerships in the state, had lost money and employed just four people. It had changed hands a number of times.

Still, Jeff knew that inside this rough stone was a polished gem.

He sold his home and managed to put together the money to invest in his dream—to own his own car

dealership.

Jeff carried this dream around with him from his high school years. He loved cars and was first exposed to the business through his best friend's father who sold cars. At age 19, he left college and started selling cars to help support his mother after his father died. By the age of 23, he had been promoted to sales manager at a Cadillac dealership, and later was recruited for management positions at several prominent Detroit area dealerships. He was looking at possible locations for his own dealership while he was still in his 20s.

For the Milan location, he developed a business plan and went door-to-door

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Whatever it took, Jeff did it to keep the ship of his dream afloat. In the fall of 1998, Jeff decided it was time to start working on his business, rather than in it, and he began planning the future with his staff.

Fast forward to 2002. Jeff has a sales staff of 20, and a total of 56 employees dedicated to making his dream come true. He now has five

franchises:

Pontiac, Oldsmobile, Buick, Chevrolet, and Suzuki. He built his own state-of-the-art facility off U.S. 23, and renovated his old location, and watched his annual sales jump from 120 vehicles in 1996 to 1,661 in 2001. He expects to show sales of 2,400 for 2002. Phillips Automotive Group is now the largest volume General Motors dealership in Washtenaw County.

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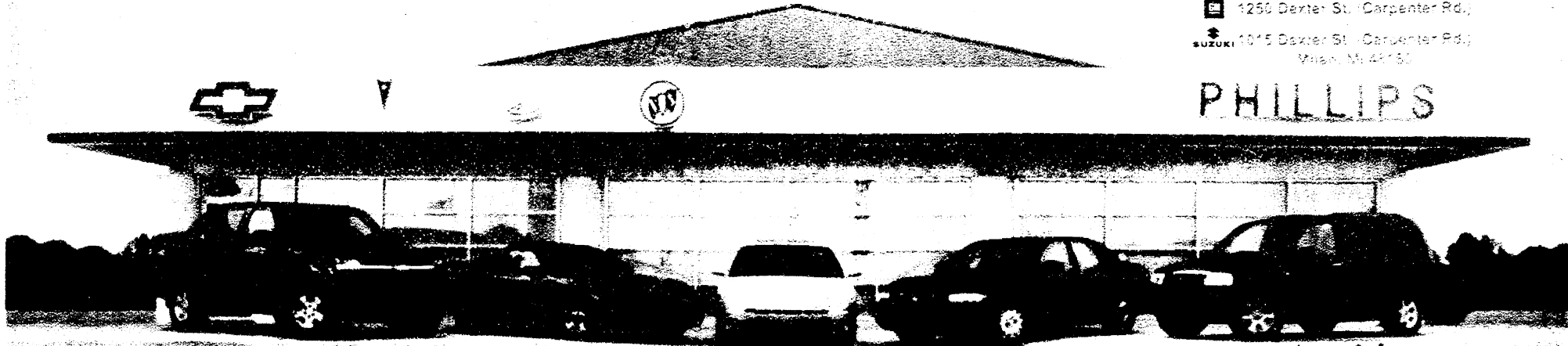


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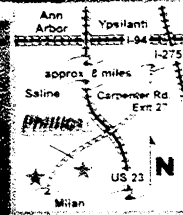


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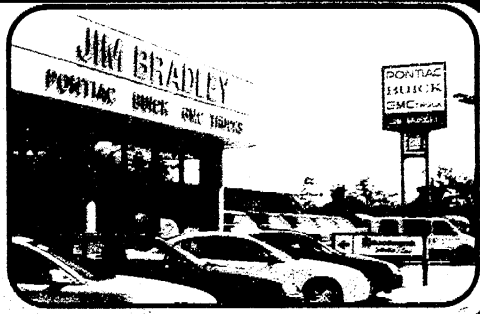


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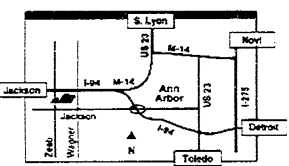
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**\$218**  
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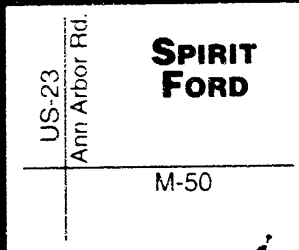
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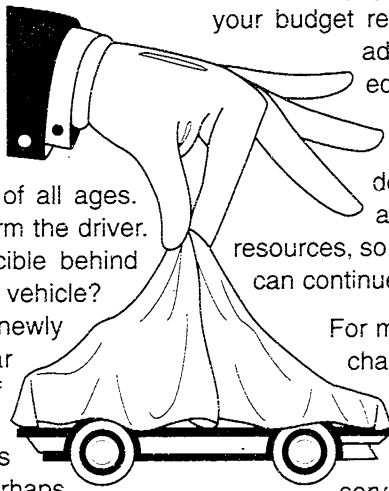
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Acting as a roadmap for the car-buying

process, the brochure tackles all of the questions commonly faced including: Who will be in the car most of the time? How often will the car be used? What features do you consider most important? "Buying a Car" will also clarify the differences between financing and leasing, so that you can find a payment schedule that meets your budget requirements and needs. In addition, the brochure comes equipped with a handy listing of helpful car-buying Web sites, including online dealers, insurance agencies and informational resources, so that your research process can continue.

For more information about purchasing a new car, call (800) 638-5433 for your free copy of "Buying a Car." Made available as a public service, the brochure is part of MetLife Consumer Education Center's Life Advice program, created to help people better manage the major events in their lives.

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## Exploring the Need for Speed

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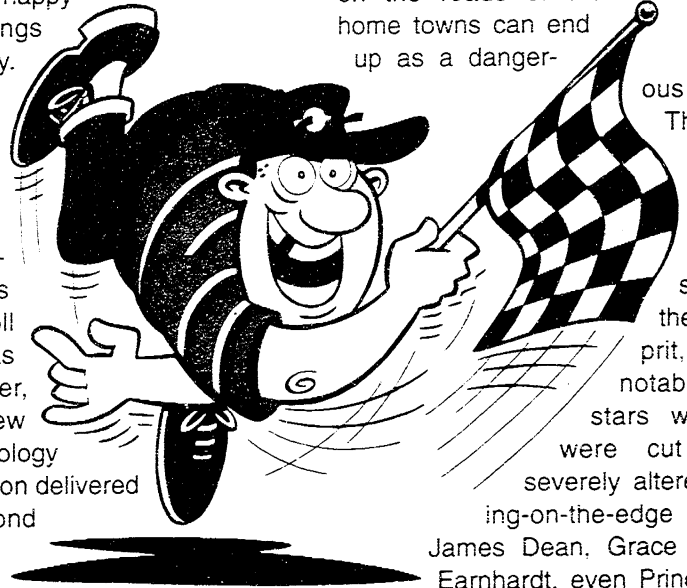
ots, Arab stallions or Victorian steam trains there always would be some admiring onlooker in the stands.

The need for speed goes beyond what one would associate with momentum — vehicles, planes, amusement park rides and bodily movement — it has permeated the culture so much that society as a whole is not happy unless things occur quickly. We'll line up for fast food, delivered in the blink of an eye, send away for gadgets that get us through toll booths and gas pumps faster, and blaze new trails in technology to get information delivered in split-second speeds through fiber optic cables and digital systems.

There is a certain level of excitement that goes hand-in-hand with high speeds. Perhaps it is the sense of looking danger in the eyes and laughing at it, a sense of immortality — creeping up to the top of a roller coaster and keeping your eyes wide open as you soar through the loops of its fragile frame. Cars and motorcycles probably demand the largest share of speed-seekers, partially because they are easily accessible. Racing events have seen a large influx in attendance and interest, particularly as racing figures become more mainstream through sponsorships and

commercial testimonials. Above all, speed offers a sense of release — a chance to challenge conformity and let loose, for a little while at least.

Of course, the need for speed offers its share of pitfalls. Road warriors and thrill seekers looking to replicate the actions of favorite sports celebrities or movie stars on the roads of their home towns can end up as a danger-



