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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Band to hold soup fest

Manchester Band Boosters along with KKY Delta Upsilon National Honorary Band Fraternity at Eastern Michigan University will host the first annual Manchester Soup Fest held at Manchester United Methodist Church (501 Ann Arbor Street), at 6 p.m. Tuesday. The cost is \$5.00 at the door.

Bring your own mug and spoon, and the band will provide the rest. Area restaurants donating include Cady's, Aubrey's, Macaroni Grill and more. Come and support the Manchester Community Schools Band Boosters. Music Programs, and KKY Delta Upsilon Fraternity. Two pairs of tickets for ninth-row seats at a Red Wings game will be raffled at the soup fest.

### Family Service hosts Foodgatherers

Manchester Family Service monthly Foodgatherers day will be from 1 to 3 p.m. Feb. 20 at St. Mary's Catholic Church Parish Center kitchen.

### Hidden Lake sets conservatory class

Escape the winter doldrums and enjoy the tropical climate of Hidden Lake Garden's conservatory. A class in plant propagation will be offered from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday in the conservatory. Learn to propagate a variety of indoor plants and take home cuttings of your favorite plants. The instructor is horticulturist Jenny Stanger. The course cost is \$12, or \$10 for friends of Hidden Lake Gardens.

Pre-register to ensure a spot in the class by phoning (517) 431-2060.

### Centennial farms topic of discussion

The new village hall at 912 City Road will be the scene of the next meeting of the Manchester Area Historical Society. At 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, a group of centennial farm owners whose farms are featured on the 2002 calendar will form a panel to discuss farm practices and family anecdotes. Visitors are most welcome.

### It's fish fry season

St. Mary's Catholic Church will hold a weekly fish fry each Friday beginning 5 to 8 p.m. tomorrow and extending through March 29. The dinners will be held at the St. Mary Parish Center. The menu includes fried and baked fish, potatoes and a salad bar. The cost is \$7.50 for adults, \$6.50 for seniors and \$2.75 for children.

## Board special meeting deals with criticism

Public participation overwhelms meetings.

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand Associate Editor

In response to the increasingly lengthy public participation segments of recent school board meetings, the board scheduled a special work session last week to respond to various concerns brought forward by citizens.

As the board brought its Jan. 21 minutes to the table for approval, trustee Brad Roberts questioned the statement that "the board approve(d) the purchase of 44.87 acres of property from Duane Beuerle at \$30.032

per acre for a total price of \$1,347,551 for the construction of a new high school contingent upon review by the school district's attorney and annexation by village." He asked whether the board would vote again on the purchase of the Beuerle property, upon receiving the attorney's review.

"I can't in good conscience vote on (approving the minutes) without getting some serious questions answered," Roberts said. "I would not have voted to approve this."

Superintendent David Oegema responded, "You've voted, in my opinion, for the purchase of the property."

Roberts said he was still con-

cerned with liability issues, as well as whether Gieske Road would be paved and how that might affect subsequent annexation by the village.

Oegema said that after consulting with the insurance company and attorneys, it had been determined that as a public body, the school has "government immunity" from prosecution.

"As far as covering the bases, we are as covered as we can reasonably be," he told the board.

And while there is no guarantee that the road will be paved, State Representative Gene DeRossett is working closely with the Michigan Department of Transportation to achieve that goal.

"If it ends up Gene can't get funding, and the village says it will not annex the property unless the road is paved, then we'll have more discussions," Oegema said.

Board secretary Monty Okey added, "I suspect the village is pleased with our choice of this location, and we should trust them. I realize this is pure good faith."

The school's annexation request is on the Feb. 18 agenda for village council.

Roberts said his major concern was giving up a large chunk of the bond money for the purposes of paving a road.

Trustee Tim McConnell suggested that the attorney's opinion would come back to the board for approval.

"If he approves what we agree with already voted on, and we agree with his interpretation, then our commitment to the property stands, right?" he said.

Vice president Marlene Wagner added, "We will not vote again on the land, but we will have an opportunity to vote on the attorney's decision and on the discussions with the village."

Board president Ron Ellison mentioned that DeRossett had asked the district to write a letter encouraging M-DOT to consider the request for financial assistance with paving Gieske Road. The townships of Freedom, Bridgewater and Manchester plus the village council and SWWCOG all have been contacted to write similar letters.

The minutes were unanimously approved following this discussion.

A letter from George Boone

was read aloud during the correspondence. Boone stated that the Beuerle property is being purchased at more than three times the market value, based on a 1998 appraisal and is "grossly overpriced." His letter suggested that the board consider obtaining the property under eminent domain.

"The education of our young people is an undeniable responsibility," Boone's letter concluded. "Misuse of taxpayer's dollars must be opposed."

During the public participation segment of the meeting, Larry Byrne expressed concerns about safety issues with gravel trucks and the potential for environmental contamination from the landfill and refuse transfer station at the corner of Parr Road, about one mile away from the Beuerle site.

Michael Boone also expressed a safety concern about gravel trucks on Gieske Road.

Clyde Wellwood commended the board for "taking on a big challenge" in moving forward on the new building issue, but expressed concern about the professional services and whether the board is getting proper direction in taking these strides.

The board also took measures to revise the scope of engineering work from Ayres, Lewis and Associates due to the change from one property to another. The contract was amended by \$21,850 for survey work, with a vote of six yes and one no. The board agreed that as changes in the original plan arise in the future, it should be made aware of cost increases in advance.

## Hooray for 100th Day



First-grader Kyle Strahle shows off his collection of 100 baseball, hockey and football cards during Klager Elementary School's 100th Day of School parade. Students toured each classroom as they browsed collections of 100 items, from rock collections to miniature cars to 100 ounces of water.

## Recycling company referred for criminal enforcement

Mobile home junkyard fails to meet DEQ compliance deadline.

By Sven Gustafson Staff Writer

Officials from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality recently began pursuing criminal enforcement against C&L Recycling, a Manchester Township mobile-home junkyard. The move is in response to the business' failure to meet a Jan. 6 deadline for compliance orders.

The DEQ says that Christopher Kind, owner of C&L, has violated regulations in Part 115, or the Solid Waste Management Act, of the Michigan Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act. The agency signed a criminal complaint investigation request form Jan. 23 and submitted it to the DEQ Office of Criminal Investigations.

That agency, in turn, will investigate the claims made by the DEQ Waste Management Division to determine whether Kind is, in fact, guilty of any misdemeanor violations. "Basically the process will be, they're going to look at our referral, investigate it and take it to a prosecutor," said Jon Russell, Jackson district supervisor for the WMD.

If guilt is established, Kind could face a fine of "not more than \$1,000 for each violation and the costs of prosecution."

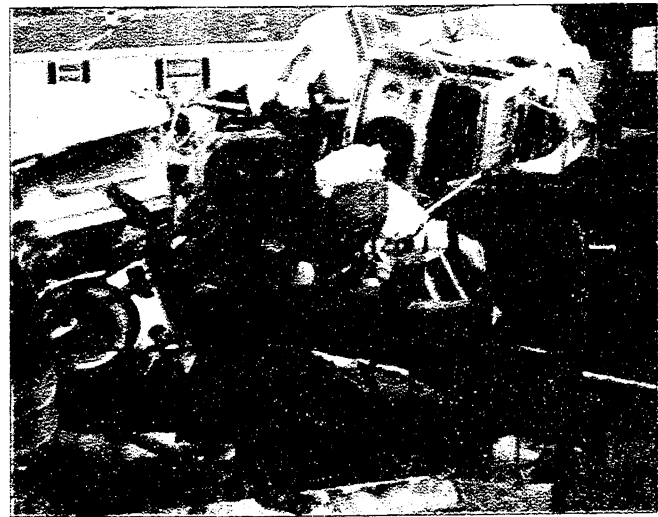


Photo by Sven Gustafson

Despite several warnings from the Department of Environmental Quality, the recycling operation on West Austin Road remains in violation. Last month the DEQ began criminal enforcement proceedings after a Jan. 6 deadline for compliance passed without response from C&L Recycling, the owner of the yard.

Russell said he doesn't know if fines would be levied on a time-accumulating or one-time basis.

"That's probably something for the judge to decide," he said. He added that any violation of Part 115 could be considered a misdemeanor.

"My personal feeling (is that) I've always been in compliance," said Kind. "I think they're just trying to create jobs for themselves, that's my feeling."

"All I've been doing is cleaning up and working," he said, adding that he will soon ship

4,000 to 5,000 tires to Detroit Edison, which he said had agreed to take them.

"We've been doing a lot over there."

C&L, which opened on West Austin Road in 1999, was initially cited by the DEQ after an April 2001 site inspection. Since then, the DEQ has sent a series of letters alternately requesting and rejecting written cleanup plans from Kind. Kind said his lawyer, Kenneth Schwartz, has responded to each DEQ letter.

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## Village open house activities now set

March 3 event will feature wide variety.

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand Associate Editor

Plans are proceeding for an open house to celebrate the dedication of the Manchester Village Community Building.

The village and the Washtenaw County Sheriff Department substation occupied the building, originally a Ford Motor Company plant, in December 2000. During the following year the Western Washtenaw Construction Authority, the Manchester District Library and the Manchester Area Senior Citizens have moved their quarters to the new village hall building. It has become a meeting place for a variety of different organizations extending throughout the community.

And so, the facility will formally be designated as the Manchester Village Community Building with a formal dedication at 2:30 p.m. during the open house, which will extend from 1 to 4 p.m. on March 3. Past mayors or village presidents will be recognized during the ceremony and a historic plaque will be set in the building's lobby area which originally was the generator room for the Ford plant. Refreshments will be served throughout the afternoon.

The Manchester District Library also will be open and staffed that Sunday only, to invite community members to see what the newly expanded facility has to offer.

A historical display assembled by the senior citizens group will be on view in the display case in the lower level, adjacent to the senior citizens' room. Other blueprints and historic photographs of the building and

the area surrounding 912 City Road still are being sought. Anyone who has information available can contact the village offices at 428-7877.

Representatives of Manchester Area Senior Citizens Council will be on hand to encourage more senior citizens to participate in the many activities that are offered.

Local deputies and other representatives from the sheriff's department will be present during the open house, and Bridgewater Township residents are particularly invited to meet the deputies. The sheriff's department currently serves the extended community through a cooperative agreement between the village and Bridgewater Township.

Service organizations, whether or not they currently meet at the village hall, are invited to attend the festivities.

Staff and council members of the Department of Public Works will be on hand to display equipment and answer questions on DPW issues and activities. In addition, tours of the water treatment plant one half block down Hibbard Street are scheduled for 1:30 and 3:15 p.m.

The Western Washtenaw Construction Authority, Parks and Planning Commissioners, and council members will be at various parts of the building to answer questions and describe the functions of the various departments. The General Development Plan will be available for inspection and a representative of the village planner, Carlisle-Wortman, has been invited to attend and discuss questions about the GDP with residents.

The Village of Manchester invites residents of the entire community to help celebrate this momentous occasion.

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Feb. 14**  
**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.

**Feb. 15**  
**Alcoholics Anonymous** meets at 7 p.m. in the Emanuel United Church of Christ kitchen.  
**Al-Anon** meets at 7 p.m. in the Emanuel United Church of Christ 3-4 grade classroom. Contact 428-8786 for information.

**Feb. 16**  
**Manchester Kiwanis Club** meets at 8 a.m. at the village hall. Call 428-8976 for membership information.

**Feb. 17**  
**Boy Scouts** host a monthly breakfast on the third Sunday of each month. September through May, at St. Mary's Catholic Church Parish Center.

**Feb. 18**  
**Euchre Night** at the American Legion, 7 p.m. 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.

**Manchester Board of Education** meets at 7:00 p.m. in the high school media center.

**Feb. 19**  
**Bootstompers** meet at 7 p.m. at Emanuel United Church of Christ.

**Story Time with Grandma Pat**, 10:30 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 1:30 p.m. at the Manchester District Library, for children ages 3 to 6, accompanied by an adult.

**Manchester Historical Society** meets at 7:30 p.m. at the new Village Hall.

**Feb. 20**  
**Awana Clubs** meet at 6:30 p.m. at Community Bible Church.  
**Manchester Community Brass Band** meets at 7:30 p.m.

**Women and Infant Children** program meets from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the senior center.  
**Bridgewater Township Board** meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Bridgewater Township Hall.  
**Manchester Men's Club** meets

at 7:30 p.m.  
**Manchester Family Services Community Food Gatherers** program takes place from 1 to 3 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church Parish Center kitchen.

**When a Parent has Alzheimer's Disease Support Group** meets from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Chapter Office, 3810 Packard Road, Suite 240, Ann Arbor. Call (800) 337-3827 or (734) 677-3081.

**Feb. 21**  
**Manchester Township Planning Commission** meets at 8 p.m. at the township hall.

**Manchester Cub Scout Pack** meets at 7 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church Parish Center.

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

**United Way Board** meets at 12 p.m. St. Mary's Catholic Church Parish Hall.

**Alzheimer's Association family caregiver support group** in Chelsea meets from 2 to 3:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month at the Chelsea Retirement Community, Crippen Building. This group is co-sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association and the Chelsea Retirement Center.

**Saline Alzheimer's support group** meets from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on the third Thursday of each month at the Saline Library Brecon Room.

**COMING EVENTS:**

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

**Community Health Fair** will be held on March 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Klager Elementary.

**Manchester Village elections** will be held March 11. Polls open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

**Manchester Community Fair** dates June 25 through 29.

**MANCHESTER:**

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

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

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

**Manchester 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 7:30 a.m. at the new Village Hall. All chamber members may attend.

