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NEWS BRIEFS

Fire department seeking volunteer firefighters

The Manchester Township Fire Department is looking to fill vacancies created by the resignations of Joe Knasiak and John Roe, who work as full-time fire fighters for the Ypsilanti Fire Department. Fire Chief Bill Scully said he would like to field at least two new volunteers for the department.

"We're always accepting applications," he said. "The door's always open." Interested parties are encouraged to call the fire department at 428-9439 and leave a message.

King's Volunteers to meet

The King's Volunteers meeting for March will be held at 1 p.m. on March 28 at the Manchester United Methodist Church. Refreshments will be served by Doris Pratt and devotions will be presented by Ethel Wheeler. Newcomers are welcome to join the group for fellowship as they make stuffed toys for children at Mott Children's Hospital. For more information, contact Olive Feldkamp at 428-7903.

Masonic Lodge sets pretzel sale

The Manchester Masonic Lodge #148 will be holding its annual homemade German pretzel sale next Friday. Pre-orders are required and may be made by contacting Greg Stewart at 428-0169. Pretzels will cost \$6 per dozen and may be picked up at Manchester Floors and Interiors on the 29th.

"President Lincoln" to appear in Clinton

The Friends of the Clinton Township Public Library and the Historical Society of Clinton are co-sponsoring a special in-depth presentation of Abraham Lincoln by Manchester's own Bill Ames, who has competed on a national level with other Lincoln interpreters. The presentation will be held at 7:30 p.m. next Tuesday at the Clinton Township Public Library. The program is free to the public and refreshments will be served.

Lenten breakfast set

The annual Women's Lenten Breakfast will be held at 9:30 a.m. March 27 at the Manchester United Methodist Church. Reservations are necessary. Make your reservation by March 22, by calling the church office at 428-8495 or Jean Little at 428-8585.

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Manchester Township to purchase new fire truck

Board hears annexation proposal, discusses adding trustees to November ballot.

By Sven Gustafson Staff Writer

Having signed sales agreements for a new fire engine and equipment set to replace a 24-year-old tanker, the Manchester Township Board discussed financing at its March 11 meeting at the township hall.

The Manchester Township Fire Department truck committee has reviewed three bids for the new truck, which will be the number-two response truck in the seven-truck fleet. It voted to accept bids from KME Fire Apparatus for a \$273,716 truck, and from Apollo Fire Equipment Co. for \$12,989 worth of equipment for a total of \$286,705.

The board signed sales agreement con-

tracts with KME and Apollo at its February meeting.

MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP Supervisor Ron Mann

said the township does not have to pay until November or December, when the equipment arrives. He also said the township has received a commitment from Comerica Bank toward financing the loan, but that a decision on exactly how much to borrow and for how long will be put off until May or June, when several CDs in the township's general fund savings will have matured.

"We'll be looking at our cash flows and our budgets to see how much we'll need to borrow," said Mann.

He said the truck will also be paid for out of the fire equipment fund that

Manchester, Bridgewater, Freedom and Sharon townships buy into, although Sharon Township has yet to renew its fire protection contract from July of last year.

"We're running a truck that's 24 years old now. Just like a car, they age and they cost money for repairs."

— Bill Scully Fire chief

MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP

Fire Department Chief William Scully said the new truck will replace a 1978 tanker, which has a 1,500 gallon water tank, a 1,000 gallons-per-minute spraying capacity, and room for three firefighters. The new truck, he said, will be able to haul 1,800 gallons at a 1,250 gallons-per-minute capacity, with room for six firemen.

"We're running a truck that's 24 years old now," he said. "Just like a car, they age and they cost money for repairs."

"It's pretty important to keep the fleet updated."

In addition to submitting the least costly bid, Scully noted the fire department's newest truck, which was purchased five years ago, was built by KME.

"If you buy Fords and you have good luck, you keep buying Fords," he said.

Scully expects to receive blueprints for the new truck from KME's Nasquehoning, Penn. headquarters in the coming weeks.

IN OTHER news, the board heard from Larry Byrne, who appeared on behalf of Regents Investments. Regents owns approximately 15 acres of land in Manchester Township across Hogan Road from the village limits, and wishes to have that land annexed into the village to form a contiguous industrial-zoned parcel. Byrne already owns the 40-acre village property as Hogan Road Associates with James Lozel, also of Regents Investments.

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New Face Behind the Gavel

Vaillencourt takes village president oath.

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand Associate Editor

"If five years ago someone had told me that I would be the president of the Village of Manchester, I would have laughed and said that they were definitely wrong," said Pat Vaillencourt, who last Monday was elected to that position after serving for three years as a Village Council trustee.

Sunday night, as she was less than 24 hours from being sworn in and accepting the responsibility of the position she has undertaken, she reflected on the opportunity that each new day can bring.

"I would like to thank the voters and my friends and family for the tremendous support and confidence they have shown in me," she said, and added, "I am very fortunate that my wonderful husband Dwayne is very supportive and understanding."

"He rarely even mentions the many nights he has left-overs or Cheerios for dinner because I am at a meeting."

As Vaillencourt looks forward to her two-year term with anticipation, she knows that she cannot promise to have every answer to a question or solve every problem brought to her attention.



Photo by Sven Gustafson

New village president Pat Vaillencourt is welcomed by retired president Jeff Schaffer as he handed over the gavel of leadership at Monday night's meeting.

"I can promise that I will do my best to fully understand every issue and make every decision as fairly and impartially as possible," she said. "I can also promise that the security and well-being of our village will always be my first obligation when making decisions."

Vaillencourt said she believes the village is very fortunate to have a large number of dedicated and talented people serving the community.

"I look forward to working with the people at our village

office, in the DPW, our sheriff department, planning commission, council and the many committees serving our community," she said. "I know I can rely on their many years of experience to provide valuable input."

Now that what she once considered improbable has become a reality, she looks to the future with excitement and enthusiasm.

"I am really looking forward to what opportunities the days ahead will bring," she concluded.

Freedom board names new treasurer

Former village resident chosen to succeed retired treasurer.

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand Associate Editor

Michael Bossory, who ran on an independent ticket for Freedom Township trustee in the November 2000 election, has been selected by the board to fill a temporary vacancy left by the resignation of Steven Anthony, the former township treasurer.

The Freedom board faced a daunting task at its March 12 meeting as eight candidates for the treasurer's spot were interviewed that evening.

Sara Basset and Joseph Wissing also were candidates for board seats in the 2000 election and had applied for the treasurer's position when the vacancy appeared. Other township residents who sought the position included Joan Ernst, Lori Fredericks, Shirley Haeussler, Melanie Nau and Annette Zsenyuk.

"We're temporarily filling the

position, because there is an election in November," supervisor Bob Little said. "The treasurer will have to file in May for the primary, and stand for election in November."

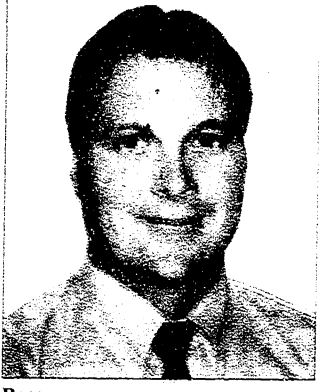
Bossory said he will file a petition for the primary, to be held in August, and hopes to stand for election in the fall.

Bossory, who purchased the Alber Orchard and Cider Mill in

1999 and is running it as a family business with his wife Therese and two children, Megan and Nathan, said he appreciates this opportunity to take an active role in the life of the township. A graduate of The University of Michigan, he also holds a master's degree in administration

of non-profit organizations from Notre Dame University. With an engineering background, he also has the computer skills to handle the newly computerized township financial records set up by former treasurer L. Frank Rybarsky.

"I'm looking beyond the treasurer's position, though," he



Bossory

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School board starts making budget cuts

Increased costs, decrease in revenue make cuts inevitable.

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand Associate Editor

On Monday night, as most of the community relaxed at home or perhaps even slept, the Manchester Community Schools Board of Education made tough decisions on budget planning and were challenged by a former board member to "reinvent the wheel" as they look to the district's future needs.

In a marathon board meeting that lasted until shortly before midnight, the board reviewed more than \$150,000 in proposed budget cuts presented by finance director Theresa Schenk.

Faced with a \$400,000 shortfall even after the governor reinstated an increase in the per-pupil foundation grant that had been slashed to balance the state's budget, the board's finance committee had directed Schenk to recommend cuts, agreeing to take approximately \$250,000 from the district's newly healthy "rainy day fund," which, after several years of shortfall, is expected to have a balance of about \$1.1 million by the end of the 2002 fiscal year.

After making \$49,000 in non-instructional cuts such as maintenance, utility savings and cutting losses in the Community Education and Fitness Center programs, Schenk also discovered that textbook purchase requests for the coming year would be \$38,000 less than budgeted. Eliminating non-teaching hours for staff would allow the district to fill in with existing teachers rather than hiring new teachers after any retirements or attrition, cutting another \$38,000 from the budget.

But there were other instructional cost-cutting proposals that provoked heated comments from staff and public. Discussions of reducing aide time in the middle school media center, reducing the in-school suspension program and closing the Pleasant Lake School facility made decisions difficult for the board.

Alternative school parents and staff member John Dillon spoke eloquently of the students' need for "a space of their own," but \$10,000 in utility savings and logistical difficulties in having one of its buildings five miles outside of the village made it hard for the board to stave off the building's inevitable closure.

And although the board may have averted a "worst case scenario," further cuts in academic and non-academic pro-

grams could still be made. The board voted to reconsider the reduction of the middle school library aide's position, and a middle school teacher's hour spent in curriculum planning. It also did not rule out further cuts in driver's education, software, travel or the athletic budget.

Superintendent David Oegema put it succinctly when he said, "Anything you don't cut now, you are compounding problems for the future."

It's a scenario with which former board treasurer Emory Garlick is all too familiar.

"If they're not careful, they'll be right back where they were three years ago," he said, referring to the budget crisis the district experienced in the 1999-2000 school year.

At that time, Garlick sat on the hot seat with interim superintendent Bob Smith and former finance director Denise Walter.

"This board needs to reinvent the wheel to balance its budget," he said at the end of Monday night's meeting. "You need to come up with a five-year program."

"You need to cut the full \$400,000 from this budget. Otherwise you're going to have a new school and you won't be able

to open the doors.

"Build your programs, don't start cutting," he added. "Sit down at the table and start from scratch all over again."

"The thing is, this was dropped on us and we have had to react quickly," Schenk said Tuesday morning. "In the time allotted, we couldn't have accomplished a major restructuring project."

"Emory has valid points. Decide what you want and what you need to accomplish those goals—then you put your resources behind those initiatives. However, that takes time and staff input and that's not going to happen in a month or two."

"We have a fiscal responsibility to do our financial planning and we only have until June 30. We started early because of the uncertain economic forecasts. I wish life were more predictable... it would make those restructuring efforts easier and not so contentious."

Schenk plans to meet again with the finance committee and present further revisions and a plan of action at the regular board meeting April 15. Nominating petitions for the two school board seats currently held by Ron Ellison and Brad Roberts are still available and must be returned to the administration offices by 4 p.m. on April 8.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

March 21

Saline Alzheimer's support group meets from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Saline Library Brecon Room.

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

Alzheimer's Association family caregiver support group in Chelsea meets from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the Chelsea Retirement Community, Crippen Building.

This group is co-sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association and the Chelsea Retirement Center.

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

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

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

March 22

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry, is held from 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 25

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.