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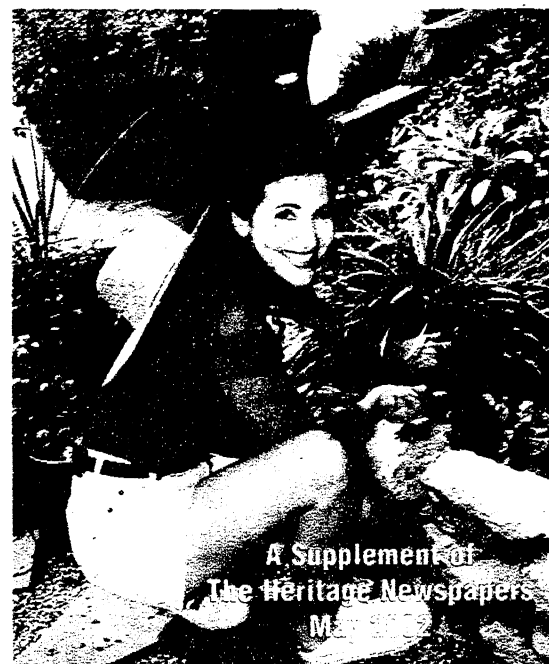
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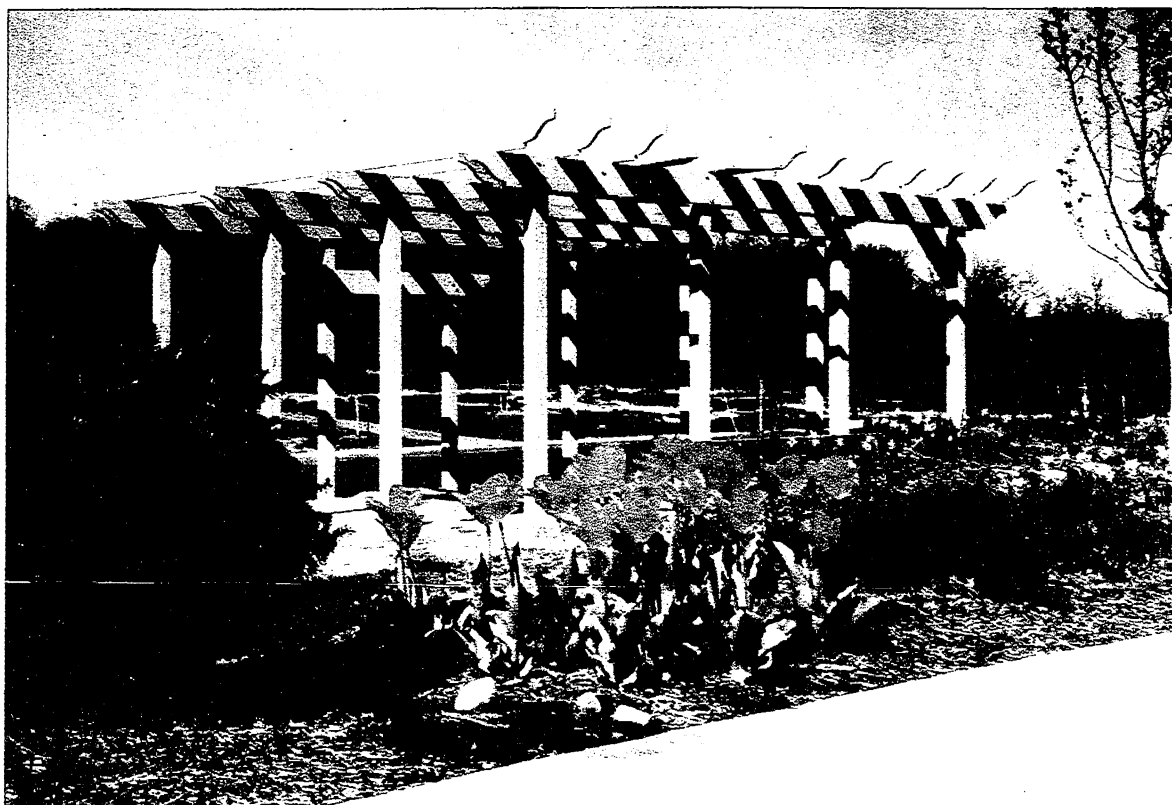
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# Spring Home Garden





## Spring Home & Garden



Volunteers and master gardeners created an outdoor sanctuary last year at Arbor.

### Arbor Hospice seeks volunteers for garden project

Arbor Hospice & Home Care currently is seeking volunteers with an interest in gardening to work with a select group of master gardeners throughout the community who have agreed to donate their time to oversee the redesign and maintenance of the gardens surrounding Arbor Hospice.

"The outdoor environment is an important part of the mission at The Residence at Arbor Hospice," said Dawn Redick, director of Facilities for Arbor Hospice. "This project is a lovely way for both amateur and professional gardeners to contribute their time doing something they love, while making a difference in a great many lives."

A year-long minimum commitment to complete the project is desired, but not required. To volunteer gardening services, or for further information regarding the Arbor Hospice Gardening Project, please call Reddick at 662-5999, ext. 153.

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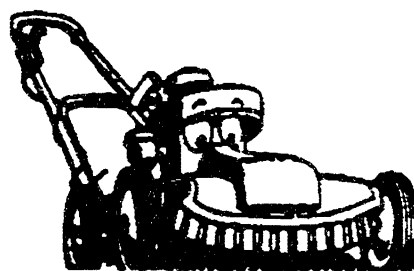
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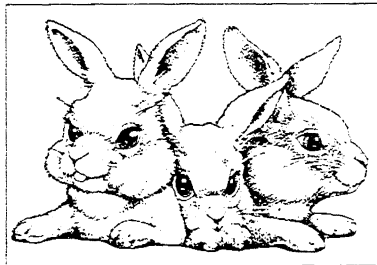
By Helen Kay Polaski  
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In spring, a young man's fancy may turn to thoughts of love, but for the wilder side of nature, spring is the toughest season of all.

True, food is more plentiful and human and animal alike appreciate the sun after months of cold weather, but in the wild, spring also equates to a maternity ward in every clump of bushes, in every tree, and in many times, in every garden. Baby critters are adorable. They also can be hard to feed for the mother animal who oftentimes is killed crossing the street in search of food, and at times they're a downright nuisance to the human.

**WILD ANIMAL** rehabilitator Diane Schroeder understands only too well the plight of homeowners who have raccoons nesting in their chimney, among other problems. Schroeder, dispatcher for the Milan Police Department, runs a Department of Natural Resources permit at her

home in Lenawee County and spends every moment of her free spring and summer feeding babies of the wild, or nursing them back to health after their mother was trapped and moved from the area, killed on the road, or suddenly disappeared.



"Spring is the hardest time of the year," Schroeder explained. "We get all kinds of calls for injured animals or whole nests of baby raccoons or opossums and rabbits because the mother's been hit on the road or because the nest was in someone's

chimney or garden."

Schroeder, who has been involved in this type of rescue for 15 years, admits the work is voluntary and very hard, and the food purchased out of her own pocket. One might wonder, then, why she continues.

"The greatest enjoyment I get from this is seeing them survive and being able to release them on their own in the fall," she said. Glancing down, she smiles wearily as a cage of baby raccoons, their tiny hands gripping the bars, bandit faces peering up at her let her know it's suppertime. She shrugs. "At least I know I tried to make a difference—they didn't just lay out there and die."

**ACCORDING** to Schroeder, who formerly resided in Milan and ran her permit in Washtenaw County, she handles mostly raccoons, rabbits, opossums, squirrels, deer, and fox.

"I've never handled coyotes, but only because I haven't gotten any

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# Old hayracks get new life in the garden

Your first question may be, "What is a hayrack?" Just as the name implies, hayracks were used years ago in English barns to supply hay to farm animals. They were placed up high and the animals could reach up and pull a mouthful of hay to eat between the widely spaced bars. Old hayracks have become treasured antiques and are used outside buildings as attractive planters for flowers.

English hayrack planters are a beautiful alternative to the traditional window box. They have a very classy and distinctive look, won't dry out as quickly as terra cotta pots, and are made to last. They generally range in size from 30 inches to 55 inches long, although there is even a hayrack that is 80 inches long available upon request. The hayracks at [www.GardenArtisans.com](http://www.GardenArtisans.com) are made by Tom Chambers Ironworks in England. Each piece is hand-welded steel thickly dipped in black plastic for permanent corrosion protection. They come with made-to-fit coco liners and are deep enough to accommodate large plants without drying out quickly.

You will want to install your hayrack in its desired location before planting. Each situation will require a different fastening method. Remember, hayracks are quite heavy after soil is added, so be sure to fasten your hayrack securely. Wood siding and wood railings require plated lag bolts or screws. Masonry will require a masonry drill bit and plastic anchors for masonry bolts and washers.

**ONCE YOUR** hayrack is installed,

**You will want to install your hayrack in its desired location before planting. Each situation will require a different fastening method. Remember, hayracks are quite heavy after soil is added, so be sure to fasten your hayrack securely.**

fill it to one inch below the coco liner with a suitable planting medium. For containers use a light potting mix with good drainage. Often soilless mixtures are best. They offer no nutrient value, but the "soil" will not become compacted and strangle the roots. An added benefit is that soilless mixtures are lightweight and free from soil-borne diseases and weed seeds.

After filling to one inch below the coco liner, add a slow release fertilizer to ensure good plant growth. If you have installed your hayrack in a sunny location or if you just want to cut down on your watering requirements, you may want to add Rain-Mats to your hayrack. Simply place them at the root level (approximately one inch from the bottom) creating a stable reservoir into which the roots can grow. This reduces the need for frequent watering.

To create a dramatic planting immediately upon installation of your hayrack, you will want to consider:

#### Proportion

If you have chosen a very large hayrack, choose plants that are in proportion to the hayrack. For immediate impact, choose plants that are large enough not to look dwarfed by the hayrack.

Plant Needs: Water, Shade or Sun  
It is best to choose plants that have

similar needs. Do not mix sun-loving plants with shade plants or plants that prefer to be water-logged with drought tolerant plants. Herbs are perfect plants for sunny locations and some shade situations. Herbs will add texture, aroma, and are good edge fillers or can provide a trailing effect.

#### Color, Shape and Texture

Color affects us psychologically. Warm colors (yellow, orange and red) stand out at a distance and give the impression of warmth, excitement and urgency. Cool colors (blues and greens) tend to disappear at a distance, creating a cool feeling that calms and soothes. Warm colors are often used as accent plants while cooler colors are used as backdrops and fillers.

Designers generally use one of four color schemes: analogous, complementary, monochromatic or polychromatic.

An analogous scheme consists of two, three or four colors that are neighbors on the color wheel, such as blue-green, blue, blue-violet and violet. This will create a mood that is peaceful and gentle.

A complementary scheme uses two colors that are directly opposite on the color wheel, such as yellow-orange and violet-blue. This will be dramatic and stimulating.

A monochromatic scheme uses only one color plus its own shades and tints; for instance, blue plus blues with various amounts of black and white added. This is tough to create in a garden but easy in a container.

A polychromatic scheme includes colors from all around the color wheel using the green foliage as a harmonizer.

