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School finances still face funding limbo

■ Board finance, budget committees adjust next year's projections.

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Associate Editor

Governor John Engler's recent change of heart on school funding will make a huge difference to the 2002-2003 budget for Manchester Community Schools, says finance director Theresa Schenk.

"It was looking pretty dire before the governor bailed us out," Schenk said. "We were looking at making large cuts."

The preliminary budget figures, prepared in January before Engler reversed his decision to maintain the same foundation grant to schools for the next state budget year, predicted a \$650,000 budget shortfall for Manchester Community Schools.

"When we just had begun building up the district's fund balance, that was a huge blow," Schenk said.

When Schenk joined the school administrative staff, the district's "rainy day" fund, stood at about \$495,000. This year's budget began with an \$850,000 balance which is more in line with current recommendations from around the state.

"We think we'll add to the fund balance again this year," she said. "We were looking at going into the 2002-2003 school year with a \$1.1 million fund balance."

Even so, the projected shortfall would take the district's budget cushion down to about where it had been two years ago.

"A comfortable fund balance is about 10 percent of your total budget," Schenk said. "We ended last year with about a nine percent fund balance and were looking at about 12 percent this year."

"Our budget prefers not to go much lower than 10 percent ... that's when we start having cash flow problems."

The added \$250,000 provided by the state's \$200 per student foundation grant increase "makes our cuts a lot more palatable," Schenk added.

"We were looking at about \$300,000 worth of cuts to maintain just an 8.5 percent fund balance. Now we have an easier task."

If current projections hold, the finance committee, which met last Wednesday night, will need to make only about \$100,000 to \$150,000 in budget cuts for next year.

"The list of things I've prepared for them are very non-intrusive items," Schenk said. "They are not affecting people very much."

"We have some advantages in that we know we don't need to buy as many textbooks next year. We've paid off a bus so we don't have \$17,000 in payments on that next year."

"They're invisible things that don't affect classrooms and kids."

When most of the district's costs are "people-related," it's difficult to make cuts that are both prudent and popular. And in that venue, Schenk has some help from the building principals as the dis-

trict has developed a system of site-based budgeting.

"We allow each school building to shift between budget line items," she explained. "For example, if Klager doesn't want to use consumable math textbooks, they can shift money out to buy a math software program instead."

"This system allows them flexibility to make these types of decisions on an ongoing basis."

Schenk said the principals seem to like working with some autonomy and this doesn't make her the "budget police." She added that she and Superintendent David Oegema do review the shifts in line items to ensure checks and balances in the system.

Overall, Schenk says, her outlook is to be prudent with the taxpayers' dollars.

"I don't want people to think Engler has waved a magic wand and the problem went away," she says. "It's just forestalled."

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NEWS BRIEFS

School election date set

At its Feb. 18 meeting the Board of Education passed a resolution establishing its annual school election on June 10. Two board seats will be open: those held by Brad Roberts and Ron Ellison.

Nominating petitions for the school election are now available at the administrative offices. The deadline for submitting petitions is 4 p.m. April 8.

Kiwanis host fun night

The Night Kiwanis Club of Manchester thanks the many area residents who supported the club and its many community projects last year.

On Saturday the club will celebrate at a free fun night at St. Mary's Parish Center from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Please come and enjoy a spaghetti dinner, 50/50 drawing and other fun activities.

Michigan State Representative Gene DeRossett will be guest speaker for the evening. RSVP to Sharie Sell 428-1725 or Bill Schwab at 428-8976. Donations will be accepted.

Relay sets first captain's meeting

The 2002 Western Washtenaw Area Relay for Life announces the first captain's meeting to be held at 6:30 p.m. on March 13 in Dining Room B at Chelsea Hospital. Anyone interested in forming a team is encouraged to attend.

"We really want Manchester residents to become involved," said Deanna Shackelford of the American Cancer Society. "The Relay encompasses the communities of Chelsea, Manchester and Dexter."

Last year's relay included 29 teams.

Try your hand at euchre

Do you have that competitive edge? The Manchester High School student council and leadership class will hold a fund-raising euchre tournament at 1 p.m. on March 17 at the high school cafeteria.

Participants should be at the cafeteria by 12:30 p.m. Admission is \$5 per person and prizes will be awarded.

Proceeds of the tournament will benefit the community scholarship fund. Sign up to enter at Baker's Dozen or Keith's Barber Shop by March 14. As space may be limited.

Freedom to interview candidates

Candidates for the treasurer position in Freedom Township will be interviewed at the township's monthly meeting beginning at 8 p.m. on Tuesday at the township hall.

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Community Celebration



Manchester Village Presidents were honored at Sunday's open house dedicating the new Village Community Building located in the former Ford plant on City Road along the River Raisin. Pictured are Allie Luckhardt (left), incumbent Village President Jeff Schaffer, Gale Koebbe, Larry Becketl, David Little, Mary Kallewaard and John Hinkley.

Village holds dedication, open house

■ Gala event does the community proud.

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Associate Editor

As if in proof of the popular adage, "If you build it, they will come," the Village of Manchester's open house last weekend attracted more than 200 visitors to help celebrate the time when Henry Ford's expansive vision of combining industry and agriculture was "dedicated back to the community," in the words of outgoing Village President Jeff Schaffer.

When the Village Council began planning for the open house before the holidays, they weren't sure exactly what to plan for or how many people would show up. But a steady stream of visitors, both from within the village and beyond came on Sunday afternoon to look around and see what is new in the Village Community Building at 912 City Road.

Although the village offices and sheriff's department have been located at the building for more than a year and the Manchester District Library moved in last fall, this was the first official opening of the entire building to the public. All three stories of the historic structure, first sited along the River Raisin by Henry Ford in the mid-1930s, were open for a

tour and the water treatment plant also welcomed about 40 visitors.

Representatives from the library, parks commission, planning commission, Village Council, sheriff's department, senior citizens council and the Western Washtenaw Construction Authority were on hand to answer questions and to introduce themselves to the members of the community.

A plaque on a pedestal, unveiled in the two-story generator room at the front of the building, describes the history of the facility. A blueprint of Ford's original site plan was located and along with photographs provided by local post card collector Jerry Swarhout, tells a unique story of this historic building and location.

The huge hydropower generator in the lobby of the building is original and operable. The first electric lighting in downtown Manchester was supplied by these generators. The village intends to use the generator room as a historical showroom and will be adding photographs to its own collection.

"I'm proud to be part of the team that helped bring this to fruition," Schaffer said.

He added that people commented what a pleasure it was to go through the facility.

"It was a real good feeling to

see all the community support," Village Manager Jeff Wallace said.

"People came to see the facility and found out how well it is working for us and also for the library, the sheriff, the senior citizens and the building authority. They commented on how much they enjoyed this opportunity to see what a good decision it's been on behalf of the whole community."

Village Clerk Julie Schaible said that as she went through the building on Sunday people who had once worked at the "old Ford plant" commented on how much they appreciated the changes the building has brought to this community.

State Representative Gene DeRossett brought a special tribute and resolution from Gov. John Engler.

"In looking back over the history of the Manchester community, it is clear that this establishment will help to set its course in always looking to the future," DeRossett said.

And, as the 18,000 square-foot building set on 3.9 acres becomes the official center of community activity, the Village Council took action at its Monday night meeting to list the old 3,700 square-foot village hall, at 120 S. Clinton Street, with Mann Real Estate in Manchester for a price of \$165,000.

Chelsea operation connects business to high speed web

■ OpAve fills broadband Internet void for businesses.

By Sven Gustafson
Staff Writer

Chelsea Police Chief Lenard McDougall has some courteous upstairs neighbors.

He described how the new high-speed Internet service, offered to the department by second-floor tenants OpAve, Ltd., is being used to check weather with other police departments, and send reports to the state.

"We never had it before," said McDougall. "Before, we had to send our reports in by mail. That's the biggest benefit."

OpAve has been offering broadband Internet service to the Chelsea community for 14 or 15 months, and is looking to expand into other communities in Washtenaw County, according to OpAve Principal Steve Daut.

He said the business, which currently has a handful of retail, real estate and industrial clients, has built a cost model "that is becoming attractive to a number of communities." He added the company is currently negotiating with one local municipality, which he declined to name, but said, "Manchester is an area where our model could work very well."

Daut said the issue of high-speed Internet access is important to a complex and changing business world, which once

viewed Internet connectivity as a luxury.

"Businesses have begun to use the Internet so much," he said. "They were spending so much time waiting for that data to upload that it was becoming a productivity issue."

With 768K broadband access—about 50 times faster than standard 56K dial-up modems—businesses save money and time on ordering.

That's an issue Manchester Village President Jeff Schaffer can identify with.



Steve Daut

Schaffer, who is in charge of all electrical communications by day for Wolverine Pipe Line Company in Manchester, is enjoying the new T1 lines the company recently installed to look up parts online and file forms with the government. He said Wolverine once used micro-

wave communications, and said from a maintenance standpoint, the T1 connection bandwidth is much easier. T1 lines transfer signals at 1.544 megabits per second.

"To work in the world today, you need it," he said. "Everything you have nowadays is microprocessor-based."

Although the village is not actively working with OpAve, Schaffer said, "We are actively seeking anybody who can provide our industries with the ability to make their businesses better."

Schaffer also noted the Manchester Village Council recently helped approve fiber-

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Community Health Fair set

Do you neglect your health or know someone who neglects his or her health? Do you have concerns or questions about your health or someone else's? All your questions may be answered at the Community Health Fair on March 9. There will be "something for everyone" during the fair, sponsored by the Manchester Health Coalition, a sub-group of the Community Resource Center.

See a fire truck and the "Jaws of Life" from the Manchester Fire Department. Talk with the Arthritis Foundation about living with this widespread disease. Celebrate empowerment for all women and girls with The Women's Center of America. Learn about sports safety for your children.

This will be a fun day with lots of great information for the community. The Health Fair will be held at Klager Elementary School from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on March 9. See full article, Page 6 A

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

March 7

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

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

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

March 8

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry, 5 to 8 p.m. at the St. Mary Parish Center on Madison Street.

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.

March 9

Community Health Fair will be held from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Klager Elementary School.

March 10

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.

March 11

Manchester Village Election, polls open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Euchre Night at the American Legion, 7 p.m. All are welcome.

Manchester Optimist Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Emanuel United Church of Christ.

Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce Board meets at Dan's River Grill. All chamber members may attend.

Manchester District Library Board meets at 7:00 p.m. at the new village hall, 912 City Road.

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

Manchester Knights of Columbus meets at 8 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church Parish Center.

Manchester Community Fair Board meets at 8 p.m. at the village building.

Manchester Township Board meets at 8 p.m. at the Manchester Township Hall.

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

Bootsompers meet at 7 p.m. at Emanuel United Church of Christ.

Manchester Area Senior Citizens meet at 9:30 a.m. at the senior center.

Little League organizational meetings are held at 7 p.m. at the high school, room 104.

Manchester Village Planning Commission meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall.

20th Century Club meets at 7:30 p.m.

Freedom Township Board meets at 8 p.m. at the Freedom Township Hall.

Shakespeare Club meets at 1 p.m.

Ackerson Middle School PTA meets at 3:30 p.m. at the middle school.

March 13

The Southern Michigan Street Cruisers Car Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Hall on Clinton-Tecumseh Road. All interested parties are welcome to attend.

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

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

Athletic Boosters meet at 7:30 p.m. in the high school media center.

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

Southwest Washtenaw Council of Governments meets at 7:30 p.m. Call (517) 456-4642 for information.

March 14

Manchester Lamb Club will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the Michigan Livestock auction hall.

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Male Caregiver Support Group for husbands, sons and partners of someone with Alzheimer's disease or related dementia meets from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Westside United Methodist Church, 900 S. Seventh St., Ann Arbor.

COMING EVENTS:

Manchester Family Service Food Gatherers Day for March will be held on March 20 at the Emanuel United Church of Christ, Kitchen, 324 We. Main Street (Change of venue, this month only.)

Manchester Community Fair dates June 25 through 29.