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

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

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**NOT ANOTHER TEEN MOVIE R**  
 1:40, 3:40 (5-10, 7-10, 9-10)  
**THE MAJESTIC (PG)**  
 1:25 (6-30, 9-30)  
**LIFE AS A HOUSE R**  
 (6-20, 9-20)  
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**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. and 1 to 1:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the Manchester District Library, for children ages 3 to 6, accompanied by an adult.

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

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

month at the Freedom Township Hall.

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

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

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

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

**GETTING LISTED**

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

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**JOHN Q** PG-13  
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 FRI. MON. THUR. (4:50-7:20) 7:20, 9:20  
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**RETURN TO NEVERLAND** G  
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**SUPER TROOPERS** R  
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 SAT. SUN. 12:30, 2:30, (5:00-7:30) 7:30, 9:30  
**BIG FAT LIAR** PG  
 FRI. MON. THUR. 9:30  
 SAT. SUN. 1:40, 6:30  
**ROLLERBALL** PG-13  
 FRI. MON. THUR. 7:00, 9:55  
 SAT. SUN. 1:00, 7:00, 9:55  
**BLACK HAWK DOWN** R  
 FRI. MON. THUR. (5:15-7:45) 7:30  
 SAT. SUN. 12:20, 2:40 (5:15-7:45) 7:30  
**SNOW DOG** PG  
 DAILY 9:40  
**A BEAUTIFUL MIND** PG-13  
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**MOTHMAN PROPHECIES** PG-13  
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**A WALK TO REMEMBER** PG

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# SWWCOG reps discuss wireless towers

■ Council considering a joint plan.

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand Associate Editor

Are wireless towers compatible with the desired agricultural character of the Manchester area? By developing a master plan, Southwest Washtenaw Council of Governments representatives want to assure that the community retains its rural quality.

Rural and agricultural character has been the ongoing discussion at Southwest Washtenaw Council of Governments and the council viewed the first written draft of this section of its regional plan at its Jan. 9 meeting. Erin Perdu of the Washtenaw County Metropolitan Planning Commission made the presentation of the document.

"Rural character is a difficult thing to define," it begins. "But as one participant stated, 'You

know it when you see it, and you miss it when it's gone.'"

In hopes of maintaining some of that rural character in the wider Manchester community, the group has identified some characteristics that define "rural" land. Active, working farms; horses, stables and pastures; croplands; dark skies; lack of paved surfaces; large woodlots; lack of strip malls and billboards and mixed use environment within the village. Culturally, the document highlights the historic character of the community, the friendliness of the residents, a safe atmosphere, a lack of background noise and a quaint village that functions as the community's center.

"We're moving forward with that plan," said SWWCOG chair Jim Fish. "Additions and changes were made at the meeting."

The issue resurfaced at the council's Feb. 13 meeting. At last

night's meeting Rod Arroyo, vice president of Birchler Arroyo Associates, presented a proposal for the wireless master plan that could cover the entire community.

Part of retaining that visual quality of rural character is keeping scenic views pure. And in that spirit, the members of SWWCOG have expressed an interest in developing a wireless master plan for the southwest Washtenaw region.

"The idea of a wireless master plan is well-supported," Fish said.

Fish, who also chairs the Bridgewater Planning Commission, has been actively involved with Birchler Arroyo, the township's planners, in discussing a wireless master plan for that township. Arroyo has prepared a proposal for development such a plan for the township and has offered to extend the company's services to surround-

ing townships.

The plan, according to a memo from Arroyo dated Dec. 20, is intended to identify areas that best fit the criteria established by the community, for location of future towers. These criteria would be based on the proximity to high-volume corridors and population centers and other factors.

"The criteria will be reflective of market factors by identifying demand areas and seeking input from the industry," Arroyo said.

"Once a plan is in place, future ordinance amendments could require consideration of township-selected areas first. If all sites within an area were deemed to be impractical, an applicant would be required to demonstrate why it is impractical and provide supporting documentation for other sites outside of preferred areas."

As part of the process to develop a master plan, Birchler Arroyo would identify existing facilities and co-location opportunities, and help the township develop goals and recommend possible future areas for wireless tower placement.

"Bridgewater (board) had discussed it and felt it was important to consider this, which would give us more say about where one of those communication towers might be located in the future," Fish said. "Currently it's estimated there are 75,000 nationwide and that number could more than double."

"So how that's accomplished, like anything else, is a matter of concern."

Fish mentioned co-location as a distinct possibility for future wireless tower development in the area.

Bridgewater's planning commission currently has an application from Sprint for a 199-foot wireless tower to be built near the intersection of Allen and

Sheridan roads.

Although the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) requires that only towers 200 feet or taller are required to be federally registered and have safety lighting, the Sprint tower is expected to be lighted. Because of its proximity to the Clinton airport, the township agreed it was important to have the tower lit by a strobe during the day and a red light at night.

The township, however, is interested in planning on a more comprehensive basis, rather than having cellular towers dotting its landscape in the years to come.

"Clearly, that's a concern across the board," Fish said. "Each unit of government plans to go back and talk to its respective planner about what could, should or might be done."

Another concern is that conservationists from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service estimate that as many as 4 million migrating birds are killed each year in tower collisions nationwide.

"There's a clear interest in devising something," Fish added, "and a recognition that we have to look at the four townships together. As a part of that, we would then need to look at the ten townships which surround our area."

"These things function as a grid, as a system. For instance,

what happens in Saline or Lodi Township affects Bridgewater and Freedom Townships."

The same is true for the townships to the west, south and north of the Manchester area, he said.

"We need information on their plans and that would be part of our plan as well," he said.

"We would also be asking the (wireless) providers to provide us information on their long-range plans for this area."

At the cost quoted by Birchler Arroyo in its proposal, if all five municipal units included in SWWCOG participated, the proposed cost would average out to about \$2,500 per community.

"Each municipality used to dialogue with its respective planners, see if there are other things to be included or changes to be made to enhance this type of project, or both," Fish said.

At the Jan. 14 Bridgewater Township Planning Commission meeting, commissioners decided to co-develop a wireless master plan in conjunction with SWWCOG participants.

However, the only decision that was made at the January SWWCOG meeting is that the group is going to consider it.

"Something like this is needed," Fish said, "and we ought to be doing it as a group—not singly—but we have not yet decided how to accomplish that."

## Library offers something for everyone

■ Valentine's Day is theme for tomorrow's preschool story time.

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand Associate Editor

Guest storytellers, special dinosaur workshops, a family reading program and even tax forms are on the library's agenda this month.

Storyteller and children's librarian Betsy Baier, a Manchester resident who works at the Ann Arbor District Library, will lead this week's story hour, while Grandma Pat is on vacation.

Story hours for children ages 3 to 6, accompanied by an adult, will be held from 10:30 to 11 a.m. and from 12:30 to 1 p.m. tomorrow, Feb. 15, at the library.

"Dinosaurs and other friends," conducted by the Exhibit Museum of Natural History will conclude with a March 9 event open to pre-regis-

tered children, ages 6 to 11, from 10 to 11 a.m. in the village room one floor below the library.

Paleo Puzzles is the theme for the final workshop as families learn to determine the age of a fossil, make an impression and work together to assemble wooden dinosaur skeleton. Limited space is available for these workshops, so call 428-8045 to register.

The family reading program at the library continues through March, which is national reading month.

"This program is designed to encourage families to read together," library director Kate Pittsley said. "Families may sign up at the library to join in. They pledge to read together, whether silently, aloud or listening to books on tape, and keep track of the hours."

Pittsley said that quite a few families have already enrolled in this special library program.

The library is a source of information as well as family

fun. And to prove it, Pittsley reminds patrons that income tax forms are available at the library.

"Some of the most common forms are freely distributed," she said. "We also can help patrons pull specialized forms from the website and we have reproducible forms."

Forms that must be reproduced by photocopy or from the computer will be available at 10 cents per page.

The library, now located at 912 City Road, will be open for special hours during the village open house, from 1 to 4 p.m. on March 3. The library's regular hours open at 10 a.m. and extend to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, until 6 p.m. on Friday and 2 p.m. on Saturday.

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# SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS

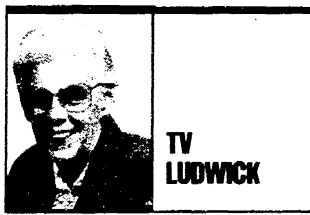
Those beautiful sunny days of Feb. 5 and 6 nearly made me think of spring, until I went outdoors in that wind. It is still February and even Punxsutawney Phil (the groundhog) told us there will be six more weeks of winter. Animals don't usually talk with (or to) me. Maybe a meow now and then from the adopted cats that we feed.

Sophia Johnson, our beloved neighbor, had a dog that understood her and would talk back, to my amazement. "Go get your ball from the kitchen, Daisy!" and off she would go to get it.

Mrs. J. also had a bird she talked with. "I'm going to the store and get bread, milk and lettuce for (do you think I can remember that amazing bird's name? Not now)."

I used to take early dandelions for Rex to eat. I hope everybody has a neighbor like Ya-Ya at least once in their lives. She could also grow the best vegetables (especially green beans) and I accused her often of putting a bare stick in the ground and with her magic touch, it would grow! We often talked of making a trip to Greece to view their gorgeous flowers. Sad to say, it was just that... talk.

Thursday: Happy Valentine's Day, everyone! Seniors will have Council meeting at 9:30, you are welcomed! At 10:30, work begins on the March-April calendar. Then, ham will be served at 12 noon at Emanuel. You who are 55 or older are cordially asked to attend these great meals at \$3.25. That beef stroganoff was the very best, thanks to Sue



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and older, come join in at 9:30 a.m. At 11:30 a.m., the bus will leave and you will eat before going to visit Tecumseh Place residents in Tecumseh. Call Tootie Armentrout at 428-7615 to put your name on the list to be picked up to go.

Thursday: Today Tod and Sue serve chicken tetrazzini for our pleasure. These meals are good, won't you come try them? At

Miller and Tod Armentrout (have that again, please). Ham is served today and that is also the best. Get your reservation in by signing the book at meals, calling Kelly at 428-8359 ahead, or Tod at 428-7630 between 9 and 10 a.m. on meal days (Tuesdays and Thursdays).

Monday: Go along shopping to AA K-Mart and Meijer. Pickup begins at 9:30 a.m. Bus is available on request.

Tuesday: One of our area clergy is scheduled to talk with us starting at 11:30 a.m. Tod and Sue have prepared meat loaf for us today (sometimes another tasty dish is prepared, fun to be surprised!) We appreciate you, Sue and Tod. Another work day today at the Center, come help at 12:30 p.m. At 5:30, those with tickets will travel to Tecumseh for travelogue "Alaska to the Keys."

Wednesday: Yoga at the village hall (first floor to the east). This is good for all of us who are 65

## Classes come to the desktop

This winter Washtenaw Community College has more than tripled its online non-credit course offerings. Classes on Outlook, TurboTax, Red Hat Linux, Windows 2000, and Quicken software, as well as a full series on basic supervision, and more, are now accessible from a computer desktop. Students need Internet access and familiarity with the Internet, an email address and up-to-date Web browser, specialized software if they're taking that course, and some keyboarding ability.

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12:30 p.m. the bus takes you to more cards and bingo at the Village Hall. Tonight, seniors will be picked up by bus to attend our monthly Senior Citizens public Card Party at the Village Hall. Pickup begins at 6:30 p.m. and the party starts at 7:30 p.m. Come play with "The Masters." You can beat them, or at least give it a good try! Light refreshments will be served.

## Senior Birthdays



Mary Jones (left) and Francis Heckaman celebrated their February birthdays last week at the senior citizens' luncheon.

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# The ENTERPRISE COMMENTARY

## Street Talk

By Laura Merte

What is something you wish someone had told you, rather than finding out the hard way?



"Get as much education as you can in your younger years."

Lillian Hlavka



"The grass is never greener on the other side."

Kathy McGuire



"To get a better education."

Dan O'Connell



"How to raise your kids ... you think you raise them right, but you never know."

Sandy Bowman



"If you stick with it in school and learn what you need to know then, it makes life a lot easier."

Julie Mester

## School board faces questions, expresses opinions

*Editor's note: In response to ongoing questions from members of the community about how the school board has handled decisions related to the bond issue and new high school, the Enterprise requested an opportunity to talk with the board as a group. In a special open meeting and work session on Feb. 5, the board members gave their candid thoughts on a variety of topics. These are published as opinions of the individual speakers identified, not of the board as a whole.*



MARSHA JOHNSON CHARTRAND

### AFTER THOUGHTS

"Regardless of the rehashing and criticism, we'll have a new high school in three years," said Ron Ellison in introduction of the work session in last week's meeting.

While the school board cast a unanimous ballot to purchase the 44.78-acre Beuerle property at its Jan. 21 meeting, it is no secret that the individual members of the board hold a variety of differing opinions on matters that have faced it in the past several months.

In many ways, the board should be commended for bringing its discussions and disagreements out in the open. It has not always been this way.

In the past, school boards have always presented a united front in every decision, whether it was to purchase new volleyball nets or a new school bus. It was a rare vote that was not unanimous.

When I used to cover school board meetings, and it came time for a vote, I would write down "all ayes" even before any board member cast his or her vote. It was almost inconceivable that anyone would disagree with the majority opinion of the board.

It was boring. It also was unrealistic.

Because it is human nature to disagree. No two people are exactly alike or will share identical opinions on every single topic.

And yet, when it has mattered the most, the current school board has come together to make a series of very difficult decisions. They've taken their share of criticism and they know that there are many citizens who still have questions. Last week, the members of the Manchester Community Schools' Board of Education sat down in a roundtable discussion in front of a public audience and individually answered questions presented by the public in various board meetings, in letters to the editor and in personal telephone calls they have fielded over the past several weeks.

#### The campus approach

"The campus approach" has been the topic of discussion as the school decided to branch out from its original selection of the Gourley property. Some community members had suggested that the board discard this idea in favor of finding more affordable property elsewhere. Trustee Brad Roberts began his talk by announcing that he is a proponent of the campus concept, while fellow trustee Polly Deacons said she is not sold on the idea.