Shape or form is the characteristic of a particular plant. Is it round, conical, weeping or trailing, upright or spreading? It is the shape that helps you create a strong framework for

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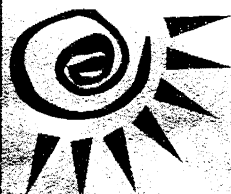
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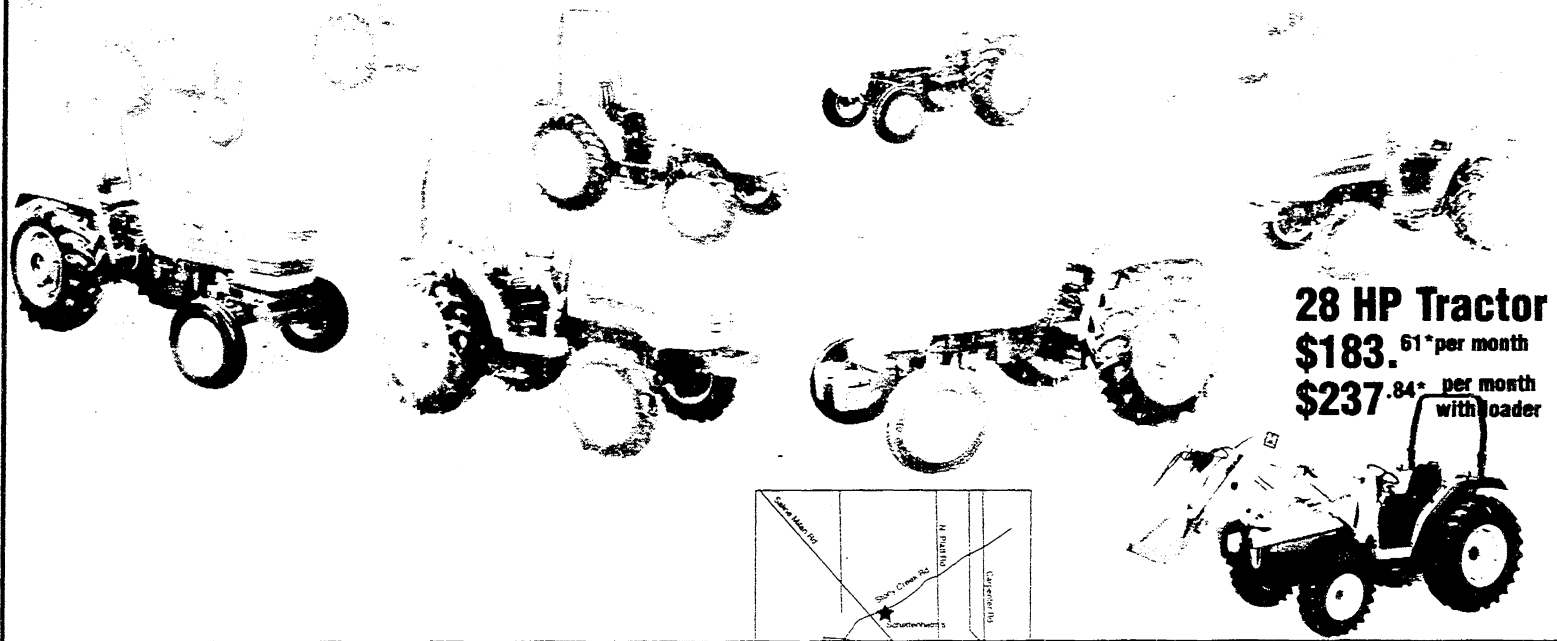
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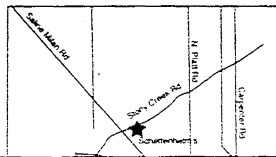


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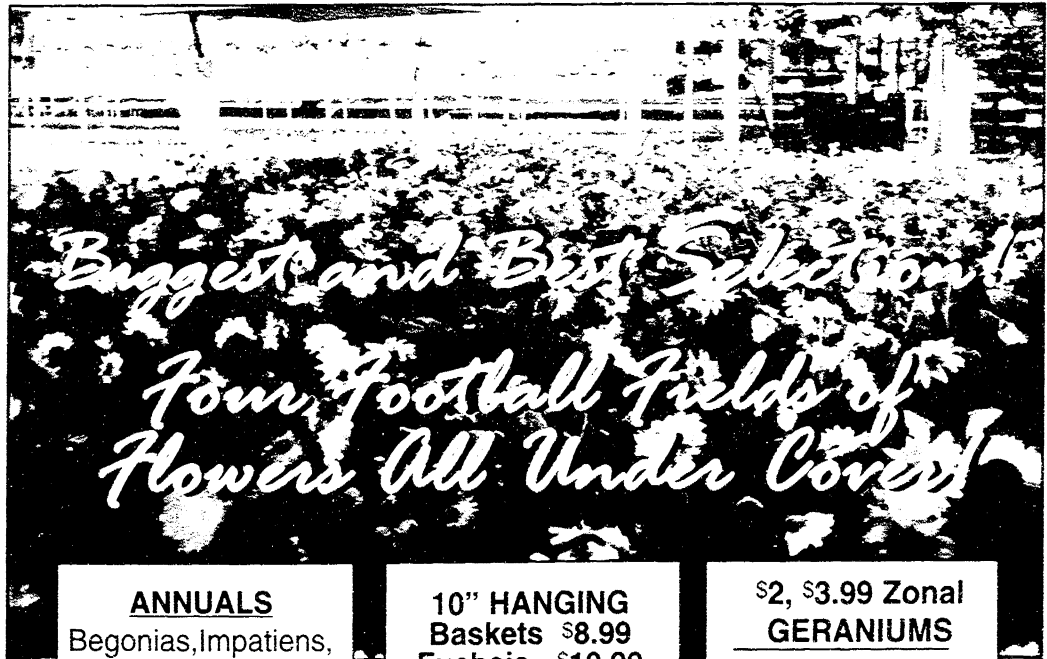


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Got a termite inspection coming up? Find out more about the inspection process, the termites' society, and the methods used to control them. Been reading about the new mosquito-borne disease called West Nile Virus? Read a short article to learn more about it, as well as how to avoid raising your own crop of mos-

quitoes. Afraid of violin spiders in your home? Read the facts about this misunderstood animal. Short, illustrated articles discuss topics such as Lyme Disease, killer bees and hantavirus with factual, non-sensationalized information, so you can be aware of these concerns and separate fact from fiction.

But BugInfo isn't just about pests. Your children will enjoy reading fun articles written by Vopak's entomologists. Did you know that some ants use their own babies as a needle and thread to create nests? Did you know that bombardier beetles can shoot out jets of boiling acid, that lynx spiders can spit venom, or that maggots are used in medicine? Ever wonder about the words "lousy" or "nit-picking"? Hundreds of interesting, and sometimes morbid, facts are available on a range of insect and animal topics.

BugInfo gives a nice balance to the wide range of information on pesty bugs, and features articles about

beneficial insects and the role that all animals play in our environment, complete with color photos.

"Our goal is to provide a convenient place where people can go to unravel the mysteries of the insect world, and the world of pests in particular," says Jeff Smith, an entomologist and author of most of the articles on BugInfo. "There is a tremendous amount of bad information circulating out there about important topics, and we hope our site gives people the facts, as well as a better understanding of these issues. BugInfo is meant to be educational, but in a fun way."

In addition, you can find balanced and unbiased information on methods of pest control, from termite baiting to spraying, as well as information on non-chemical approaches to pest management.

Think something is biting you? Got bugs in your pool? Did you find some holes in your favorite sweater when you pulled it out of storage this fall?

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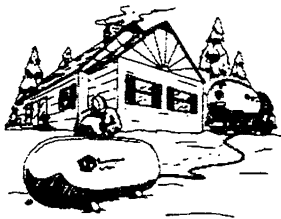
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### Making a butterfly garden

By Helen Kay Polaski

Heritage Newspapers

Butterflies are attractive additions to the garden, and also help spread pollen from one plant to the next. Though not as quick and busy as bees, these lighter than air creatures bring magic to the garden and tend to lighten the heart of garden visitors.

To draw butterflies into your area your garden must first meet certain criteria. First of all, there must be plants the butterfly can feed on, water, host plants for their young, rocks to warm themselves on, and the garden must be free of pesticides. It also helps to have an area free from wind.

Though there are hundreds of types of butterflies worldwide, in this part of the United States only a select few are plentiful. Among them are a variety of swallowtails, viceroys and monarchs, as well as the question mark, comma, sulphur, painted lady, and mourning cloak.

Since not all butterflies like the same plants, it is advisable to plant a variety of butterfly weed, butterfly bush, yarrow, Shasta daisy, mints, lilac, morning glory, honeysuckle,

phlox, goldenrod, zinnia, milkweed, hibiscus, and thistle. Caterpillars require milkweed, carrots, parsley, dill, wild cherry, willow, cottonwood, tulip-populars, clover, alfalfa, and hollyhock.

Host plants are what the female lays her eggs on and what the caterpillars feed on. Host plants are specific to the species and caterpillars will die without the correct plants. For instance, monarchs require the milkweed plant. Nectar plants, or flowering plants the adult butterfly feeds on generally are brightly colored and flower abundantly.

Caterpillars are voracious eaters and will leave many holes in the plants, but the damage is only temporary and does not harm the plant.

**ROCKS**, cement slabs, patio tiles and pebbles all absorb the sun's heat and are sources of warmth for the butterfly. Make sure there is water in the garden, butterflies will drink from the edge of the garden pond, bird bath, or from a shallow bowl of water. Once these things are done, sit back with a pair of binoculars and watch the air show begin. As they say: if you plant it, they will come.



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## Renovating an older kitchen can be an adventure

By Helen Polaski  
Heritage Newspapers

A half dozen years ago, my husband and I purchased a very old home. As par for the course, we had a lot of work to do. We knew this. You don't buy an old house and expect perfection. The kitchen in particular needed attention.

To say it was an eyesore did not cover the subject adequately.