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 class-

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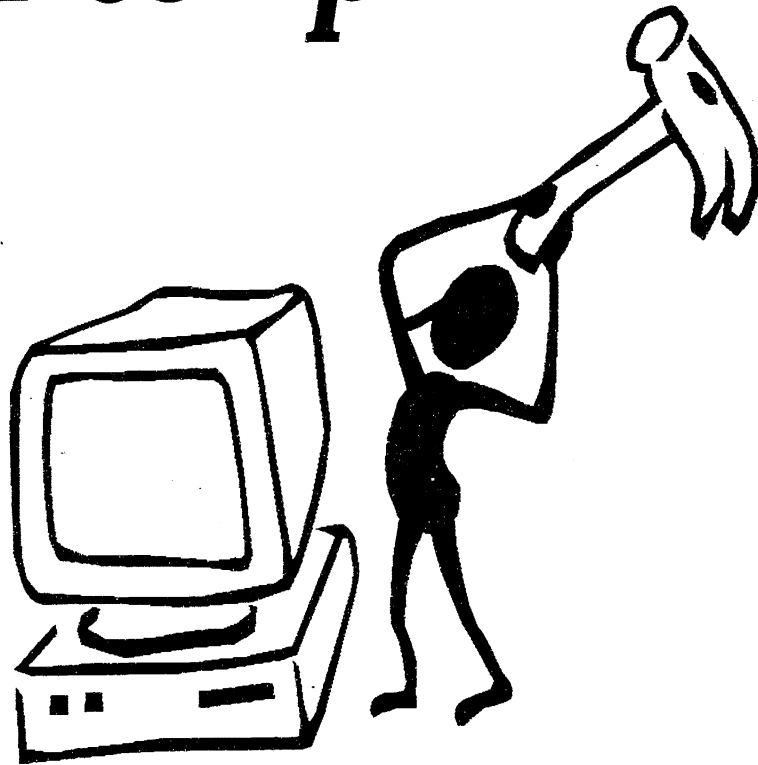
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DeRossett lands land-use law

By Sven Gustafson
Staff Writer

State Rep. Gene DeRossett (R-Manchester) recently joined members of the House in approving legislation to provide more flexible options to protect open spaces.

Currently, Michigan has two options to preserve farmland: Public Act 116 and the purchase of development rights program.

PA 116 allows farmers to receive tax credits for agreeing not to develop their land for at least 10 years. The purchase of development rights places a restriction on the deed, permanently preventing non-agricultural use.

Senate Bill 692 allows farmers to move from a PA 116 to a PDR program without paying the tax penalty for leaving PA 116.

"This will allow a more natural course of development and increase protection for

open spaces," said DeRossett of the bill, which passed Feb. 21. "It is a reasonable and flexible approach to land use that spares farmers the burden of unfair taxes."

Barry Lonik, the former executive director of the Washtenaw Land Trust who has helped numerous county farmers apply for PDR, noted that when farmers opted out of PA 116 agreements, they were required to pay back up to seven years in back taxes.

"It could be a huge tax bill," he said. "Why should we penalize people for doing that?"

In addition, the \$5 million 2000 PDR funding pool was made up entirely of back-tax payments from broken PA 116 contracts.

"That was sort of the irony of the way this was going," said Lonik. "It just seemed kind of wacky."

"I give Gene a lot of credit for moving this along."

DeRossett added an amendment in committee allowing property owners to take land out of a PA 116 program without penalty if they set aside the development rights of additional land. For every acre removed from a PA 116 program, two must be put into a development rights agreement.

"This amendment allows commercially attractive properties, such as those next to railroads, to be developed while doubling the area of protected farmland," said DeRossett. "It is an excellent way to voluntarily expand development rights agreements."

Lonik said he knew of at least one Saline-area farm to which the legislation could apply.

"It's a small thing, but it's an important piece of legislation," he said.

The measure now moves to the Senate.

Readers choose new book to discuss

The Friends of the Manchester District Library began a series of book discussions this year focusing on life in other cultures and countries, written in an enjoyable manner, to gain a better international understanding of our world.

The book that was discussed last month was a challenge because of its length but proved to be a great history lesson, full of information in an easy readable style.

Jung Chang's book, "Wild Swans," part biography and autobiography, recounts the gripping story of how three generations of women in her family fared in the political maelstrom of China during the 20th century. Chang's grandmother was a warlord's concubine, Chang's gently raised mother struggled with hardships in the early days of Mao's revolution and rose to a prominent position in the Communist Party before the Cultural Revolution.

Readers found it fascinating to learn about Mao and the extent to which he controlled every facet of people's lives. Written like a novel, they learned much about the personalities of the author's family members and the way different people react to their circum-

stances. It leaves you with the helplessness of the people and the extent of the suffering during the "cultural revolution" that destroyed the morale, motivation, humanity and potential contributions of China's best and brightest.

This month's book chosen for discussion takes place in Tibet. It is the autobiography of Diki Tsering, mother of the 14th Dalai Lama and is titled, "Dalai Lama, My Son: A Mother's Story." This is a good follow up to our last book discussion since it is communist China that invades Tibet and leads to the Dalai Lama and his family's escape and ultimate exile in India.

Though he is now recognized as a spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama was once just a boy and Diki Tsering was a peasant mother before she became revered as "grandmother of Tibet." This book is a glimpse into the origins of the Dalai Lama, the history of the Tibetan people, the magic of their culture, the role of their

women, and their ancient ideals of compassion, faith and equality.

Please come along on this cultural adventure and pick up a copy of "Dalai Lama, My Son" at the Manchester District Library where several will be available. Discussion will take place at the Library, in the meeting room on the basement level, at 7 p.m. on March 21.

Patty Swaney

BIRTHS

A daughter, Cameron Grace Hayslip, was born on Feb. 17 to Veronica White and Kerry Hayslip of Manchester. Cameron weighed 6 pounds, 4 ounces and was 19-1/2 inches long at birth.

Grandparents are Raymond and Betty White of Manchester and Everett and Grace Hayslip of Cassopolis.

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Local Boy Scouts brave winter tent camping excursion

Seven degrees. That was what the thermometer displayed when the Boy Scouts of Manchester's troop 426 crawled out of their tents for the second night of the annual winter camping trip.

Tired after several hours of cross country skiing, and frozen to the bone, every member of the troop had welcomed the warmth of his sleeping bag the night before. But this trip wasn't meant to be easy. That became obvious when the scouts were lying there at 3 a.m. listening to the wind, the yipping coyotes and the loud snores coming from a neighboring tent.

This was winter camping and it was exactly what the scouts experienced in the Pigeon River State Forest in northern Michigan on Feb. 16 to 18.

Six scouts made the trip: Jon Braun, Zach and Sean Johnson, Chris Maly, Matt Callaway and Michael Taddonio all loaded up their backpacks and tow sleds and decided to rough it out for the weekend. The troop has gone to the Pigeon River State



Boy Scouts Zach Johnson (left), Chris Maly, Matt Callaway and Michael Taddonio hit the trails of the Pigeon River State Forest.

Forest for the past three years, but this time it would be different. There would be no base camp, no warming tent, no water and no heat.

Heading out on a six-mile loop, the scouts reached their destination before nightfall. Finding an open area, camp was set out and it was time for dinner.

Meals were dehydrated foods, cooked in melted snow.

When you're hungry, nothing beats crunchy beef stew! Fortunately one of the adult leaders had been smart enough to buy beef jerky and rice crispy treats at a gas station before arriving.

The first night was difficult, but the scouts managed. In the morning they set out again to finish the trail. They stopped on the way and enjoyed some more dehydrated food. Warm-ups included spilling some boiling water in the lap. After 10 miles of pulling sleds full of gear and a frigid night in the wilderness, the scouts had completed their course and got ready for another tough night.

First, however, they headed to the cars and went out to eat. Although they might have cheated a bit there, it was a fine camping experience all in all, one that was both fun and challenging.

The scouts would like to thank the adult leaders who assisted with the troop, including Bill Callaway, John Johnson, Phil Maly and Tom Taddonio.

- submitted by Michael Taddonio

Saline players set winter show

The Saline Area Players are staging three performances of "No, No, Nanette," directed by Conrad Mason and Ann VanDemark this month.

This 1925 musical with music by Vincent Youmans is a period piece highlighting the pre-1929 crash era—flappers, the Charleston and cavorting by the seaside—with lots of singing and dancing. Choreography for the musical is directed by VanDemark.

The tunes are hummable ("Tea for Two," "I Want to Be Happy"), the plot pure romantic fluff.

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Saline veteran writes book on wartime experiences

"Beyond Pongani Mission: One Man's Struggle to Get Back Alive"

By Sven Gustafson
Staff Writer

Retired elementary school principal Robert James Bable has published a book about his experiences in Papua New Guinea during World War II.

Entitled "Beyond Pongani Mission: One Man's Struggle to Get Back Alive," the book is a critical and unflinching account of a U.S. Army offensive against Japanese forces from 1942-1944. Bable, 82, served in the Army from 1940-1945.

The book consists of highly readable, digestible vignettes in chronological order. The stories are at once suspenseful and humorous, and fully human.

Bable takes exception, for example, to Gen. Douglas MacArthur's assessment of the 32nd Division as "a disgrace to the American uniform" after an ambush that forced them to retreat from a Japanese-controlled airstrip.

"This simpleton apparently wasn't aware that our so-called uniforms had just about rotted off our backs," he writes. He describes how soldiers stricken with amoebic dysentery marched with pants worn away to nothing in the seat. "Centuries ago the Roman Legionaries had done the same thing," he continues. "I wonder if any of them knew how little war had changed in a thousand years?"

The Manchester Enterprise recently caught up with Bable at his Saline home, where he lives with his wife of 49 years, Doris.

ME: You've said that you never intended on writing a book, that you just "started writing." How did that evolve into this book?

RJB: "Evolved is a great word to use for it, because that's what it did. I didn't start out writing a book. I just started writing stories. Over a period of two or three years, I found out that I had 100, 150 stories. I was originally going to just publish

them for the benefit of my (four) grandchildren. Through talking to various people, they suggested perhaps I could (put) short stories in order and make a book.

ME: There's a lot of attention to detail in these stories, to sights, names. This was a long time ago. Were you working from a journal?

RJB: No. I just happened to have a memory like a steel trap (laughs). I couldn't remember all the names, the situations are all true. Some of the names are the right names, but others I've had to substitute because I've forgotten. Also, I have substituted to save somebody the embarrassment.

ME: How long did it take you to write the book?

RJB: Oh, perhaps three years. I wrote it here on this little lap-top desk, by hand.

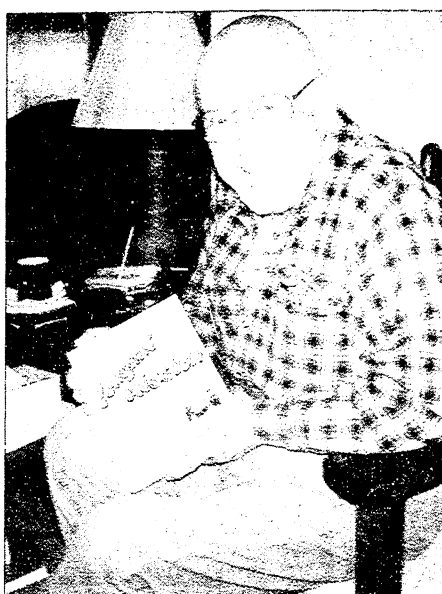
ME: There seems to be a conflict in a lot of the stories between military actions and fighting and your conscience.

RJB: I joined (the Army National Guard) because I was swollen with patriotism—like today, I was gung-ho to fight those terrible people. And then I found out fairly quickly that the Army was a terrible place and they give little value to any one person's life. It certainly isn't the glory and heroism that you read in books and see in movies. I saw none of that. It's a matter of dog-eat-dog and trying to get out alive.

I was a safe-hand courier, a person who delivers important messages from one general to another. Although we carried guns, we were actually not a combat unit. I could've killed some Japanese, but it was during the end of the war and they weren't doing nothing but trying to survive. I suppose I could've been court-martialed for not shooting them, but they also had guns, they could shoot back (laughs).

ME: There's a trend in the book where you move from light-hearted stories to more serious stories where you're fighting for your survival. Was that deliberate to structure it that way?

RJB: Apparently, I'm a gal-lows humorist, and I didn't realize it until someone told



Robert James Bable is the author of "Beyond Pongani Mission: One Man's Struggle to Get Back Alive."

Photo by Sven Gustafson

me. I seem to have to smile at the whole thing regardless of how tragic it gets to be. Sometimes it's past smiling.

ME: Was it difficult to recount some of these memories?

RJB: I had forgotten some of the memories that were too bad to tell. Stories that are gruesome and horrifying, no one wants to hear them, and I don't want to tell them. When you don't bring them up, they fade in your memory. I can think of several that I'm not eager to recall. That's why there aren't any real horrible stories in the book.

I enjoyed it. It was fun; the

only hard part was trying to get it published.

ME: When you look back at your time in New Guinea, what do you most recall?

RJB: I have mixed feelings about New Guinea. For one thing, it's an amazing, interesting place. At a distance, it's absolutely breathtakingly beautiful. But up close it's nothing but mud and bugs.

But I enjoyed it (apart from) the war. And I might add I'm one of perhaps few that did. In a war, there's a lot of times where there's just plain boredom, nothing to do.

I had a buddy named Man oga-augu, an Orokaiva chief I got to be friends with. Some of my happiest days and greatest memories are times when we had gone out into the jungle for two or three days at a time. He would go along with his stone

axe and arrow and spear, and I'd be walking behind him with my bamboo stick, and his son would be behind me with my gun. (We'd) go out into absolutely strange, uncharted country. I felt I was probably one of the most fortunate people in the world to have that experience.

I paid as little attention to the war as I could. And yet, I couldn't get anybody to go with me. I don't know why, whether they just hated the jungle. They could've been afraid of the headhunters.

ME: Were you afraid of the headhunters?