March 26

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

Shakespeare Club meets at 1 p.m.

La Leche League of Western Washtenaw County meets at 10 a.m. Call 428-8831 or 475-2094 for location or information.

Klagger Elementary School PTO meets at 6:30 p.m. Call 428-8321 for location.

March 27

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

STRAIGHT FACTS

No matter how hard we try to avoid mistakes, sometimes they happen anyway. When that occurs, we rely on our readers to let us know about them. So, please help. To request a correction, e-mail Marsha Johnson Chartrand at mchartrand@heritage.com, or call 428-8173.

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

Manchester Township Fire Department Board meets at 7:30 p.m. at the fire hall.

The Manchester Garden Club meets informally. Gardeners of all levels of experience are welcome. Call JoAnn Okey at 428-9667 for details.

Alzheimer's Association Transition/Placement Support Group meets from 7 to 9 p.m. at Individualized Home Care, 3003 Washtenaw Ave., Suite 5, Ann Arbor. Meetings are free and confidential.

National Association for the Mentally III, meets at 7:30 p.m. at St. Clare's Church/Emeth. 2309 Packard, Ann Arbor. This support group is open to families of persons with mental illness.

March 28

Community Resource Center Board meets at 7:30 p.m. at the center.

King's Volunteers meet at 1 p.m. at the Manchester United Methodist Church.

COMING EVENTS:

Manchester Knights of Columbus will sponsor a benefit spaghetti dinner for Ryan Weir, who is facing a liver transplant. The event will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. on April 12. Donations will be accepted at the door. All proceeds will help Ryan with his medical expenses.

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.

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

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

Saturday

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

Sunday

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

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

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

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

Monday

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

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

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

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

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

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

chamber members may attend.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tuesday

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

Story Time with Grandma Pat, 10:30 to 11 a.m. and 12:30 to 1 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the Manchester District Library, for children ages 3 to 6, accompanied by an adult.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

middle school.

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

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

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

Wednesday

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Manchester Garden Club meets informally on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Gardeners of all levels of experi-

ence are welcome. Call JoAnn Okey at 428-9667 for details.

ELSEWHERE

Alzheimer's Family Caregiver Support Group meets from 1 to 3 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at Turner Senior Resource Center, 2401 Plymouth Road, Suite C, Ann Arbor. Contact the Alzheimer's Association at (900) 337-3827 or (734) 677-3081.

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

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

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. the second Thursday of the month at Westside United Methodist Church, 900 S. Seventh St., Ann Arbor.

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

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

GETTING LISTED

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

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Date	Time	Topic	Speaker
March 25	6:30-7:30 p.m.	Migraine Treatment	Joel R. Saper, M.D.
March 27	6:30-7:30 p.m.	Stress Management	Patrick Munson, M.D.
April 9	7-8:30 p.m.	Overview of Integrative Therapy	Darren Schmidt, D.C., N.D.
April 16	7-8 p.m.	Healthy Eating	Pam Smith, M.D.
May 7	7-9 p.m.	Hormone Replacement	Pam Smith, M.D.
May 14	7-8 p.m.	Healthy Eating	Pam Smith, M.D.

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Greener roadways are on their way in the village

Also, council approves annexation of 15 acres from township.

By Sven Gustafson
Staff Writer

After all the damage inflicted upon trees during the recent ice storm of Jan. 31 and Feb. 1, the Manchester Village Council has decided it's time to get planting.

It approved the allocation of \$9,032.01 from its general fund to order 64 trees at its Monday meeting at Village Hall.

Village Manager Jeff Wallace told the council he hoped to "piggyback" with the city of Ann Arbor's Tuesday order and capitalize on their purchasing power to keep costs down. He said Ann Arbor was set to order its spring trees the following day, and that the trees would arrive at the end of next week.

Wallace reported that the vil-

lage has used up its surplus monies, which were supposed to go toward planting, on trimming trees and branches damaged by the ice storm. In addition, he said, it has removed many trees over the course of the last 10 years while planting, he guessed, only about 60.

"WE HAVE to start an active planting process or in 20 years we're gonna have nothing but a bunch of hacked-up trees," he said.

Wallace described the ordering opportunity as being "the first replanting effort that has any sizable dollars in a long, long time."

Pat Vaillencourt, who presided over her first meeting as village president, agreed, saying that it was the first major replanting project since she has been on council.

The trees will come from a pair of nurseries in New York, and include several varieties of

maple and oak, as well as honey locust, white ash, Linden, London Plane, and flowering pear trees. Wallace said they would be primarily planted along village streets between the roadways and sidewalks.

"It's long overdue," he said. "We need 'em."

IN OTHER developments, council approved the annexation of 15.06 acres of vacant land from Manchester Township Monday night. The land is owned by Regents

Investments, a spin-off of Hogan Road Associates, which owns 40 acres zoned general industrial immediately north of the property and within village boundaries.

The property, comprised of three parcels, is bordered by M-52, Sooten and Hogan roads.

Larry Byrne, a principal in both Regents and Hogan Road, appeared before the council to answer questions and present diagrams of the site. He told council members that annexation has received the support of

both Manchester Township and the village planning commission.

"We have no desire to change anything at this time," he said of the vacant status of the property.

He explained Regents originally purchased the property as a site for the new high school, which went on to seek a more campus-style atmosphere elsewhere.

Byrne said eventually he would like to combine the Hogan Road and Regents

parcels for a future industrial development. He said he would like to see a company buy up all 55 acres, and said he has "been approached by a couple of companies."

The 15 acres currently are zoned as agricultural by the township, and would arrive as such into village control. Wallace said there would be a one-year wait before the village could act on the desired rezoning to general industrial.

Council voted unanimously to approve the annexation.

District library sets dedication ceremony

May 18 event to honor Claire Reck and family.

By Sven Gustafson
Staff Writer

What comes around, goes around.

That seems to be the motto of the Manchester District Library Board of Trustees, which recently donated bookcases, desks and chairs from its former headquarters at Manchester Township Library to the Manchester Area historical society. Library Board President Charlotte Major made the offer at a Feb. 13 meeting of the Historical Society's board of directors.

In accepting, Historical Society President Don Limpert offered a personal monetary donation to the library in appreciation of its gesture. But at the library board's March 11 meeting at Manchester Village Office Center, Major told the trustees she declined the offer in kind. She explained that the library board had been the beneficiary last year of an anonymous donation of \$100,000, which went toward the renovation project and moving expenses.

"It was sort of a symbolic gesture," said library secretary Jane Thornton. She described the donation and the decline of

Limpert's offer as "sharing our fortunes."

"We didn't feel it was right to accept (the offer)," she said.

"The board declined the offer of a donation from the Manchester Area Historic Society as we had been the recipients of a very generous \$100,000 donation and wanted to share our good fortune," Major wrote in an e-mail interview. "The library has a long history of donating to the M.A.H.S."

Limpert said the Historical Society has appointed a committee to acquire the old library building for use as a museum and a meeting room, though it does not intend to give up the Blacksmith Shop.

"It made sense because it was there, the library board was obligated to do something with it ... they responded by being very generous in donating it," said Limpert.

WITH THINGS in full gear at the district library, director Kate Pittsley presented her March report. She reported in February, 65 new library cards were issued, 109 were renewed, 2,487 items were circulated among 1,609 patrons, and 326 books were added to the library catalog. She also mentioned the receipt of a \$250 donation from Jenter Braun Funeral Home for

the library's Toys for Tots participation.

Major also reported to the board that the library is now out of the Manchester Township Library site. She said utilities have been shut off and that keys have been returned to the township. She added a letter would be sent to the township to tell them as much.

LIBRARY TRUSTEES also discussed the upcoming dedication ceremony to be held May 18 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Manchester District Library. The ceremony will recognize Claire Reck, the late Manchester resident and supporter of the library. Pittsley said the library used monies from the approximately \$2,700

Reck Memorial Fund, named in honor of she and her husband, to buy shelving and some of the new furniture. Claire Reck's daughters, she said, have been invited to come, and a plaque commemorating the Claire Reck Historical Room will be unveiled, along with a general plaque with plates that can be engraved with names of people making sizable donations. Pittsley said.

Trustee Richard Spring said the Manchester Chamber Orchestra has finalized its plans to play at the event.

"It's going to be very much like the village dedication (of Village Hall)," said Thornton.

Major said she will keep a list of those being sent invitations to the ceremony.

Dress-up Day



"Dress as your favorite storybook character" day at Klager Elementary School gave second-graders in Heather Stommen's class an opportunity to do some make-believe magic for March is Reading Month. Front row: Tia Harvey (left), Brandon Bortmas and Cameron LaDouceur; second row: Gabrielle Neely, Patrick Dunny, Kaisey Bulifant and Maia Evans; back row: Taylor Gross, Coleen Joye, Lillian Davis, Jacquelyn Timoszyk and Mrs. Stommen.

VIDEO VOICE

The top five rentals at the DVD Revolution for the week of March 4 through 10 were:

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Hello again, this time from the town of Vaughn, N.M.

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On the western horizon loomed the Caprock, a 500-foot mountain. I climbed it, expecting to go down the other side, but there was no other side—just a rise in the prairie to about 4,000 feet in elevation. It's a



DAN 'SHELTOWEE' ROGERS

WALK ABOUT AMERICA

beautiful area.

The forecast called for a bitter cold front to come in the next afternoon. Because the next town was 57 miles away, I pushed 25 miles that first day. The next day, at about 1:00 p.m.,

the north wind began to howl, blowing 35 to 50 mph. With nowhere to get out of it, I trudged onward—sometimes having to lean into the wind, which never got below 35 mph, to keep my balance.

Soon my cheeks became numb, and my whole body was cold. I could see the water towers in the next town, still four miles away. I trudged on, fighting the wind, struggling to maintain my body temperature. The temperature outside was now 20 with a sub-zero wind chill. A truck pulled off and asked if I might like a ride, so I took it the last four miles into town, to safety.

When I crossed into New

Mexico on March 1, another bitter cold front moved through, so I stayed in the little town of Texico an extra day. From there, I've hiked about 140 miles across the New Mexico plains. I visited Clovis, where Buddy Holly recorded in the 1950s.

I've also been following along the Santa Fe Rail line, where 70 to 100 trains a day pass along the line between Chicago and Bakersfield. It has been a joy to watch them, and the engineers have come to know me, often blowing their whistle in a cheery hello as they pass.

Physically, I have had some struggles. I suffered terrible blisters on both my heels when I switched from tennis shoes to

boots. I hiked the last seven miles that day in absolute pain, but had no choice but to push on into town. I shipped the boots home and bought a new pair of tennis shoes, and was able to hike again after taking a day off to let the blisters heal.

Soon, I passed through the tiny town of Fort Sumner, population 1,200. The entire county has a population of only 2,200. It's a very desolate country. The Pecos River flows through here—the first flowing stream I've seen since the Red River, 300 miles ago.

Fort Sumner is rich with history. Billy the Kid is buried here, shot at age 21 in 1881. His legend is as big today as it was during his lifetime. It is said he had killed 21 men before he died. He'd made several escapes from jail when sheriff-elect Pat Garrett shot him at the home of Pete Maxwell. Pete was the son of Lucian Maxwell, the largest landowner in America when he died in 1875.

The original Fort Sumner was built as a supply post for a Navajo reservation. About 8,500 Navajo were forced from the

Four Corners area to Fort Sumner in 1862. Amazingly enough, after six years of hardship and failed attempts at farming, the U.S. sent William Sherman west to negotiate a new treaty with them.