For starters, it was really old. I'd never seen metal cupboards before. And the fact that there were only three electrical outlets, including one massive plug in the floor molding that was about six inches in height and four inches wide which stuck out into the room far enough to trip a person, was particularly bothersome to my electrician husband. There were only two other outlets that worked—one on the same wall and too high to be of use, and a second on the far side, near the sink.

The antique stove and refrigerator presided over the room on the south side, flanked by two doorways and a thigh-high four foot long heater. The west side of the room was taken up a sliding glass window, and the opposite wall was

head to toe cupboards. Now head to toe cupboards might sound enchanting, but believe me, they were not. The entire top portion was covered by two massive doors, no one could reach the top three shelves, and the doors remained open the majority of the time. Oh, they did close but sometime after you left the kitchen the sheer weight caused them to swing open again.

**DANGER** lurks in unsuspecting places in old houses and more than one in of our family of five was conked in the head in the wee hours of the night by said doors.

The north wall housed two more doors, which flanked the sink. One door lead into a spare room and the other into the laundry room. The sink and two top cupboards and a small expanse of bottom cupboards ended the kitchen space.

The baker in me nearly wept. There wasn't even room for a cookie jar, let alone space to actually roll out the dough. And the entire room had been coated with layer upon layer of thick shiny beige paint. What wasn't painted had been wallpapered to match the blue wall to

wall carpeting.

**WE LIVED** that way for a while, but after 3 years, I put my foot down. By then, I felt lucky my foot didn't go through the floor, what with all the leaky pipes and ceiling leaks that were slowly destroying certain walls and flooring. Our eldest was graduating the following spring and I was adamant about having a real kitchen in place before our relatives and friends converged on us. My husband agreed.

First we fixed the dining room ceiling. My husband is a genius when it comes to fixing things. Truly he is Superman. We got an estimate from our insurance and he did the work. It was done in short order, and perfect, including crown molding and a chandelier.

**THOUGH** he could have done all of the work himself, he had his hands full with his own job, so we decided to go with a company that specialized in this type of thing. Easier that way. They'd be in and out—or so we thought. We even took them up on their wonderful deal to save money by paying the majority upfront. They took into

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account our plans, tweaked them slightly to fit our dimensions and we were off and running. They came, measured, moved a few things around—like my refrigerator—into the dining room where it remained for the next four months, ruining the carpet in the bargain—and that, ladies and gentlemen, was the last time we saw them for several weeks. Now, as I said, my husband is Superman. I was not used to waiting. It was no time at all before I realized I did not have the virtue of patience.

When they finally showed up and began work what started out as a dream rapidly turned into a nightmare. Workers showed up for a token hour or two, you know, just long enough to tear something up and leave a mess. The work was slow in getting done. Meanwhile, we gingerly stepped around the supply piles rapidly growing in our living and dining rooms. We went without a stove for weeks. At one point, our brand new refrigerator was hooked up and running—on our front porch. It remained there for more than a week.

**MIND YOU**, I'm no carpenter, but my sense of measurement was honed to perfection on this project. I took to hanging around to make sure items were placed in the right spot or centered correctly. One time I got loud and informed the workers I was not happy with the job.

My punishment: no one showed up for a week.

At this point the job was well into the fifth month. During this time, my husband and I patched wall areas that needed patching, and among other things, I learned to spackle. The date on the calendar loomed closer than ever and I cried a lot. We decided to do the rest ourselves. We had no choice! Company was coming in the next week to herald our firstborn's step into the real world!

My husband took the long strips of molding the workers had left in piles on our living room floor and cut the lengths himself. He eyed the suspended cupboards and bemoaned the fact that they would

not stay in place without supports. Several of the few pieces of molding on the suspended cupboards that our paid help installed had already fallen off. After all, hot glue can only do so much.

But, as I said, I am married to Superman.

**WE HAD** our graduation party with most of the kitchen in place. Only those who were carpenter experts—like my father-in-law—would have suspected things were not finished. Well, and anyone who

looked at our suspended cupboards and realized there was no glass in the open cupboard doors. The Plexiglas arrived three months later. I was so pleased, I installed them myself and vigorously washed them using window cleaner and

newspaper print.

After I'd scratched a big circle on the first one with the abrasive paper, I wised up. Par for the course, I guess. I bought a new piece of Plexiglas.

Meanwhile, my husband measured and cut and screwed and nailed the suspended, sagging cupboards in place. One thing for sure, they're not going anywhere now. Then he touched up, painted, varnished, rescrewed, remeasured, removed and reinstalled those things that had to be fixed and before anyone could say Nightmare in the Kitchen, we had the kitchen of our dreams. He even gave in to my wish for a whimsical look by installing a six-inch elf door where the huge electrical outlet for the stove had been.

Now as I stand in the kitchen I realize I love it despite the major hassle we went through to get it. And, seriously, you couldn't ask for a more stimulating conversation piece than an elf door.

**When they finally showed up and began work, what started out as a dream rapidly turned into a nightmare. Workers showed up for a token hour or two, you know, just long enough to tear something up and leave a mess.**

## Checking gutters in spring can prevent summer problems

Gutter maintenance is something homeowners tend to think about only after a problem occurs. They may soon discover that poorly functioning rain gutters can cause many problems, including foundation erosion, basement leaks and rotten fascia boards. Spring is the best time to check your home's gutter system for damages from ice and snow, heavy rains or clogged debris. If gutter inspections aren't your forte, whole gutter systems can be replaced with the modern gutter system.

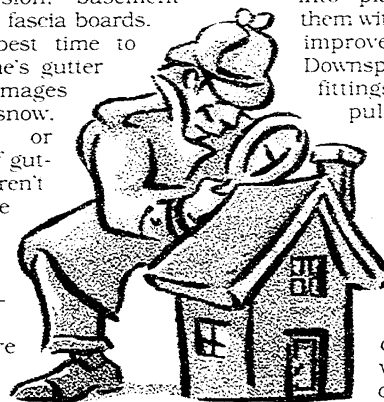
Once you've decided to tackle the job of inspecting your gutters, find a sturdy ladder to support you. If you have permanently installed gutter screens or gutter guards, they may be difficult to observe from the ground. It's a good idea to check each run of gutters from a ladder, to make sure they are clean and free of debris before making any repairs. If your downspouts also have screens at the top, clear them as well, or replace the screens if

they're damaged.

While inspecting your gutters, you may find that over time, the spikes that hold the aluminum to the fascia board have loosened. Either drive the loose spikes back into place, or replace them with longer ones for improved support. Downspouts and other fittings can also be pulled away by snow and ice and may need to be reattached. Gutter neglect can also result in leaks. Most leaks occur at a joint and can be repaired with rubber tape or self-adhesive tape. The patches should be placed a few inches on either side of the leak area.

Regular maintenance and preventative measures can protect your home from possible disasters that can end up costing you hundreds of dollars in the future. Gutter maintenance demonstrates that protecting areas of your home doesn't necessarily begin from the ground up.

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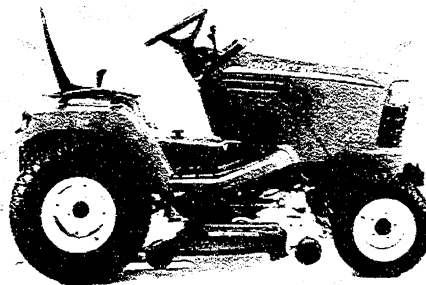
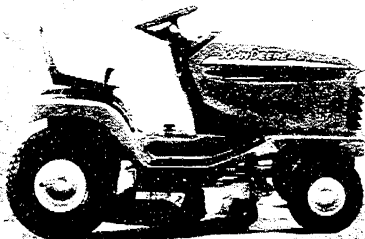
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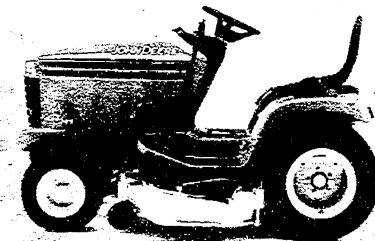
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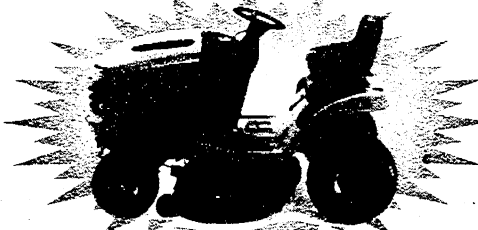
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# Child's play: Encourage kids to garden

There's something very fulfilling about teaching children to garden.

Something about watching them bury their hands in the freshly turned earth and carefully, tenderly place each seed or seedling, then gently scoop the soft back dirt over it, tucking it in around the stem like a blanket. The spark of understanding that flashes in their eyes afterwards makes it all worthwhile.

But most of all, I enjoy the play of emotions on their faces as they watch a seed push up through the soil and know they are directly responsible for its growth. Or the grimace as they carefully push an earthworm beneath the soil, then quickly brush off their hands. (Anyone who's witnessed this reaction first-hand knows its priceless.)

Children who learn to respect green things and nature in general will carry that respect with them to adulthood. If you have or know a child who has shown interest in gardening, build on their intrigue and

give them the knowledge they need to continue. Show them seed packets and pictures and recite the names of plants as you pass them in the garden. Before long they'll be repeating the names to their friends or pointing out the same flowers in Grandma's garden.

**BECAUSE** a child's attention span is short, give them jobs they can finish in a relatively short space of time. In the beginning, while you do the "real" work, give them busy work such as digging a hole or filling pots. You'll both feel a sense of instant gratification. And when the planting begins, be specific. A child needs to know exactly when that seed should pop out of the ground. Let them follow along as you read the seed packet's growing directions, or let them read it aloud to you as you prepare the rows.

If you're working in a vegetable garden, plant a few vegetables that will sprout almost overnight to keep the child's interest piqued. Radishes



Tots enjoy the hands-on approach to gardening.

germinate in less than a week—even if you don't eat them plant a few so your child has something to watch while the rest of the garden germinates.