RJB: No. I thought they were ordinary people. I can't tell you for sure they were headhunters. I could say with conviction that they were not far

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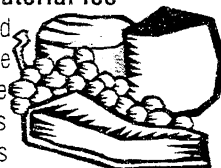
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ADULT ENRICHMENT

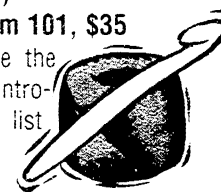
Introduction to Word
Saturday, March 16 9-1 p.m.
M.H.S. Computer Lab
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Learn the basics of the word processor. You'll create, save and print a document. Learn how to change, move, copy, and format your text. A great class for beginners.



Healthy Meals and Snacks For Kids
Tuesday, March 12 7-9 p.m.
M.H.S. 101 \$28/\$3 material fee
Getting your kids to eat food that's good for them is challenging! A big part of the challenge is for you as a parent to find the time and ideas for making healthy meals and snacks. In this class we'll discuss food that will help your kids have better concentration and behavior, as well as support their development and health. The instructor will demonstrate several easy kid approved recipes. Each participant will receive recipes used as well as other ideas for quick food.



Beginning Crocheting for Adults—Sue Colvia
Mondays, March 25-Apr. 15 (3 weeks)
6:30-8:30 p.m. M.H.S. Rm 101, \$35
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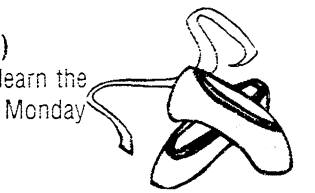
YOUTH ENRICHMENT

Tap, Jazz & Tumbling
Mondays, Mar. 11-Apr. 15 4:15-5 p.m.
Klager Gym \$45 (5 weeks, no class on 4/1)
This class geared for children ages 4-6, will teach students basic steps and movements.



Tumbling (Boys & Girls)
Mondays, Mar. 11-Apr. 15 5-5:45 p.m.
Klager Gym \$45 (5 weeks, no class on 4/1)
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Students will learn the basics of tumbling techniques. Wear gym clothes and tennis shoes.

Ballet
Mondays, Mar. 11-Apr. 15, 3:30-4:15 p.m.
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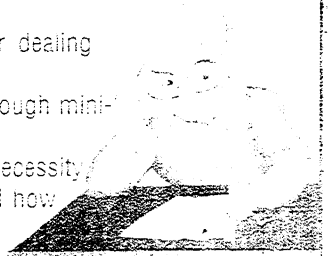


Rocket Scientist
Tuesday, Mar. 19 4:30-6:00 pm
Klager \$15
Kids here's your chance to learn how to build and launch your own rocket. It's an adventure you won't want to miss! \$10 material fee payable to instructor.

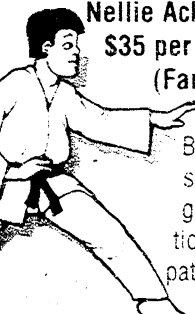
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SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS

March definitely "came in like a lamb," and it makes you wonder just how it will go out, huh? I'm glad to see the first of March, which maybe is closer to spring again.

My 30 pound Louie goose has a topknot of snow and he looks so cute, he looks like he just dares someone to knock it off his head.

Friend Dorothy Willingham shared this with one of the gals who hates to dust ... me! It's titled, "Dust if You Must" and comes from her trusty computer, thanks.

"Dust if you must. But wouldn't it be better to paint a picture, or write a letter, bake a cake, or plant a seed. Ponder the difference between want and need. Dust if you must. But there is not much time, with rivers to swim and mountains to climb! Music to hear, and books to read, friends to cherish and life to lead. Dust if you must. But the world's out there with the sun in your eyes, the wind in your hair, a flutter of snow, a shower of rain. This day will not come round again. Dust if you must. But bear in mind, life's end will come. And when you go, and go you must, you, yourself, will make more dust!"

"Remember, a house becomes a home when you can write 'I love you' on the furniture!" (Now, here's a philosophy I could learn to live with!)

Thursday: At noon in Emanuel's dining room, all seniors 55 and older are invited to come join all seniors born in the "merry month of March" to their birthday party. Sweet and sour meatloaf will be enjoyed along with the trimmings that Sue and Tod treat us to each meal day! Please come and join us happy eaters (at \$3.25 per plate)! Get those reservations in to Kelly at 428-8359 ahead, or Tod at 428-7630 between 9 and 10 a.m. on meal days. **This is important!** Please, do not come without telling the cook ahead of



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SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS

time. At 12:30 p.m., games are played at the Village Hall room, come join in. Then you'll eat again by calling in bus reservation for the trip to Clinton and the UCC Sauerkraut Supper. Pickup begins at 4 p.m., call Tootie at 428-7615 to reserve your spot.

Friday: There's a 6:00 p.m. pickup to go along to the Saline Senior Card Party, call Mildred Stoll at 428-7828 for your ride.

Monday: Go along shopping in Jackson. Pickup by senior bus begins at 9:30 a.m. Today go cast your vote for Village Councilmen (or women) and Mayor at the Village Hall.

Tuesday: Ham, what am today! Won't you come join us as we load up our plates with all the goodies? Then, it's on to the Village Hall Senior Room for a work period at 12:30 p.m. Stamping class also begins at Emanuel at 12:30, come join those artists.

Wednesday: Donna Pointer from Ann Arbor comes each Wednesday to the Village Hall to instruct us in the fine points of Yoga for all who are 65 and older. Class is sponsored by Washtenaw Community College and we thank them. We feel better, stand up straighter, and walk more upright ... come join us at 9:30 a.m.

Thursday: Senior Council meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. ... you are invited. Baked Italian Chicken is served at noon in Emanuel, come try our senior meals! Games at the Village Hall will also be enjoyed at 12:30 p.m.

Information abounds at weekend health fair

Do you neglect your health or know someone who does? Do you have concerns or questions about your health or someone else's? All your questions may be answered at the Community Health Fair on Saturday. There will be "something for everyone" during the fair, sponsored by the Manchester Health Coalition, a sub-group of the Community Resource Center (CRC).

Many agencies will attend to provide depression screening, breast cancer awareness, fitness, cancer answers, mental health and more!

Do you or someone you know have arthritis? Grandparents get it, moms get it, even kids get it. Surprised? Come talk to the Arthritis Foundation at the Health Fair to find out more. An Arthritis Foundation representative will be available to answer all your questions and hand out valuable resource information on different forms of arthritis, treatment options, tips to living well with arthritis, and much more. You can also learn about the Arthritis Foundation's self-management course and exercise programs designed specifically for people living with arthritis available in your area. It's never too late (or too early) to learn about arthritis: the lives of 1 out of 6 Michigan residents are affected by this disease.

Health teacher Ron Jansen is involving his students with demonstrations for fitness. They will demonstrate such things as how to use an exercise ball, free weights and cords. They also will show how to check muscle mass and body fat.

The Women's Center of America will be there "celebrating empowerment for all women and girls!" They will be talking about their programs. On the

third Thursday of each month, women get together to talk about health, wellness and stress relief. They also teach yoga and forms of meditation.

Chelsea Pediatric, which is also tied in with the Integrated Health Associates will focus on sports safety for children. They exist to meet community needs through personalized, high quality health and medical services to patients. They will hold a raffle for a gift certificate for a helmet at the Bike Shop in Chelsea. They will also answer any questions on immunizations and the ages they are given. A doctor and nurse will be available for any questions or concerns.

The Manchester Alternative High School health class also has some students involved. Four students will present displays on health-related issues, such as nutrition, fat content of oils, and sugar/salt/fat content of different foods.

The Manchester Fire Department will bring a fire truck and the "jaws of life." They also will be teaching CPR and answering any questions that people might have.

Pharmacist Scott Gindlesberger from the Manchester Pharmacy will be on hand to answer questions that people might have on their prescriptions.

This will be a fun day with lots of great information for the community. The Health Fair will be held at Klager Elementary School from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. I hope to see you all there!

- Submitted by CRC intern Cori Ahrens

Blue-and-Gold Banquet



The Manchester Cub Scout Pack 421 held its annual Blue and Gold Banquet on Feb. 21. This year's theme was "Celebrations 2002." Many parties were held under one roof—birthday parties, new year's parties, Valentine's Day and more. Entertainment was provided by juggler and comedian Jonathon Park. Also joining the group was "President Abraham Lincoln." Bill Ames of Manchester who sent an important message to our families. Pictured are Tyler Hopkins (left), Austin Getty, Nathan Jackson, Justin Hone, Alex Mutchler and Derrick Reyst.

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The ENTERPRISE COMMENTARY

Street Talk

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand

What's the worst advice you've ever been given?



"When I graduated high school, I didn't want to go to college. But people told me to take general studies, so I did. Now I know what I want to do and I'll be there twice as long."

Amy Saunders



"I can't think of anything. Maybe I never got any bad advice—or maybe I just didn't listen."

Marja Warner



"I've had so much bad advice that I can't even tell you what the worst was."

Wayne Kennedy



"Start partying. I guess. That's what's got me in the most trouble."

Sam Robinson



"To get a degree in English."

Suzanne Reinhardt

The future of downtown hangs in the balance

Having by now familiarized myself with downtown Manchester, I must say it.

It's time for Manchester to step up and join the 22nd Century.

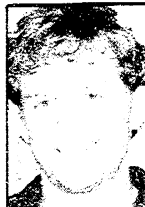
There, I said it.

That I say this at all will probably earn me plenty of disdain. People will say, *Oh that's easy for him to say. He's just some outsider who feels marooned here because he can't find home-brewed India Pale Ale or a pizza place open past midnight. But he doesn't live here; what does he know about what we need?*

Well, quite simply, I know that I frequently spend money in Saline and Chelsea I would rather put in Manchester pockets.

This thought occurred to me one recent morning on the way to a meeting at The Saline Reporter, our sister paper. I had time to kill, and a colleague suggested I do so at The Drowsy Parrot. (No thanks, I told her, it's a little early for a Pina Colada.)

As it turns out, the Drowsy Parrot is a charming little coffee shop set in an old storefront.



SVEN GUSTAFSON

HIP CHECK

with a window-front counter with stools, a display case full of pastries and sandwiches, and an upstairs loft with seating. Shelves with jars and tins line the walls, and seem to hint at the place's small-town retail history (or else do a credible job inventing one). In the back, in what should be expected of any coffee shop, is a rack of complimentary newspapers for customers — everything from The Wall Street Journal, to the Free Press, to the aforementioned Saline Reporter. The coffee is fresh and strong and the music made a nice background to even out the clatter of voices and the hiss of

the cappuccino machine.

Chelsea, too, has a cozy little café I sometimes visit called Zou Zou's. It's housed in a brick, corner storefront with windows looking out over a row of gorgeous brick buildings that look a lot like Manchester's.

See what I'm getting at? Judging by all the people I see in these places drawing, writing, playing chess, reading or chatting, I'd say the demand is there, even in small-town Manchester, for a bit of big-city service and convenience.

So what I'm wondering is, why can't Manchester have a nice coffee shop, too?

No, it doesn't have to be Starbucks; Chelsea and Saline have proved there is an alternative. Unlike any of the cookie-cutter corporate cafes that have choked Ann Arbor, Zou Zou's and the Drowsy Parrot bring with a kind of cozy, homegrown authenticity baked into the brick walls and currant scones. Pretensions over double-non-fat-skinny-tall-lattes-and-a-side-of-Kafka aside, the beauty of these establishments is that they

have become the heartbeat of their communities, a place where locals gather, to take time out and live.

Now, I know about Baker's Dozen, the local coffee klatch. They make a fine glazed doughnut there, but you can't get any Chai. What's more, they close every day by 5 p.m., making it tough on those of us who work 9 to 5 or later and would like a place to unwind (or organize) after work.

It's not just coffee shops that we need, either. Many downtown businesses feature inflexible hours that hark back to Antiquity. Village planning commissioners even discussed the matter as part of the forthcoming general development plan at a November meeting. The worry was that when the local pharmacy closes at 2 p.m. on Saturdays, can CVS or Rite Aid be far behind to fill the void?

Everyone in local government, it seems, agrees that growth is coming to the region. Manchester's walkable, scenic downtown has been identified as one of its most valuable

resources, for good reason. But it's not going to be enough to maintain the sleepy status quo when, say, Payless Shoes catches wind of all the people that drive to Chelsea to buy boots.

Ultimately, it's up to the people of Manchester to decide what kind of downtown they want for the future. And a single coffee shop will only do so much for it one way or the other. But the central business district ought to be a resource flexible enough to serve a diverse, on-the-go populace that has forgotten what it's like to work a neat, 9-to-5 day.

Currently, old village hall and Manchester Township Library lie empty of tenants. Both are handsome pieces of architecture, which, pending a bit of rezoning, a good realtor, and creative renovations, could make wonderful locations for a coffee shop, store or restaurant. Capable entrepreneurs are out there, you have to believe, foaming at the mouth for properties like these.

Skilled baristas are encouraged to inquire.

The American road is an intriguing place to be

How is America doing? What is the impact on Americans in the aftermath of September 11th?