Board vice president Marlene Wagner, who was a member of the Citizens for Education group prior to her involvement on the school board, said that as the CFE group approached community members and service groups during the preliminary information-gathering stages, "they indicated they would like all the schools to be located in one central campus area."

In selecting a location, the board has continued to seek a solution that would provide a centrally-based campus. Another reason, according to Ellison, was because the minutes of a joint village planning commission and village council meeting held last summer reflected the two boards' consensus that the schools should be located on the north edge of

town. Although the information was never put into letter form, as the minutes indicate, Ellison said he had been contacted by Village Manager Jeff Wallace to discuss this plan.

"I discussed it with David (Oegema), and we felt the message had been sent," Ellison said. "In defense of the village, the communication was there."

"We could still go outside of town or to the other edge of town, but we'd be ignoring the recommendation of the committee we appointed, and the wishes of the community we serve."

#### Property price

"Do I think that all of them are too high?" Roberts asked. "Yes, I do, personally."

"Do I believe we'll get (property) for the price I'd like to spend? No. It's a seller's market. Besides, as we've found we'll either spend the money on the land itself or we'll spend it on development."

Treasurer Lyndon Uphaus explained the board's decision making process on choosing the Beuerle site.

"We looked around in April, after deciding the Beuerle property was too expensive," he said. "We found the Gourley site and negotiated a price with him. When the bond issue passed we decided to build the school there, but discovered more wetlands than we had anticipated."

"That could have been managed, but when Sharon Township decided not to cooperate, we had to abandon that and go back to considering the Beuerle site."

"There's not too much difference in the gross cost of the Beuerle vs. Gourley sites," he added. "We actually still have about the same amount of buildable acreage."

Trustee Tim McConnell said, "It's easy to take potshots at people, especially when you're sitting in the back row. We have all talked for many hours about this situation."

"Any land we purchase was going to be the same ultimate cost. If you have less expensive land, you have longer sewer lines and higher development cost. This is an ideal location and a buildable site, while we are preserving the Klager site for future development."

"We're considering the whole big picture here."

As a letter written to the board and read aloud during the correspondence section of the meeting had asked about the use of eminent domain to obtain the property, I asked the board why they would choose not to exercise such an option.

"I'm not an expert," said Ellison, "but you have to show me why the board should do this. That had better be your only choice or you would have to have a very good reason."

"If this board started saying we're going to use eminent domain against the Beuerles, I'd rather be an attorney representing them than the school board. In my opinion as a school, we're part of the community; and you simply don't threaten the community with something like that."

#### Klager vs. Beuerle vs. Gourley

"We needed a larger property to put the new school on, than we had available at Klager," Roberts said. "As the school grows, I don't know if we could handle that many kids on that property."

"There is no perfect site,"

Ellison said. "In any of the sites we've looked at there are issues—safety issues, wetland issues, whatever. We looked at the architect's recommendation and we looked at what the community wanted."

Uphaus said, "At the Klager site, the only advantage is soil—other than that, it's too small, and we'd end up using a site we'll need down the road."

"When looking at sites, we realized that the present three schools we have are land locked," Secretary Monty Okey said. "The concern came up that if we chose to build behind Klager, we would still be land locked."

"Ron Mann said at a meeting a few months ago, we need to look long term—look 30, 40, 50 years ahead. He's right."

Deacons added, "I always liked the Beuerle property best. I like the view of it as we come into town. The only thing I still don't like is the power lines. But the property is a good investment at this point."

"I'm glad that the school board and the community are starting to look long term," Wagner said. "We're not limiting ourselves to a small piece of land we can plunk a high school on, a decision that we'll regret later."

"We're constantly looking forward."

#### Gieske Road and safety

The issue of gravel trucks and student safety is a consideration that no one on the board can forget. There is also the issue of paving the road. State Rep. Gene DeRossett has pledged to try to help the district obtain state funding.

"Gravel trucks can be a problem," Wagner said. "We will need to be proactive: a speed limit will need to be set and enforced."

"It is a very valid concern. I think we can work with it."

Uphaus noted that the road will be all-season and that gravel trains will exist all year around.

"But the busiest time of year is probably the two months that school is out of session," he added.

Ellison said that it is his impression that Dennis Doan, owner of Manchester Gravel, wants to be "a good neighbor."

"We're going to work with him and not oppose the gravel pits," he said. "They are part of this community, too."

Roberts said that he believes paving the road is the biggest issue.

"If DeRossett doesn't come through, what will happen?" he asked. "Gravel trucks are definitely an issue. There isn't a member sitting around this table who doesn't think it's an issue to be reckoned with."

"But safety is always an issue. Right now, we have a school that sits 15 or 20 feet away from the busiest road in our community. Is there a chance for them getting hurt there, as well as on the gravel road? Of course there is."

All board members pledged that the safety of the students is an utmost concern and that all measures would be taken to assure the best possible outcome.

#### Cost containment

At the Feb. 5 meeting, one of the issues the board faced was a \$21,000 charge from engineers Ayres, Lewis and Associates, to change the scope of work, due to the change in property locations. The question of cost containment was a topic of questions by audience members at several meetings in December and January.

"We had one of these issues tonight," Oegema said. "And it's always going to be an issue," Ellison added.

Wagner opened the dialogue on this topic.

"The key is the board being aware of all the different line items and the amount of money we have itemized for each indi-

vidual project," she said. "We also keep coming back to the question of 'do we have a budget to build what we said we were going to build?'"

Wagner explained that when the board and CFE created the bond issue, it was an estimated amount.

"We created this in a manner that if the bond didn't pass we wouldn't have created a lot of extra bills for the school to pay out of regular budget funds," she said. "We could have made a big mistake if we had contracted for a lot of preparation work to be done on the properties, and then the bond issue didn't pass."

Ellison added, "I think a lot of the criticisms have come because the public doesn't understand that as a school, you can't do things like in the private sector. It's frustrating."

"It would be nice to go the bank and borrow some money. But we can't—and we didn't have the money, before the bond issue, to make these plans."

"We have to be accountable to the taxpayers. We're doing it backwards, yes, but that's the hand we're dealt by the state."

Currently, the school is in the process of fine-tuning plans within the established budget, and Wagner said it needs to keep a lid on costs.

McConnell asked, "Isn't that why we hired a construction management firm? Even so, I don't feel that we did that so we don't have to keep an eye on it for ourselves."

Oegema confirmed that although the contractors may have to make changes, all bills will come to the board for approval.

"You will approve the contracts," he told the board.

Deacons added, "And we need to keep an eye on everything we approve."

"None of us are experts in building schools," Ellison said. "That's why we have architects and construction managers. We all know they love extras—we just have to be careful."

"I think enough people in this community have told us to be careful; I think the message is clear. There's no perfect system, but I think we all have our eyes open and are willing to listen."

Uphaus added, "When we interviewed construction managers, Tim, Brad and myself looked at six different firms. At that time, all six were very confident that we could do what we wanted to do within the confines of the budget we had set."

"Not one of them said we could not. Right now, material prices are down a lot—it should be an excellent time to build our high school."

"I do have concerns on cost overruns," Roberts said. "I want to make sure the cost allocated for changing the classrooms at Klager doesn't go to pay for a bus loop."

"We want to give the taxpayers what we told them we would give."

#### Curriculum

One topic that a community member brought out during the public participation segment of the Feb. 5 meeting was the issue of improving curriculum throughout the district.

Resident Mike Gregerson said, "Whether we agree with land purchase or not is debatable but it looks like it already has been approved."

"I don't want the board to lose sight of the fact that a new school is not a panacea; there are still curriculum issues that need to be addressed."

In light of Gregerson's comments I asked the board to address this important topic.

"One of (the district's) biggest strengths is aligning our curriculum to state standards," Wagner said. "We're approaching this goal as a district."

The district recently completed a first cycle of outcomes-based accreditation with the North Central Association and is entering into a second cycle of curriculum improvement.

"Part of this second cycle is an analysis of where we're going as a district with curriculum," she explained.

"We're constantly reviewing our curriculum and each subject area is going through that review so we don't need new textbooks for math, science and social studies all at the same time. We're on

a cycle so we are better able to manage on an always-tight budget."

She added that even once new textbooks are in place, an evaluation process is ongoing to find other ways to enhance the programs, and help students with differing learning styles.

"The school board wants to continue teacher in-service programs so that teachers can learn new methods to help educate our children," Okey added. "And children, their techniques to use newer methods to meet the needs of students in this ever-changing world."

And while agreeing with Gregerson that a new facility was not a panacea, Uphaus said that in some areas, such as physical education needs in the middle school and science labs in the high school, better facilities could solve some of the curriculum issues.

"When we started talking about the new school, we told the people we can't deliver education the way it should be today, in this facility," Ellison said. "But Mike asked us the most important question that's been discussed tonight."

"Look at our test scores, our merit scholars. We've been delivering a pretty good product. And even though we are building a new school, I will say that we could have the nicest school in the area but you still have to be concerned on what goes on inside."

Oegema pointed out that although the district has put forth a major effort to upgrade curriculum and is making significant progress, state budget cuts for the next fiscal year probably could force some cutbacks in curriculum improvement programs and textbook upgrades.

"This is an issue everywhere," he said. "Our problem is, we don't have much to cut, and so when we do cut, people will notice."

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Ultimately, the board is in agreement that the public input has been helpful. They also believe that as a whole, they are headed in the right direction.

"We're going to have to get involved, watch our costs, and do the best we can do," McConnell said. "All of us agree the students of the community need this."

Deacons agreed. "For every step backwards we take, we take three steps forward," she said. "We have made a lot of progress and it's working."

Wagner concluded, "Community input is important. The more eyes that look at the project, the more is noticed. We have community meetings planned regularly."

"Look for them, and join us." The community working group met on Feb. 11 and is scheduled to meet again at 7 p.m. on March 11 at the high school media center.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor,

In a time of tight budgets it is critical for basic services such as education to retain adequate funding while avoiding ruinous tax increases. Governor Engler's budget proposal does both.

It will allow a per-pupil funding to increase to \$6,700 while providing \$226 million in tax relief to Michigan residents. The comprehensive plan also recom-

mends funding for several programs at current year levels including at-risk, school readiness, vocational education and career preparation, intermediate school district operations and millage equalizations, adult education and adult learning, bilingual education, math/science centers, and gifted and talented programs.

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will save \$11,230,000 without losing any of the promised increases in education funding.

I fully support this bold proposal, which balances fiscal responsibility, support for education funding and taxpayer needs.

Sincerely,

State Representative  
Gene DeRossett, Manchester

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# SKYWATCH

By Laura Merte  
Staff Writer

Activity in the night sky IS low this month, but winter is still the best time for observing constellations. A unique Valentine's Day treat could be a midnight stargazing session. Three of the more recognizable constellations in the sky have love stories from Greek mythology at their roots to complement the theme.



## ORION

Artemis, goddess of the hunt, was known for her habit of turning people into animals when they displeased her (which was often). She once turned a hunter into a deer when she caught him

spying on her, and his own hounds attacked him, ripping him to shreds.

However, one young man, a good friend named Orion, did strike her fancy. Artemis' twin

brother, Apollo, suspected that the two were a little more than "just friends," and being a bit jealous he sent a scorpion after him.

Orion fought the scorpion bravely, but realized its armor was impenetrable, and jumped in the ocean to swim away from the stinger. Apollo and Artemis were on an island quite some distance away, and when Apollo challenged his sister to hit the small target in the distance (which happened to be Orion), she readily accepted and made the mark in one shot. When she swam out to see what she had hit, she found Orion's body.

She begged her father, Zeus,

to restore Orion's life. He refused, and she dealt with her grief by hanging him in the sky as a constellation.

## URSA MAJOR

Artemis was also known for her chastity, and was accompanied by a group of maidens who were, above all else, required to remain virtuous while in her service. One of these followers was a young lady named Callisto. Zeus, king of the gods, seduced Callisto who eventually became pregnant. Naturally, Artemis was furious, and true to form, turned Callisto into a bear. She then planned to get her revenge by having her hunted

down and killed. Zeus, however, like Callisto quite a bit and rescued her from Artemis, leaving her in the form of a bear and placing her with her son in the heavens.

Callisto's constellation, Ursa Major, is better known as the Big Dipper, and her son Arcas, Ursa Minor, as the Little Dipper.

## ANDROMEDA

Andromeda was the daughter of Cepheus and Cassiopeia, the king and queen of Ethiopia. Cassiopeia was beautiful but vain, and boasted that she and her daughter were more beautiful than all of Poseidon's daughters, the sea nymphs. Poseidon, god of the sea, was furious (his nymphs were renowned for their beauty) and sent a sea monster to terrorize the kingdom.

The only way to pacify Poseidon was to chain Andromeda to the rocks by the sea and sacrifice her to the monster. All seemed lost, until the hero Perseus flew by (he had received winged sandals from the gods). One look at Andromeda and he fell head-over-heels in love. His airborne advantage helped him to slay the monster and free the princess, and they all lived happily after.

## PLANETARIUM SHOWS

The planetarium at the University of Michigan EXHIBIT MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY will be showing two different programs throughout February. The planetarium is located at 1109 Geddes Ave. in Ann Arbor. Tickets are \$3 per person and may be purchased in the museum store one hour

prior to the show.

Women in Astronomy chronicles the stories of women astronomers from ancient times to the present. Show times are at 12:30 and 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, 2:30 p.m. on Sundays and at 2:30 p.m. President's Day (Feb. 18) and Feb. 25 to 28.