The Treaty of 1868, signed into law by President Andrew Jackson, recognized the Navajo as a nation and allowed them to return to their homeland. The Navajo still remain in the Four Corners area and are 200,000 strong and growing.

The next 60 miles brought me out of the flat plains and into a rolling prairie. It was desolate, to say the least. I passed about 20 houses in all, most of those located in the ghost town of Yeso. I am now in Vaughn, N.M., elevation 6,000 feet. By the time you read my next update, I will have finished the plains and started across the southern Rockies.

Follow the trail of Dan "Sheltowee" Rogers as he walks across America at www.sheltoweehikes.com or www.trail-journals.com/sheltowee

Winter blood drive called successful

On March 4, Emanuel United Church of Christ hosted Manchester's annual March Blood Drive. Thanks go out to chairperson Phyllis Baker, volunteers from the church women's group, and the Certified Volunteers for their help in the smooth running of this drive and also to Emanuel Church for allowing the Red Cross to use the fellowship hall. It is appreciated.

A total of 69 people had pre-registered to donate, and 93 people actually attended.

"This was a great turn out," said Red Cross coordinator Marja Warner. "From this group of people, we obtained 79 pints of blood."

Several people were unable to

donate for a variety of reasons. Some had spent more than the allowed time in Europe since 1980 others had too little iron in their blood or the garden variety of sore throats and sniffles, were some of the reasons donors were deferred.

Manchester will be hosting its first-ever May Blood Drive on May 6. This is 9 weeks after the March drive and 10 weeks before the July drive. All who came in March will be eligible to give at the May drive. Remember, you must have 56 days between donations.

At the May drive, the Red Cross volunteers will be trying something new. Those who have made appointments and are there within 15 minutes either

side of their appointment time will be taken ahead of the walk-in donors. The head nurse and Warner are working on a way to denote the pre-registered.

"Hopefully this will encourage more to pre-register," Warner said. "But don't forget that walk-ins are always welcomed."

Milestones were marked by first-time donors Tina Zimmerman and Bill Klumpp: one-gallon pins were given to Barbara Schaible and Richard Paul. Joann Roberts and Joan Harvey received their two-gallon pins and a four-gallon pin was awarded to Gayle Antonelli.

George Dikeman marked seven gallons and Daniel Monahan eight gallons. Congratulations to all who celebrated milestones and thanks to all who came that day.

This blood drive flowed very smoothly and there was not a great deal of waiting time.

"This is how it should be and hopefully future drives will go the same way," Warner commented.

The May 6 drive will be held from 1 until 7 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish Center. Please mark your calendars.

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Street Talk

By Laura Merte

What is the most important decision you've made in the last year?



"Voting 'yes' for the new high school and additions to Klager and the current high school."

Gary Shear



"To go to see the doctor about a problem with my shoulder."

Larry Gerhard



"To have Kathy Curley as my mom!"

Cooper (3-month-old Rottweiler/Retriever mix)



"If I should move to Grass Lake or not - I chose not to because all my friends are here."

Alanna Gehringer



"My daughter's graduating from high school... I'm hoping she makes the right decisions, with all the responsibilities of college."

Kim Smith

Political process is important, even if unchallenged

It's all relative. In some instances, 75 people would be considered a generous number. Take, for example, my daughter's graduation open house four years ago.

When all 75 people we had invited showed up promptly at 2 p.m., coincidental with the onset of a torrential downpour, it was a huge number to fit inside our small home. I began to fear that I'd have to send some of them down to our dreary basement to chat beside the furnace.

Fortunately, the rain stopped before anyone's deodorant failed. Two years later, we took the precaution of renting a tent for our second daughter's graduation open house. It's a good thing we did, because it rained again that day.

Last Monday was another rainy day. But all 75 people who showed up to vote at the village elections probably could have fit quite comfortably at the same time into the new village hall. Just eight days before the election, more than 200 people



MARSHA JOHNSON CHARTRAND

AFTER THOUGHTS

attended the open house at the Village Community Building within a three-hour period. That's an average of 70 to 75 people per hour.

The four loyal election workers at the March 11 annual village election arrived around 6 a.m. and remained on duty until the books were closed at 9:10 p.m. All to watch 75 people file through the large cafeteria room on the lower level of the building and, afterwards, to count 75 votes in the ballot box.

There was plenty of good humor and banter when I

stopped down to vote that morning. I was one of the lucky ones—while I was there. I was one of two voters there at the same time. I'm willing to bet that didn't happen too often that day. Seeing as how the polls were open for 780 minutes, which means someone came through the door less than once every 10 minutes all day long.

Although I've never considered myself a math person I do sometimes enjoy playing around with numbers. I spent some time trying to figure out the numbers game for this year's village election.

There were four election officials: Carol Britten, chair was assisted by Richard Fielder, Maggie Tapping and Mary Blossom. Clerk Julie Schaible oversaw the entire election. Five people times 15 hours was 75 hours. One hour of time was spent for each person who cast a ballot.

Just 4.8 percent of the registered voters of the Village of Manchester (1,548) saw fit (or

remembered) to vote on March 11.

We shouldn't feel too bad about it, though. Addison and Brooklyn both had their annual elections on March 11 too. In Addison, about the same number of votes were cast in a contested mayoral election. In an election dubbed "uneventful" by the Exponent, a total of 30 votes were cast in Brooklyn's unchallenged council trustee election.

Chelsea and Dexter had runouts of 16 and 20 percent, respectively. Both villages had much larger fields of candidates running for the available positions.

It cost the village approximately \$500 to run the election. That's about \$7 or \$8 per vote.

Was it worth it? If you were one of the 75 voters, do you think your vote was worth the money?

I vote I do. There are good reasons to vote, even in an uncontested election. Call it civic duty or civic pride. Maybe

it's a way to pay back the amount of work the trustees and village president put into their jobs for relatively little compensation.

Now that former trustee Patricia K. Vaillien court has been elected to the village president position, there will be another immediate vacancy on Village Council. Is there anyone standing in line to replace her?

It's interesting to note that in Freedom Township, one day after the village election, eight candidates for the position of township treasurer were willing to be interviewed in a public meeting and watch while the board voted on a new treasurer.

Was there room for all eight candidates, plus the board and any interested audience members, to fit into the Freedom Township Hall?

I'll have to check. Said daughter's wedding reception will be held there in a few weeks. I want to see if I need to rent a tent.

Big screen glorifies too-real horrors of war

Military sagas. Hollywood's hopes for blockbuster, seem to debut on the big screen every few weeks. Videos and DVDs follow a few months later. Without formal declaration, we are a country at war. We rush to appreciate our warriors, real and imagined.

My generation fell short of a major conflict. Older brothers fought and died in Vietnam. Our fathers fought in Korea or World War II, maybe both. We hover beyond the light of their knowledge, like an audience, ready for their memories or the silver screen to inadequately inform our sensibilities about unimaginable horrors.

In college, I took a combined



NANCY HEBB

SHEEP SHOTS

history and English course on the literature of World War I. British poets, novelists, and essayists made for an interesting semester.

That double class involved a lot of reading and discussions

sandwiched between rehearsing for a play or elaborate practical jokes involving peanut puns and a kidnapped stuffed bear named Herr Schultiz. I suspect the horrors of the French front line seemed as "real" to us as our extracurricular imaginings. No matter how much we studied, we couldn't understand life in the literal trenches.

MY FATHER'S legs aren't quite normal. One of his has only half the arteries yours or mine have, and that leg's ankle doesn't flex. The other calf, like the entire first, looks like bits were shaved out with a small ice cream scoop. If you look closely at Dad's legs or palms, you can

see dark flecks of French dirt or German shrapnel under the skin.

It sounds bad, but I never really noticed until, as a child, I was told that he had stepped on a mine during World War II.

I'm not indulging in love-is-blind hyperbole when I say Dad could pass for a Hollywood star a la Cary Grant or Gary Cooper: the tall, silent type matinee idol. Anyone who sees photos or home movies of a dashing black-haired, blue-eyed youth with his racing sports cars or the answer to my mother's dreams in wedding photos, as a loving husband and father, or the private pilot standing by a Cessna, would have to agree: Dad looks like

hero material.

NOW HEADED into his eighth decade, he's straight and tall with distinguished, thick white hair. He's been a model to his family of what a husband and father should be. He enjoys kids and animals, is strong and gentle. He volunteers at church and historical sites. He's busier now than when he worked full time as an automotive design engineer.

So, when Dad spares time to help a mechanically inept middle-aged daughter construct dog kennels or fixes her garage door opener, said daughter feels

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Misbeaving businesses feed regulations

Somewhat the Enron issue sparks all kind of side issues with me. This column is on how government regulations get started.

I've talked to a few young adults, 30 years or younger, who think that regulations spring out of mid-air by some bureaucrat who has nothing in particular to do that day. As some bureaucrats become entrenched, that may be true, but the initial cause for regulation is usually private enterprise running amok.

Take, for instance, the regulations we have on our water supplies, or the Clean Water Act. I remember as a child spending time on Lake Erie at a cottage, swimming and playing. I also remember not too many years later when Lake Erie and much of the Detroit River were considered nearly dead. No fish, no swimming, no life.

Many of you may remember the river in Cleveland catching



DAVID HELISEK

THIS 'N' THAT

fire due to pollution. Little things like these caused regulations to be put in effect for water.

How about the Clean Air Act? These rules sprang out of very dirty air, as a matter of fact.

When I started at the steel mill, it was just common practice, and had been for years, to just let all the smoke and dust go up and follow whichever way the wind was blowing. If you had a breakdown in the pollution control equipment, you dumped

the system at night and tried to repair it during the dark hours when nobody could see the clouds of dust in the air. I'm sure that power plants, chemical makers and all sorts of industries did the same. Now we're into arguments on much smaller degrees of polluting, but the regulations came about because business got away with what it could. You can visit DelRay in Detroit to see the effects of years of air pollution.

Now what about white collar regulations, the type that control banks, stock markets, and other financial institutions? Within the last twenty years you had one very good example of business gone amok. The Savings and Loan disaster was an example of financial institutions crying to be let off the regulatory leash.

Well, they were, and what resulted was a taxpayer bailout in the order of billions of dollars, if I remember correctly.

I would be all in favor of a world where there were no regulations, but people get greedy and when they go bust they expect a bailout on the promise that "we'll never do it again." History and human nature tell us that they are lying.

Businesses like Enron scammed billions of dollars from California during the supposed energy crisis a year ago out west. Some of the reasons they were able to do this were because regulations were loosened in the energy field. Remember, we have all been promised that energy deregulation will bring us all lower prices.

There will be good corporate citizens who try to do the right thing, but when a shark company starts putting the good guy out of business, what is the good guy going to do? He can either look to the government for regulation or he can get in the mud and wallow with the shark.

Since so many of us are stockholders now, which way should we advise a good company to go?

White collar regulations date back to the days of monopolies like Standard Oil, U.S. Steel and others, also from the days of the stock market collapse in the 1920s. The regulations were put down for a purpose. Granted, it's not a bad idea to loosen up once and a while to see if anybody learned their lesson, but we really shouldn't be shocked when a bad actor reminds us of why the regulations were installed in the first place.

Talk to you soon.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

National Agriculture Week—planting seeds of knowledge

To the editor:

If you eat, you'll want to celebrate the week of March 17 to 23—National Agriculture Week. Fewer than 2 percent of Americans are farmers. So why should you care about National Agriculture Week?