Can you use a little good news? Do you believe in magic? If so, please read along as I report every two weeks on my journey across America. I am traveling America on foot, for the purpose of discovering her again—to meet her people and experience her vast geography and cultural diversity. I began last August from my small hometown in Ohio and continue now through Texas, some 2,000 miles later.

This journey has taken me from Ohio south to Mississippi, and west to Texas—and what a journey it has been. Just a few weeks ago, Dodge (my hiking companion) and I stopped for lunch in south-central Oklahoma. The waitress took our drink order, and when she returned, she asked if we were homeless. We assured her that we were not, then explained that we had come to see America. When she brought our meals, we



DAN 'SHELTOREE' ROGERS

WALK ABOUT AMERICA

learned that the café owner had insisted on buying our meal. A couple sitting nearby overheard us, began asking questions, and ultimately offered to let us sleep in their hunting cabin, located near the creek where we'd planned to camp.

Soon the waitress reappeared with a paper bag. She smiled and said that it contained dinner for us later I ask how in this day — when I constantly hear that we are a nation destined to live in terror — this can happen. Might I add that four convicts had escaped a Texas county jail and were suspected of being in

the area ... and still we were showered with compassion.

The fellowship and goodwill I experienced there, as I have time and again on this journey, have shown me that America is not a nation in terror. It is a nation that was shocked, but is moving on. It is a nation full of compassion and heart.

I stopped at Fort Washita State Park, also in Oklahoma, and there met some "Mountainmen," a group that preserves the lifestyle of the early-1800s trappers and woodsmen. They were camped and preparing for a weekend "Rendezvous" with several hundred other Mountainmen.

I spent the evening with them, and they gave me a glass bead and a flint-and-steel fire-starting kit. I have such respect for these folks, as they travel to schools and share what life was like in America two centuries ago. Living history is the greatest.

I soon crossed Oklahoma's Chisholm Trail, one of the main cattle-drive routes used by the cattle-crowd cowboys to move cat-

tle from the ranches to market in Dodge City, Kansas City, and other points north of the Red River. It was inspiring to stand on this path, to think of the many cowboys who had crossed here in the hot summer sun, high in the saddle.

I also stopped in at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, burial place of both Geronimo and Quanah Parker. Geronimo was perhaps the most feared Native American of all. Quanah Parker, born circa 1845, resisted reservation life at first but worked tirelessly to improve reservation conditions for the Comanche people and other tribes. He made several trips to Washington, D.C. and was a personal friend of President Theodore Roosevelt. I plan to read more of his life story when I am home next winter.

I camped on the Red River before crossing into Texas. The Red River is very interesting, as it is quite shallow in spots; the cattle drives would go right through it. I have since hiked 200 miles west across the high, arid plains of the Texas panhandle

and have not yet seen a running stream. I passed the site of Acme, Texas, which had been a company town. When the workers rebelled, the company kicked them out of the company housing, then bulldozed the town. There is no trace of Acme now—just a sign on the road. My, how labor relations have changed!

I will close this note from Turkey, Texas, the birth place of country music legend Bob Wills. It is a small town of about 500. It like so many other towns here—once bustling with dreams but now struggling due to changing economies and transportation.

The Turkey Hotel, my home for the night, was built in 1927 and today remains much as it was then. The rooms are nice, with a shared bathroom between every two rooms. It is a quaint place, a nice place to sit and relax, to slow down a bit, and just enjoy being here.

Until next time ...

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Representative should be thanked, not criticized.

To the Editor

I read a recent letter to the editor in your paper criticizing Rep. Gene DeRossett for receiving a legislative pay raise. I personally responded to the letter in the Manchester Enterprise by contacting Mr. DeRossett. After discussing the letter and its validity with Mr. DeRossett, I feel compelled to respond.

The letter suggested that Gene "voted" himself a pay raise. In fact, on Jan. 25, 2001 he voted

against it. Although the pay raise was ultimately enacted, Gene felt the increase was too much, and cosponsored a constitutional amendment to change the way public officials are compensated. All voters will now have the ability to change the system in the August election, thanks in part to DeRossett.

Because of Gene's style and humility, you won't hear him brag publicly about the many donations he's made to charitable organizations such as 4-H, Shriners Hospital, Salvation Army, Saline Fiddlers

Philharmonic, D.A.R.E., Youth in Government, Fairview Home, American Legion, Citizens for Traditional Values, and numerous others. You also won't hear him talk about the approximately \$30,000 in legislative office budget that he has returned to the taxpayers since 1999.

Then again, that fresh style and modesty is a rare find in an elected official. Let's be smart enough to recognize those qualities when we see them, and thank Rep. DeRossett for his public service.

Daniel T. Burch

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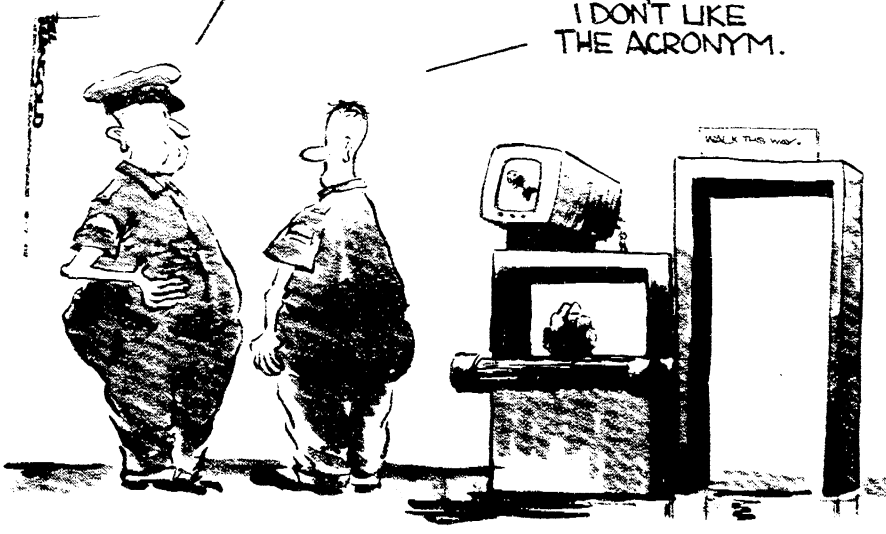
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I draw my own conclusions...

BY BILL MANGOLD

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Talent Galore



Alex Wallace (left), Spencer Wallace and Justin Hone were just three of the 86 Klager kids in 39 different acts at the Klager Talent Show held last Wednesday. "We just keep beating our own records," said PTO member Kelly Hone of the show, which has grown in popularity for the third year in a row. The many polished acts provided a fun afternoon for parents, pupils and siblings.

Photo by Marsha Johnson Chartrand

Secretary of State publishes driving booklet in Spanish

Spanish version of "What Every Driver Must Know" available.

Secretary of State Candice S. Miller announced last week that for the first time in nearly a decade, a Spanish version of the driver booklet "What Every Driver Must Know" is available for Michigan's Spanish-speaking residents. The new booklet is available in all 173 Secretary of State branch offices and on the Secretary of State web site, www.sos.state.mi.us.

"As Michigan's Spanish-speaking population rapidly increases, so does the need to provide these residents with information to help them safely operate a motor vehicle on Michigan roads," Miller said.

"We have received numerous requests for a Spanish version of 'What Every Driver Must Know' in recent years, and I am pleased that we can now provide this important resource for Michigan motorists."

"What Every Driver Must Know" has been the public's primary resource for information about driving laws, procedures and practices for more than 30 years. This is the first time in a decade that "What Every Driver Must Know" has been revised in Spanish, and the first time that a Spanish version of "What Every Driver Must Know" has been available to download from the internet.

Miller explained that the department has always taken a progressive stance in utilizing the Internet to promote innova-

tive customer service initiatives. These initiatives include resources such as the English version of "What Every Driver Must Know," the "Michigan Commercial Driver License Manual," "Michigan Motorcycle Operator Manual" and the "Road Skills Test Study Guide."

The new Spanish booklet will be available in the Secretary of State branch offices on a limited basis, with branch offices serving large Spanish-speaking communities, such as southwest Grand Rapids, having the largest quantities of booklets.

The Spanish "What Every Driver Must Know" is located on the Secretary of State web site at: www.sos.state.mi.us/pamphlet/wedmk/index_spanish.htm.



Ok, so now your child is old enough to go to kindergarten but what can you do to ensure he succeeds in kindergarten? Last week we looked at some general areas that parents can help their child get ready for school—good health and physical well-being, social and emotional preparation, and language skills. This week we will look at specific ways you can support your child's readiness for school.

Give your child opportunities to play. Play is how children learn. It is the natural way for them to explore, to become creative, and to develop academic and social skills. Play helps them learn to solve problems—for example, if a wagon tips over a child must figure out how to get it upright again. Children learn about geometry, shapes and balance when they stack up blocks. Playing with others helps children learn how to negotiate.

Talk to your children. This should begin at birth. Babies need to hear your voice. A television or the radio cannot take the place of your

voice because it doesn't respond to coos and babbles. The more you talk to your baby, the more he will have to talk about as he gets older. Talking with your children broadens their understanding of knowledge and of the world.

LISTEN TO your children. Children have their own special thoughts and feelings, joys and sorrows, hopes and fears. As their language skills develop, encourage them to talk. Listening is the best way to learn what's on their minds and to discover what they know and don't know, and how they think and learn. It also shows children that their feelings and ideas are valuable.

Answer questions and ask questions, particularly ones that require more than a "yes" or "no" response. While walking in a park, for example, most 2- and 3-year-olds will stop to pick up leaves. You might point out how the leaves are the same, and how they are different. With older children you might ask, "What else grows on trees?" Questions can help children learn to compare and classify things.

Read aloud to your child everyday. Reading can begin with babes and continue throughout a lifetime. Even though they don't understand

the story or the poem, reading together gives children a chance to learn about language, enjoy the sound of your voice, and be close with you. You don't have to be an excellent reader for your child to enjoy this time together. You may also want to take your child to the local library that offers special story hours.

Monitor television viewing. Next to parents, television may be our children's most influential teacher. Good television can introduce children to new worlds and promote learning, but poor or too much TV can be harmful.

REMEMBER to be realistic about your children's abilities and interests. Parents must set high standards and encourage their preschoolers to try new things. Children who aren't challenged become bored. But ones who are pushed along too quickly, or are asked to do things that don't interest them, can become frustrated and unhappy.

Next week we will be look at some things you, the parent, need to learn and do before the first day of school.

"Step by Step" is brought to you by First Steps Washtenaw/Manchester. Call 428-7804 for more information.

HOMETIME HEROES

Brandon Maggetti of Manchester, Private Second Class in the United States Army, graduated in February from basic training and advanced individual training for military police at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

Maggetti is a 2000 graduate of

Manchester High School and following a leave at home will depart for a one-year term of service in military police duty in Korea.

He is the son of Gene and Cindy Maggetti of Manchester and the brother of Ryan, Weston and Angela Maggetti.



Brandon Maggetti

Student Ambassador

Manchester sixth-grader Carl Wharam has been nominated and selected to go on a People to People student ambassadorship.

He will spend three weeks in Europe this summer learning about the people and cultures of the four countries he will visit as he travels with 23 other children and four teachers from the Southeastern Michigan area.



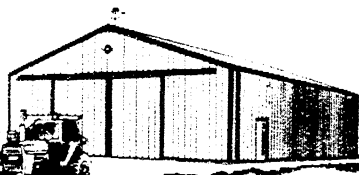
We would like to extend our thanks for the many cards, visits, thoughts and prayers we have received since the loss of our children, Courtney and Christopher. Your kind words and support continue to give our family strength through this difficult time. The evident generosity and friendship of so many has been greatly appreciated.

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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

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

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

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

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

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

Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce Board meets on the second Monday of each month at noon at Dan's River Grill. All chamber members may attend.

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

Bridgewater Township Planning Commission meets at

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

Manchester Knights of Columbus meets at 8 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at St. Mary's Catholic Church Parish Center.

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

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

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

Tuesday

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

Story Time with Grandma Pat. 10:30 to 11 a.m. 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.

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removed.

ME: You don't have any soft spots for the Army?

RJB: Absolutely not.

World War I mode, polishing buttons and close-order drills and nonsense things that in no way prepared us for our job. We had some good officers, of course. But there was still a great nucleus of airheads that were nothing but card-playing drunks on the weekend. They were totally uninformed.

ME: Do you worry that in the post-Sept. 11 political climate, where criticism of the military is discouraged, this book could lead some to perceive you as un-

American?

RJB: I could see very well how they could think that, yeah. But on the other hand, that's their problem.

I'm not un-American. Four of my ancestors have been in the revolutionary war. When push comes to shove, I'm afraid I'd be the first one out there.

But I think it's my prerogative to say what I disagree about what they're doing.

"Beyond Pongani Mission: One Man's Struggle to Get Back Alive" by Staff Sgt. Robert James Bable. Bokmal Press. Ann Arbor, 2001; 279 pages, \$17.00. Available at Little Professor Books, Shaman Drum, Distinctive Creations in Saline, and online at Amazon.com.