The Stars of Winter shows throughout February at 11:30, 1:30 and 3:30 p.m., Saturdays, 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. on Sundays and at 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. President's Day (Feb. 18) and Feb. 25-28

HURST PLANETARIUM in Jackson will present The Explorers of Mauna Kea, which documents the observations being done with cutting-edge technology in Hawaii. The program will run through Feb. 17. Show times are at 7 p.m. Thursdays and 3 p.m. Saturday and Sundays

Hurst planetarium is located within the Ella Sharp Museum Complex, off Fourth Street in Jackson. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2.50 for children age 4-11.

In Toledo, RITTER PLANETARIUM will feature several weekend programs throughout February. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for seniors and children aged 5-12, and free for children under 5.

The planetarium will feature The Winter Skies over Toledo, showing at 7:30 p.m. Fridays, Feb. 15 and 22.

Follow the Drinking Gourd, showing at 1:00 p.m. Saturdays, is perfect for younger children and families. It tells how American slaves were able to use the Drinking Gourd in the sky (the Big Dipper) to escape slavery and gain their freedom.

## POLICE BLOTTER

### HOME INVASION

Deputy Gorney responded to a call regarding a home invasion on Jan. 4 in Bridgewater Township. The perpetrator broke a pane of glass in the sliding door, and various items were stolen with an approximate value of \$740, including a fire-proof safe, documents, and cash. No suspect has been identified, and the case currently is open.

band and wife over a custody arrangement resulted in minor injuries to the female. The male suspect was cooperative, and was transported to Washtenaw County Jail.

### VIOLATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH CODE

On the evening of Feb. 5 Deputy Flint stopped a car for a minor traffic infraction. An adult male passenger in the vehicle was behaving suspiciously, and upon search was found to be in possession of marijuana. The suspect was transported to Washtenaw County Jail. The case is open pending review and prosecution.

### ATTEMPTED SUICIDE

Deputy Gorney responded to a cellular phone call Feb. 6 to an apartment in downtown Manchester regarding an attempted suicide. The man had taken an unknown quantity of various prescription pills, in combination with alcohol. The

individual was transported via Huron Valley Ambulance to Chelsea Community Hospital. The patient will undergo psychiatric treatment.

### BRANDISHING A FIREARM

A 31-year-old man was arrested and lodged in jail for "brandishing a firearm in public" and "possession of a firearm while intoxicated."

Michigan State Troopers Dan Rebar and Matt Shook were sent to check on a 911 hang-up call on Schneider road in Freedom Township at approximately 2:30 a.m. on Feb. 10.

Troopers located a man leaving a residence and walking in the roadway. They observed that he was carrying a gun in his hand. When confronted, the man dropped the gun after several repetitions of the command. The suspect was placed under arrest, and was subsequently observed to be intoxicated.

All persons in the nearby residence were found to be safe. There was no confirmation of

who placed the 911 call.

The gun registered to the suspect was found to be loaded and the hammer cocked, making it even more dangerous as the gun could have been easily discharged. The gun was confiscated as evidence and under state law will be forfeited to the state and destroyed. Both misdemeanor offenses carry a penalty of a maximum 93 days in jail and/or a \$500 fine. Additionally, upon conviction of one or both misdemeanors, the suspect will be ineligible for a CCW (Carrying a Concealed Weapon) license for eight years.

State Police troopers routinely respond to the address from which a 911 call originates, in the event that the caller is injured or in serious trouble, and cannot talk to dispatchers.

### MALICIOUS DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY

On Jan. 19, after a dance at Nellie Ackerson Middle School, a green, glittery, gel-like substance was found on the wall mats and floor of the gym, as well as on the exterior of a passenger vehicle in the parking lot. The case currently is open pending further investigation.

### DOMESTIC ASSAULT

Deputy Cindy Flint responded to a 911 call on Jan. 31 at a private residence in Manchester. An argument between former hus-

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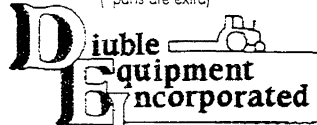
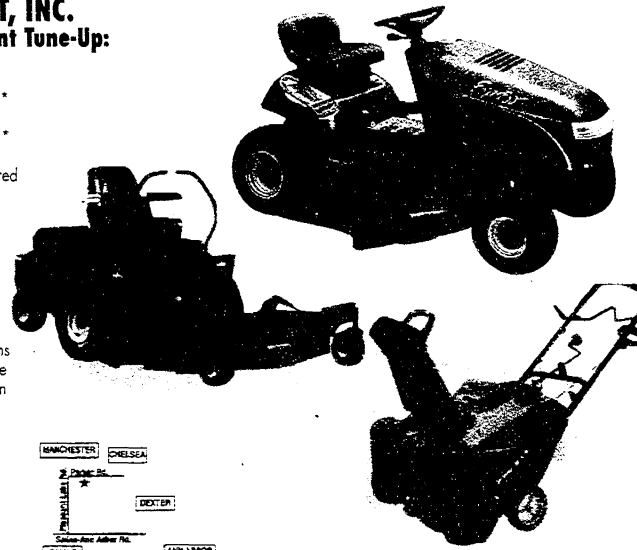
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# February is heart smart month

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Being "heart smart" is taking the time to learn how to be smart for your heart.

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Keeping these blood vessels healthy so that they can move the blood cells throughout the body seems to happen magically. You probably don't even think about it during your normal daily routine. But it is something that needs to be thought of, and February is a good month to learn more about it.

Like any other muscle in the body, your heart needs attention. Cardiovascular disease is often referred to as a "lifestyle" disease. In many cases, how you live your life is what makes the difference when it comes to cardiovascular disease.

Some people are born with specific heart conditions or have inherited genetic abnormalities that make it easier for them to develop diseases of the heart and blood vessels. But it's also true that habits, behaviors and practices may have a tremendous impact on cardiovascular health, regardless of genetic make-up or family history.

There is no question that the food you eat can greatly impact your health. Still, making dietary changes can be very difficult. So start with just one area and learn about it ... then move on to the next.

The food we eat is closely bound to individual cultures.

### Tips on fat intake

Keeping track of your fat intake can be complicated. Here are some key points to remember about fats: Your daily intake of fat should be less than 30 percent of your total calories. A registered dietician can help you determine this. Choose monosaturated fat whenever possible as your fat source (olive or canola oil, for example). Read your food labels and limit foods high in saturated, hydrogenated or partially hydrogenated fat. Eat fish high in omega-3 fatty acids, including tuna, salmon, halibut and whitefish.

attitudes, beliefs and sense of self. People often resist making changes to the way they eat, even when faced with a serious health problem. Some of the resistance may be due to not knowing how to make changes.

Take, for example, "fats." Excess fat is a major cause of weight gain and increases blood cholesterol levels. Fats are a part of your normal diet. They help keep the body lubricated and working well. However, a small amount of fat in your diet is all that you need.

Cholesterol has a waxy make up. It does not dissolve in the bloodstream, but travels through the blood as microscopic particles called lipoproteins. These excess particles of cholesterol in the blood build up in the inside of the blood vessels. Fat in your diet is something that you can control.

There are several types of fat. Understanding the differences in these fats allows people to make healthy choices. Although it may seem that all fats are interchangeable, in reality, food choices in this category can have a significant effect on overall health.

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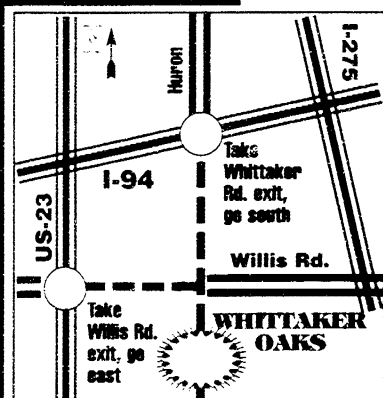
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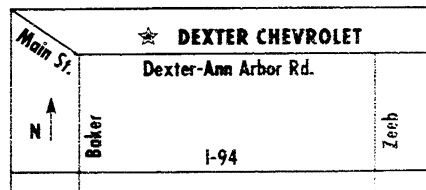
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# MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

Manchester's Nellie Ackerson Middle School is proud to announce the following students who achieved the academic distinction of being placed on the honor roll for the second marking period of the 2001-2002 school year.

**Students in the eighth grade who received all A's:** Justin Baier, Nicholas Baier, Kiersten Bond, Steven Bush, Michael Coltre, Stacey Coval, Katelyn Gall, Jonathan Gibbons, Brian Guenther, Stephanie Haussler, Craig Heilmann, Katelyn Hill, Ryan Kleinschmidt, Allison London, Rebecca Long, Emily McConnell, Daniel Murray, Kyle Neal, Maegan Payne, Emily Ray, Joshua Ritter, Samantha Smith, Holly Staten, Krista Strong, Aimee Werner and Krystle Wilson.

**Eighth grade students on the B honor roll:** Larissa Adamus, Alexandra Breilein, Nicholas Burkhardt, Ian Callaway, Darci Chrestensen, Travis Church, Levi Clark, Brent Coe, Melissa Cole, Steven Dettling, Elizabeth Dover, Lyndsey Ebersberger,

Raymond Ederly, Laura Eisenhauer, Donald Ervin, Bradley Fiegel, Matthew Fusilier, Jason Gaal, Alanna Gehringer, Jesse Gehringer, Justin Hanewald, Jayne Helton, Julie Hinkley, Lauren Hone, Brittany Johnson, Zachary Johnson, Kristen Kinsey, Zach LaCross, Dustin Lee, Christopher Lilienthal, Brent Long, Joseph Mierzwa, Zachary Neal, Misty Neely, Brandon Osmundsen, Lynn Marie Preston, Rachel Reasey, Devin Render, Kristina Schwab, Joshua Scott, Molly Sears, Amy Selecki, Michelle Shirk, Amber Siero, Danielle Simon, Ashley Slocum, Alexander Tallman, Aaron Thomas, Kyle Thomas, Joey Vigilant, Daniel Warner, Alexandria Watson, Shawna Weakley, Martin Wilson and Sara Wootke.

**Seventh grade students with all A's:** Constance Achtenberg, Bradley Alber, David Ball, Nicholas Ball, Samuel Billetdeaux, John Crispin, Lauren Engle, Kevin Fielder, Brian Flahie, Kyle Gagneau,

Hannah Gregerson, Amber Hubbard, Blake Jobkar, Sean Johnson, Alexander Kastanis, Jeremy Kratz, Ashley Lenhart, Elizabeth Little, Nicholas Loud, Jared Meeks, Jacob Neal, Jeremy Satterla, Madison Schaeffer, Gregory Schaible, Jason Terreault, Andrew Tindall, Zachary Vedlitz and Lara Wagner.

**The following seventh graders made the B honor roll:** Jamie Baird, Emily Bolan, Tarah Bondy, John Bortmas, Alexandra Brannock, Jonathan Braun, Cynthia Cabello, Andrew Clark, Weston Clark, Elizabeth Copeland, Thomas Crawford, Alexandra Fairbanks, Kevin Fogelson, Ryan Galaska, Seth Goodell, Andrew Gumtow, Clay Harvey, Travis Henry, Brandon Hone, Joshua Kasbohm, Samuel Kerklau, Jake LaCross, Scott Lewis, Daniel Lobbstaef, Stephanie Mackres, Emma McCosh, Brittany Melcher, Steven Mulcare, Travis Navarro, Alexander Parker-Finger, Crystal Poertner, Nathan Powers, Amanda Pratt, Brent Roberts, Maggie Sucha, Jaimee Tobias, Deanna Uhr, Sarah Uphaus, Derrick Von Broda, Adam Wheeler, Courtney White and Stephen Willson.

**Achieving all A's were the following sixth graders:** Jason Alber, Inga Bamford, Marc Baron, Heather Black, Amanda

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**On the sixth grade B honor roll are:** Zachary Albert, Alia Kelly, Jessica Kirkland, Laura Kerklau, Jake LaCross, Scott Lewis, Daniel Lobbstaef, Stephanie Mackres, Emma McCosh, Brittany Melcher, Steven Mulcare, Travis Navarro, Alexander Parker-Finger, Crystal Poertner, Nathan Powers, Amanda Pratt, Brent Roberts, Maggie Sucha, Jaimee Tobias, Deanna Uhr, Sarah Uphaus, Derrick Von Broda, Adam Wheeler, Courtney White and Stephen Willson.

Emily Noggle, Marissa Olmstead, Justine Owens, Kyler Ritter, Gabrielle Roller, Laura Rubio, Jarod Sawyer, Michael Schirka, Katelyn Sheler and Alyssa Wiseman.

**In fifth grade, students on the A honor roll were:** Blake Bondy, Lacey Brewington, Calvin Briggs, Benjamin Bruursema, Danielle Burch, Caleb Burden, Myranda Catalano, Edward Click, Samantha Creekmore, Elizabeth Curby, Sean Davis, Tesia Dutko, Brook Fraley, Travis Fusilier, Kelsey Gagneau, Holly Ganger, Teresa Gonzalez, Jordan Guest, Tricia Hammer, Trevor Hanewald, Samuel Hatt, Carrah Heilmann, James Heslip, William Heslip, Brian Kemeter, Stacy Kempfer, Randy Kleinschmidt, Samantha Kreklau, Weston Maggetti, Sienna Miller, Emily Pomilio, Joseph Powell, Coyle Render, Alexandra Rickelmann, Will Rickert, Logan Ross, Ryan

Sannes, Devin Schaeckel, Laura Selecki, Jessica Selover, Travis Tubbs, Katy Uphaus, Michelle Walter, John Watson, Candice Weidmayer and Lynne Werner.