**CHILD** gardeners get dirty—and they love the hose—so be prepared. No scolding allowed in the garden over dirty clothing. If dirty school clothes is an issue, set out gardening clothes for the child and lay down

the rules.

While your child is in the gardening mood visit Michigan State University's Department of Entomology's Center for Arthropod Diversity. In layman's terms: the Bug House. At the Bug House, insects range in size from months to as large as bats to springtails smaller than grains of sand. They'll learn that

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## On Eagle's Wings: Scout creates Garden of Peace

By Sheila Pursglove  
Heritage Newspapers

Chelsea now has a place to rest and reflect, thanks to a Boy Scout working on his Eagle Scout project.

Aaron Turek has created The Garden of Peace, located at St. Mary Catholic Church, 14200 Old US-12 in Chelsea. It will be dedicated in a ceremony 11 a.m. Sunday.

Turek, 17, organized the public service project, landscaping the east side of the church property, between the fellowship hall and the softball fields. The Garden of Peace, as he calls it, is a memorial to victims of violence, terrorism and those affected by the terror events of Sept. 11, 2001.

Turek, who has been involved in Scouting since 1990, conceived and planned the project last summer. He started breaking ground in September.

The project was initiated with help from Knights of Columbus Council 3092 and members of the church. Troop 476 volunteered labor and materials.

Four steps were followed to complete the project, turning the area into a place offering people somewhere to peacefully reflect or gather for meetings.

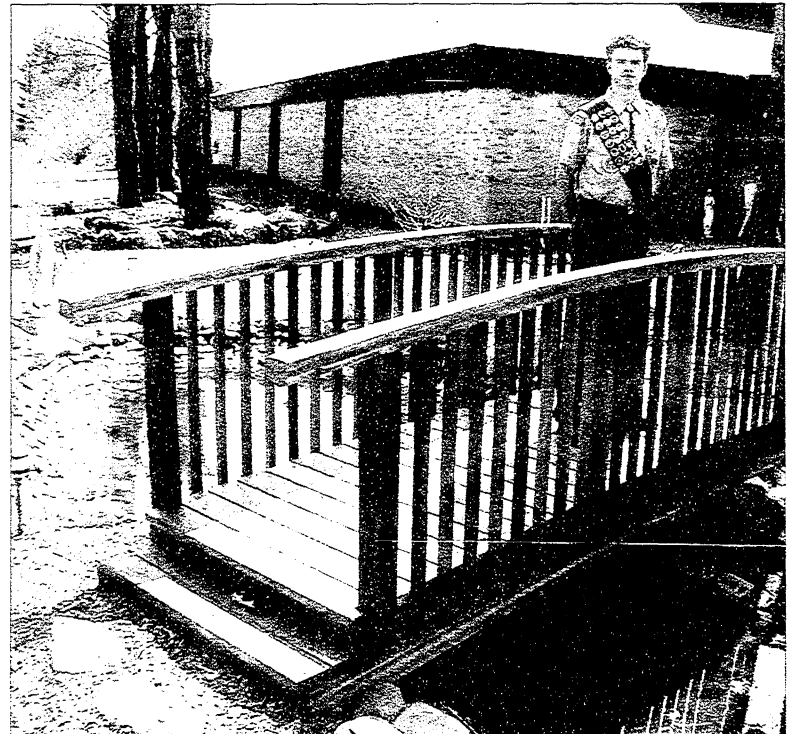
The first step was planning, which involved finding property lines, gas lines, getting donations and lining up volunteers to help with the work. The project took about 950 volunteer hours.

The area was then excavated, which entailed cutting down rotting trees, bulldozing brush, removing stumps from the earth and cleaning up debris.

The third step was landscaping the grounds by spreading dirt and wood chips, designing and making a pond and a rock border, installing outdoor lighting, and purchasing and planting perennials, trees and shrubs.

The final step was building a bridge across the pond.

Labor and financial help came from the Knights of Columbus Council, Ladies of St. Mary, parish members, and Scouts and families of troops 476 and 425.



Eagle Scout Aaron Turek received his award in a ceremony April 28. He is pictured on the grounds of St. Mary Catholic Church in Chelsea, where he carried out his Eagle project of landscaping the east side of the property.

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# Garden Variety: To each his own

Today's gardener needn't be hampered by space constraints, pest problems, or time issues. Nor should the would-be gardener feel inadequate or out of his league just because he's new to the gardening world.

Regardless of experience, every kind of garden is attainable, at least on a small scale, to all gardeners. With a little research and a lot of enthusiasm, a person who has never planted a seed can learn to garden. Old-fashioned Kitchen Garden

In the olden days, kitchen gardens were all the rage. A variety of herbs and vegetables grown fairly close to the back door — in beds or along the sidewalk — were common and practical. It was the only way to bring fresh vegetables to the table.

The popularity of kitchen gardens died out when the convenience and accessibility of vegetables and herbs grown in the southern states became a reality. Why go through all the trouble of tending a garden from early spring until frost if you could pick up fresh vegetables at the cor-

ner market?

Today, health conscious cooks are concerned with the amounts of pesticides used on commercial vegetables, and the kitchen garden is making a comeback.

### Anyone can grow a garden

First, choose a spot that gets enough sun for vegetables. To keep small children and pets out of the garden, erect a three- or four-foot fence around it. Then plant climbing vegetables such as beans, cucumbers and gourds on the fence, and throw in a few morning glory seeds. Be advised, however, morning glory vines can grow up to 15 feet in length. Make sure you have enough space for vines, and be attentive. Tuck wayward vines in and out of the fence wires or slats until they are well established and growing in the right direction.

After selecting the area for the garden, prepare the soil. While digging keep an eye peeled for earthworms. The presence of these soil-condition-

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Small ponds can be a relaxing feature of a backyard garden, and the one above has space for perennial and annual plantings, which will sprout as the days grow warmer. Consult your landscape professional before doing your own pond for helpful advice on construction and maintenance.

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ing critters is a good sign for your garden and landscape. Earthworms break down soil components and return vital nutrients back to the earth. Since earthworms cannot tolerate a pH lower than 6.0, few or no earthworms is an indicator of heavily coated soil, or possibly soil of a very acidic nature.

Compacted soil can be fixed simply by tilling the area several times and mixing compost or dried leaves to the soil. Finally, purchased earthworms can be added to the newly turned garden bed.

Depending on the space you've allotted for your garden, chose your vegetables and plant accordingly. Some favorites are salad fixin's. Romaine and leaf lettuce, endive, green onion, tomato, green pepper, cucumber, Cheyenne pepper, radish, broccoli, cauliflower, carrots and sweet peas never seem to go to waste. Word to the wise: plant according to your family's size. Three healthy tomato plants will provide enough tomatoes for a family of four for the entire season, and in some cases enough for the entire neighborhood!

Common herbs that are easy to grow and popular include: chives, thyme, dill, basil, sage, coriander and parsley. In the spring, sage plants will appear dead, but as soon as the old dried up foliage is removed the plant will perk up. Parsley will return year after year, but will be tougher the second and third years. It's best to replant parsley annually from seed or seedlings.

Chives should be deadheaded as soon as the purple flowers begin to form seed pods or the entire garden will be filled with chives the next spring.

Keep the garden free from pesticides by removing bugs from the plants by hand or spraying with a mixture of dish soap and water. A garden keep free from weeds is not only beautiful to behold, but also shows the gardener is intelligent. One weed left to maturity will reap a garden filled with of weeds later in the season.

To maintain moisture and keep the weeds down, mulch with a thick layer of dried grass clippings.

#### Container Gardens

If space or mobility is an issue, consider container gardening.

Vegetables, herbs, or flowers can be grown in containers placed on the porch, along the edge of the steps,



A boardwalk can be a nice addition to a backyard garden, helping transform it into a sanctuary.

hung on the fence, or in window-boxes. Some plants will need to be staked. Since the herb, Rosemary, has to be winterized inside, it's fun to train it to grow up and around a circular formation to create a living wreath. For a whimsical look to other pots in your container garden, add colorful stakes or arrows with the end feathers intact, or insert a small trellis and tie vines in place until they begin to twist along the wire of their own accord.

There are four keys to container

gardening. First, select the correct container. The container should be large enough to provide room for soil and roots, have sufficient head room for watering, provide bottom drainage and be attractive.

Second, use good quality soil.

Third, select the right plants for the amount of sun the area will receive. Everything from trees, shrubs, flowers, vegetables and

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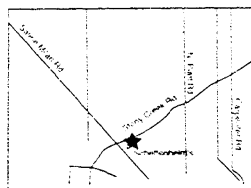


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# Landscaper has eye for unusual, dramatic

By Helen Kay Polaski  
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Searching for a new look to your backyard that has rhythm and rhyme? Or, maybe what you'd like is something that feels natural in the existing setting, yet has an artist flow from end to end? Co-owners Guido Kettler and Traven Pelletier of Lotus Gardenscapes Inc. had the know-how and talent to design both.

LOTUS Gardenscapes Inc. is customer oriented and specializes in garden installations including ponds, waterfalls, and customized stone and wood work. Kettler and Pelletier both possess an artistic eye, and understand high-quality workmanship. Together with a crew of master gardeners, and the customer's design in hand, the two can create a landscape with just the right

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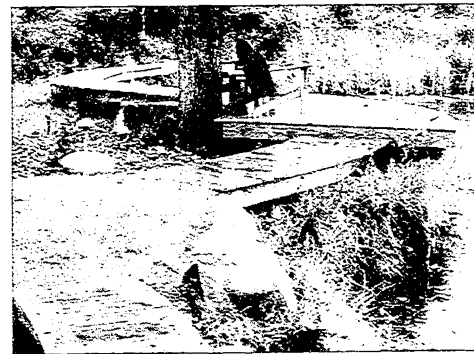
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## MSU offers tips on roses

Roses are one of the most popular garden flowers. They can be grown in almost all areas of the North Central region and are adapted to many decorative purposes.