The efficiency of American farmers means we spend a lot less for food in this country. While we spend 10.9 percent of our personal income on food, the Japanese spend 21 percent, Italians spend 26 percent, and Chinese citizens spend 53 percent. Just imagine spending more than half your income on food.

Michigan boasts one of the safest, most abundant and wholesome food supplies in the world. The average American farmer produces enough food and fiber for 129 people.

Our family farm in Chelsea consists of a partnership between my brother and me along with one full-time employee. Last year the three of us contributed to the dinner table 2 million gallons of milk, roughly 232,500 pounds of the milk was butterfat, eaten in the form of butter, cream and ice cream.

Steers weighing a total of 16,665 pounds were raised from bull calves to market weight, eaten at dinner tables and in restaurants. The crops required for feeding the cattle included 200 acres of field corn and 100 acres of hay. In addition we worked another 400 acres producing soybeans, corn, wheat and hay.

Another reason we should celebrate is the contribution agriculture makes to our state's economy. Local agribusinesses, such as financial lenders, fertilizer companies, equipment dealers, veterinarians, feed and farm supply stores all benefit from farm business. The diversity and qual-

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ity of Michigan agricultural products ranks us as one of our nation's agricultural powerhouses. In fact, Michigan agriculture contributes \$40 billion to the state's economy every year.

Certainly those are good reasons for us to feel good about agriculture. Today, most Americans do not raise their own food. They depend on the 2 percent of farmers to meet their needs. This year National Agriculture Week is designed to educate school-aged students about the path of production from the field to the consumer.

In April, Washtenaw County Farm Bureau Promotion and Education Committee along with Michigan State University Cooperative Extension will pre-

sent Project R.E.D. (Rural Education Days). This 3 day program has been designed as a classroom field trip for third graders in Washtenaw County. More than 125 volunteers cover the three-day event. This year they expect to share the message to more than 2,000 students, teachers and parents that agriculture and farming provides food for the table.

The bottom line is, today's farmers are getting better at what they do so that they can meet the demands placed on them. As you sit down to dinner, remember the farmers who provided your food and celebrate during National Agriculture Week.

Jerry Huehl
Chelsea

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Country pastor

Paige to lead Port Huron District

Small town churches remain strong.

By Laura Merte
Staff Writer

It has been more than three years since the Rev. Margaret (Peggy) Paige led Sharon United Methodist Church in worship, but many of her former parishioners will be happy to know that her enthusiasm for the small-town church and lifestyle is still very much alive.

July 1 will see Paige take on the position of superintendent of the Port Huron District.

Paige currently serves as parish director of the Caring Covenant Group Ministry, a unit of 13 churches in Lapeer County in the Flint District, as well as pastor of Columbiaville United Methodist Church.

At Columbiaville, Paige has been working hard as the church building itself changes: a full facility gymnasium was completed prior to her arrival, and the existing church currently is undergoing remodeling.

As Superintendent, Paige will undertake a different kind of remodeling in the church. As an extension of the oversight of Bishop Linda Lee, who supervises the Michigan area, Paige will be directly responsible for 100 churches in the Port Huron District, which encompasses the "thumb" area of Michigan.



Peggy Paige

In her new position, Paige will face the challenges of ministry in an area composed mainly of rural, small-membership, "town and country" churches. These communities, not unlike Manchester, are dealing with the prospect of losing their close-knit identity as small and family-run businesses and farms face competition from development and larger corporations.

In addition to the changing economy of the area, Paige's main goals will deal with the leadership and mission of the church, and helping churches in their task of evangelizing.

"Reaching out to the community not already in the church" is a major task, Paige says. Fostering growth, as well as sustaining current membership, is a necessary component of her position. She will draw on her past experience, including that in Manchester, to achieve this.

"Sharon (United Methodist Church) was one of the old family 'town and country' churches," Paige says of her former parish. "That started to change when I was there, and these good things are continuing beyond family and community ties ... a challenge for all churches."

Paige's husband, the Rev. James Paige, formerly served as pastor at Salem Grove United Methodist Church in Grass Lake, and now divides his time between the Oregon and Elba churches in Columbiaville and Lapeer.

Their two children, Peter and Hydy, both attended Manchester High School, graduating in 1996 and 1998 respectively, both as valedictorians. Peter is now in his second year at Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Ky.; Hydy is a senior at Denison University in Granville, Ohio.

SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS

Daughter Janet writes that they have had a lot of "white stuff" at their home bordering Mona Lake (which by boat you can go into Lake Michigan). She reports over the last two weekends that it was bitterly cold, heavy snow blowing every day, and sometimes they got sleet.

On March 9 and 10, they got more than 21 inches of snow and over 51 mph winds! Am I going to complain about the weather? Probably. She sent a colored page from the Muskegon Chronicle showing crocuses about to bloom in a snowy background. Aren't we glad we live in the middle between the Great Lakes (well, not quite).

She also wrote about a very special young man who is 16, stands over 6' and works part time at the funeral home where son-in-law Gordon works as a mortician. There were three different groups of high school students touring the funeral home and this special young man conducted one group on the tour.

She notes that he also loves to bake and frequently sends them samples of his desserts. Speaking of funeral homes, isn't that new sign at our local funeral home attractive, it lights up our street.

Thursday: Swiss steak today. get those reservations in! There are still folks coming to meals without calling first. You may call Kelly (ahead) at 428-8359 to reserve your spot or call Tod between 9 and 10 a.m. on meal days at 428-7630. This is important ... would you like to cook a



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big meal without knowing how many you will serve? Then, at 12:30 p.m. games at the center will be more fun (the bus takes you and also will return you). You may ride along to the center for the senior-sponsored public card party, which begins at 7:30 p.m. Pickup starts at 6:30 p.m.; call Mildred Stoll at 428-7828 for your ride. Today is also the date deadline for reservations for the Lenten breakfast at the Methodist Church.

Saturday: Pickup time begins at 7:55 a.m. by senior bus for the trip to Ann Arbor, where you'll board a larger bus for the trip to Motor City in Detroit. Call Tootie Armentrout at 428-7615 to reserve your spot.

Monday: Go along shopping in Adrian. Bus is by request; call Tootie.

Tuesday: Here's a favorite ... pork chops and kraut! You are invited to come try these "good and plenty" meals if you are 55 and older and live in our area. Come try, we promise you won't leave hungry! Sue Miller and Tod Armentrout make sure you don't, thank you both! At 12:30 p.m. you may go to the center, or stay and learn how to make

cards, etc. to send out on occasions under Dorothy Willingham's help.

Wednesday: Senior bus begins pickup at 9 a.m. for the Lenten Breakfast at the Manchester Methodist Church (breakfast begins at 9:30 a.m.). Yoga Class begins at 9 a.m. at the Village Hall.

Thursday: Mae Sellers is present to take your blood pressure (thanks, Mae) beginning at 11 a.m. in the dining room. Then, we'll enjoy baked crispy chicken at noon (do not forget those reservations).

A note ... Please do not call Tootie Armentrout on Sundays before 8 p.m.!!

Health day set

Senior Health Services of Saint Joseph Mercy Health System will present Senior Health Day from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. on April 2 at Saint Joseph Mercy Health Stop located in Briarwood Mall in Ann Arbor.

This interactive event will feature Mary Wisely, M.D., speaking about Parkinson's Disease—what it looks like, the chances of getting it and current treatments.

The day begins with chair massages from 8:30 to 10 a.m. provided by the Baker College Therapeutic Massage Program. Cost is \$5 each on a first come, first served basis. Wisely's lecture will be from 10 to 11:30 a.m. There will be healthy food samples and prize drawings.

Registration is required. To register, call Health Stop at (734) 827-3777.

Candidate receives incumbent's support

Pam Byrnes, a candidate for the Michigan House of Representatives in the 52nd District, recently announced that she has received the endorsement of State Representative John Hansen (D-Dexter).

Hansen said Byrnes' active role in the community and her extensive experience in local government make her the logi-

cal choice to succeed him in the Michigan House of Representatives.

"Pam Byrnes has lived in the District for over 20 years and I know that she understands the issues that are important to our families," Hansen said. "Her commitment to investing in strong early childhood education programs and developing smarter land use and growth policies make her the 'common sense choice' for State Representative."

"It's an honor to receive support from someone who has worked tirelessly to raise the quality of life for his constituents and citizens throughout the state," Byrnes said. "John Hansen has been an effective advocate for the children, seniors and working families in the 52nd District and I look forward to following his example in the Michigan House of Representatives."

Byrnes, who currently serves as a Washtenaw County Road Commissioner lives with her husband Kent Brown in Lyndon Township and they have two grown daughters. She is a graduate of the University of Michigan and holds a Law degree from the University of Maryland. She is president of the Ypsilanti Rotary Club and is a member of the Chelsea Chamber of Commerce.

BIRTHS

MADELYN KAY HARRIS

Dan and Jennifer Harris of Manchester announce the birth of their second daughter, Madelyn Kay, born at 8:20 a.m. March 4. Madelyn was 7 pounds, 8 ounces at birth and 19-1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Ed and Bonnie Barnard and Dan and Charla Harris, all of Manchester, and Apryl and Gene Mohler of Concord. Great grandparents are Fred Heinrich of Saline, Ruth Barnard of Ann Arbor, Marie Knorpp of Manchester, Nate and Barb Darnell of Jackson and Walter and Mary Harris of Panama City, Fla.

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On the first day of spring, The Nature Conservancy is asking Americans to check their yards and gardens for plants that can escape cultivation and cause tremendous damage to the natural environment and the national economy.

In Michigan, plants such as purple loosestrife, baby's breath, spotted knapweed, glossy buckthorn and St. John's Wort have been used widely in horticulture, landscaping and erosion control, and can be found in backyards and business lots around the state, as well as throughout the country. At first glance these plants may look pretty, but their beauty is deceptive.

Known as invasive species, plants like these are typically transplants from distant places. Once free from the natural checks and balances that had kept them under control in their native realms, these plants are able to establish themselves in new areas and proliferate and persist to the detriment of native species.

They often hoard light, water and nutrients, and can even alter entire ecosystems by

changing soil chemistry or hydrological processes. As a result, invasive plants can overtake native plants and, in turn, displace the animals that had relied on the native plants for food and shelter. With intentional and unintentional assistance from people, these problematic plants are spreading at an alarming rate, infecting natural areas across the United States.

"Keeping invasive plants out of America's backyards helps the environment and the economy," said Steve McCormick, president of The Nature Conservancy. "Taking the time to remove invasive plants and replace them with non-invasive varieties is a great example of bringing new energy to the old adage: think globally, act locally."

"Nursery growers, landscape designers and others who make their career in horticulture have become increasingly concerned with the issue of invasive plants," said Wayne Mezitt, vice president of the American Nursery and Landscape Association (ANLA), and chair of that organization's Invasive Species Task Force.

"Consumers look for plants that establish quickly, withstand environmental stresses and generally grow without much care.



Photo courtesy TNC Photo Archives

Deceptively beautiful, purple loosestrife escaped from cultivation and now chokes wetlands across the country and in Michigan, causing millions of dollars in damage each year.

"Unfortunately, these characteristics can also be the features that make plants invasive."

ANLA, the national trade association of the nursery and landscape industry, is working with the Conservancy and other organizations to develop codes of conduct to help stop the spread of invasive plants.

Plants that escape from yards and gardens are an example of the larger problem the intentional and accidental introductions of invasive plants and animals poses to the environment and the economy. Invasive species, taken as a whole, are now a threat to the survival of native plants and animals that is exceeded only by the threat of habitat loss.