**Fifth grade B honorees include:** Zachary Alexander, Christian Baird, Evan Bortmas, Alicia Cantu, Collin Coe, Christopher Davis, Jessica Driscoll, Alan Eichenberg, Ryan Erkfritz, Andrew Fischer, Alexis Gross, Presly Hone, Jeffrey Horodeczny, Grant Jobkar, Morgan Johnson, Alexandra Kalmbach, Kelly Kasbohm, Beau Kingsbury, Ellee Kladzyk, Matthew Layher, Alexandra Lobbstaef, Jacob Mahan, Katrina McDowell, Joshua Miller, Daniel Mulcare, Brianna Neff, Caitlyne Odell, Andrew Rybarsyk, Sarah Snead, Katrina Tobias, Anthony Trupiano, Philip Voegeding, Cevin Walker, Raven Webster and Zachary Ysassi.

## ANNIVERSARY

The family of Leon and Eileen Ball is excited to announce the couple's upcoming 40th wedding anniversary.

Leon and Eileen were married Feb. 17, 1962 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Manchester, where they have lived all their lives. They enjoy retreating to their home in Lakeland, Fla. during the fall and winter months, but always look forward to the return home to Manchester.

The Balls have been blessed with five children and 10 grandchildren: Michael, Cecilia, Ashley and Alex Ball; Mark, Kari, Nicholas, David and Stephanie Ball; Michelle, Bruce, Steven and Brian Dettling; Marie, Eric and Nathaniel Kemner; Melanie, Jason, Ethan and Hannah Woods.

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# Special education rules changes nearing completion

■ Board of Education to hear proposals today.

By Sven Gustafson  
Staff Writer

New and much-scrutinized proposals to change special education programs in Michigan are expected to go into effect this month, and might look less drastic if Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Watkins has his way.

Watkins wants to overrule what thousands of vocal, concerned parents have proven to be controversial changes to current rules. He has included the items in a list of final recommendations, which he will take to the State Board of Education meeting Feb. 14.

"From that point, we will look for a final approval," said T.J. Bucholz, public information officer for the Michigan Department of Education.

The road to implementing new rules has been a rocky one from the onset. Former superintendent Art Ellis introduced the proposed changes last March, distributing nearly 2,000 copies of the proposed rules to education groups statewide with the aim of getting the rules signed by his retirement on May 1.

But that didn't sit well with parents, who sued the state in April to get more time to comment on the proposals.

An Ingham County Circuit Court judge extended the public comment period to Oct. 1. Watkins was appointed State Superintendent by the State Board of Education on April 30, 2001.

During the time of public comment, the MDE conducted 46 presentations around the state. Five more "listen and learn" gatherings were held in November, and Watkins conducted a videoconference with residents of the Upper Peninsula in December.

Based on the 11,000 comments received, Watkins, who continually stressed he was listening to feedback, was able to determine things that "need" to be changed, including changes ordered by the federal government, things that would be "nice" to change, and things that would be "nuts" to change.

As a result, his draft reverses

the most controversial proposals. Among them are proposals to do away with caseload and class size mandates, eliminate teacher consultants and the state rule requiring 230 instruction days for severely impaired students, and proposals to give intermediate school districts more flexibility in designing rules.

The rules, which Watkins said would support and enhance federal regulations, create flexibility in special education program design, support current practices and eliminate outdated Michigan rules, which have not been updated in 25 years. But with Watkins' newest draft, the rules now look the same as current rules to many.

"The reality is he's backedpedaled on nearly everything," said Jim Woodhams, director of special education for Manchester and Milan. "The new rules package that they're working on has very few changes" save for language, he said. For example, the word 'handicapped' would be changed to 'disabled.'

"I don't think it's doing enough. It looked to me as an opportunity to be creative and do things differently, and it looks as though we're in the same place."

According to the Office of Special Education and Early Intervention Services, there were 83,865 students enrolled in special education programs for the 2000-2001 school year in public schools in Michigan.

In 2000, according to Standard & Poor's, 179 of 1,222 total students in Manchester Community Schools were enrolled in special education programs, which could take into account speech and language assistance courses. Woodhams said between 12 percent and 15 percent of Manchester's student

population is eligible for special education programs.

"(The input) has been very strong in favor of keeping the rules as they are now because Michigan is a leader in special education," said Karen Schulz, communications consultant for the Michigan Education Association. "Some people were in the feeling that Michigan was a rigidly categorical state."

The Department of Education, she said, "has really listened to what seems to work well in the classroom. 'The draft looks very positive to us.'"

Although special education rules change every five years in accordance to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), state rules have not been revised for 25 years, leaving many to believe a change is due.

"I think that Michigan was a special education leader 25 years ago when the rules were first implemented," Bucholz said. "Michigan is a leader, but we need to do better."

Schulz explained that current Michigan laws go beyond what the federal law requires, and thereby cost extra money. For example, Michigan rules currently provide for minimum caseloads for students according to disability. One of the controversial proposals would have done away with these, meaning that there would be no limit to the amount of students under a given teacher's supervision.

"From the parent's viewpoint, it's 'how does my child get services?'" said Ruth VanBogelen, one of two Manchester representatives on the parent advisory committee for the Washtenaw Intermediate School District. "I did not want to see that change. I understand the financial requirements that (it) puts on

schools, but I think that's important."

VanBogelen's son Nicholas, now at Albion College, took learning disability classes for his dyslexia at Manchester High School. Her younger son Craig, a ninth grader, takes language and speech classes and has a learning disability in math. She said she has not seen Watkins' revised draft.

VanBogelen said one of the keys to her children's success was the fact she became educated in the area. Her son Craig used technology to get him to read, and she said he is now "doing quite well." She would like to see schools training parents in taking a more active role.

"If a student can't read, and everything in school depends on reading, then that student is at a huge disadvantage," she said.

"I think it takes a lot of parents and teachers to cooperate together. It can work, but it's not

just straightforward."

VanBogelen said she is concerned about the coming changes.

"I think that if 20 percent of students have difficulty in some aspect of school and qualify for special education ... we need to handle that. As a community, it's part of education.

"Some of the changes are good, but what we need to look at is how they are interpreted." The next step is for Watkins to

forward the rules to the Office of Regulatory Reform, to the Legislative Service Bureau to be put into administrative rule form, and then the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules. The rules package will then be filed with the Secretary of State and will take effect seven days later.

Once the rules are put into effect, the state will schedule a meeting to explain the changes and how they will be implemented.



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■ Fourth-grade pupils bring prevention message to classmates.

Jim Krzyzaniak's fourth-grade students Ryan Lenhart and Sarah Barnett represented the classroom in reading their D.A.R.E. essays at the completion ceremonies in January.



Fourth-graders Ryan Lenhart (left) and Sarah Barnett represented Jim Krzyzaniak's class with their D.A.R.E. essays.

**D.A.R.E.**  
by Ryan Lenhart

D.A.R.E. stands for Drug Abuse Resistance Education. I learned lots of things in D.A.R.E. this year. I learned 8 ways to say "No" to drugs. Deputy Armstrong and Deputy Cavanaugh taught us not to abuse good drugs. To be violence free stay away from bad kids or gangs. I learned many things about gangs: like how they wear their clothing and hats. I also know how to handle myself if I run into a gang or bully. You have to be drug free to play sports and stay healthy. If you want to go to a good college, you have to stay drug free and get good grades.

The D.A.R.E. program taught me how to be a good student. It taught me how to respect and

help others with problems. I have learned how bad drugs can hurt you. You can get hurt or die on the first try of using drugs. I have learned that you don't ever want to go near strangers that are selling drugs.

Drugs can also be abused even if they are to be used for sicknesses. Sometimes not following the directions on the label. Playing sports helps you to stay away from drugs. If you get caught with any drugs, you will be kicked off the team. Sometimes you might not be able to play again. Usually by playing sports you are with friends who don't do drugs and you don't have to deal with peer pressure or violence as much.

Staying away from gangs and other bad people can stop violence. If you run into violence, just walk away.

I think the D.A.R.E. program is good for kids who are just learning about drugs, alcohol, and other bad things for your body. Tobacco is used if you are smoking; it can turn your lungs black and make it hard for you to breathe. Drinking can make you do bad things and it may cause death if you get into an accident on the road. I think that learning more about the drugs will help you to say "No" because you know what they can do to you. D.A.R.E. helps many people understand what drugs and alcohol can do to you and your families.

I liked the D.A.R.E. program and learned how to handle

things in a different way. Violence, drugs and alcohol are bad for you and I will say, "NO!"

**D.A.R.E.**  
By Sarah Barnett

Hi! My name is Sarah Barnett. I'm nine years old and in fourth grade. Today I would like to show you the meaning of D.A.R.E. I think that D.A.R.E. should be taught all over the world. If everyone were to look deep in their heart, they would understand that everyone deserves a long and healthy life.

I loved every second of D.A.R.E. and I hope that everyone else has learned and enjoyed it as much as I have. I learned that if you want to live a long and healthy life like I do, you will take the time to realize the danger of drugs and violence.

For example, if you were in activities such as sports and you were caught taking drugs or participating in violence toward other teammates, you could be kicked off the team. I also learned how important it is to say "No" to drugs and violence.

I plan to use this information in life, so that I can have a successful career. I believe that if I say "No" to drugs and violence, I will have a happy and healthy life. I will also have a better chance at going to any college that I choose. By saying "No" to drugs and violence, I will have better control of my life. By making the right choices I will be a better student and person.

I hope everyone realizes that the D.A.R.E. officers could be doing other jobs. However, they have chosen to keep our commu-

nity safe. I think the D.A.R.E. program is an excellent program. I am glad that I participated in it. I hope everyone will remember the meaning of D.A.R.E. because I know I will.

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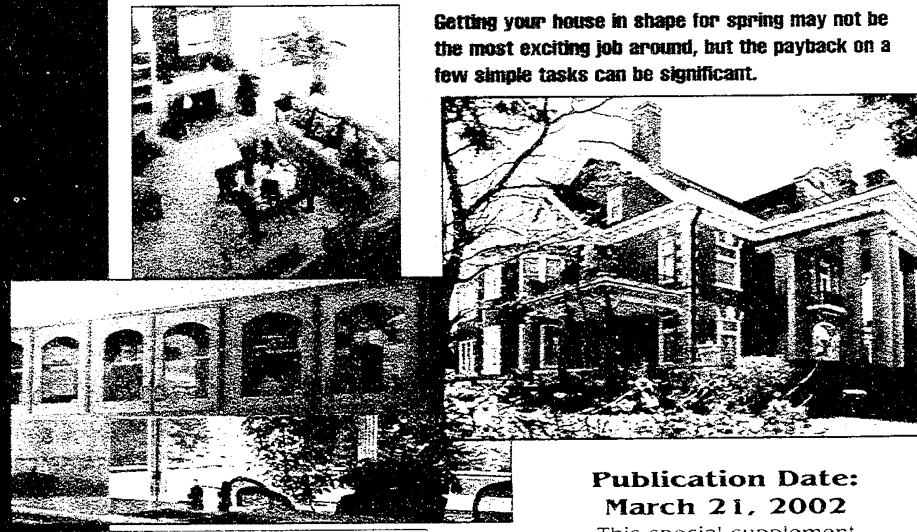


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# Website rates school performance

Local district above average in MEAP scores.

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand  
Associate Editor

New information about the performance of Michigan's K-12 public school districts and charter schools now is available on the Standard & Poor's School Evaluation Services (SES) Web site. The Center for Educational Performance and Information manages the state's association with SES and compiles much of the data on Michigan's schools used for analysis by SES.

The site lists Standard and Poor's observations of all districts and charter schools across the state, including the Manchester Community Schools district.

"Relative to other K-12 school districts in Michigan, Manchester Community Schools produces average student results with spending that is comparable to statewide levels," the report begins.

Among the student results considered are the districts' MEAP, ACT, SAT, PSAT and AP scores as well as graduation and dropout rates.

Manchester's strengths include a moderately above-average MEAP composite passing rate, well above-average MEAP composite passing rate for the Class of 2000, a well above-average graduation rate and a very favorable dropout rate, as compared to statewide averages.

"Since the launch of School Evaluation Services in May 2001, parents, educators, and policymakers have had unprecedented access to objective information about the performance of Michigan's public

schools and students," said Madhu Anderson, Director of the center. "Now, more than ever, we need to evaluate the value of every dollar spent in our schools. The addition of data from the 2000 school year to the SES Web site will help both state and local policymakers identify those resources that are contributing to improvements in student achievement."

The SES Web site has logged over 305,000 unique visitor sessions since it was launched just eight months ago. According to Standard & Poor's, about 35 percent of visitors to the SES site identify themselves as parents and 33 percent as school administrators or teachers.

In addition to the new data, Standard & Poor's has enhanced the SES Web site with more navigation tools to guide users through the site. A

menu page has been added to connect users with a single click of their mouse to the precise report or type of data they need.

Parent pages, spending summary, return on resources and learning environment are some of the many aspects of the district included in the report. The report may be found in Standard and Poor's school evaluation website at <http://www.ses.standardandpoors.com/>. Follow the links to select the state of Michigan, then log in with a user role. Districts are listed alphabetically on the site.

The center's web site ([www.michigan.gov/cepi](http://www.michigan.gov/cepi)) also provides a direct link to the SES web site. The center is the state agency that collects, analyzes, and reports data about the performance of Michigan's public schools and students.

# RECYCLE

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The DEQ claims it has heard nothing since September.

Schwartz was unavailable for comment.

"They really kind of bent over backwards for this guy," said John Mitts, a detective with the DEQ Office of Criminal Investigations. Mitts would not otherwise comment on the case because it was in the investigative phase.

Citing an aerial photograph, the DEQ counted 90 trailers at C&L in an Oct. 26, 2001 letter. Kind maintains he has continued to remove trailers, and that they now total about 60. The DEQ wants that number pared down to 10 or less.

Stan Idziak, the DEQ environmental quality analyst who has been inspecting C&L, said he last visited C&L on Dec. 12. He said Kind was not present that day, but workers were.

"I didn't see any changes there," he said.