Many types of roses are available for planting on lawns and borders, for growing on arbors and trellises, for specimen tree roses, for use as bedding plants or hedges, and as a source of cut flowers. For successful results in growing garden roses, follow these tips:

Buy vigorous plants from a reputable nursery, garden center or mail-order nursery.

Select a planting site that receives at least 6 hours of sunshine daily.

Set plants in well prepared beds.

Water plants weekly unless rainfall equals at least 1 inch.

Cut flowers from the plant without damaging the main parts of the plants.

Prune plants as needed or remove dead or damaged wood and to shape the bush.

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# Lawn Furniture: Cleaning up your act

Few things are more inviting than patio furniture on the front porch or tucked into the garden. Quaint and cozy pieces of wicker enhance an enclosed porch, while metal swings and rockers are ideal for under a shade tree or along the garden trail. And wooden chairs and tables go a long way in enticing the family to step outside for a meal or just to

enjoy the sunshine.

But patio furniture—regardless of what type of material—can deteriorate quickly from constant exposure to the elements, if not cared for properly. A quick and easy way to add years to the life of your furniture is to store it inside for the winter months. But even storing furniture for the cold months leaves it victim to the

blazing sun and constant moisture.

Once the furniture is hauled out from cold storage, and before it's placed on the porch, use a scrub brush on wood and a soft rag on metal to apply trisodium phosphate or TSP to remove the past season's grime. TSP can be found at most hardware stores in powder form. Wicker furniture can be sprayed off with a garden hose, let dry and then repainted.

Peeling, chipped or faded paint on wood furniture should be re-coated with porch and deck oil enamel paints as needed. Before painting, rough up the bad spots with sandpaper and wipe up the dust. If painting over wood, always paint in the direction of the wood grain in long, smooth strokes. Iron furniture should be painted with an oil-based enamel as well. Sand with steel wool prior to painting and wipe with a tack cloth.

Remember: If painting inside a



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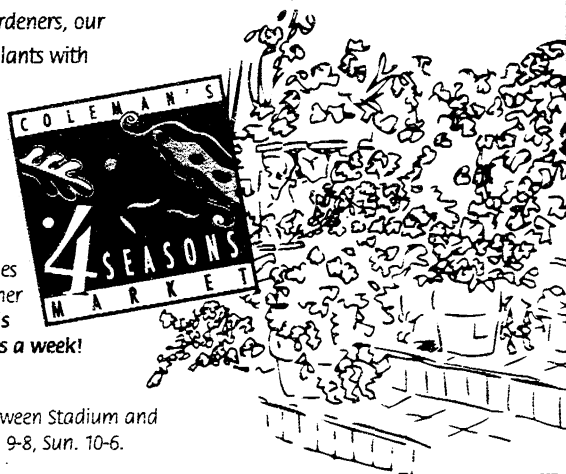
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## Lighting helps add fresh look

So much more than mopping and dusting, "spring cleaning" as we have come to know it, is about renewing and refreshing our living environment. To make a notable difference this year, spruce up your home with a touch of personality and style. Combining fashion and function, lighting is one of the easiest ways to rejuvenate a room, giving it an entirely fresh look and feel.

"Now more than ever, it's easy to revitalize your home with simple accents like lamps, mix-and-match lampshades and even light bulbs with color-enhancing benefits," says Catherine Bailly Dunne, author of "Interior Designing for All Five Senses." "We're seeing a surge of stylish lamps — both modern and retro — dominating the market. When used in a variety of styles, colors and designs, they can help consumers breathe new life into their homes or simply provide a new look for a new season."

With more than 60 percent of consumers spending leisure time at home rather than out and about, it's no surprise that home accents such as lamps and stylized lampshade "separates" have become important fashion accents in homes across the country.

Sometimes, refreshing a room can be as easy as changing a light bulb. Bulbs like GE Reveal filter out yellow

rays common in ordinary light bulbs, making colors, fabric, walls and artwork appear richer, crisper and more vivid.

"It's amazing the impact lighting has in our homes and in our lives," says Dunne. In fact, in a recent survey by GE Lighting, nearly three quarters of Americans said that light quality affects their moods. Survey respondents overwhelmingly acknowledged the importance of good lighting for a variety of home settings including romance (76 percent); dinner with friends (75 percent); watching a movie (72 percent); cooking dinner (58 percent); taking a bath (50 percent); and even paying bills (33 percent).

WHEN looking to update the ambiance of a room, consider some simple and affordable lighting accessories. For instance, popular animal-print lampshades might evoke a sense of daring or adventure. Laced with beads, fringe, sequins, appliques and trendy crystals, lighting fixtures can inspire playfulness and charm. And what better way to display one's light-hearted nature than lighting a bedroom or den with a whimsical character lamp.

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## Balance of time and proper diet will help lawn

You thought you did everything right last year. You fertilized, you watered, and you mowed. So why didn't your lawn turn out the way you had hoped?

It isn't a curse. According to John Stier, an expert in horticulture with the University of Wisconsin-Madison. "You may be challenged by weather and soil conditions, but you can still get great results by giving your lawn the right balance of nutrients and proper care."

You may simply need to tweak your lawn care program to better serve the specific needs of your lawn. Here are a few common complaints and suggestions for making adjustments.

### Weeds

A healthy lawn is your best defense against weeds. As grass strengthens and thickens, it actually helps prevent crabgrass, dandelions and other weeds from growing by blocking out the sunlight and using up the moisture that weeds need in order to germinate.

The way to a healthy lawn is through its soil. The ideal soil for gardening contains a mixture of sand, silt, clay and organic matter. Also,

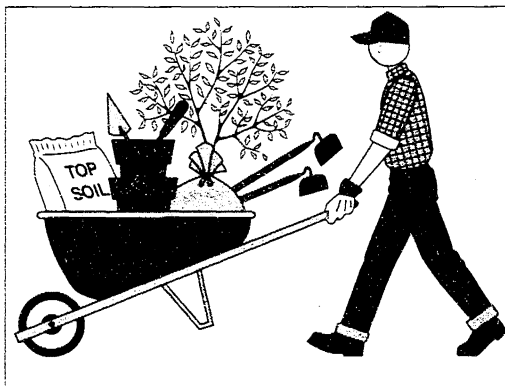
the pH value, which indicates the acid or alkaline level, should be neutral, or around 7.0. You can test your soil with a pH kit available at garden centers.

To improve the health of your soil, use a natural organic fertilizer. "Many synthetic fertilizers release nutrients faster, while organic fertilizers are better at releasing nutrients at the rate plants need them and may add beneficial organic matter," says Stier. "Microorganisms in the soil break down organic matter into a usable form by plants."

A healthy lawn can take some time to develop. Until your lawn has reached this point, you can still fight weeds naturally by mowing your lawn no shorter than two to three inches and by removing any weeds you notice to prevent further damage.

### 'Burning' Your Lawn

Too little water and too much salt will cause your lawn to turn brown and, in severe cases, can kill the roots. Chemically-derived synthetic fertilizers can burn lawns if over-applied because they contain a high amount of salts. Applying more syn-



### Heavy Clippings


Did your lawn grow so fast last year that you couldn't keep up? Compared to fighting weeds and suffering from burned roots, a lawn that grows too fast may seem trivial. But frequent mowings can wear on you and your summer free time.

Lots of rain may cause your grass to grow faster than usual, but another viable suspect is the nitrogen in your fertilizer. Nitrogen, commonly the prominent nutrient in fertilizers, promotes quick growth and dark green foliage. It is a vital nutrient to plants, but too much can cause plants to grow prematurely.

"Synthetic, water soluble fertilizers tend to release nitrogen faster than organics, so the result is visibly green grass sooner," says Stier. "However, forcing a burst of nitrogen is stressful to your lawn."

A plant's growth should determine its use of nutrients, not the other

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herbs do well in containers if they get the correct amount of sunlight for the plant.

Finally, watch how you water. The most common problem with container plants is too little or too much water.

Since soil tends to dry up quickly and plant roots are easily burned, the gardener must be attentive. Plants left in direct sun can be destroyed in the space of a couple of hours, especially those in black plastic containers which attract the sun's heat. Lining the container with sphagnum moss may keep some of the moisture in and some heat out, but the best way to ensure your plants get enough moisture is to check daily and place them in an area where they get both sun and shade. Ideally, container gardens should be watered twice a day, and fertilized as needed. However, some plants don't need that much water, and sometimes plants obtain enough water from natural sources such as rain.

### Be Attentive

Do not let plants sit in water and don't water if plants don't need watering, but do water when they become dry.

Container gardening is beneficial in many ways. Certainly it is easier for disabled who have a need for easy accessibility, gardeners with a soil problems, and homeowners with little or no land. Additionally, elderly with limited mobility, and apartment or condominium dwellers might find this method a convenient alternative to traditional gardening. It also seems to fit well with cooks who have a flair for the gourmet, and gardeners who simply can't get enough of nature.

Herbs grown in window-boxes on the kitchen sill, on in hanging baskets on the porch can be both beautiful and efficient when it comes to harvesting. What cook wouldn't rel-

ish the idea of just leaning out the window or stepping onto the porch for a snip of this and a snip of that? Old flip-top mailboxes nailed to the garden fence make attractive containers for annuals. Pansy, alyssum and lobelia, as well as asparagus fern, licorice and Vinca vine add to the beauty with both an upright and trailing mixture of color and foliage.

Tomatoes, perhaps the most popular and widely grown vegetable, grows exceptionally well in large pots on the porch or patio. Make sure the plant receives at least half to three-fourths a day of sunlight and you'll be pleasantly surprised.