Invasive species are contributing to the decline of 46 percent of the species (57 percent of the plants and 39 percent of the animals) listed as imperiled or endangered in the United States.

And, unfortunately, the cost of invasive species does not stop with the damage done to plants and animals. In fact, the

cost to the national economy has been estimated as high as \$137 billion per year and increasing, due primarily to losses in agriculture, forestry and fisheries, as well as the cost of clearing invasive-clogged waterways and fighting invasive-fueled fires.

Across the continental United States, five plants stand out as examples of how serious the situation can be when a plant intended for limited use escapes its intended purpose:

Purple loosestrife, also known as the "purple plague," an ornamental plant promoted for its purple flowers, has the abil-

ity to produce millions of seeds which spread easily by wind or water. Once limited to gardens in the Northeast, it now chokes wetlands across the country.

Kudzu, which can grow as fast as a foot per day, was planted widely to combat soil erosion. Unfortunately, it grows out of control, smothers native plants and even uproots entire trees through the sheer force of its weight. Although most states have banned its sale, kudzu still has its adherents, who now sell the seeds via the Internet.

Giant salvinia, a water fern from southeastern Brazil, has been spread to many parts of the world for use in aquariums and garden ponds. Yet, when small fragments are introduced to larger bodies of water, the plant will grow quickly out of control. It can double its numbers in as little as 2-10 days, and can completely dominate waterways, making lakes and streams look like putting greens, and eliminating opportunities for boating and fishing.

Multiflora rose, introduced from Japan as an understock for ornamental roses and as a "natural fence" for farms, has escaped both of its original uses. Birds have spread the seeds, and the plant has done the rest, invading pastures and other unplowed lands, crowding out native vegetation and creating dense, impenetrable thickets.

Tree of heaven, a Chinese tree with the ability to flourish in unfavorable conditions with little care, was a common stock in nurseries across the country as early as the 1840s. Yet, the planting of a single tree can have unintended and dramatic consequences. Each tree can produce as many as 325,000

seeds per year, and the seeds are easily dispersed by the wind. In addition, this tree may have a toxic advantage over other plants. An extract of its leaves has been shown to be toxic to 45 other species.

While the above species are examples of those that pose a problem across the country, Michigan is plagued particularly by purple loosestrife, glossy buckthorn and spotted knapweed. The deceptive baby's breath actually inhibits the flow of wind and water that Michigan's sand dunes need to survive.

"Stopping the spread of invasive species is an uphill battle, but, with the combined work of organizations and individuals, success is possible," McCormick said.

OBITUARIES

EDWIN D. DUKES

Edwin D. Dukes, age 87 of Holiday, Fla. died on March 15, 2002. He was born Jan. 12, 1915 in the United Kingdom, the son of John and Harriet (Mason) Dukes. He married Anna Russell who preceded him in death in 1999.

Mr. Dukes was a veteran of the Canadian Navy and a member of American Legion Post 173, Holiday Fla.; the Moose Lodge in Holiday Fla.; and a former member of the Eagles Lodge in Ypsilanti. He is survived by four sons: Eddie Duchin of Toronto, John (Jane) Cunningham of Florida, Kenneth Cunningham of California and Donald

Cunningham of Jackson; two daughters, Kay (Milton) Davis and Janice (Michael) Smith of Ypsilanti; grandchildren Jaqueline Davis-Green, Angie (Davis) Mast, Kimberly Davis and Michelle Davis-Swain; great-grandchildren Myria, Connor and Sydney Davis-Green, Emily Mast and "Shatzi" Phillips. Visitation and funeral services were held on March 18 at the Jenter & Braun Funeral Home Manchester Chapel. Graveside burial services will be held on March 21 at Meadowlawn Memorial Gardens in New Port Richey, Fla. Memorials may be made to Arbor Hospice.

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said. "I know I have that responsibility and my background is there: I handle the financial records for the orchard business."

"But the way the board is set up, you're also a voting board member. You have to have a clear understanding of the issues that face the township."

And Bossory believes that he does have that understanding.

"There's a big pressure on maintaining the rural character out here," he said. "Everyone has a different idea of what that is."

He said that he moved to the township with his family, keeping the orchard running and retaining the name in an effort to preserve some local history.

And, as for preservation of the rural character. "We're someone who's trying to work a farm along with a day job, so I've got that perspective."

"I know well enough that

things aren't always going to stay the same," he added. "My grandparents and great-grandparents were farmers, but those farms have disappeared, either due to growth or because farming wasn't economically viable any more."

"There's more than just farms out here, but the key to preserving rural character is keeping that aspect of the community vital."

The Freedom Township board unanimously voted to accept Bossory in the treasurer's position.

"We had some very good qualified candidates," Little said of the pool of applicants for the treasurer's position.

"The board is happy with our selection; given the choice, we'd prefer not to be in this position (of having too many candidates). There was a lot of soul-searching, because we had so many good people submit an application."

Little added that he expects to see some competition at the polls

in the primary in August, and possibly in the November election as well.

"When they stand for election, then the whole township has a chance to voice their opinion," he said. "Whatever the voting residents' opinion is, we'll work with whomever they elect."

In addition to the orchard and the township board positions, Bossory holds a full-time engineering sales job with a Traverse City company. He works from his Freedom Township home via telecommunications and travels locally to business clients.

When running as an independent for trustee 16 months ago, Bossory received 193 votes compared to 536 for incumbent Dale Weidmayer and 488 votes for Jeffrey Horning.

He is eager to hit the ground running in his new position and looks forward to serving the Freedom Township community.

"The best way to have a say is to get out there and do something," he said.

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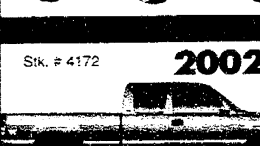
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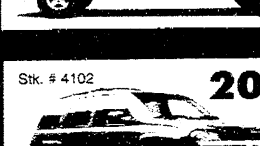
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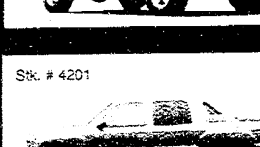
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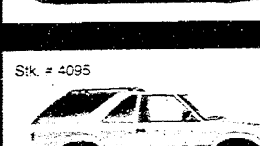
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unspeakable gratitude. Not just for his help, but also for who he is and the chance to spend time with him.

Recently, over lunch he allowed me a special view of himself. We were talking about war, his war.

Dad served in the Army's 245th Combat Engineer Battalion. He was inducted in November of '43, trained at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, did maneuvers in the Tennessee hills, and shipped out for the European theater in October. They landed in Bristol, England in early November 1943.

IN THE December cold, they crossed the Channel and motored across France to the front lines near where the Battle of the Bulge took place.

Dad doesn't remember everything his company did through January and early February. It's been 57 years, he points out.

For him, active duty ended on Valentine's Day, 1944. Under cover of night, he and the others went out to blow tank traps apart and clear mines so that allied troops and equipment could advance.

German machine gun fire assaulted them as they blew up the tank traps, luckily missing any of the Americans. After the attack, the group reformed to tackle their second objective. They swept a three-mile length of road along the river, finding no mines.

Turning up a side road, they encountered a disabled German vehicle, a weapons carrier about the size of a modern pick-up truck.

SKIRTING THE vehicle, they hit an anti-personnel mine, and a soldier was wounded badly. My father and another man sat with him in the dark, holding him as his lungs filled with blood, and waited for the medics.

Dad had put his rifle down about a body's length away when he went to help his fellow platoon member. Through the dark, they listened for the approach of the medics. When they heard them, my father stood and walked forward to show them the way, picking up his rifle. The first step detonated another mine. He should have lost both legs.

Feb. 15 found him in a field aid station, a mile behind the front lines. He was taken to an Evacuation Hospital for three days, and then to a Paris hospital for a few more days, was stretchered onto a train to Normandy, and then shipped to England.

HE REMEMBERS getting morphine at the aid station, and x-ray technicians talking about whether or not radiology would be a good field to go into after the

war. German prisoners moved the stretchers at one point.

Somewhere in the British midlands, he was worked on to repair all the broken bones and get skin grafts. While there, the ragged ends of bone cut an artery, so emergency surgery was done to file off the ends of the bones. He got more than 14 pints of blood along the way.

After six weeks or so, he was sent home on a hospital ship, which moved slowly in convoy. Hospitalization and rehabilitation spread from May through August, complicated by hepatitis from a contaminated transfusion. He was decommissioned Dec. 3, 1945.

DAD'S NEVER mentioned the pain. He says it was a blessing: his was a million-dollar wound, the kind that gets you home alive. And if he hadn't risen and stepped on that mine, the medics would have hit it.

As similar scenes play out in scripts on big screens, or in reality in Afghanistan, there are millions who can only imagine what it's like. If only all war could be virtual.

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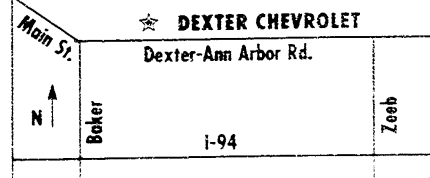
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Endowment fund names two local recipient groups

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Associate Editor

Saline Community Hospital recently named recipients of the Judy Ivan Healthy Communities Endowment Fund. Funding was approved for four area organizations, two of them in Manchester. The Manchester Challenge Day program received \$4,500. The program is a continuation of the Manchester community vision/Building Youth Assets program to raise self-esteem and eliminate substance abuse and other destructive behaviors.

Challenge Days involve both students and adults (teachers, parents and community volunteers) in a guided series of experiential learning processes. Also during the process, middle school and high school students are trained as mentors. Each mentor meets with a group of freshmen on a regular basis for the entire school year.

Manchester Community Schools also were awarded \$750 to purchase 15 heart monitors which will aid students in identifying the cardiovascular system. Pupils in grades five through eight who participate in a physical education fitness program will use the monitors.

Milan Police and Milan Parks and Recreation partnership for the programs. Youths at Risk Summer Camp and Play at the Park and the Dundee Schools also were awarded grants for specific projects.

The Committee will meet again in fall to determine the next funding recipients. Applications will be available later this year for school districts and health coalitions within the Saline Community Hospital service area.

The Judy Ivan Healthy Communities Endowment Fund was created for area service groups to partner with Saline Community Hospital in projects that benefit the health of the community. For more information about the Fund, please call the Healthy Communities Liaison of Saint Joseph Mercy Health System at (734) 712-3463.



Don Harkness (top left), Saline Community Hospital board member, presents Gay Thacher, science and fitness instructor at Manchester Middle School with a check for \$750 to purchase heart monitors for the fitness program. Also pictured is Judy Ivan, Saline Community Hospital board member and fund namesake. Bottom photo, Chris Kanta (left), Director of the Manchester Community Resource Center and John Eisley, Manchester High School principal (third from left), receive a \$4,500 grant for next year's Challenge Day activities from Harkness and Ivan.

ENGINE

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In an interview, Byrne explained that Regents originally purchased the 15 acres in hopes that it would be used as a site for the new high school. When the school board instead selected property along Gieske Road in Manchester Township, Byrne and Lozelle decided to use their property to attract industrial tenants as part of what he called "the general, long-term development plan for the village."

THE PROPERTY, defined by M-52, Hogan and Sooten roads, currently is unused. Byrne said that because the township cannot service the site with sewer and water, he is looking to have the property annexed into the village, which has sewer and water mains.

Byrne said as yet, no companies are planning to build on the site.