Kind said the DEQ orders to remove homes are an example where "one hand doesn't know what the other hand is doing."

"But it's their law," he continued. "The DEQ is a state-run government, just like the Secretary of State."

Kind noted that cleanup is slowed by the process of buying security bonds and applying for abandoned titles to the homes from the Secretary of State. He said the process can take months.

"They're people's homes," he

said. "You can't just take them and scrap 'em."

Kind said the manufactured homes come from tenant evictions, and arrive from all over the state.

Asked what his understanding of the violations was, Kind replied, "That we have homes over there that are not livable."

"They can't really put a standard on what's livable and what's not," he said. Kind described how many of the trailers have clothes, toys or other debris lying on the floor.

"The way people live is the way people live," he said. "It's not the way they (DEQ) live."

Asked whether there could be contamination from chemicals in the trailers, Kind said, "There's nothing like that."

When contacted, Russell said he had not yet notified Kind about the criminal referral.

"I don't know that we necessarily would," he said. "He's had his chance ... and he hasn't been real helpful."

Kind confirmed he had heard nothing regarding violation deadlines.

He said he recently sold three junkyards in Paw Paw, Southfield, and the Flint area, and is busy cleaning them up and clearing mobile homes off the properties. Kind said he has had no troubles with the DEQ concerning those sites.

As for selling the junkyard, Kind noted there were two interested parties. Kind is asking \$400,000 for C&L.

"I'm kind of backing out right now," he said. "If they meet my

price, I'll sell it. I need to keep one yard operating."

DEQ officials did not specify the exact nature or number of the alleged violations, except to say the violations were for not complying with Part 115. Any timetable regarding issuance of fines is dependent on the investigators.

"Essentially, once we're in enforcement mode, we don't want to discuss a site," said Russell. "We don't want to interfere with the investigation."

The DEQ has previously stated that C&L is operating as an unlicensed processing facility.

C&L is licensed as an auto junkyard, which is permitted under Manchester Township zoning ordinances.

But an auto salvage yard would produce only about 10 percent of waste by volume. Because up to 50 percent of a mobile home's volume is not recyclable, the operation is subject to DEQ rules regulating solid waste disposal facilities.

Part 115 stipulates that processing facilities, which process waste via salvage or disposal or both, must be licensed by the DEQ Waste Management Division. They also must have a construction permit and be incorporated as part of the county's solid waste plan.

"Until there is a law that a mobile home is solid waste ... they can't come in your house and say this is solid waste," said Kind.

Kind added he plans to continue to work toward compliance with DEQ requests.

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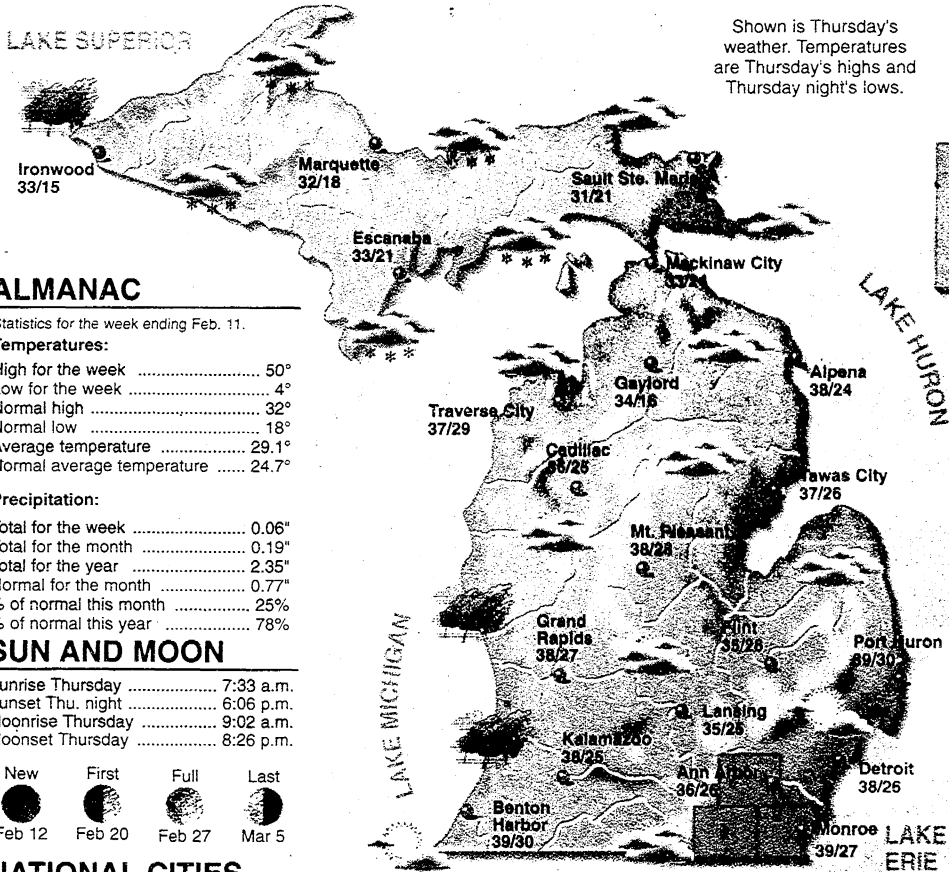
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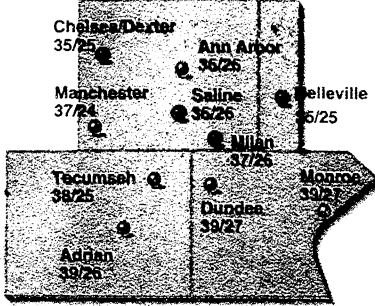
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HIGH: 34°-38° Partly sunny and windy.	LOW: 24°-28° Cloudy and brisk; flurries possible.	HIGH: 34°-38° Flurries; mostly cloudy and windy. LOW: 26°-30°	HIGH: 34°-38° Periods of sunshine. LOW: 24°-28°	HIGH: 38°-42° Partly sunny. LOW: 28°-32°	HIGH: 38°-42° More clouds than sunshine. LOW: 28°-32°

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Four-day forecast indicates peak feeding times for fish and game.

Major	Minor	Major	Minor
Thu: 12:54 a.m.	7:05 a.m.	1:15 p.m.	7:25 p.m.
Fri: 1:40 a.m.	7:50 a.m.	2:00 p.m.	8:10 p.m.
Sat: 2:25 a.m.	8:35 a.m.	2:45 p.m.	8:55 p.m.
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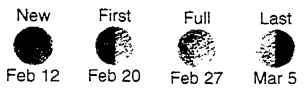
Statistics for the week ending Feb. 11.

**Temperatures:**  
High for the week ..... 50°  
Low for the week ..... 4°  
Normal high ..... 32°  
Normal low ..... 18°  
Average temperature ..... 29.1°  
Normal average temperature ..... 24.7°

**Precipitation:**  
Total for the week ..... 0.06"  
Total for the month ..... 0.19"  
Total for the year ..... 2.35"  
Normal for the month ..... 0.77"  
% of normal this month ..... 25%  
% of normal this year ..... 78%

### SUN AND MOON

Sunrise Thursday ..... 7:33 a.m.  
Sunset Thu. night ..... 6:06 p.m.  
Moonrise Thursday ..... 9:02 a.m.  
Moonset Thursday ..... 8:26 p.m.



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Albany	34/21/s	39/23/pc	Burlington, IA	48/24/s	42/28/pc	Des Moines	48/20/pc	40/27/s	Las Vegas	61/43/c	61/43/pc	Oklahoma City	54/32/s	56/36/pc	St. Louis	52/28/s	46/32/s
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Anchorage	26/12/c	18/7/s	Casper	40/20/pc	44/24/s	El Paso	62/40/pc	66/40/pc	Lincoln	52/19/s	46/27/s	Orlando	64/46/c	72/48/pc	San Antonio	62/44/s	68/48/pc
Atlanta	53/34/s	55/34/s	Cedar Rapids	44/20/pc	40/23/pc	Fairbanks	14/-12/c	2/-19/c	Little Rock	54/32/s	58/36/s	Palm Springs	75/45/pc	72/45/pc	San Diego	62/48/pc	62/48/pc
Atlantic City	42/30/s	48/32/pc	Charleston, SC	56/32/s	62/40/s	Fargo	33/10/sf	30/16/pc	Los Angeles	65/48/pc	65/46/pc	Peoria	48/24/s	42/26/c	San Francisco	60/44/s	62/46/s
Austin	60/42/s	66/50/pc	Charleston, WV	46/30/s	44/27/pc	Flagstaff	52/22/s	48/22/pc	Louisville	44/30/s	46/30/c	Philadelphia	42/28/s	48/32/pc	Santa Fe	53/25/pc	55/26/pc
Baltimore	42/24/s	50/32/pc	Charlotte	50/30/s	56/34/s	Fort Wayne	40/26/pc	40/26/c	Madison	44/22/pc	36/22/pc	Phoenix	75/52/pc	73/50/pc	Seattle	50/38/s	52/40/pc
Baton Rouge	58/34/s	65/41/s	Cheyenne	42/18/pc	48/24/s	Gary	44/25/pc	40/25/c	Memphis	53/35/s	53/35/s	Pittsburgh	40/28/s	44/32/pc	South Bend	38/26/pc	37/24/sf
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# Varsity basketball split games

■ *As season winds down, team looks to improve its patience.*

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand  
Associate Editor

The varsity split in last week's games, winning a make up game against Addison 67-45 on Wednesday and falling to conference leaders Hanover-Horton 66-55 on Friday.

In Wednesday's game, Manchester coach Bryan Barnard said that the team did a good job of pressing the ball.

"We did a good job with our press, creating some turnovers there, and got some easy baskets early in the game," he said. "We also stopped their best player, who averages 24 points per game, keeping him to just 13 points."

Jacob Sawyer covered the Panthers' player, holding him to just two points in the second half of the game. Nate Smith also helped in covering the player, Barnard said.

Nick Strobl led the team with 16 points, followed by Mike

Walter with 10 and Aaron LaRock with nine points. Brent Leverett scored seven and Jeff Panches six; Josh McCalla dunked in five points and Jon Schaible four. Smith and Casey Preuninger added three each.

"Offensively, Nick (Strobl) did well," Barnard said. "He got a lot of his points because he was really getting down the court; running before them and beating their big guys back."

"We outworked their big guys by far."

Barnard characterized the game as pretty well balanced.

"A lot of people contributed," he said. "Everyone got to play a lot and it was a good night for everyone."

Sawyer led the team in rebounds with eight while Walter had six.

Friday night the team did not fare so well, losing to Hanover-Horton 66-55.

Panches scored 18 points, followed by Strobl with 15. The duo also tied in rebounding leads with five.

Leverett scored 13 points. Jon Schaible and Walter three each.

Karl Schaible two and McCalla one point.

"Jeff and Nick both played really well," Barnard said. "We tried to go inside, because we do have the height advantage."

"We did a good job early on: it was a close game all the way through."

With just four and a half minutes left in the game, it was a close 52-49 score.

"Then we had three or four bad possessions in a row," Barnard said. "You can't do that in a close game like that. We just had a short stint where we didn't play well; they capitalized on our turnovers and took them in to score."

Despite the loss, Barnard was proud of his team's performance.

"We forced them to turn it over 19 times, which is hard to do against the Comets because their point guard is so good," he said. "We did a good job there and we took good care of the ball early in the game, and pretty much throughout."

One thing the team has

focused on in practice recently is the virtue of patience.

"We've talked about being patient on offense," Barnard said. "Waiting for the good play, making good decisions and getting quality shots. I thought we played much more patient than any time in the season. We did a better job of being in not such a hurry, not forcing things, and that's a good thing."

"But we had that little bit of time, a bout a minute, a minute and a half, where we kind of lapsed. They took advantage of that."

Barnard complimented Hanover's varsity team.

"They shot the ball over 55 percent from the floor and 12 for 15 from the line," he said. "You can't make many mistakes against them; they take advantage of any little mistake you make. That's about the story of this game."

The game was a disappointment to the Dutchmen and their coach.

"I think we can compete with them," Barnard said. "They



Brent Leverett scored 13 points in last week's disappointing loss to league leaders Hanover-Horton.

Photo by David Jose

showed our guys what it is we have to fix. Hopefully we can do that by the end of the season, and make a run for the district."

The team faced Gabriel Richard on Tuesday and will play at East Jackson tomorrow night.

Of Gabriel Richard, Barnard said the team is one who likes to slow down the pace of the game.

"They try to work the clock

and play a zone defense," he said. "We'll have to speed it up and take good shots on offense."

And he believes the Dutch will likely face a zone defense tomorrow night at East Jackson, too.

"We'll have to work on our zone offense," he said. "We did take a step forward with our patience last week; we'll continue to work on doing that."

## Cheerleaders top Class C teams in competition

■ *Strong competition doesn't deter Dutch.*

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand  
Associate Editor

The Manchester Cheer Team participated in a competition against schools from across southeastern Michigan last month and came home with sixth-place honors.

The competition, held at Grosse Pointe South High School, took place on Jan. 26 and pitted the squad against more than 30 teams in classes A through D.

"We took sixth place against mostly Class B teams," Manchester coach Carmen Williams said. "We were the only Class C team to place and we felt pretty good about that."

"We competed against about 15 different teams for Classes B, C and D."

In team competition, the first round was the leadership round, and the second was a creative round.

"We did a little better and scored a little higher in our creative round, because we have a lot of different stunts in our creative round," Williams said. "We do a lot of harder things and I

think that helped us."

Although the team scored well on level of difficulty, a few minor mistakes brought down the execution scores slightly.

Williams also said that the team benefited from seeing so many other cheer squads in action at the tournament.

"We were a lot stuck in some old-school cheering," she said. "So it helped the team to go against the bigger Class B teams."