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FINANCE

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That thought was echoed at the Feb. 18 school board meeting when trustee Brad Roberts asked whether a new governor might cut the foundation grant yet again.

"Yes, that can happen," Oegema replied. "When a new governor takes office he can make an executive order at any time."

"Right now, we can say, 'hey, this is great,' but it could change again at any moment."

Schenk said that for the 2003-2004 school year the district will need to be aware of union contracts expiring in June 2003 and the opening of the new high school in Sept. 2004.

"We simply don't know what the economy will be like, what the state will do when a new governor is in office, or where our new union contract will take us," she said. "We'll have additional costs with moving into the new building and more overhead with another building. If we're prudent now, anything we can bank in our rainy day fund can help our budget in that year."

Schenk said the picture certainly is not too bleak.

"We were \$650,000 out of balance and now we're only \$400,000 out of balance," she

said. "We'll still have to look at reductions in some areas, but they won't be as severe cutbacks as we'd anticipated."

"The 2000 bond issue helped

the district buy buses and technology and we don't have to worry about our infrastructure."

"Our budget is healthier because of that."

Winning Smile



Lyndsey Ebersburger of Manchester was the winner of a Valentine's Day basket from the Manchester Pharmacy last month. Two baskets were awarded to customers at the pharmacy.

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Mon - Sat 9-8, Sun 10-5

Saturday, March 9, 1 pm

Community Farm of Ann Arbor Cookbook

Farm Managers Anne Elder and Paul Bantle present this unique cookbook which contains recipes for people who prefer eating "real" food, especially made with fresh, locally grown vegetables. Methods for storing fresh produce are also included. Anne and Paul will also have food prepared from Cookbook recipes!

Friday, March 15, 7 pm

Dead Poet's Society featuring the poetry of Pablo Neruda

Poet Pablo Neruda will be portrayed by Catherine Croissant Varner. Perhaps no other modern poet received as much international recognition as Pablo Neruda, for in his poetry he addressed universal concerns, writing passionately about love, nature, the beauty of one's homeland (in his case, Chile), and the human condition. Open mike.

Tuesday, March 19, 7 pm

Illustrator and Storyteller Wil Clay and his new "Auntee Edna"

"Auntee Edna" author Ethel Footman Smothers tells the story of sisters, Tokee and Beba's visit to their "old fashion" Auntee Edna. Instead of "bo-ri-ng" as expected, the girls find their Auntee Edna is full of surprises and fun. Wil Clay's illustrations bring the words of the story to life. He uses bright colors and his characters are animated. Mrs. Clay will also have original paintings on display.

Sunday, March 24, 2 pm

Discourse on Gurdjieff/Ouspensky

Join us for "Gurdjieff/Ouspensky: A Multi-media Discourse on the Ideas of a Fourth Way School! "Man is asleep. He can awaken. This is a school for awakening."

Saturday, March 30, 2 pm

Exotic Places from Around the World — Take a Look at Southern Africa

Stan and Phis Williams from Nature's Expressions share unusual, beautiful, and away-from-the-beaten-path locations that offer wild animals, wild terrain, and wonderful pictures. Today, enjoy slides of the African countries of Namibia, Botswana, and Zimbabwe — highlighted by a total eclipse of the sun! See animals, the world's highest sand dunes, awesome Victoria Falls and more. Local artifacts and minerals will be on display.

Ongoing Activities:

Little Professor Book Reading Clubs:

The daytime reading group meets at 1 pm every other Thursday reading on 3/7 "Jim the Boy" by Tony Earley and 3/21 "Praniga" by Barbara Kingsolver. The evening reading group meets on the last Thursday evening of the month at 7 pm on 3/28. Register your reading group for 20% off your monthly selection and 10% off all books.

Monthly Origami with Jack Smith

Enjoy origami with Jack Smith on the second Saturday of each month (March 10) at 11 am. Chelsea's own Jack Smith will share his 25+ years of experience in origami with projects for beginners to advanced. Fun folding for the whole family!

Story Time with "T"

"T" Rae Smith reads for children ages 1 to 6 years, twice a month, the second and fourth Monday (March 11 & 25) at 10:30 am. Story Time will include both a featured book and hands-on activities, plus yummy treats. March's theme is the Family.

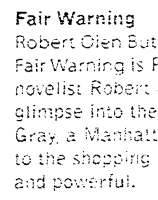
March is Reading Month Recommended Reads...



The Black Stallion

Walter Farley

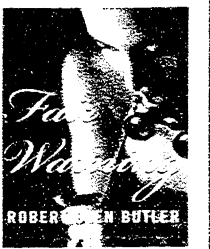
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Fair Warning

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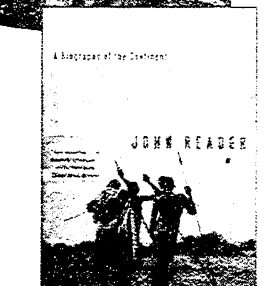
Fair Warning is Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist Robert Olen Butler's enthralling glimpse into the world of Nicholas and Gray, a Manhattan auction house catering to the shopping pheromones of the rich and powerful.



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The Chelsea Poetry Competition and Celebration
Entries must be received at the Chelsea District Library or the Little Professor Book Center, deadline Saturday, April 20.
All forms of poetry are welcome.
Participate in Elementary, Middle School, High School, and Adult categories.
April is Poetry Month

Valentine VIP's



Manchester co-op Preschoolers held a VIP Night and a Valentine's Day party last month. On VIP night, parents, grandparents or other important friends attended school with the pupils to share the preschool experience. Pictured here are the pupils at the four-year-olds' Valentine's Day party, including Carter Doan (front, left), Jordan Heuser, Aaron Carter, Charlie Steffens, Lauren Doster, Rachel Heuser, Alia Benedict, Logan Rathburn and Jessie Vigo. Back row, Becca Newman (left), Judy Sahakian, Josie Rickert, Jessica Manders, Sydney Ahrens, Madison Collins, Madeline Wakevainen, Wade Flint and teacher, Miss Jennifer Nisbett Brewer.

WEB

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optic Internet lines for the schools.

OpAve has been in Chelsea since 1986, when founder Rick Sauer opened a Web hosting and development company when the Internet was not yet a household word. When the two began offering broadband service to businesses, said Daut, standard Internet access for businesses was limited to 56K dial-up modems.

"It's something like apples and oranges," Daut said. "What we're providing is a lot faster. Up to 50 times faster, in fact. With broadband service, the Internet is always on, and the phone line stays open for calls.

"It becomes an integral part of your desktop," said Daut. "It's like having a private network on the Internet."

Comcast, the local residential, cable Internet service provider in Manchester, also offers high-speed Internet access to "any community where we offer Internet service to residential customers," according to spokesman Rich Ruggiero.

Currently, he said Manchester is one of two communities in Washtenaw County where

Internet service is still being upgraded. One service offers download speeds of up to 1.5 megabits and upstream up to 256K, and is compatible for virtual private networks for one to five PCs. They also have a separate company which customizes service for individual businesses.

The Michigan Economic Development Commission says that no cities in Michigan appear on the list of top 25 markets for fiber-optic networks. Less than 20 percent of the 17,000 small and medium automotive parts supply companies in the state have broadband Internet connections.

"It is the equivalent of being one of those communities that didn't get an interchange, or the interchange was three miles out of downtown...and (the downtown) shriveled and died," said Susan Lackey, president of the Washtenaw Development Council.

Lackey said she cannot get DSL (Digital Subscriber Line) for her Ann Arbor office because she is 30 feet out of the way.

"I would have frankly thought that all of Washtenaw County was well served," said Lackey. "It's not."

Using a central antenna to tap

into an existing Nokia wireless system, OpAve splits the bandwidth out into adjoining areas. Daut said antennas are mounted atop buildings. Each antenna doubles as a router, sending the bandwidth out again, forming a self-healing grid.

"If one of them goes down, the technology finds the best route to go around that," said Daut. "It's very robust and very reliable in that sense."

The antennas are small—eight inches tall and about three inches in diameter. Daut said.

OpAve currently charges businesses a \$126 monthly rate

for broadband service, compared to about \$17 per month for residential, 56K dial-up service. Daut said the amount varies according to available wireless rates.

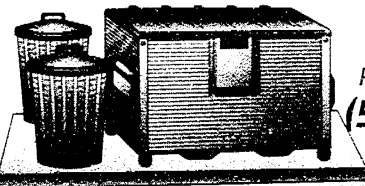
"If you think about it, if it saves you a couple hours of staff time in a month, then it's paid for," he said.

Daut said he was glad to see the issue of broadband access being addressed.

"We think overall it's a good thing that the state is taking an interest in building access for everybody because we feel that this is going to become a utility for businesses," he said.

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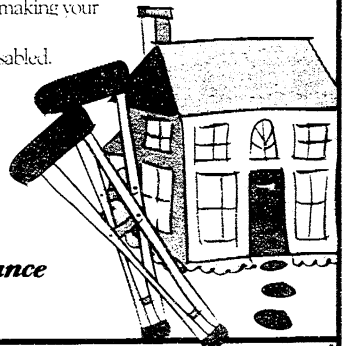
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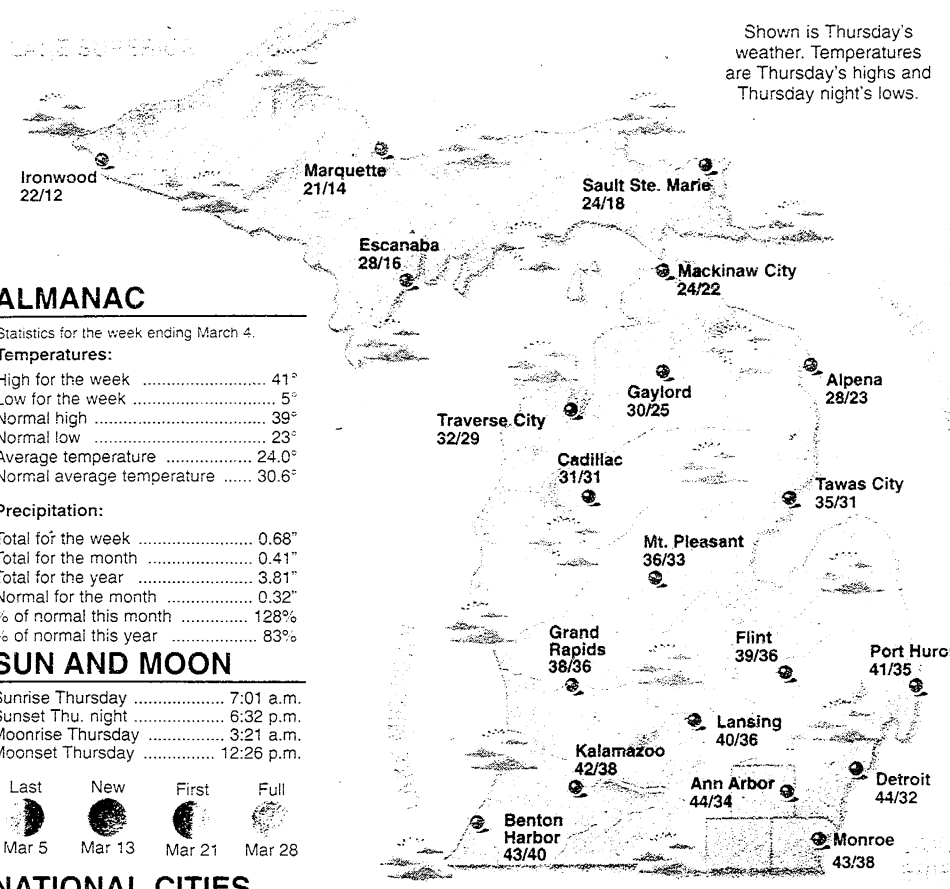
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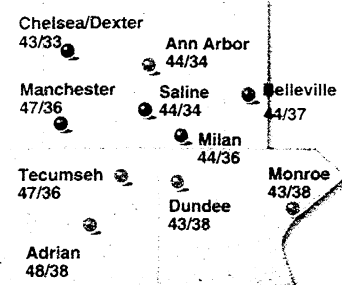
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THURSDAY	THU. NIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
HIGH: 42°-46° Mostly cloudy; a shower possible.	LOW: 32°-36° Cloudy; breezy overnight.	HIGH: 50°-54° Mostly cloudy; showers possible. LOW: 39°-43°	HIGH: 54°-58° Mostly cloudy; showers possible. LOW: 26°-30°	HIGH: 30°-34° Mostly cloudy, windy and cold. LOW: 14°-18°	HIGH: 32°-36° A mix of sun and clouds; cold. LOW: 13°-17°

MICHIGAN



LOCAL WEATHER



TRAVEL

Lenawee, Monroe and Washtenaw Counties
A few showers may occur across the region Thursday, otherwise, there should be very little travel problems. A few showers are also expected on Friday.