"When the right match-up comes along, then we'll know," he said. "It's right in step with the plans for the community that have been in place eight years or so now."

Although the board moved to not oppose the annexation, Mann explained that the matter was still under discussion by the township planning commission.

"We don't approve them, it's a matter of whether or not we oppose them," he said of annexation requests. "With annexations, it's a matter of... whether this is the time or whether it should be put off for later."

IF THE planning commission

approves the annexation, it will be the second piece of township property annexed to the village in recent months, joining the 57,836 acres of Gieske Road properties for the new high school. An additional 40 acres adjacent to that property is owned by Roy Gourley, who has notified both the township and the village of his desire to be annexed into the village for potential future residential development.

Mann explained that because the village is part of Manchester Township, which receives less than 5 percent of village winter property taxes, the township does not stand to lose much in the way of property taxes to the village.

In addition, the township receives money from the state shared revenue program, a sales tax based revenue levied by the state and shared with local units of government.

MANN NOTED that most of the sources for state shared revenue are based on population, and said any vacant, annexed properties, such as the Regents parcel, do not change that revenue. It is only when there are residents on the site, such as the Gourley

property, does a township lose its state shared revenue upon its annexation. With the Gourley site, Mann said the township would lose two residents.

"There's really not much loss to the township (with state shared revenue)," he said.

Mann added that the board feels that assistance should be given to "anything that would help bring jobs into the community."

FINALLY, THE board discussed the possibility of adding two trustee positions to its five-member board. Because Manchester Township, which includes the Village of Manchester, had more than 3,000 eligible, registered voters at the November 2000 general election, it is required by a 1954 state law to put the question of adding two trustees to an annual meeting of electors or to a ballot.

Manchester Township Clerk Kathy Hakes said that because the township does not hold an annual meeting, it would put the question on a November 2002 ballot. If approved by voters, candidates for two trustee positions would be placed on the November 2004 ballot.

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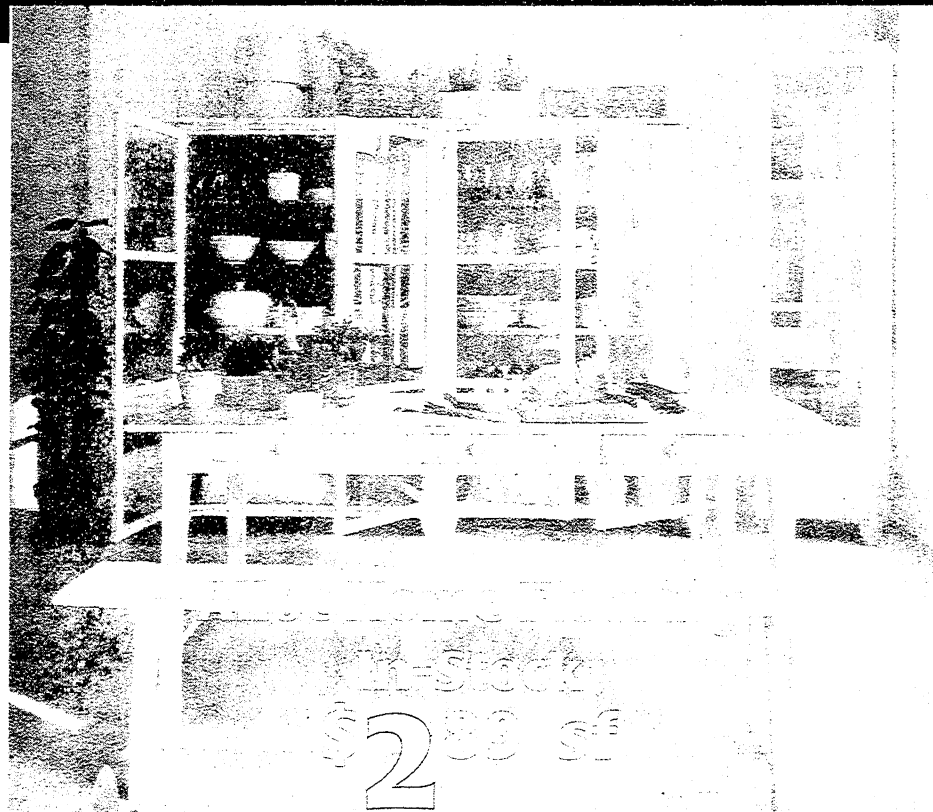
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 Mostly cloudy and colder; flurries.

THU. NIGHT
 LOW: 4°-8°
 Mostly cloudy and cold; flurries.

FRIDAY
 HIGH: 29°-33°
 Cold with clouds and sun; flurries.
 LOW: 14°-18°

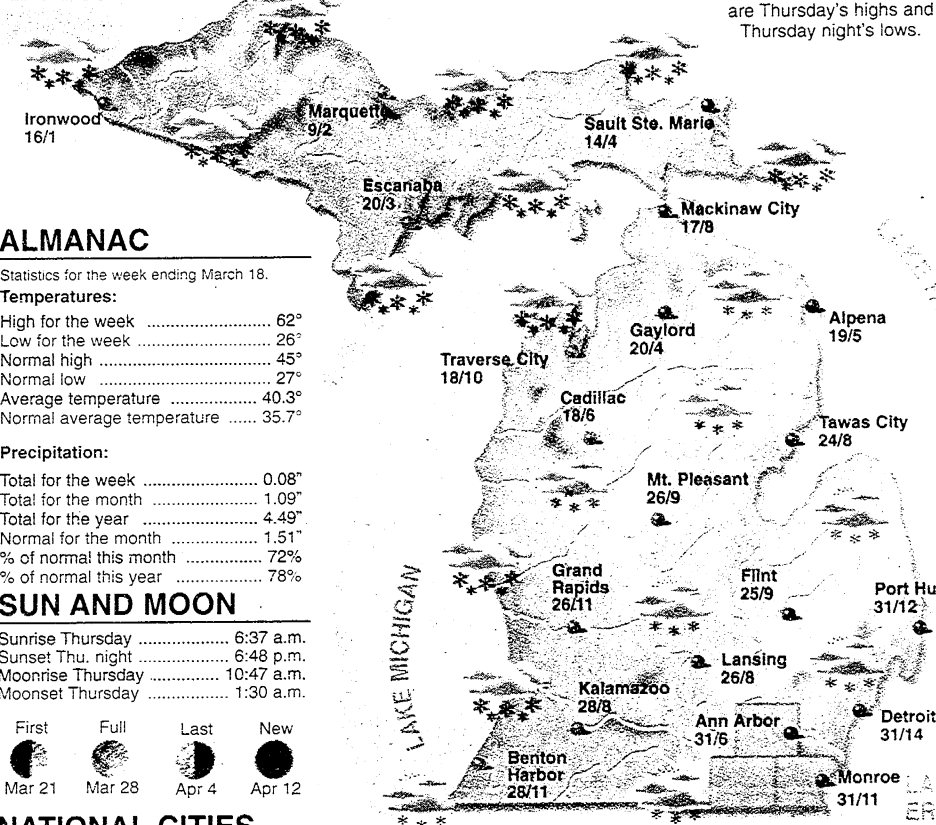
SATURDAY
 HIGH: 39°-43°
 Partly sunny and not as cold.
 LOW: 26°-30°

SUNDAY
 HIGH: 48°-52°
 Increasing clouds; showers at night.
 LOW: 32°-36°

MONDAY
 HIGH: 48°-52°
 Mostly cloudy; chance of showers.
 LOW: 39°-43°

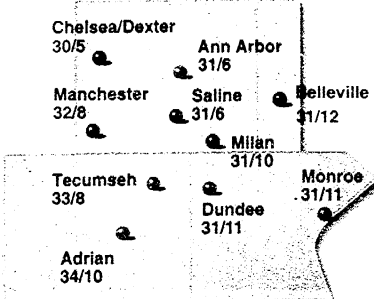
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LOCAL WEATHER



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Plenty of clouds and a cold wind for Thursday. Temperatures will be in the 20s for most of the day, but it will feel much colder with the wind. Expect some flurries as well.

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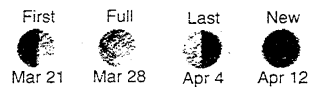
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 Sun.: 7:50 a.m. 1:35 a.m. 8:19 p.m. 2:05 p.m.

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Statistics for the week ending March 18.
Temperatures:
 High for the week 62°
 Low for the week 26°
 Normal high 45°
 Normal low 27°
 Average temperature 40.3°
 Normal average temperature 35.7°
Precipitation:
 Total for the week 0.08"
 Total for the month 1.09"
 Total for the year 4.49"
 Normal for the month 1.51"
 % of normal this month 72%
 % of normal this year 78%

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Sunrise Thursday 6:37 a.m.
 Sunset Thu. night 6:48 p.m.
 Moonset Thursday 10:47 a.m.
 Moonrise Thursday 1:30 a.m.



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Akron	36/18/sf	32/18/sf	Buffalo	38/18/sf	28/16/c	Denver	52/27/pc	68/35/s	Knoxville	59/25/pc	44/26/s	Norfolk	63/35/c	46/30/pc	
Albany	48/18/sh	30/18/sf	Burlington, IA	32/13/pc	40/28/s	Des Moines	32/12/pc	40/27/s	Las Vegas	80/54/s	78/54/s	Oklahoma City	56/32/pc	56/40/pc	
Albuquerque	74/42/s	74/42/s	Burlington, VT	36/10/sf	24/10/pc	Duluth	16/2/c	23/13/pc	Lexington, KY	46/18/pc	42/25/s	Omaha	34/12/pc	40/26/s	
Anchorage	35/24/s	35/22/s	Casper	35/19/pc	48/26/pc	El Paso	76/42/s	78/46/s	Lincoln	32/12/pc	44/29/s	Orlando	82/56/pc	75/50/s	
Atlanta	66/40/c	56/36/s	Cedar Rapids	32/9/pc	36/23/s	Fairbanks	27/1/pc	36/2/s	Little Rock	58/30/s	54/34/s	Palm Springs	87/59/s	84/56/pc	
Atlantic City	58/28/pc	40/25/pc	Charleston, SC	72/41/sh	58/34/pc	Fargo	16/2/c	29/17/pc	Los Angeles	78/52/s	70/50/pc	Peoria	36/14/pc	40/24/s	
Austin	70/42/s	64/44/s	Charleston, WV	54/21/pc	36/22/s	Flagstaff	65/26/s	60/27/s	Louisville	46/21/pc	42/27/pc	Philadelphia	58/28/pc	40/24/pc	
Baltimore	60/28/pc	40/22/s	Charlotte	68/34/sh	54/26/s	Fort Wayne	38/18/c	34/20/pc	Madison	28/9/pc	36/21/pc	Phoenix	92/62/s	92/62/s	
Baton Rouge	70/43/s	64/38/s	Cheyenne	43/22/c	58/30/pc	Gary	32/11/pc	36/20/pc	Pittsburgh	42/24/c	34/24/sf	Pittsburgh	42/24/c	34/24/sf	
Billings	21/14/c	44/26/pc	Chicago	32/14/sf	36/22/pc	Green Bay	24/5/c	32/18/pc	Portland, ME	46/20/pc	30/12/s	Portland, ME	46/20/pc	30/12/s	
Birmingham	64/32/pc	56/30/s	Cincinnati	41/14/pc	36/22/pc	Helena	25/11/pc	42/20/pc	Portland, OR	60/42/c	60/42/sh	Portland, OR	52/25/pc	38/24/s	
Bismarck	22/5/pc	37/16/pc	Cleveland	36/18/sf	32/18/sf	Honolulu	81/68/s	82/68/s	Providence	65/32/sh	50/26/pc	Providence	65/32/sh	50/26/pc	
Bloomington	37/12/pc	37/23/s	Columbus, MO	40/16/s	45/28/s	Houston	72/44/s	68/44/s	Raleigh	24/14/c	44/21/pc	Raleigh	24/14/c	44/21/pc	
Boise	60/38/s	64/36/pc	Columbus, OH	40/16/pc	31/23/pc	Indianapolis	36/14/pc	35/25/s	Rapid City	67/37/s	58/35/s	Reno	67/37/s	58/35/s	
Boston	52/27/pc	38/24/s	Dallas	66/40/s	60/44/s	Juneau	40/25/pc	39/27/s	Richmond	62/30/c	48/28/pc	Richmond	62/30/c	48/28/pc	
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There's a Science to those Social Studies projects

Middle schoolers complete another successful season

■ This year's fair included nearly 400 student projects.