"It was good to see examples of a lot of different styles," Williams said that although her original plans were to take both the junior varsity and varsity teams to competition, minor injuries to the teams meant that she instead pulled some junior varsity members to the varsity level.

This weekend the team looks forward to another tournament and will host the conference competition next Wednesday.

For this week's competitions, Williams said the team has changed its cheers around a bit.

"We've added more visual sections to it, and that will benefit us in these upcoming competitions," she said. "We're ready for the next one and have been practicing hard."



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### CHALLENGE

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school cheerleading coach, was happy to have Counts on the team and looked forward to him being an asset to the competitive cheer team.

The Michigan Cheerleading Coaches' Association (MCCA) does allow male cheerleaders to participate in its competitions.

"(Having a boy on the team) is one of the biggest changes this year," she said in a December interview.

Leaders for that game included Sydney Johnson with one kill and 11 assists and Jose with

"The girls who are flyers on top feel really confident with him," Gall said that Williams was made aware of the Cascades Conference rules about boys participating in cheering competitions.

"No one told me a boy was going out for the team, until it was already done," he said.

Gall said that because Manchester never had boys on the cheer teams, he had never before investigated these rules.

three kills. Hyde had seven points, four aces and two digs while Alber added four points, three aces and one kill.

### CONFIDENCE

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Michelle Slocum had seven points and three aces to her credit.

Kelli Randall logged four kills and two blocks while Sarah Johnson had four points, one ace and 11 assists.

The team also met Rudolph Steiner School from Ann Arbor and won that match 15-0, 15-8.

Roughton characterized Saturday's tournament as a "real positive day," adding that the team really played their own game for what may have been the first time all year.

"The teams we played were a little bit less than ours skill-wise," he said.

Scott and Longo did not win their matches but have continued to improve.

### WRESTLERS

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Vleck commented. Knuouse won the first tournament of his high school career.

"This will probably be the first of many if he continues to improve," Vleck said.

Meyer, wrestling far above his weight, went 2-2 on the day to finish in fourth place and collect his 21st and 22nd wins.

"I was real proud of James showing a lot of heart, wrestling the bigger kids," Vleck said.

It came up at December Athletic Directors meeting, because Michigan Center and East Jackson both have boys in sideline cheer.

Gall added that he had talked to the parents about this at a lengthy meeting, and explained why the conference has the rule.

Williams said that when Counts tried out for cheerleading, "I didn't know, I had no clue." It was

there was such a rule. "I let him know after Mr. Gall told me, and told him we would work around it."

Williams said the whole issue is "very overwhelming."

"I wanted to do the cheer the way we'll do it at conference, so I pulled him out for the sake of the team," she said.

"He seemed to be OK, about that, but I did feel bad about it, Andrew's done a good job this season, he's really strong in round two, but I didn't feel confident enough putting him in, not knowing if he was going to be able to cheer at conference."

Coutts said, "I made the choice to challenge (the rule). I didn't think it was fair, because girls are allowed to do football, all the guys sports, but guys can't do girls sports."

"They (MHSAA) didn't have a good reason, or an explanation." He says he is trying to break some ground and show that the rules simply aren't fair.

"I know a lot of guys, like three or four, who would go out for cheerleading if they could compete," he said.

Gisting agrees. "It's not fair when this young man is being discriminated against," she said.

"Girls are being treated as a favored class because in the past they have been discriminated against. It's kind of like affirmative action based on sex."

There are MCCA rules, MHSAA rules, Cascade Conference rules ... It's hard to get through all this."

Gall knows exactly how hard it is. "I guess I'm damned if I do and damned if I don't," he said.

"It's a tough subject, and I'm not so old school that I don't think boys should be cheerleading. I'm not saying a boy can't be a cheerleader. I'm just saying it's a rule and until the rule gets changed I have to abide by it."

"My role is to be able to get Andrew to participate," she said.

out filing a circuit court action or an injunction or making a federal complaint.

"There's an easy answer to all of this but there's no way of knowing whether (the league) will do it. This is a league rule, not a Manchester rule."

"I guess I just wish things could have been handled with more communication, this is my own opinion," he said.

Coutts says he has his parents, Mike and Beth Coutts, full support.

"I'd keep up with it even if they weren't encouraging me, but they're behind me 100 percent," he said.

"If they won't let me (in next week's competition) I'll keep challenging and challenging until they set the idea that I'm being serious."

"This is important to me."

MANCHESTER VILLAGE COUNCIL AGENDA Monday, February 18, 2002, 7:00 P.M. AGENDA: 1. Call meeting to order 2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag 3. Minutes of the previous meeting 4. Approval of Agenda 5. Public Participation 6. Old Business

VILLAGE OF MANCHESTER NOTICE TO RESIDENTS The last day for brush pick-up from the recent ice storm is February 28, 2002

VILLAGE OF MANCHESTER NOTICE TO RESIDENTS The Department of Public Works would like to remind residents that Section 257.677a(4) prohibits a person from depositing or causing to be deposited, snow, ice or slush on any roadway or highway.

MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING The Manchester Township Board of Review for 2002 will be held at the Manchester Township Hall, 275 South Macomb Street, on the following dates: Tuesday, March 5, 2002, 9:00 a.m. - Organizational Meeting

WANTED: FREEDOM TOWNSHIP TREASURER Our current Treasurer cannot legally finish his term (expires November 2004).

BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW MEETINGS The Bridgewater Township Board of Review for 2002 will be held at the Bridgewater Township Hall, 10990 Clinton, MI 49236 on the following dates: Tuesday, March 5, 7:00 P.M. - Organizational Meeting

MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP PROPOSED SYNOPSIS OF A SPECIAL BOARD MEETING HELD MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2002 Supervisor Mann called the special meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members present: Widmayer, Macomber, Hakes and Mann.

SHARON TOWNSHIP NOTICE MEETINGS OF BOARD OF REVIEW NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL PERSONS LIABLE TO ASSESSMENT FOR TAXES IN THE TOWNSHIP OF SHARON, COUNTY OF WASHTENAW, STATE OF MICHIGAN

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MANCHESTER VILLAGE APPROVED PROCEEDS - VILLAGE COUNCIL JANUARY 21, 2002 President Schaffer called the regular meeting of the Manchester Village Council to order at 7:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

THE BOARD OF REVIEW WILL MEET TO HEAR APPEALS AND MAKE JUSTIFIED CHANGES AT THE TOWNSHIP HALL ON Monday, March 11, 2002 9:00 A.M.-12 Noon and 1:00 P.M.-4:00 P.M.

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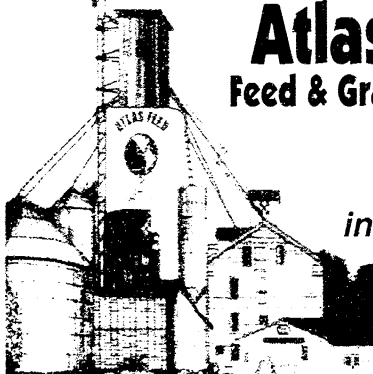
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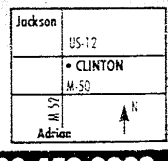
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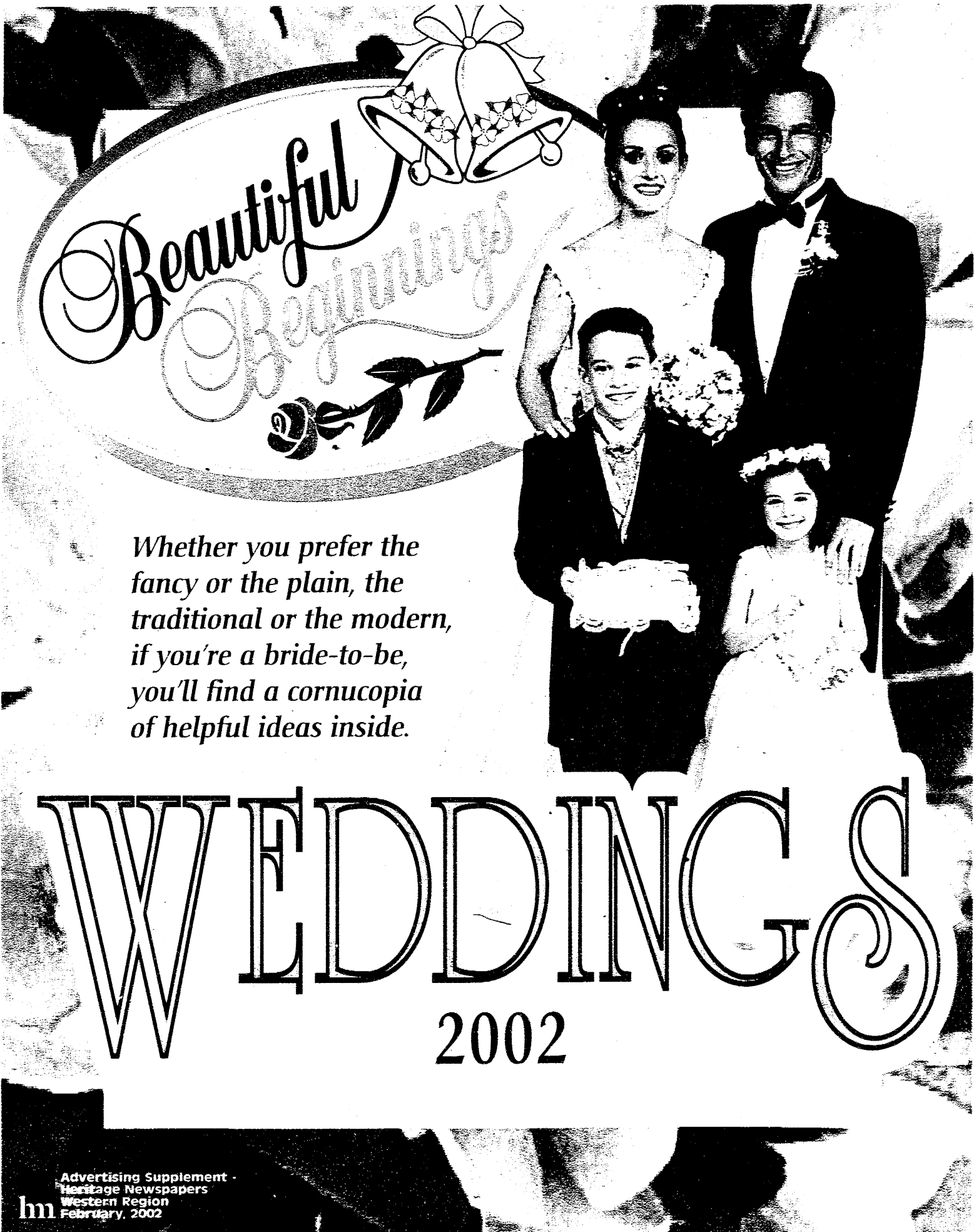
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- ♥ Set budget and number of guests to be invited.
- ♥ Decide type of wedding: informal or formal.
- ♥ Choose and secure the ceremony location.
- ♥ Choose and book the officiant.
- ♥ Choose and secure the reception location.
- ♥ Buy wedding rings.
- ♥ Book wedding consultant, if applicable.

- ♥ Hire stylist for wedding hair and makeup.
- ♥ Hire a coordinator to orchestrate the ceremony and reception, if applicable.

#### FOUR TO SIX MONTHS AHEAD

- ♥ Select men's formal wear.
- ♥ Shop for home furnishings.
- ♥ Book room for wedding night.
- ♥ Choose and order favors.

#### TWO TO FOUR MONTHS AHEAD

- ♥ Address wedding invitations.
- ♥ Choose groom's and attendants' gifts.
- ♥ Confirm delivery dates of all dresses.
- ♥ Discuss details of menu with caterer.
- ♥ Discuss ceremony with officiant.
- ♥ Choose readings and confirm vows for ceremony.
- ♥ Schedule the rehearsal.
- ♥ Confirm rehearsal dinner arrangements.

#### EIGHT TO 12 MONTHS AHEAD

- ♥ Arrange for families to meet if they have not already.
- ♥ Announce engagement in local newspaper.
- ♥ Order gown.
- ♥ Order accessories: veil, lingerie, gloves, shoes.
- ♥ Compile guest lists from both the bride and groom's families.
- ♥ Choose and notify attendants.
- ♥ Select and order attendants' gowns.
- ♥ Select caterer.
- ♥ Select photographer.
- ♥ Select balloon decorator, florist, videographer.
- ♥ Select and order wedding cake and cake top.
- ♥ Select and register bridal registry items.
- ♥ Select music for ceremony.
- ♥ Select music/entertainment for reception.
- ♥ Discuss honeymoon plans.
- ♥ Plan details of reception.

#### SIX TO EIGHT WEEKS AHEAD

- ♥ Buy stockings and any remaining accessories needed.
- ♥ Have final dress fitting.
- ♥ Pickup rings: check engraving.
- ♥ Buy guest book, pen, toasting glasses, unity candles, garter, cake knife and server, flower girl's basket, and ring bearer's pillow.
- ♥ Print wedding programs.
- ♥ Mail invitations.
- ♥ Practice hairstyle with veil, if doing your own hair for wedding.
- ♥ Make name change to proper documents.
- ♥ Remind your bridesmaids of final gown fittings.
- ♥ Plan bridesmaids' party.
- ♥ Have formal wedding portrait taken.
- ♥ Pick up gown or have it delivered.
- ♥ As gifts arrive, send thank you notes.
- ♥ Assign friends or family to assist with corsages, boutonnieres, guest book, gift table, and cake cutting.
- ♥ Send requests lists to photographer, to videographer and musicians.
- ♥ Plan bouquet preservation.