SOLUNAR TABLE

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

Major	Minor	Major	Minor
Thu: 6:46 a.m.	12:35 a.m.	7:13 p.m.	12:36 a.m.
Fri: 7:35 a.m.	1:22 a.m.	8:01 p.m.	1:48 p.m.
Sat: 8:22 a.m.	2:09 a.m.	8:47 p.m.	2:34 p.m.
Sun: 9:06 a.m.	2:54 a.m.	9:30 p.m.	3:18 p.m.

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Highest Thursday	41°
Highest Friday	45°
Highest Saturday	51°
Highest Sunday	15°

UV INDEX

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

Highest Thursday	1	Minimal
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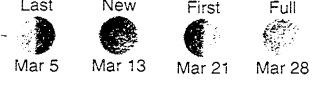
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Statistics for the week ending March 4.
Temperatures:
High for the week 41°
Low for the week 5°
Normal high 39°
Normal low 23°
Average temperature 24.0°
Normal average temperature 30.6°

Precipitation:
Total for the week 0.68"
Total for the month 0.41"
Total for the year 3.81"
Normal for the month 0.32"
% of normal this month 128%
% of normal this year 83%

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise Thursday 7:01 a.m.
Sunset Thu. night 6:32 p.m.
Moonrise Thursday 3:21 a.m.
Moonset Thursday 12:26 p.m.



MICHIGAN CITIES

City	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Ann Arbor	44/34/c	52/41/c
Battle Creek	43/38/sh	55/45/c
Bay City	38/34/c	43/40/c
Coldwater	47/40/sh	55/45/c
Dearborn	44/34/c	50/41/c
Detroit	44/32/c	50/40/c
Grand Rapids	38/36/c	52/40/c
Holland	40/37/c	54/43/c
Jackson	44/37/sh	49/43/c
Kalamazoo	42/38/sh	53/43/c
Lansing	40/36/c	49/42/c
Livonia	44/37/c	53/41/c
Midland	35/34/c	45/40/c
Monroe	43/38/c	52/46/c
Muskegon	37/37/sf	49/38/c
Pontiac	43/35/c	46/44/c
Port Huron	41/35/c	45/44/c
Saginaw	44/34/c	44/40/c
Saline	44/34/c	52/41/c
Sault Ste. Marie	24/18/sh	36/24/sn
Sturgis	44/40/sh	55/45/c
Toronto	42/32/c	48/38/c
Traverse City	32/29/sf	44/34/r
Warren	43/34/c	49/42/c

WORLD CITIES

City	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Acapulco	91/70/s	91/70/pc
Algiers	53/47/r	55/41/c
Amsterdam	52/39/pc	54/46/pc
Athens	71/57/pc	74/59/c
Auckland	66/55/pc	69/61/pc
Bangkok	82/70/c	82/67/pc
Barbados	84/74/s	84/74/pc
Beijing	52/35/s	60/45/s
Beirut	80/62/s	83/65/s
Belgrade	69/46/pc	60/42/pc
Berlin	49/36/c	52/44/pc
Bogota	69/46/sh	72/46/pc
Buenos Aires	84/65/pc	82/70/t
Cairo	88/63/pc	89/64/s
Calgary	6/-10/sn	16/-6/sn
Cape Town	76/58/s	87/66/s
Copenhagen	43/31/r	45/40/pc
Dublin	54/47/pc	49/33/pc
Frankfurt	53/36/pc	55/42/s
Geneva	52/40/c	54/39/pc
Hong Kong	65/57/pc	65/59/s
Jakarta	72/55/s	68/56/pc
Jerusalem	83/62/pc	77/60/pc
Johannesburg	82/54/s	79/48/s
Karachi		

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

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	City	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	City	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	City	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	City	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Akron	50/36/c	54/40/c	Buffalo	42/32/c	44/36/pc	Denver	56/34/pc	46/24/pc	Knoxville	61/42/pc	64/46/pc	Norfolk	64/44/pc	64/50/pc
Albany	48/34/c	46/36/c	Burlington, IA	48/44/c	58/38/c	Des Moines	44/41/sh	54/29/sh	Las Vegas	60/42/pc	60/38/pc	Oklaoma City	70/52/pc	68/42/c
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Anchorage	22/12/s	23/11/s	Casper	44/18/pc	30/12/c	El Paso	76/46/pc	68/38/pc	Lincoln	48/39/c	60/28/c	Oriam	78/58/c	78/60/pc
Atlanta	66/47/pc	68/49/pc	Cedar Rapids	44/41/sh	54/35/c	Fairbanks	12/-17/pc	15/-11/s	Little Rock	65/50/c	73/53/c	Palm Springs	68/48/pc	71/46/s
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Baton Rouge	74/53/pc	75/59/c	Chicago	50/26/pc	38/18/pc	Gary	44/41/sh	54/44/c	Memphis	65/51/c	74/53/c	Pittsburgh	56/34/pc	62/42/pc
Billings	30/6/c	21/10/c	Cheney	44/38/sh	54/46/c	Green Bay	32/28/sn	42/32/c	Miami	79/69/r	81/70/sh	Portland, ME	46/28/c	38/30/c
Birmingham	68/47/c	72/53/pc	Chicago	50/26/pc	38/18/pc	Helena	23/2/c	19/12/c	Portland, OR	42/32/sn	46/36/pc	Providence	54/36/pc	46/32/c
Bismarck	14/6/sn	15/4/c	Cincinnati	56/38/c	60/44/pc	Honolulu	82/68/c	82/68/s	Raleigh	68/42/pc	68/44/pc	Rapid City	36/21/c	26/10/c
Bloomington	52/44/c	64/51/c	Cleveland	50/34/c	58/42/c	Houston	76/60/pc	78/60/pc	Richmond	66/42/s	66/47/s	Reno	46/27/r	47/24/s
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Freshmen end season with victories

■ *Young Dutch look forward to next year's action.*

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Associate Editor

"We closed the season last week with two games and two wins," said Manchester freshman basketball coach Jim Krzyzaniak.

Krzyzaniak is proud of his youthful team's 17-1 record for the year.

"It was a very good season," he said.

Tuesday night the team played Vandercook Lake and came away with a resounding 76-11 victory.

"It was one of those games we played real well," Krzyzaniak said. "We had a big second quarter when we outscored them 28-2; and we had a halftime lead of 42-7."

The freshman team showed good defensive pressure during the entire game and a balanced offensive attack throughout.

Leading scorers were Rodney Posky with 17 points, followed by Tom Breilein with 12 and Caleb Bergner with 11. Andrew Little scored nine points and R.J. Layher contributed seven.

Posky also was the team's leading rebounder with 11 followed by Bergner with eight. Breilein with seven and Brett Melcher with six.

"Caleb has had a fine second half of the season," Krzyzaniak



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Freshmen Brett Melcher (left) and Rodney Posky along with coach Jim Krzyzaniak rejoice after the team's solid defeat of Napoleon last Thursday, 83-43.

said of Bergner, who also had three assists in the game.

Leading the way with steals was Breilein with five and Melcher and Posky with four steals each.

Breilein and Layher also had three assists apiece.

Of Posky, Krzyzaniak said, "Throughout the season he's been a real defensive factor with his blocked shots. He's

been very active that way."

On Thursday the team traveled to play league rivals the Napoleon Pirates.

"The kids were really excited about this game and really looking forward to it," Krzyzaniak said.

Again in the second quarter the team had an extended run and outscored Napoleon by 29-4.

"Between the second and

third quarters, we outscored them 45-9," Krzyzaniak said. "We ended up winning the game 83-43."

"All the players, when they got in there were really focused. As a coach, it was great to see. Everyone played and everyone contributed."

"It was a fantastic finish to the season."

Leading the way with 17 points

was Melcher, followed by Posky who scored 13 and Layher and Little each added 11 points. Dan Randall contributed nine points and Andrew Way scored eight.

Posky again led in rebounding with 11, followed by Breilein with nine and Randall with six.

Little, Mike Tremblay, Layher and Mark Trinkle all contributed to the game with three steals apiece. Tremblay also had four assists and Way and Melcher had three each.

"As a coach, I want to thank all 11 players for their hard work and dedication," Krzyzaniak said.

He recognized each player individually and as a team. Team members included Breilein, Layher, Melcher, Trinkle, Bergner, Way, Tremblay, Randall, Little, Eric Strong and Posky.

"It was a fantastic season," he said. "I really want to thank the parents, too, who were always there to support the players."

When freshman games often start as early as 4 p.m., Krzyzaniak said it was impressive to see the parental support behind each member of the team.

"Now the guys need to keep working," he said. "These are some good kids; they're very competitive."

"When you've got competitive kids you can go places. The challenge in front of them is just to keep getting better."

On the court and off, netter smiles through the pain

■ *Sarah Johnson has learned strength through adversity.*

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Associate Editor

Determination is the word that best describes senior Sarah Johnson.

A fourth-year volleyball player, she is the team's setter and co-captain this year.

"Sarah has more fight in her than any person I've ever come across," volleyball coach Dan Roughton said of Johnson. "The medical problems she's had force her to work three times as hard as anyone else, and she just does it."

Johnson openly discusses her myriad of medical problems.

"I've had three surgeries in the past year and a half," she says.

Following her surgery for a ruptured appendix, the infection reoccurred and caused an abscess. The scar had to be reopened so it would heal.

Then, a hernia from the scar tissue had to be removed.

And this fall she discovered that she was suffering from Crohn's disease.

"A lot of it is stress related," she admits. "I'm keeping it under control with drugs right now. I was having a lot of flare-ups."

"Exam week is always the worst."

Despite her illness, Johnson has remained a successful student and a leading player on the

varsity volleyball team.

"Right now, we really have a good volleyball program," she says. "We've had the same coach since seventh grade. He knows a lot and taught us a lot."

Roughton has been a tremendous influence and inspiration to her, she says.

"I needed that kind of inspiration," she says. "If it wasn't fun, I wouldn't bother."

When she is not playing volleyball, Johnson spends a lot of time with her horse, Gemini, who is boarded at Evergreen Stables in Waterloo. Although she spent her freshman fall season on the equestrian team, she now prefers to do her riding on her own, since Gemini is boarded so far away.

"I've pretty much stuck with volleyball," she says with a grin.

It seems like the sport might be in her blood.

"When I was younger, my dad was a volleyball coach at the middle school level," Johnson says. "So it's something I always knew."

But like volleyball, riding has been a long-time passion for her too.

"I've been riding since second grade," she says. "For my seventh birthday I got riding lessons. I leased a horse for a year and a half or two years, then finally got one of my own."

Johnson got Gemini, a quarter horse, at the end of her eighth grade year.

"I've always wanted a dark horse with four white socks," she

says. "I had to get him when I saw him at an auction at the livestock exchange."

Although she has had Gemini in training for about four years now, she says they're just now getting somewhere.

"He's turning nine in April," she says. "He was abused when he was young, so he has issues."

"Yeah, he's just like a little kid. I'm going to keep him."

In addition to her volleyball and horse back riding, Johnson is in her second year of National Honor Society and also works at Pamida in Chelsea.

Up until this year, she also played oboe in the Michigan Youth Orchestra and she still plays with the Manchester High School band. She continues to study music privately as well, but hasn't participated in Solo and Ensemble festival since beginning to play high school volleyball.

"Every year, the weekend has been the same weekend as a volleyball tournament," she says. "I figure I can play oboe year around, but I can only play volleyball in the winter."

Despite her ongoing illness, Johnson has continued to play with the varsity team and inspire her teammates.

A few weeks ago, during a time when the varsity team was struggling to win any games at all, Roughton asked Johnson and her co-captain, Natalie Weidmayer, to pick up their games and mental attitudes on the court and try to convey a positive attitude for the rest of the team to follow.

In response to his request, "both of them came out and played their best games all season," Roughton said.

The Lady Dutch posted a 15-6, 15-5 conference victory that week over Michigan Center.

Asked how she can continue to play despite her illness, Johnson simply says, "I have a high pain tolerance."

One day after her most recent surgery, she went back to school. As soon as the doctor gave her permission to play, she was back on the court.

"I don't get to hang out with a lot of girls," she explains. "It's my girl-time."

In NHS, Johnson has participated in the teacher luncheon, Super Saturday and peer tutoring programs and the annual blood drive.

Because of all the medications she's on, she was unable to donate blood this year, but it didn't stop her from helping with the

planning and execution of the recent blood drive.

"I tried," she says.

"Sarah is a hard worker and willingly gives back to her school and community," said NHS adviser Sheryl Puroil.

And it was in "giving back to her school and community" that



Sarah Johnson (left) and teammate Eriehyde focus on their game.

accounting.

"I like numbers," she says. "Math has been my favorite course—up until this year, anyway."

Calculus in particular has really been a challenge for her, but

she says that teacher Kristin Cole has been very helpful especially in assisting her with making up



Wrestlers head to state individual competition.

On Feb. 23 four Manchester wrestlers traveled to Clinton to face some tough competition. But the stakes were high—a trip to the Palace at Auburn Hills for the state individual wrestling finals. The four who qualified for regional competition were ready to go.