By Laura Merte
Staff Writer

This year's Science and Social Studies Fair was a success, with dozens of Nellie Ackerson Middle School students winning prizes for their outstanding projects.

In addition, fair coordinator Cori Roberts announced that four students' projects had been invited to appear at the Hands On Museum in Ann Arbor from March 22 to April 28. Sixth-grader Inga Bamford's project on the "Ocean Food Web" and Brian Flahie's seventh-grade "Genetics" social studies project were two of the honored endeavors. Lauren Hone's "Fossil" collection and Dan Murray's project titled, "Forces of Flight" were chosen as eighth-grade representatives of Manchester Community Schools.

grade science projects on health-related topics were brought to the fair, selected by the science teachers.

Winners in each grade level follow:

FIFTH GRADE

In the category of American history models, R a n d y Kleinschmidt took first place, Caitlin O'Dell took second, and Danielle Burch took third, honorable mentions went to Grant Jobkar, Carrah Heilmann and Philip Voegeding.

For American history demonstrations, Travis Tubb took first and William Rickert took second. Tied for third were Danny



Philip

able mentions.

World history demonstrations saw Katy Uphaus in first, Sam Hatt in second, Coyie Render in third, and an honorable mention to Evan Bortmas.

For their map projects, Sean Davis won first place, Ryan Sannes won second, and Jordan Guest third. Honorable mentions went to Samantha Kreklau, Sarah Snead, Tricia Hammer and Holly Ganger.

The family tree category found Dancie Weidmayer in first and Stacy Kempfer in second. Third place was a tie for Travis Fusilier, Trevor Hanewal and Blake Bondy, and an honorable mention went to Jordan Stachnik.

SIXTH GRADE

For physical science models, Ashley Zigila took first place, Nate Hyde took second, and Krista Kornel took third. Honorable mentions went to Justin Green, Ian Lee, Chris Zugel and Jared Huber.

In Physical Science demonstrations, George Kelly won first, Katelyn Spring second and James Hughes third.

Physical science experiments awarded first place to Allyson Way, second to Julie Fielder, third to Danielle Lee, and an honorable mention to Laura Coltre.

For their biological science models, Inga Bamford won first place, Zachary Seguin won second and Nicole Helfrich won third. Honorable mentions went to Amanda Caldwell, Bill Cloke and Josh Henshke.

Biological science demonstrations saw Stephanie Preston in first, Frances Trupiano in second, and Justin Owens in third. Kristi Litwin and Jared Crawford both won honorable mentions.

In the category of biological science experiments, Brittany Fusilier won first place.

SEVENTH GRADE

In the category of American history models, Zach Benedict took first place and Brandon Hone took second. Nicholas Ball and David Ball tied for third, and honorable

mentions went to Kristina Fernandez, Jonathan Braun and Kyle Clark.

For American history demonstrations, Melissa Blades took first, Lara Wagner took second, and Nick Loud came in third. Honorable mentions went to Adam Wheeler, Ryan Galaska and Derrick Von Broda.

The World history model project by Brad Alber won first in its category, with Connie

ject won first place in its category.

EIGHTH GRADE

For physical science models, Matt Fusilier took first place, Brad Fiegel took second, and Sarah DeSautel took third. Honorable mentions went to Devin Render, Zach Johnson, Brent Coe, Nic Burkhart and Molly Sears.

In physical science demonstrations, Dan Murray won first.

place, Emily McConnell won second and Allison London won third. Honorable mentions went to Katie Hill and Rebecca Long.

Biological science demonstrations saw Alexandra Watson in first, Julie Hinkley in second, and Zach Jacob in third. Aaron Thomas, Kyle Thomas, Amy Salecki, Jayne Helton and Kristin Kinsey all won honorable mentions.

In the category of biological



Even the youngest kids enjoy the science and social studies fair. Kindergartner Josh Sannes is intrigued by a submarine model illustrating the Cuban Missile Crisis by Myranda Catalano among the fifth-grade social studies entries.

Judging of the finalists took place on March 5 and 6 and results were announced on March 7, with public viewing throughout the day at the American Legion hall.

Manchester Health Coalition also had selected projects on display at the March 9 health fair. About 12 sixth and eighth-

Mulcare and Devin Schaekle, while honorable mentions went to Josh Miller, Matt Layher, Cevin Walker and Ryan Erkfriz.

The world history model project by Maria Paz won first in its category, with John Watson taking second and Ellee Kladzyk taking third. Lynne Werner and Kelsey Gagneau received honor-



Seventh-grader Connie Achtenberg did her social studies project on the Lippizaner horses.



Sixth-grader Lucas Sweet likes to learn more about outer space, so he did his science project on "Landscaping the Red Planet."

Achtenberg taking second and Clay Harvey taking third, Greg Schaible, Stuart Chartrand, Rachel Tucker and Tarah Bondy all received Honorable mentions.

World history demonstrations saw Jeremy Kratz and Sam Kelly tie for first, with Amber Hubbard winning second, Alex Kastanis third, and honorable mentions to Steven Mulcare, Travis Navarro, Scott Lewis and Elizabeth Copeland.

Hannah Gregerson's map pro-

Lauren Hone second and Danielle Simon third. Derek Pennington, Ian Callaway, Misty Neely, Ashley Siocum and Matt Brewington received honorable mentions.

Physical science experiments awarded first place to Laura Eisenhauer, second to Steven Bush, third to Katelyn Gall, and honorable mentions to Michael Coltre and Austin Summers.

For their biological science models, Holly Staten won first

science experiments, Katie Spicer won first place, Brian Guenther won second, and Sara Wootke won third. Honorable mentions went to Maegan Payne, Brandon Osmundson, Stephanie Haeussler and Dan Warner.

"Overall, I think it went very well," Principal Tom George said. "I am very appreciative of the students' efforts and particularly for the community and teacher support."

"It was a very good fair this year."

After seeing a working windmill, Heather Black wanted to learn about how the wind makes electricity. So the sixth-grader made a windmill model to find out more.

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Marsha Johnson Chartrand

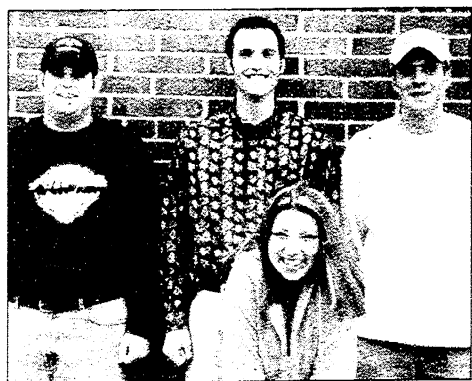


High School LifeSmarts team heads into national competition

■ Kids excel in "the ultimate consumer challenge."

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Associate Editor

Manchester High school seniors Clinton Clark, David Ellison, Adam Knapp, Seth LaRocque and Ashley Schlosser are state finalists in the on-line LifeSmarts Ultimate Consumer Challenge competition, and will represent Michigan in the national competition April 13 to 16 in Arlington, Va.



LifeSmarts participants include David Ellison (left), Captain Adam Knapp, Clinton Clark, and Ashley Schlosser (front). Also traveling with the team to Arlington, Va. are senior Seth LaRocque and teacher Donna Clark.

LifeSmarts is an educational opportunity that develops students' consumer and marketplace knowledge and complements the normal high school curriculum. Run as a game-show style competition, it is open to all ninth through 12th grade students in the United States. It is enjoying its eighth year of continued growth and success.

Teams compete on-line and in state matches. Manchester was the top scoring team in Michigan and has been invited to participate in the national level competition. Twelve Manchester High School students qualified for national competition and the five students named will represent the community and the state in Arlington next month.

Krystal Barnett, Andrew Burke, Jeff Galaska, Ryan Maggetti, Chris Maly, Sarah Wallis and Natalie Weidmayer were the remaining qualifiers for the team.

"We started playing the game in November as these students were in my first semester Economics class," said teacher Donna Clark, who will be the team's coach and chaperone on the trip.

When the team started competition, Clark said that she figured

the odds and post-Sept. 11 travel restrictions would be against them, but after talking it over with family and her students, she decided that she shouldn't hold back. They began working one or two days per week in the computer lab and participating in the online competition, as well as doing in-class exercises.

Questions on personal finance, health and safety, consumer rights and responsibilities, technology and the environment are all part of the LifeSmarts challenge. Anyone can take a practice quiz at www.lifesmarts.org to see a sampling of the topics with which the high school teams are expected to familiarize themselves.

Participants in LifeSmarts gain information and knowledge while they develop teamwork, self-esteem, communication skills and leadership abilities. They learn about making smart purchasing decisions and a better use of money and resources. And, they have fun in the process.

Once the semester ended, the students transferred to John Wilkins' government class and the thought of national competi-

tion slid to the back burner. "I thought we didn't get it," Clark said.

Suddenly, on March 4, Clark received an e-mail message from Lisa Hertzberg, the program director for LifeSmarts, indicating that Manchester was the state's high-scoring team. Suddenly, plans kicked into high gear as the registration deadline was March 15.

"We had to see if the trip was financially feasible for the kids, and whether their parents would allow them to make the trip," Clark says.

Although there is no registration fee to attend the national competition and some complimentary meals and Washington, D.C. landmark tours are included in the students' itineraries, the team or sponsoring organization must pay for travel, hotel rooms and other costs. The team is not sponsored by any outside organization, so donations to help fund the trip would be appreciated by the students. Clark indicated that the cost would be more than \$300 per person.

"These kids have done Manchester proud," said Jim Mann, who is helping to support the team's efforts.

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ing citizenry is vital to protect and preserve American institutions and democracy. Girls State is non-partisan and non-political, in that no existing party is promoted.

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Ashley Brannock, a member of the American Legion Emil Jacob Post #117 Auxiliary, hopes her experience at Girls State will give her an advantage in collegiate studies such as political science and criminal justice.

"Because I want to be an FBI agent, it would be interesting to learn how laws are made," she says. "Also, it will be cool to meet girls from around Michigan."

Brannock currently serves as Treasurer for both the Drama Club and SADD. An honor roll student, she participates in the Equations team, Quizbowl, and the Math Academic Games. Her favorite subjects include math, government and business technology. In her spare time, Brannock enjoys caroling and visiting shut-ins through her church, assisting with poppy sales (once serving as Miss Poppy), and decorating the American Legion hall for Veterans' Day.