#### SIX TO EIGHT MONTHS AHEAD

- ♥ Plan details with florist.
- ♥ Order invitations, announcements, personal stationary and thank you notes.
- ♥ Reserve limousine transportation for the bridal party.
- ♥ Reserve or arrange transportation to and from the ceremony and reception for out-of-town guests.
- ♥ Reserve rental equipment: tables, chairs and tents.
- ♥ Find a new place to live.
- ♥ Finalize honeymoon plans with fiancé.
- ♥ Reserve accommodations for out-of-town guests.
- ♥ Book engagement portrait photographer.

#### TWO WEEKS AHEAD

- ♥ Set a date with your fiancé to get the marriage license.
- ♥ Double check attire and accessories for all members of the wedding party.
- ♥ Confirm time and date of wedding

# Weddings 2002



## Tying the knot and bank account: A financial plan

What a honeymoon! You had a wonderful time, spending money like movie stars and relaxing after the whirlwind of a wedding. But now the gifts are opened, the "thank you" notes are looming, you're back at work and the bills are waiting.

So how do you and your spouse merge your finances and begin a life of married bliss?

According to a nationwide survey conducted by NFO Research for IHateFinancialPlanning.com, arguing with a spouse or partner about money is one of the top three things that worry Americans the most about their personal finances.

The same survey notes that couples would rather make whoopee than talk about financial planning (well, who wouldn't?). That shouldn't come as much of a surprise for newlyweds, but your finances (or lack thereof) still need to be addressed.

"Although it can be stressful, time consuming and a little overwhelming, merging finances doesn't have to be a negative experience," says Randy Schuldt, vice president of IHateFinancialPlanning.com, a Web site for the three out of four Americans who hate financial planning.

The Web site offers the following tips for newlyweds hoping to live happily ever after:

Know where you are headed.

Even before you walk down the aisle, we recommend that you and your soon-to-be spouse share the intimate details of your financial life. You may find that both of you hate financial planning, but that doesn't mean that avoiding it together makes it any easier.

To change or not to change.

Some couples stay with their given names, some women replace their middle name with their maiden name, some couples hyphenate and others create a completely new last name. It's up to you. However, if you are going to change your name, take the time to update records, identification and other important documents. Let the government in on your good news.

If you change your name, you will also need to update your Social Security card, preferably before tax season comes around. Visit the Social Security Administration's Web site at [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov) for more information, but be prepared to provide information documenting your new and old names.

You can expect to receive your new

card in 10 days showing your new name but with your number. If you don't take time to change your Social Security card or decide not to change your name, the IRS assures you that you can still file taxes as "Married Filing Jointly."

For answers to questions on how to file as a married couple, visit [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov). You'll also need to take a trip to your Department of Motor Vehicles to update your driver's license. Call ahead or visit [www.dmv.org](http://www.dmv.org) for details on documentation your state requires.

That little piece of paper.

Don't put that marriage certificate away in a special place where "you won't forget it." Chances are that your favorite financial representatives weren't able to make it to your wedding, and, even if they did, they will need to see the certificate to confirm that you did indeed tie the knot if you want to change your accounts.

Pictures of you at the reception cutting the cake won't work either. Even airline frequent flyer programs have been known to request it before updating your records with a new married name, so make sure to keep it handy.

Consolidation may save you money.

You may find it easier to have separate rather than consolidated accounts because it's easier to keep track of written checks, and you don't have to share a physical checkbook. But you might incur more bank and check fees, so seriously consider merging your accounts instead.

If you do consolidate, try using checkbooks that have duplicate records and leaving the check register in a central location. Then you and your spouse can record the checks, withdrawals and deposits in one place.

Make a date.

Once you are married, you and spouse can still make dates with one another. Flirting during the date may take second fiddle while you discuss financial planning, but you will probably have more fun in the long run.

Decide on a good time to discuss finances and then make it part of your married monthly routine. During your financial date, review bills, expenses, spending, saving or investing and income.

These meetings are also a time to clear the air about any financial concerns you each may have and can easily lead to deeper discussions

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## Planning the perfect day: Guide to finishing touches

Here is a checklist of the little things that will help complete your wedding day, courtesy of Margaret Powers of Enesco.

### FOR THE CHURCH

♥Unity Candle — A unity candle and holder is optional depending upon the style and religious nature of the ceremony.

♥Today's Rice — Bridal couples are

being very creative when it comes to this showering tradition. Some ideas include birdseed, flower petals, bubbles and even butterflies.

♥Decorations — Church decorations could include flowers, an aisle runner, candles or bows for the pews.

### FOR THE BRIDAL PARTY

♥Gifts — Everyone in the bridal

party, ranging from the maid of honor to the ring bearer, should be acknowledged with a special gift.

♥Flower Basket — Every flower girl needs a basket to hold her petals.

♥Ring Bearer Pillow — A ring bearer's duties would not be complete without the pillow and, of course, the rings.

♥Itinerary — Have a detailed itinerary made for the bridal party ensuring they will stay on schedule and are aware of the day's activities.

### FOR THE GUESTS

♥Favors — Whether it's candy or a



small gift, every guest will love to bring home something.

♥Wedding Programs — Beautiful wedding programs add to the special touch of a wedding and can be an informational piece as well as a keepsake.

### FOR THE RECEPTION

♥Table Centerpieces — Make

the room look aglow with a large candle in a decorative holder as the centerpiece or add a fragrant scent with flowers in a beautiful vase.

♥Champagne Glasses — To toast the beginning of a new life together, the bride and groom should have keepsake champagne glasses.

♥Guest Book and Pen — A guest book will help record all that attend the wedding as well as make future "thank you" notes much easier.

♥Cake Cutter and Server — Make cutting the cake a moment to last a lifetime by purchasing cake accessories.

♥Cake Topper — If remembering the special day is important, purchase a cake topper that can later be displayed in the home.

♥One-Use Cameras — Giving guests the power to capture every moment will ensure good wedding day candid.

♥Envelope Holder — An envelope holder atop the gift table is a great way to collect wedding envelopes. Some suggestions include a birdcage, wishing well or bridal mailbox.

"Creating an elegant, memorable wedding is as easy as using the same theme or look on all of the wedding accessories," Powers said.

She also recommends selecting a flower, image or color combination and coordinating all wedding details around this look.

For example, couples can purchase accessories and carry out a theme throughout the special event by printing the image on wedding programs, napkins and table cards. Guests are guaranteed to love and always remember the look of the wedding.

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## All aglow: Beauty tips for the bride

There are plenty of tricks you can try to help ease the pressure of looking your best on your wedding day. You can take a few extra steps to make regular lipstick more longwearing. Before applying lip color, smooth a bit of foundation over your lips—this will make your lipstick go on more evenly as well as help it stay on longer. Outline your lips with a lipliner, then fill in lips with the liner as well. Using a lip brush, apply one coat of lip color; blot with a tissue. Apply a second coat of lip color.

When you have your hair styled for your wedding, don't let your stylist pull it back so tightly that it hurts. You may think you'll get used to the tugging feeling on your scalp, but more likely you'll end up with a headache.

If carrying around a container or compact of powder for touchups is too bulky, consider buying blotting papers (they're often dusted with powder) to occasionally absorb oil and moisture on your face and keep shine from showing up in your photographs.

Don't make big changes such as getting a perm, coloring your hair, etc. right before your wedding. Have these treatments done well in advance in case something needs to be fixed in time for the wedding.

Just like other parts of your wedding, set a budget for your beauty treatments and stick to it. Many makeup counters, spas, manicurists, etc. will give you bridal discounts, especially if

you also have appointments for bridesmaids.

If you're going to have close-up photos of your hands, it's important that you have a professional manicure the day before the wedding. Some of the best choices are a pale pink shade of polish, or a French manicure that would give you a natural-but-better look. If you're dead-set against using nail polish or are allergic to it, have a manicure without polish — your cuticles will look nice and neat, and the manicurist can buff your nails so they look shiny and healthy.

Getting married outdoors under the sun? Don't forget to apply the sunscreen before you put on your makeup — a burnt bride doesn't look good!

If you're going to have black and white photographs taken, you may need to change your makeup — the soft colors usually worn by brides don't show up well in black and white pictures, and often photographers suggest wearing more intense neutrals and darker lipsticks.

If you're wearing an updo or other kind of complicated style, consider keeping a small trial-size bottle of hair spray with you (or with your maid of honor or another bridesmaid).

To make sure the groom looks dashing for the wedding, help him along by making a little bag of 'beauty' supplies that he may need. Include shaving cream, skin cleanser, cologne and other little necessities.

## On the road: Packing your bags for a honeymoon trip

The banquet hall and DJ are booked, the caterer has been chosen and the cake ordered, your dress is ready at the dress shop, and lovely flowers are selected.

Everything is prepared for your big day! Your wedding will be beautiful and perfect-smiles, tears of joy and laughter, and then you can look forward to a relaxing honeymoon with your new partner in life.

With all of the hard work and planning that goes into a wedding, the honeymoon is almost an afterthought, and while it is often exciting, it can be stressful, too.

Today, the services of thousands of travel agents and travel Web sites are

available across the country. So sit back and take it easy when finding the perfect place to celebrate your marriage. Vacations are meant to be fun, not work!

One way to ensure that you have a worry-free honeymoon escape is to prepare ahead of time. You don't have to make dozens of lists or fuss over getting ready for your trip, but do take the time to pack correctly.

Home-care expert Gerry Luepke says this process begins by preparing your wardrobe. "Vacations are ideal times to take extra-special care of garments, especially when going on a romantic honeymoon."

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# Create the wedding of your dreams with a little help from Bella Fleur

By Helen Polaski  
Special Writer

Bella Fleur Custom Floral Designs has something for every customer and for every occasion, says owner Carey Johnson, who has 10 years experience in the floral industry.

"I think what sets Bella Fleur apart is our clients," she explained. "We cater to individuals who have a strong sense of style. Our clients expect the best and we give them what they want. We keep abreast of current trends, especially when it comes to bridal accessories, and also create individual designs made to order."

This year's trend includes a popular clutch-type European hand-tied bouquet. But with ever-changing trends, it's impossible to predict whether it will be all the rage next year and Johnson isn't taking any chances. In her quest to be on the cutting edge, she's arranged to work in a local shop in Italy this fall to discover what next year's trends will be—and more importantly—to remain knowledgeable for her clients.

"One of the reasons we're so successful is that we offer what the young brides are looking for," she said with a smile. "The best compliment I ever received was when a bride told me I knew exactly what she wanted even before she did."

wants. Johnson visits the site to make sure everything will fit, and to get a visual.

"No matter if it's a wedding or a corporate engagement, it's important to get a visual of the site," said Johnson. "It helps me get everything in perspective so that no details are left out and nothing is overlooked. At a recent wine-tasting event, the hostess was concerned that when her guests set their glasses down they'd get mixed up, so after looking at the site we came up with a wonderful floral design using different flowers for each wine glass stem. It not only was beautiful, but it worked."

Johnson notes that in order for each engagement to run smoothly from beginning to end, initial consultations should take place at the very least four to five months in advance for weddings, less for corporate parties.

"I can't stress that enough," she said. "Call me at (734) 481-3097 so we can start looking at designs and dates. Brides generally meet with me a year in advance."

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## Wedding trip tops off start of a life together

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She suggests preparing clothing by first washing each item. "Try using a liquid fabric softener to add a special touch to your laundry. This is especially beneficial for laundering items where line-dry care is suggested and for adding that extra softness to all your laundry. It helps to create a delightfully scented, ultra-soft wardrobe for your vacation."

Once you're set to get packing, Gerry notes that a good way to keep your clothes smelling great and static free, even in a suitcase, is to use fabric softener sheets.

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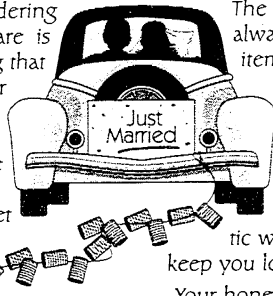
To enjoy a wonderfully fresh smelling wardrobe every day of your vacation, Luepke advises placing a few of

the sheets between packed clothing and around the edges of the suitcase.

"I prefer Cling Free fabric softener sheets. They smell wonderful and are easy to use and carry," she says.

The honeymoon wardrobe always includes very special items: beautiful lingerie and eveningwear. Gerry advises to bring a box of sheets along to rid items of static cling. Gently wipe a dryer sheet over each garment and the static will disappear—a tip that will keep you looking beautiful.

Your honeymoon will be full of special memories and carefree time spent together. Taking care of your wardrobe will help you to pack perfectly and enjoy your trip to the fullest. With these hints and the almost magical power of fabric softener sheets, your honeymoon will be worry-free. Pick the perfect place to go and start packing; you're off for the time of your life!  
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rehearsal with wedding party.  
 ♥ Review reception seating plans and prepare place cards, if necessary.  
 ♥ Schedule appointment for manicure and pedicure.  
 ♥ Arrange for cleaning and preservation of gown upon return from honeymoon.  
 ♥ Write toast for rehearsal dinner and wedding reception.  
 ♥ Address announcements to mail on wedding day.  
 ♥ Confirm honeymoon arrangements.

### ONE WEEK AHEAD

♥ Have final conversation with cater-

er, florist, baker, photographer, musicians and videographer.

♥ Give final count of reception to facility and caterer.  
 ♥ Host and/or attend bridesmaids' luncheon.  
 ♥ Pack for honeymoon.  
 ♥ Get going-away outfit ready.  
 ♥ Purchase traveler's checks.  
 ♥ Confirm responsibilities assigned to family and friends.  
 ♥ Finalize seating chart.  
 ♥ Keep up with thank you cards.

### ONE DAY AHEAD

♥ Confirm pick up times with limousine and/or other transportation.  
 ♥ Rehearsal and rehearsal dinner.  
 ♥ Present attendant gifts to wedding party at the rehearsal dinner.

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about career goals, division of responsibilities in the home and larger financial goals, so listen carefully.

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