As the day wore on, coach Steve Vleck got three out of his four in the qualifying ranks for state finals, to be held today, tomorrow and Saturday at the Palace.

"This is a big improvement from last year when we only took one wrestler, and considering all four kids are underclassmen, the future looks bright for our program," Vleck said.

James Tobias went 2-1 on the day to collect his 41st win on the year, becoming only the third freshman in the school's history to qualify for state. He pinned his first opponent and then won a 7-1 decision before losing in the finals 1-7.

Dan Fleck went 2-2 on the day, defeating both the first and second-place finishers from the other district convincingly. A 9-3 decision and then a second-period pin qualified Fleck for state.

"What a great improvement from last year where he won seven matches," Vleck said.

"His two victories Saturday give him 31 wins on the year." Josh Tobias did well, collecting two wins before falling in the finals 2-7.

"Josh won on injury default his first match and then won convincingly 10-0 to qualify and put him in the finals," Vleck said.

Tobias leads the team with 43 wins and is making his second trip to individual state competition.

Josh Knouse went 1-2 on the day, losing a close 5-3 match that could have qualified him for state competition.

"Even though he didn't make it he had a good year," Vleck said. "(He won) 33 matches with 17 pins."

"We are really looking forward to Josh being one of our anchors next year as he continues to improve and he will make it the next few years."

Wrestling at the Palace will begin at 2:45 p.m. today. The Dutch wrestlers will wrestle once Thursday and then will start over again at 8:30 a.m. Friday.

"It goes well into the night Friday with the last round being at 7 p.m.," Vleck said.

On Saturday, wrestling begins at 8:30 a.m. again, with the finals set for 4:45 p.m. Tickets are available at the Palace ticket office.

"We hope to see you there to cheer on the kids," Vleck said.

Local softball player key to Mustangs' victory.

Manchester High School junior Trisha Miller made her 2002 debut for the Michigan Mustangs, leading the 16U fast pitch softball travel team to a 9-3 win over St. John's High School on Feb. 24 at the B.A.M.M. indoor softball dome in Lansing.

Miller, a mid-year transfer from South Lyon High School, went two for four with a walk as the Mustangs defeated the traditional Michigan High School Athletic Association Division One softball power.

A starting shortstop at South Lyon since early in her freshman year, Miller played flawlessly at shortstop for the Mustangs, said coach Don Newsted of Clinton.

The team also finished with a 4-0 record at the 32-team Doug Gillis Silverdome indoor tournament in December.

Sarah Johnson has two loves—horseback riding with her quarter horse, Gemini and playing volleyball, where she is a varsity co-captain.



Varsity hoops end league season, head to district

■ *Whitmore Lake was last night's opponent.*

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
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The Varsity Dutchmen headed into last week's competition on a high note following a four-game winning streak, and made it five with a 75-43 victory over the Vandercook Lake Jayhawks on Tuesday.

But it took a determined effort from powerhouse Napoleon to knock the defending district champions from their lofty perch.

In Tuesday's game the Dutch got out to a good start, with a comfortable 22-10 lead at the end of the first quarter.

"We had to pick up the pace of the game," said Manchester coach Bryan Barnard. "They wanted to go slow and we pressed them."

"We did a good job early on, throwing the job inside to our posts. We definitely had an advantage in both size and ability at the post position."

Nick Strobl led the team in scoring with 20 points, followed by Jeff Punches with 16 and Brent Leverett with nine. Nate Smith and Mike Walter each scored eight points, Aaron LaRock added six and Josh McCalla and Jacob Sawyer both scored four.

"Mike Walter did a good job of casting the ball early," Barnard said. "He had about seven assists in that game."

"Nick and Jeff together shot 14 of 18 from the field. Jeff was seven of eight and Nick shot seven out of 10."

Barnard also said the team did a nice job of taking advantage of its size as well as learning the game.

A low point of the game and the season was when junior Nate Smith, who had scored eight points in the second quarter, broke his foot for a second time this year.

"He was just getting back to where he needed to be," Barnard said. "He'd been out so long it took him a while to get back into shape. He was looking

great."

The entire team felt Smith's loss keenly.

"It's disappointing for him and it's disappointing for the team," Barnard said. "But he still has good spirits and a good attitude. I've gotta commend him on that. 'No one wants to get hurt, and then to get hurt twice in a season ... I expect him to bounce back, and hopefully he'll be ready to play in June with us. He'll work hard to get back.'"

On Thursday night the team traveled to the Pirates' home court.

"I thought we played real well," Barnard said of his team. "It's difficult to play at Napoleon because you're battling a tradition."

"Sometimes it's tough because the calls don't necessarily go your way."

During a technical foul assessed on the bench, a six-point swing in Napoleon's direction affected the Dutch offense.

"But we came back," Barnard said. "We were down by 12 or 13 in the third quarter and we cut it



Senior Jeff Punches shows determination as the Dutchmen tried to surpass the Napoleon Pirates last Thursday. The team put up a strong fight but fell 58-43.

Photo by David Jose

to two ... we were down by 38 to 36 going into the fourth.

"We didn't quit. We didn't back down. We did a good job of being tough, both mentally and physically."

But it wasn't quite enough. The Dutch didn't make their free throws and in the end, they turned the ball over too many times to win the game.

"Those are the little things we have to do to win the big games, against the good teams," Barnard said. "We've got to stop turning the ball over so much."

"We've done a pretty good job at the free throw line this year and we need to continue that."

But when Napoleon shot triple the free throw opportuni-

ties that Manchester had, it makes a big difference.

"It makes it difficult to win," Barnard credited Karl Schaible for doing a good job on point guard, and Mike Walter for doing a great job of "chasing around one of their best scorers."

"We played tough, we played hard," he said. "In the fourth quarter with just three minutes left we were right there. The score was 44-40."

But down the stretch the Dutchmen turned it over too many times and didn't make the free throw opportunities.

"That's the name of the game," Barnard said. "The final score was 58-43."

While admitting that the outcome was a disappointment, Barnard said the Dutch felt like they had competed well.

"We were right there with a good team," he said. "It showed the guys we're improving and we're ready to play against some really good competition."

Brent Leverett led the team with 21 points.

"We needed someone else to go along with Brent," Barnard said. "You can't win a game with one guy scoring half your points. 'We just didn't have that extra player to step up and play in the double figures.'"

Leverett was five of ten in the three-point range, shooting the ball well from the three.

"We needed to get more from at least one other player, but we didn't get that to happen," Barnard said.

Instead, Strobl and Walter each scored five points, Punches and Schaible four, and McCalla and Sawyer had two points each.

"Jacob did a real good job for us in the second quarter," Barnard said. "He came in and had seven rebounds. He was strong; he was physical—he was all over the glass."

"That gave us a lift. I was real pleased with his play."

Last night the Dutch began district playoffs, meeting Whitmore Lake on their own court at 6 p.m. The winner of Wednesday's game will play the winner of Clinton vs. Green Hills at 7 p.m. on Friday.

Junior netters wind down season

■ *Finale was hard-fought victory over Vandercook Lake*

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
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The Junior Dutch volleyball team had a successful end to its 2002 season with a number of significant victories through the month of February.

On Feb. 7, the team played Michigan Center, winning 15-10, 18-16.

"This was a good game," said Manchester coach Sarah Twietmeyer. "We missed a lot of serves, but we still pulled off the win, making a comeback in the second game."

"We really pulled together as a team and won."

Facing Grass Lake on Feb. 11 the team came out strong but lost its momentum, losing in two games, 15-17, 6-15.

The next night, the team came out ready to win over Hanover-Horton.

"We won the first game 15-13," Twietmeyer said. "We started out well in the second game but then Hanover pulled things together. Once we let them in the game we could not gain control again."

The team played tough in all three games but came up short when an extra boost was needed. The final two games were 8-15, 9-15 with Hanover taking the victory.

"I think we surprised them, though," Twietmeyer said. "We made them fight to get the win. We weren't going to just give them the game."

On Thursday of that week, the team faced Addison and lost 10-15, 5-15.

"We struggled," Twietmeyer said. "We missed serves—we were very hesitant."

"Addison had played a fresh-

man game with most of their junior varsity team prior to this game, and they were warmed up and ready. We needed to come out strong and play tough, but we couldn't get anything going."

Concluding a long week, the team headed to the East Jackson Tournament on Feb. 16.

In the first round, the Dutch split with Brooklyn, 15-11, 10-15.

"We came out on fire in the first game," Twietmeyer said. "But we relaxed in the second game and Brooklyn took charge."

In the second round, against Jackson Western, the Dutch lost in two by not playing together as a team.

"They should have been a beatable team, but we could not

put anything together," Twietmeyer said.

The team split again vs. East Jackson, 8-15, 16-14.

"We put up a fight for the first game but came up short," Twietmeyer said. "We played together to win the second game."

To conclude the season on Feb. 21, the team played Vandercook Lake, winning in two games, 15-10, 15-11.

"The team came fired up and ready for a win," Twietmeyer said. "We had to play a tough game and we did. We played together as a team and everyone had fun."

The team ended its season on a high note and is optimistic about its prospects for next year.

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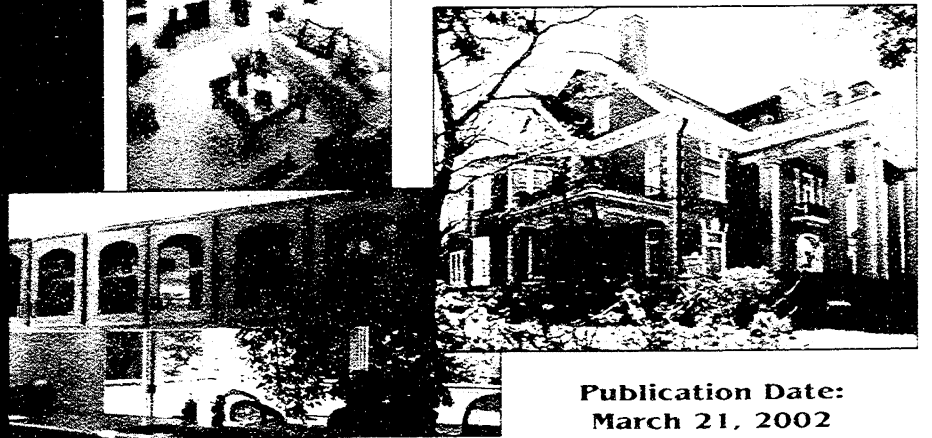
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Varsity ends on an upbeat note

Netters end the season strong despite loss in district finals.

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
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The Manchester varsity volleyball team split the Conference meet and lost in the finals of the district meet to conclude their season on an upbeat note.

The team lost to Hanover Horton in the first round of the conference meet, 6-15, 8-15 but the girls didn't let that deter them from going on to beat East Jackson by a score of 15-1, 5-15, 15-5.

In the Hanover game, Dara Jose had four kills and two digs, Kelli Randall had four kills and two blocks, and Sarah Johnson contributed 10 assists and three digs.

"The East Jackson game was great," Manchester coach Dan Roughton said. "The girls didn't get let down after losing to Hanover. Instead, they came out and played really tough to beat East Jackson convincingly."

In this game, Brie Hyde had 11 points, four aces, five kills and six digs.

"She had a great all around game," Roughton said.

Liz Okey had nine kills and three digs.

Sydni Johnson had four digs on defense.

"Sydni was a big part of this win," Roughton said. "She passed the ball great when it was needed, and she wasn't a sophomore on the court."

"She has definitely matured into a strong player."

Sarah Johnson had seven points, three aces, three kills and 17 assists.

"Once again stepping it up, Sarah was the leader on the court," Roughton said. "She took her team to victory."

"She's done a great job in the



The Manchester varsity volleyball team ended the season much stronger than it began.

Photo by David Jose

second half of this season."

In District competition, the varsity defeated Gabriel Richard in the first round, 15-11, 15-13.

"Everyone played," Roughton said.

Becky Steiner got a point and two digs in the game. Trisha Miller served, not getting a point but stepped out and didn't make any mistakes.

"After not playing that much this season, it's great to know she'll be back next year," Roughton said.

Rebecca Aiber worked hard, Roughton said, and in her one shot at passing got the kill where it needed to go.

"That shows me she pays attention and really wants to play," Roughton said.

In the finals round against Clinton, the girls fell 13-15, 7-15.

"We came out really fast and were up at one point 8-1," Roughton said. "Right at the start, it seemed nothing could go wrong."

"But when the girls could taste being close to victory, they got a little nervous."

Roughton related that the Lady Dutch have been trying to get "over the hump" with Clinton for as long as he can remember in district competition.

"Being so close, we proceeded

to miss 10 serves," he said. "It kind of took us out of the competition."

Even so, he said, his team still played strong even though they weren't getting their serves in the match.

"We just have to push a little harder and get over that mental block," he said, already looking to next year's competition.

Jose, who was named to the All-Conference first team, had seven kills and four digs. Okey contributed five kills and six digs, and Ashley Schlosser had five points, three aces and three digs, while Michelle Slocum got five digs.