Nearly every flower that can be grown outdoors in Michigan can be grown in a container. Though bulbs tend to need more attention, roses and hibiscus grow exceptionally well in containers. Roses can be wintered in the garage while the hibiscus taken indoors. Hibiscus will begin to bloom indoors around Valentine's Day and continue through fall.

### Rock Gardens

Thinking of a "rock" garden may make one think of a small garden, or an area filled with rocks, but rock gardens needn't be minute, nor cluttered. In fact, a rock garden can encompass an entire hillside, using large trees, shrubs, and huge boulders, or smaller rocks and plants that hug the ground.

The majority of rock gardens, especially those in small yards usually contain plants with little or no height which tend to crawl or creep over raised borders and rocks, or along gardens paths.

According to employees at Bedrock Landscaping and Garden Center in Milan, a rock garden can be a lot of different things to different people. Bedrock Garden Center prefers plants that don't have a lot of height, mostly flowers that grow up and around the rocks. Hens and chicks, annuals, moss roses, marigolds, and creeping sedums with rose shaped leaves are perfect sizes and are an

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way around. Look for a "slow-release" or "water-insoluble" fertilizer that releases nitrogen at rates needed by the plant. Generally speaking, the higher the amount of slow release or water-insoluble nitrogen a fertilizer contains, the closer its rate of release to the rate the plant can use it.

### Damaged Shrubs or Gardens

When fertilizing their lawns, homeowners often tend to spread the product too close to their shrubs and gardens. Many fertilizers high in nitrogen are not recommended for these plants. Shrubs and vegetables typically require even less nitrogen than your lawn.

If you have more than just a lawn to care for, you might consider going with a multi-purpose fertilizer that can be used on anything from lawns to shrubs to flower and vegetable gardens. Because natural organic fertilizers release nitrogen at a rate appropriate to plant needs, they can be applied to a variety of plants.

Milorganite, for example, contains 6 percent nitrogen by weight.

"Milorganite is so safe," says Archer. "the only way it could kill a plant is if you spilled a 40-pound bag on the plant and left it there for a week. Even then, the lack of sunlight would be what killed the plant."

### General Lawn Care Tips

Here are a few general lawn care tips to keep in mind this spring.

- \* Spread your fertilizer evenly. Streaks and blotches will give away the spots you missed.

- \* Do not mow your lawn when it's wet.

- \* Keep your lawn mower's blade sharp to cause the least amount of damage to the grass.

- \* Set mower to correct cutting height (2 1/2 to 3 inches).

- \* Mow often enough so you never remove more than one-third of the lawn height each time.

- \* Do not allow clippings to "bunch," suffocating the grass underneath.

If you didn't get the lush green lawn you wanted last year, don't give up. It's spring, which means you have another chance to make your yard the envy of the neighborhood.

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While younger children seem to gravitate to the garden, older children may need a nudge from time to time. Older children are not as easily satiated.

Make sure you have adequate supplies including plants and tools. Talk about what you're doing to reinforce the procedure, and be patient. You

smiled when your two-year-old dumped the pot accidentally, do the same when the child is 10. Accidents happen. Also, make sure to allow the older child some easy tasks. Older siblings will enjoy gardening more if you split the fun tasks between him and his younger sister. No one likes the hard work. Save that for Dad.

**SMILE.** Laugh. Work hard. Take pictures of your accomplishments. But ultimately set your goal at enjoying one another and your never regret your time together in the garden. Remember, children are visual and quickly pick up their parents' habits. Let gardening be one of the great habits you leave behind.

When my children were young, they each had their own flower-beds, and though weeding was done by all, the watering was their specific job. They never missed a chance to haul out the hose or sprinkler.

Remember, children are visual and quickly pick up their parents' habits. Let gardening be one of the great habits you leave behind.

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## 'Gathering' set for July

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand  
Heritage Newspapers

"A Gathering of Gardens" is planned for July 13 sponsored by the 20th Century Club of Manchester.

Six private Manchester gardens will be highlighted and open to tours from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission will be by ticket only, and pre-sale tickets are now available at a cost of \$8 per person. Tickets will be \$10 on

the day of the walk, for which a rain date of July 14 is set. Lemonade and cookies will be available at one of the garden locations, and gardeners will be on hand at each location to guide you and answer any questions.

The central location for the garden walk will be Manchester's gazebo in on the village green in Wurster Park. A granite bench, made from the same granite as the Texas state capitol building, will be raffled by the 20th Century Club and will be on display at Wurster Park. In addition, plants and garden accessories will be sold at booths in the park.

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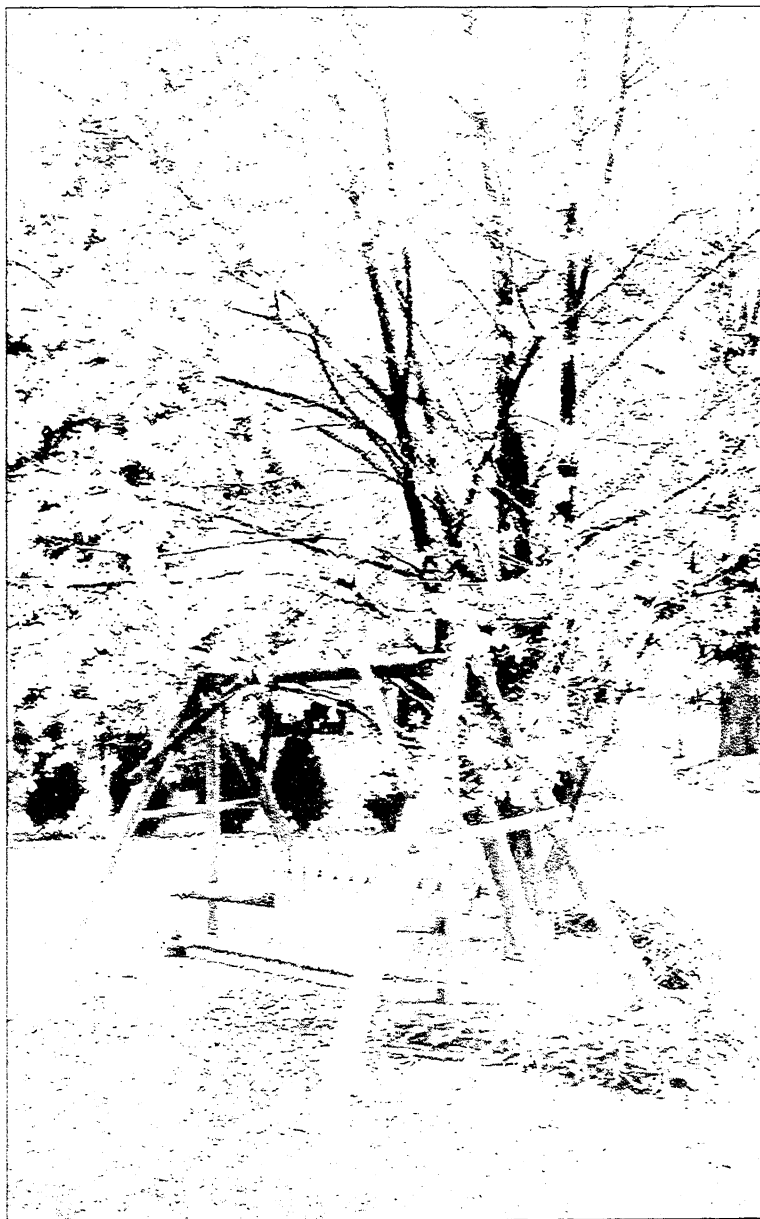
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attractive fit into the rock garden format. Some of the bigger sedums have thick leaves so they add a nice texture with the rocks and bloom in the fall. When a lot of the other flowers are done blooming the sedums are just beginning to spout their color.

Some shrubs, called rug carpets, grow close to the ground and adhere nicely to a rock garden layout. Bulbs, which come up in the spring before any other garden growth, work well in rock gardens, as does creeping phlox which also blooms in the spring. Day lilies come in different varieties and bloom June through frost, and add colorful height to a rock garden.

Other interesting plants include ornamental grasses, such as Japanese blood grass and blue oats, which is a short coarse grass. Lamb's ears and hostas lend themselves well to rock gardens, as well.

Rock gardens are best suited to a hillside or slope and should be planted on the south or southwest side. A sunny exposure will suit most plants, but keep in mind the size of the plants you plan to add to the garden and plant according to where the

natural rock formations currently are, or where rocks will be placed. In keeping with the surrounding area, emulate natural rock formations whenever possible.

A variety of rocks or stone can be obtained from this area, including granite, sandstone, limestone, mica, quartz, shale, and flagstone. If you're lucky enough to know a local farmer, perhaps you could empty his field of natural fieldstone, which is the perfect addition to any rock garden.

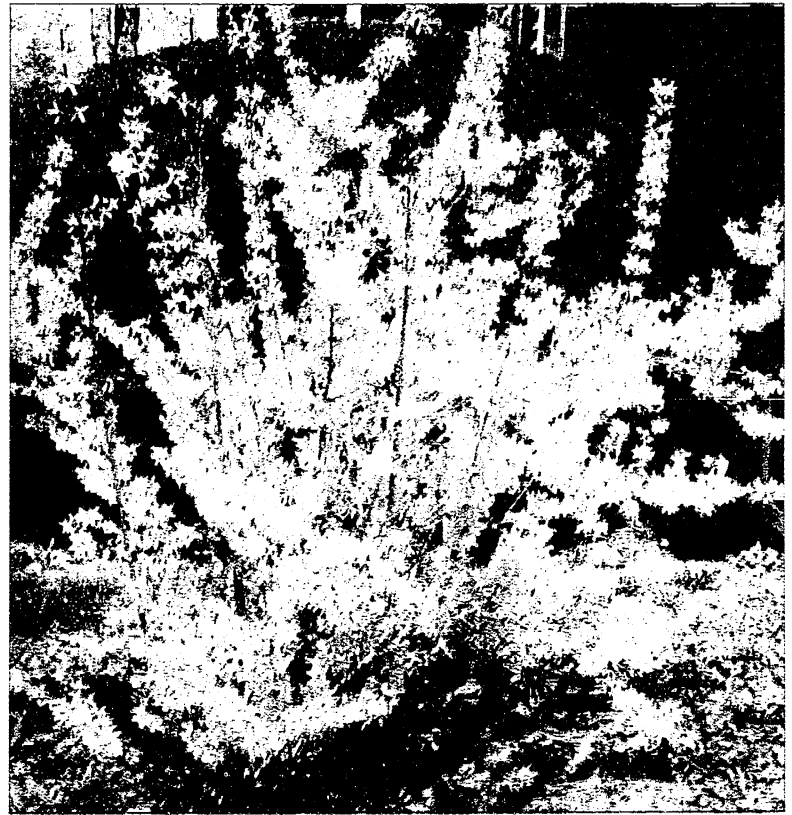
The beauty of rock gardens lies in the graceful way low-growing plants trail over the rocks and conform to the nooks and crannies created by the rocks.

#### Water Gardens

Humans shape the world around them to suit their needs. And most of us seem to be attracted to the sound of running water in the garden.

Many property owners feel a need to extend the natural boundaries of their lakes and ponds, either enlarging them or adding material to form trickling falls. Those of us living inside the city limits are bound by different rules, however, and ponds tend to be created on a very small scale.

Wanting water in our gardens is not a new development. Even in the earliest of times, Egyptians, Romans

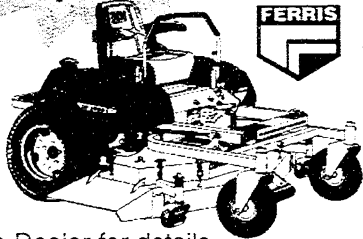


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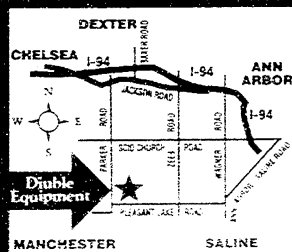
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and all the other early civilizations had water sites with fountains, pools, fish and plants. Some were elaborate, complicated. Some were merely small containers filled with water and lowering plants. The only difference today is perhaps the amount of tubing, motors, and plastic containers required to do the same thing. However, because digging a pond is a big order—even if it's a small pond—we encourage homeowners to contact local businesses that construct ponds and follow their expert advice every step of the way.

Ponds are relatively inexpensive to construct and operate, and more and more garden ponds are installed every year.

Before you begin digging there are a few things that should be considered.

The pond should be located in the lowest point in your garden. Since the pond would require more maintenance due to fallen leaves and debris removal if placed under trees or shrubs, attempt to find a sunny location.

Make sure the pond is not a danger to your children or neighboring children—in town a fence must be erected around it. Make sure you chose a pattern that is irregular in shape so there is adequate shallow water for wildlife shelter and that it has a gradual slope into the deeper area.

The pond must be at least 50 cm deep to prevent freezing, and the

sides should have a gradual slope toward the center, which is generally the deepest portion of the pond. After digging the hole, remove any sharp stones, and place a layer of newspapers or old carpet on the bottom of the hole, then cover with a liner.

Fill the pond slowly and carefully as the weight of the water will pull the liner down. After the pond has enough water in it, trim and bury the edges of the liner. Add a bucket of natural pond water to provide microscopic life. At this point, allow the pond two weeks to settle, then introduce wildlife.

Watersnails are a valuable addition and will reduce the amount of maintenance required. They also prevent stagnation by eating the algae which deoxygenates the water.

According to Bill Burrows, of Keepers Cottage in Saline, adding frogs and fish to the pond is an excellent way to get wildlife into the pond. Note, however, if frogs are large and fish are small, the frogs will eat the fish.

"The nice thing about gold fish and koi is that they're colorful and friendly," said Burrows.

Plant life, such as water lilies, should be submerged in containers to keep them more manageable, said Burrows.

"However, in small ponds people should not get a small pack of water lilies. Their requirements are entirely different and hard to replicate in small ponds."



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## WILDLIFE

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calls on them, yet," she explained. On average, wild babies must be nursed for the remainder of the summer. The release date is August, which gives the youngsters enough time to acclimate themselves to the wild before cold weather arrives.

"Some times I need to step in and take care of a nest that's been found on someone's property because the mother is gone, but other times, if a homeowner sees the nest all they have to do is make noise and let the mama know she's not welcome—she'll move the nest as soon as she can," Schroeder explained. "Raccoons are very dependent on their mama's. They stay with her for a year, so it's best to leave them with the mama if at all possible."

One year Schroeder worked with 50 baby raccoons, which in hindsight she admits was a mistake.

"It was too much—my whole family got neglected," she said. "Right now I have 10 coons, one possum and one injured deer. The deer is a yearling, but in a week or two the fawns will start coming. But this year I'm setting my limit on 15 animals total. It's hard work and the whole

family has to help—sometimes it's just a nightmare."

Schroeder said the survival rate for wild baby animals is very good, which adds to her sense of accomplishment.

"It becomes harder to deal with when they're severely injured or sick," she said, adding that in all the years she's dealt with raccoons the only big problem she had was one year when they contracted feline distemper, which is a deadly disease with no cure.

**FOR MORE** information on bird rescue, contact Karen Young on Waterworks Road in Saline at 944-9600, or the River Raisin Raptors in Manchester at (734) 428-8455. Friends of Wildlife for Washtenaw County can be contacted at (734) 913-9843.



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# Spring home and garden tips

### Window Washing

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Old newspaper makes a good "cloth" for washing windows, but do not use newsprint on Plexiglas windows or scratches may occur.

### Easter Lilies

Once your Easter Lily has finished blooming indoors, remove the dead flowers and keep the soil moist until the threat of frost is gone, then plant it outdoors. Select a well-drained site in a sunny location. Good drainage is important. Since lilies grow from large bulbs, dig to a depth of about six inches. Work some of the soil in around the root system for a well-established plant, and water immediately after planting.

Lilies like their "heads" in the sun and their "feet" in the shade. A two-inch mulch will keep the roots cool enough and will retain moisture in hot or dry weather. Cut browned leaves back to the first healthy leaf. Though new growth will emerge in a few weeks, the plant probably will not bloom until the following season. Cut the plant back to soil level in the fall and cover with a thick layer of mulch as soon as the cold months arrive. As new shoots emerge in the spring, move the

mulch back from the plant and watch it grow. Easter lilies grown on their own timeframe will bloom in June or July.

### Flowerbed Borders

Before you begin, plan out your border. Make sure you have an idea of this design prior to shopping for flats of flowers. Once you've created a color and height design, and purchased the flowers, lay them out in the planting bed according to your design. Dig holes deep enough that the root ball will be completely covered, but not so deep that the plants get choked. A good rule of thumb to follow is to cover the plant approximately one-half to one inch deeper than the height of the soil in the pot.

Do not fertilize at the initial planting. All plants need time to put down roots. If fertilized too soon, the plant may send the energy into leaf making and not concentrate on the root system. After all plants have been planted, mulch and water. Fertilize the plants later in the season—preferably one to two weeks after planting.

### Cool Weather Veggies

Sow the seeds of cool weather vegetables like beets, turnips, carrots, Swiss chard, onions, and peas as soon as the soil can be worked. The soil is workable when it is reasonably crumbly and doesn't make large clumps or clods when using a shovel.

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## HAYRACKS

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your planting. In any garden, including a container garden, you need a focal point. An upright plant will give you a vertical focus and your eye will be drawn to it first. Trailing plants off the edge of your planter will soften the edges and create a more finished look.

**PLANT TEXTURE** is divided into three categories: fine, medium and coarse. Textural contrast can be even more effective than color contrast. Plants that are described as fine in texture are those that are quite soft, and often have many delicate flowers, such as lobelia or baby's breath. Medium-textured plants tend to have some distinct shape such as geraniums or flowering tobacco. Coarse plants are those with very distinct textures such as ornamental cabbages or large begonias.

You can create a bold display by combining trailing blues and yellows with columnar spires and feathery foliage. Use your accent plants in the center with complementary plants surrounding it and trailing herbs or lobelias softening your edges.

**IF YOU WANT** to create instant impact with your hayrack or hanging basket, pack it full of plants. Leave no unused space in the planter and you will have a very dramatic planting.

As long as you provide what the plant needs—enough room for its roots, water, nutrients and sun or shade—any plant will work in a container. So be creative! Plant what you like. And remember, your local nursery can help you select plants that will thrive in your area.

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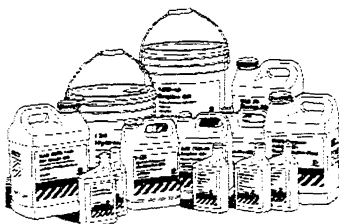
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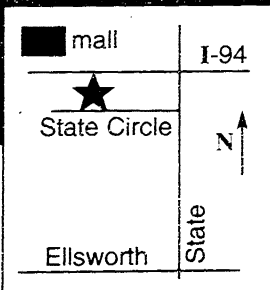
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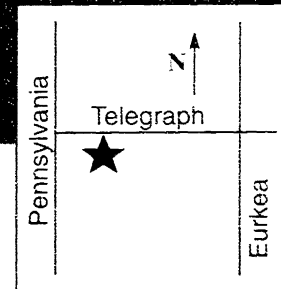
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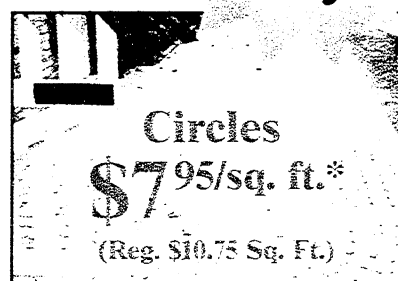
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