Kelli Randall was named All-Conference honorable mention for the second consecutive year.

"Overall, it was a successful season," Roughton said in retrospect. "By the end of the season, the girls were a team. They were mature and playing together."

"From the middle of the season where they weren't getting along as well, they weren't trusting the system ... they showed a lot of character-building for the future."

"The younger girls were playing really, really hard. And the seniors owe themselves a lot of credit for being a strong part of building the future of the program."

JV ends season at top of league

Despite disappointing finale, team and coach are proud of season.

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Associate Editor

One thing is certain. Next year's varsity basketball team will be a force to be reckoned with.

Despite a disappointing 44-40 loss to the Napoleon Pirates last Thursday, the Junior Dutch finished the season with a 13-1 league record and 18-2 overall.

The team started out the week with a Tuesday night on-the-road victory over the Vandercook Lake Jayhawks.

"We started out slow, and didn't play very well, especially defensively, in the first half," Manchester coach Corey Fether said. "But in the second half we were much more aggressive and played much better."

Craig Lane had his second leading 13 in as many weeks, scoring 18 points for the Dutchmen and grabbing six rebounds. He was followed closely by Ryan Hendricks with 12 points and four rebounds and Mike Coval with 11 points and five assists. Jordan Tallman rounded out the double-digit scoring with 10 points, five rebounds and four assists.

Dan Schulte scored nine points with five rebounds, three assists and three steals while Jeff Miller added seven points with five rebounds and three assists.

Dave Evilsizer had five points and an equal number of rebounds; Lance Aiken and Jason Lindemann each scored two points and Aiken also had three rebounds to his credit.

"Scoring-wise, we were pretty well balanced offensively," Fether commented.

The Dutch were fired up for their meeting with the Napoleon Pirates, but dropped a heart-breaker on Thursday night to end their season on a disappointing note.

"Defensively, we couldn't have played a better game," Fether said. "We forced them into 20 turnovers and our press was working."

"Offensively, we took care of the ball. We only had 10 turnovers, five in each half. We just couldn't make a shot."

The Dutchmen were 13 of 53—just 25 percent—in shooting from the floor. And a dismal 4 of 11 free throws also contributed to the close loss.

"Most of those 40 shots we missed were lay-ups," Fether said. "It was horrible. It was just one of those games, when we couldn't get anything to fall."

The Dutch outscored Napoleon in every quarter except the second, when they missed more than 12 shots.

"That's what killed us," Fether said.

Schulte led the team with 10 points and five steals and Lane scored seven points. Miller added six points and four rebounds while Hendricks had six points and three steals.

Coval scored five points and had three assists. Evilsizer four points and Aiken two points

with three rebounds.

It was a disappointing ending to a banner season.

"But we're pleased with our 18-2 record, finishing first in the conference at 13-1," Fether said. "We'd like to play those two games over again, though."

Both the Milford game over the holiday break and last week's Napoleon game should have been wins, he said.

Overall, however, it was a successful season. The team was a league powerhouse and Fether said he actually wouldn't mind playing the entire season over again.

"It was fun," he said.

Looking ahead instead of behind, however, Fether knows he has a promising group of freshmen coming up to replenish the junior varsity team from his departing sophomores and juniors. And the Cascades Conference will be on notice for next year's high-powered varsity.

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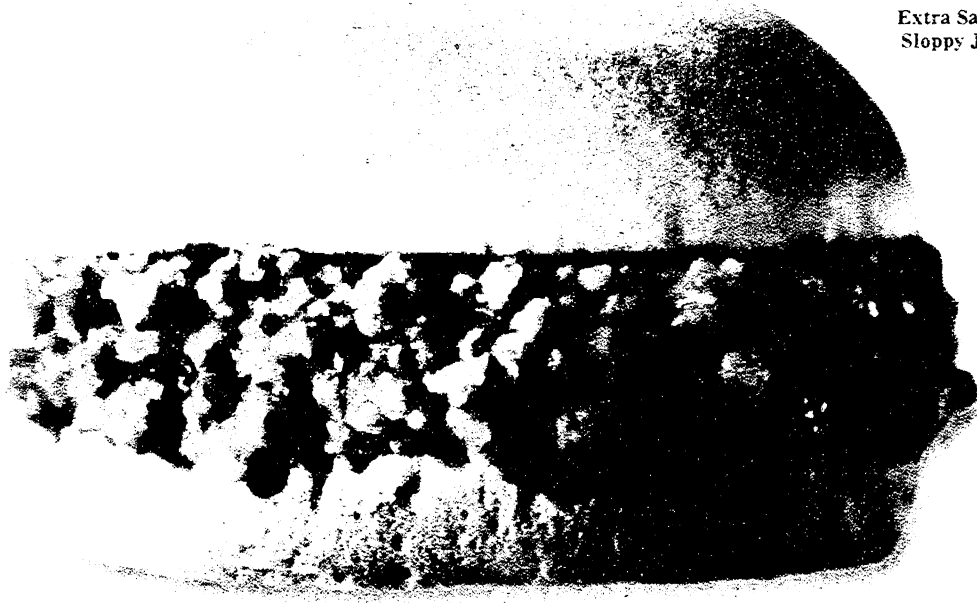
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1-1/2 teaspoons ground cumin (optional)
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18 taco shells
Chopped lettuce, onions, shredded cheese,
sliced avocado

1. In 12-inch nonstick skillet, brown ground beef with chili powder and cumin; drain.
2. Stir in pasta sauce; cover and simmer 5 minutes. Serve in taco shells with assorted toppings.

Home on the Range

Passion for South Dakota prairies fuels landscape restoration

By Debra Talcott
Special Writer

What happens when a South Dakota native relocates to the Midwest? He brings the prairie with him, of course.

At least that's what happened when Jim Shaeffer purchased his home on 17 acres of land near the Saline River in Lodi Township. Shaeffer, who initially came to Michigan in 1982 to work in the computer division of Booth Newspapers, never got the love of the prairie out of his system, so he converted about half of his land into a natural prairie setting that has become a haven for birds and other wildlife.

Shaeffer is the owner of Native Prairie Restorations on Research Park Drive in Ann Arbor.

"I've taken my passion for native grasses and turned it into a business," he explains.

In May and June of 2001 alone, his company restored more than 500 acres of native grasses in South Dakota and Michigan.

Shaeffer described how a landowner can use a simple design that incorporates 25 percent cool season grasses, 70 percent warm season grasses, and 5 percent food source to provide ideal habitat for pheasants and other birds. The typical food source is a blend of corn, sunflower, buckwheat, sorghum, and millet.

"You can also plant flowers with the warm season grasses for the protein content they provide," Shaeffer said. The flowers attract insects, which serve as food for baby pheasants during their first six weeks of life.

SHAEFFER COMES by his conservation background quite naturally. His paternal grandfather was president of the National Wildlife Federation from 1969-1971.

"He was my mentor," says Shaeffer. "From him I learned to define conservation as the wise use and management of natural resources," he adds.

He explains to potential clients the many benefits of planting native grasses rather than farming their land or leasing it to other farmers. These benefits include erosion prevention, water filtration, wildlife habitat restoration, and personal recreation. In addition, designating land for native prairie grasses rather than farm use means less grain on the market, which should drive prices higher for those who do farm.

IF A PERSON owns land in the River Raisin Watershed and the land is within 1000 feet of a current or planned wetland or drainage, the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) will pay for planting native grasses at no cost to the landowner. CREP will then pay the landowner up to 1.4 times what he or she would have earned from leasing the property for farming, as long as the owner makes a 15-year commitment to leaving the land in the restored natural state. CREP has set a goal of 80,000 acres in key areas of the state to be planted this way in a huge effort to encourage good conservation practices.

People who do not qualify for CREP monies but who live on five or more acres within a

quarter mile of a wetland may have prairie grasses planted for a reasonable fee of \$100 per acre by the Washtenaw County Chapter of Pheasants Forever. When the Pheasants Forever organization covers the costs of restoring the land, a 10-year commitment to leave it in the restored state is required.

A number of area residents have contracted Native Prairie Restorations to plant their acreage with warm season grasses and cool season grasses. Warm season grasses are native to the United States, while cool season grasses were introduced to this country by the early European settlers.

SHAEFFER'S company also will restore wetlands that had at one time been drained to make the land suitable for farming. An immediate benefit these residents enjoy is the increased pheasant population they see when walking their property.

The most noteworthy commercial project Shaeffer has undertaken is the two-acre prairie he developed for Cabela's in conjunction with the Monroe County Soil Conservation District.

"You can see it on the southeast side of the lake," he explains.

Closer to home, Shaeffer is in the process of planting native grasses in front of the Pittsfield Township Hall along the Michigan Avenue side and behind the township hall around an existing wetland. Township officials are eager to see the savings they will realize in not having to mow the grasses and an end to their former drainage problem, two conditions easily corrected by native grasses. Because what is visible above ground constitutes only 30 percent of the plant, that leaves 70 percent of it in the root system to soak up water. "The root system can be 20 feet deep in the prairies," explains Shaeffer.

Another interesting feature of prairie grasses is that the warm season grasses are burned off every three or four years in what are called prescribed or controlled burns. Because the warm season grasses are surrounded by cool season grasses (which serve as a firebreak), the burns can take place quickly and safely.

Shaeffer also is the Membership Chairman of the Washtenaw County Chapter of Pheasants Forever. The national organization was founded in 1982 with the mission to ensure the future of ring-necked pheasant and other wildlife populations. Pheasants Forever accomplishes its goals through habitat restoration projects, public awareness programs, and legislative work. To date, the organization has invested \$100 million into such efforts.

SUPPORTERS of Pheasants Forever look forward to the annual fundraising banquet to be held Saturday, Feb. 23 at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds. Word has it that the dinner is outstanding and the entire evening a fun way to benefit a worthy cause. For ticket information, you may call (800) 298-9987 or visit their web site at www.washtenawpf.org.

To do his part for increasing public awareness, Shaeffer does a number of lectures every year. Most recently, he made a presentation on native prairies to the Washtenaw County Soil Conservation District at their annual meeting. Other groups who have

invited him to speak include the Howell School District, various Rotary Clubs, and the Saline Parks and Beautification Commission.

"I have a lot of respect for Jim," says Saline Parks and Beautification Commission member Mary Lirones. "He made an interesting Powerpoint presentation to educate our group."

But don't think you have to be part of an organized group to get Jim Shaeffer to take the time to teach you about native grasses. He is eager to spread the good word about their benefits to our natural resources. He will explain how even a homeowner on a typical subdivision lot can utilize native grasses. "All it takes is about a 10 foot by 10 foot section," says Shaeffer. "The key is to use good seed, plant it at the proper depth, and be dedicated to weed control."

WHEN HE is not busy on a restoration project or working for Pheasants Forever, this father of Eric, 14, and Emily, 10, enjoys watching both kids play soccer. He proudly described his children's other interests. "Eric also loves hunting, fishing, and camping and is on track to become an Eagle Scout before his 15th birthday. Emily is into basketball and fishing, and she loves school."

An avid pheasant hunter, Shaeffer enjoys training his two Pointing Yellow Labs, Hunter and Chip. His beautiful canine companions are becoming expert pheasant hunters as well.



Photo by Debra Talcott
Jim cleans out one of the many bluebird houses on his property. A variety of prairie grasses can be seen in the background.

TOWNSHIP OF FREEDOM NOTICE OF BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

The Freedom Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed township budget for fiscal year 2002-03 at the Freedom Township Hall, 11508 Pleasant Lake Rd., Manchester, MI 48158 on March 12, 2002 at 7:30 P.M.

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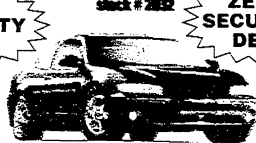
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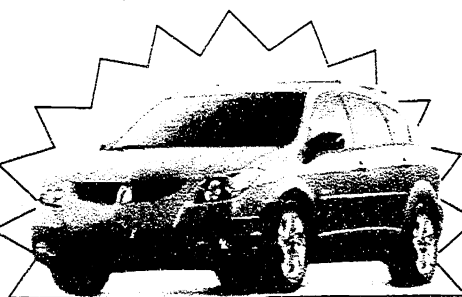
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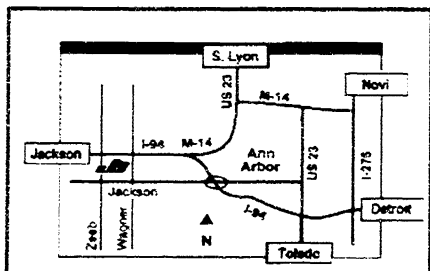
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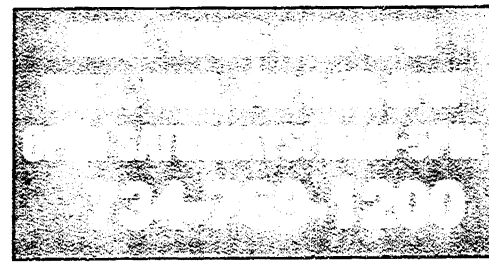


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