Jessica Revill has received the honor of Scholar Athlete in Manchester, participating on the varsity cross-country and track and field teams. She has maintained her position on the "B" honor roll throughout high school, and her favorite subjects include history, speech and government. Revill can be seen in the community, helping out with such events as Christmas in the Village and Chelsea Sidewalk Sales.

Upon graduation, Revill plans to attend Eastern Michigan University to earn her bachelor's degree, and further her education at the University of Michigan Law School and become an attorney.

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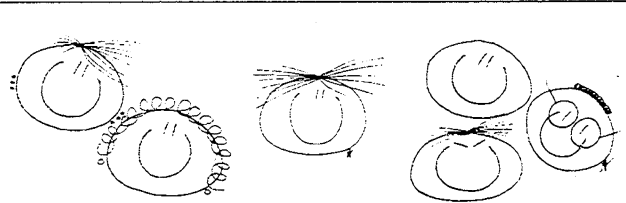


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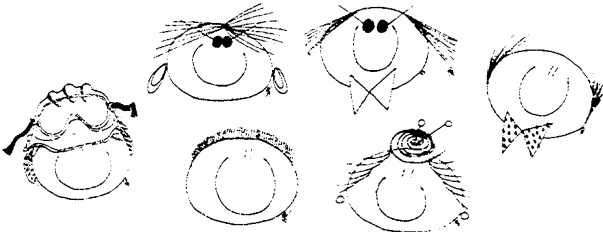
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Development of fine motor (small muscle) skills is something that all children need. By helping to strengthen the muscles in the hands and arms, a child will have an easier time when she needs to grasp a pencil for writing.

The time to start developing small motor skills is around eight months of age. This skill helps develop hand/eye coordination.

Children are born learners and they learn through play. This week's article concentrates on the time between 8 and 14 months when children are able to start developing their fine motor skills. At this age, a baby is busy exploring her world. She'll explore objects by chewing on them, turning them over, shaking them, banging them or throwing them. Her hands tell her what an object "feels" like and her eyes tell her how the object "looks." By exploring objects with her hands and eyes, she's able to get a fuller picture of what it is.

BEFORE THIS TIME, when your baby held an object, she was just using her fingers, and

not her thumbs. Her grasp was awkward and not very secure. Once she found her thumbs, she realized that they were pretty useful tools and her explorations became more skilled and in depth. At this point she is able to hold onto objects longer and thus study them more intently.

Once a baby is using her full hand to look at things, she no longer reaches for things just to get them. At this point, she has a strong desire to reach for things, hold them and study them purposefully. She finds tiny objects that she can pick up between her thumb and forefinger (the pincer grasp) with considerable accuracy. All of these movements and explorations help to strengthen the muscles in her hand. In addition, her vision is becoming more connected to her hands' actions.

Allowing a baby a chance to develop fine motor skills is vital to later school success. Hand muscles need to be strengthened to be able to use crayons and pencils. Giving activities that encourage the use of her vision with hand movements will strengthen these skills. Here are some ways to encourage small muscle development:

Build a Tower—Place two blocks in front of your child. Show her how to place one on top of the other, then let her try. Don't worry if they're not

directly on top of one another. Let her build as high a tower as she can, then topple it down.

Squeeze a Sponge—When your child is in the bathtub, provide a small sponge. Show her how to squeeze the water out of it. Encourage her to do it with each hand, so both are equally strengthened.

Drink from a Cup—While your baby is in the high chair, place a few tablespoons of water, milk, or juice in a cup without a lid. Show her how to guide the cup to her mouth and take a drink. Expect some spills at first. As she becomes more skilled, add more liquid.

Shape sorters—If you have shape sorter where circles, triangles and square shapes are placed in like holes, have your child work on getting the shapes into the appropriate holes. It's easy to make this type of toy. Using an old oatmeal container or coffee can (that is washed out and any sharp edges are taped over), cut a slit in the top about two inches long by one inch wide. Using milk bottle lids, clothes pins or juice tops, have your child place one at a time in the bottle.

Step by Step is brought to you by First Steps Washtenaw/Manchester Community Schools. Contact Barb Bergner at 428-7804 for more information about the First Steps and Parents As Teachers programs.

Auxiliary names girls state reps

American Legion Auxiliary sponsors annual government simulation program.

By Laura Merte
Staff Writer

Three Manchester students have been selected to participate in the 62nd session of American Legion Auxiliary Girls State, to be held from June 16-23 on the campus of Michigan State University.

Amy Hough and Ashley Brannock were selected for their outstanding scholastic achievements and upstanding roles in the community. In the event that either Hough or Brannock cannot attend, Jessica Revill has also been selected as an alternate. All three girls are in their junior year at Manchester High School, and split their time between school, extracurricular activities, and volunteering in the community.

This summer, delegates to Girls State will participate in a simulation of the political and governmental process based on Michigan's state government at the city, county and state levels. Emphasizing the importance of government in modern life, the program is designed to educate young women in the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of American citizenship.

Amy Hough currently holds office as vice-president of the Manchester High School Drama Club. A member of the Flag



Photo by Marsha Johnson (courtesy) Amy Hough (left) and Ashley Brannock are this year's Girls State representatives sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary. Alternate Jessica Revill will attend if one of the representatives are unable to do so.

Corps, she also plays the clarinet with the Symphony Band. In addition, she is a member of National Honor Society (NHS), participates on the Quiz Bowl and Equations teams, and enjoys writing. She works as a cashier at Video World and as a payroll clerk in the University of Michigan cashier's office.

Hough has received the Director's Award for her contribution to the Symphony Band, and is a 4-year recipient of the

Academic Award. Her favorite subjects include government, history, social studies, journalism and band. Following high school, Hough plans to become either a lawyer and/or a politician, while continuing to write on the side.

"I've heard great things about the program," she says. "I hope to learn ways to become more politically active in my community."

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Brandi Walter and Levi Clark of Manchester have each been named National Award Winners by the United States Achievement Academy.

Walter, who attends Manchester High School, was nominated by Mark Ball, a teacher at the school, for recognition in mathematics.

Clark, who attends Ackerson Middle School, was nominated for recognition in science by teacher Gay Thacher.

Both will appear in the United States Achievement Academy's official yearbook which is published nationally.

Clark is the son of Greg and Mary Clark and the grandson of

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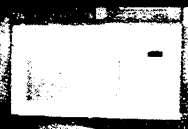


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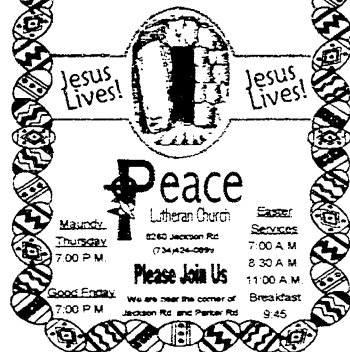


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German students participate in German Day activities

Manchester students compete in the big leagues.

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Associate Editor

"German Day" on March 12 was a major competition of German students from all across southern Michigan, held at the University of Michigan.

"We normally win, so the pressure is always on," said Susan Davis, German teacher at Manchester High School since 1970, who has directed third and fourth-year German students in this activity for at least 15 years.

The purpose of German Day is to promote the study of German and to let high school students have some fun with their language studies as well as expose them to the university. The German department is the only language department at the University of Michigan to offer this kind of outreach program to high school students.

This year was a particularly successful one for Manchester German students who spent three and a half weeks practicing and preparing for the event.

Brainstorming, writing scripts, translating them into German and then memorizing and practicing is a pretty time and energy-consuming task for the German students, particularly because they know that their skits and performances will be competing with much larger schools.

A total of 23 schools—22 of them Class A or Class B high schools—participated in this year's activity.

Among this year's contributions from Manchester students was a German version of "Celebrity Jeopardy." Starring German IV students Jacob Geyer as Alex Trebek, Casey Preuninger as Sean Connery, Adam Little as Arnold Schwarzenegger and Seth LaRocque as Jeff Goldblum, the skit was based on the Saturday Night Live game show parody. The performance earned a third-place rating.

Other German IV students from Manchester did a ranked Night Live spoof that ranked in first place among level IV competitors.

The skit opened with Ashley Farr as Martha Stewart suggesting what to do with the trash from Easter Sunday Dinner, including egg shells and foil from all the chocolate candy. Next, Kylee Gunther, Laura Braddock and Annie Wiley acted out a "Mr. Clean" commercial.

"The Weekend News had William Brinkman and Katie Keller making sarcastic remarks about Ken Lay, Michelle Kwan and their special guest, the French Olympic ice skating judge who was played by Christine Jensen," Davis said.

"The SNL Cheerleaders—played with incredible enthusiasm by Adam Little and Sarah Johnson—cheered at a swim meet and introduced the Backstreet Boys (played by Heather Deacons, Rachelle Lillienthal, Kelsey Johnson, Ashley Farr and Nicole Lane) singing their very own German version of the hit song, "I want it that way."

The German III class took first



Photo by Marsha Johnson Chartrand

Casey Preuninger (left) as Sean Connery, Adam Little as Arnold Schwarzenegger and Seth LaRocque as Jeff Goldblum played "Celebrity Jeopardy" in German Day activities last week at The University of Michigan. German IV student Jacob Geyer played Alex Trebek. The team earned a third-place rating and other Manchester High School German students also ranked high with their skits and performances.

place with their skit, "Die Simpsons." Involving the entire class in the various parts was quite an undertaking, Davis said. But Brenda Bancroft, Krystal Barnett, Ashley Brannock, Cori Christensen, William Cole, Christine

Fairbanks, Aaron Hammer, Jessica Kozar, Craig Lane, Colin Moore, Liz Okey, Heather Popkey, Julia Steinaway, and Nick Strobl made it a success.

"In addition to writing the script and developing their respective parts, they devoted a lot of time to their costumes and make up and truly looked like the Simpsons," Davis said.

Although Davis focuses on the level III and IV competitions, several German I students decided to try their luck at Poetry Recitation and Extemporaneous Speaking. Freshman Justin Dukus took a second place in Poetry Recitation after memorizing, rapping and dancing to a poem

by Heinrich Heine: "In meinem Haus."

"He apparently made quite an impression!" Davis said. "In addition, Natalie Palms tried her luck at extemporaneous reading and took a first."

Davis' excitement about the event is contagious.

"It's a great deal of work but also a lot of fun," she said. "And considering the competition we face, this is an incredible achievement!"

"All in all, it was a wonderful day. These students worked so hard and were totally dedicated to doing an outstanding job. I've thoroughly enjoyed working with them and am extremely proud of all of them!"

Gallery to feature local artists' work

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Associate Editor

The Center Gallery at the Chelsea Center for the Development of the Arts (CCDA) will feature the works of three Manchester artists from April 8 to May 31.

The gallery is open Monday through Thursday, noon to 5 p.m. at the CCDA, 400 Congdon Street in Chelsea. The Center Gallery

offers a showcase for fine art by the teachers, students and community artists of CCDA. A portion of the proceeds from the gallery supports CCDA programs.

Manchester artists Sandy and John Knapp and Barbara Hollosy will present art during the exhibition. Sandy Knapp paints in all mediums, in styles

from traditional to contemporary. John Knapp's woodworking specializes in exotic woods and beautiful finishes.

Hollosy forms lamp worked beads from a vast palette of Italian glass.

A free exhibition opening reception will be held from 5 o 8 p.m. on May 4. Refreshments

will be served.

Time and Tiles, a youth and family workshop, will be held from 10 a.m. to noon on May 11, featuring Sandy Knapp. Celebrate Mother's Day with someone special and create an art tile together. Advance reservations are suggested; the workshop costs \$5 per person.

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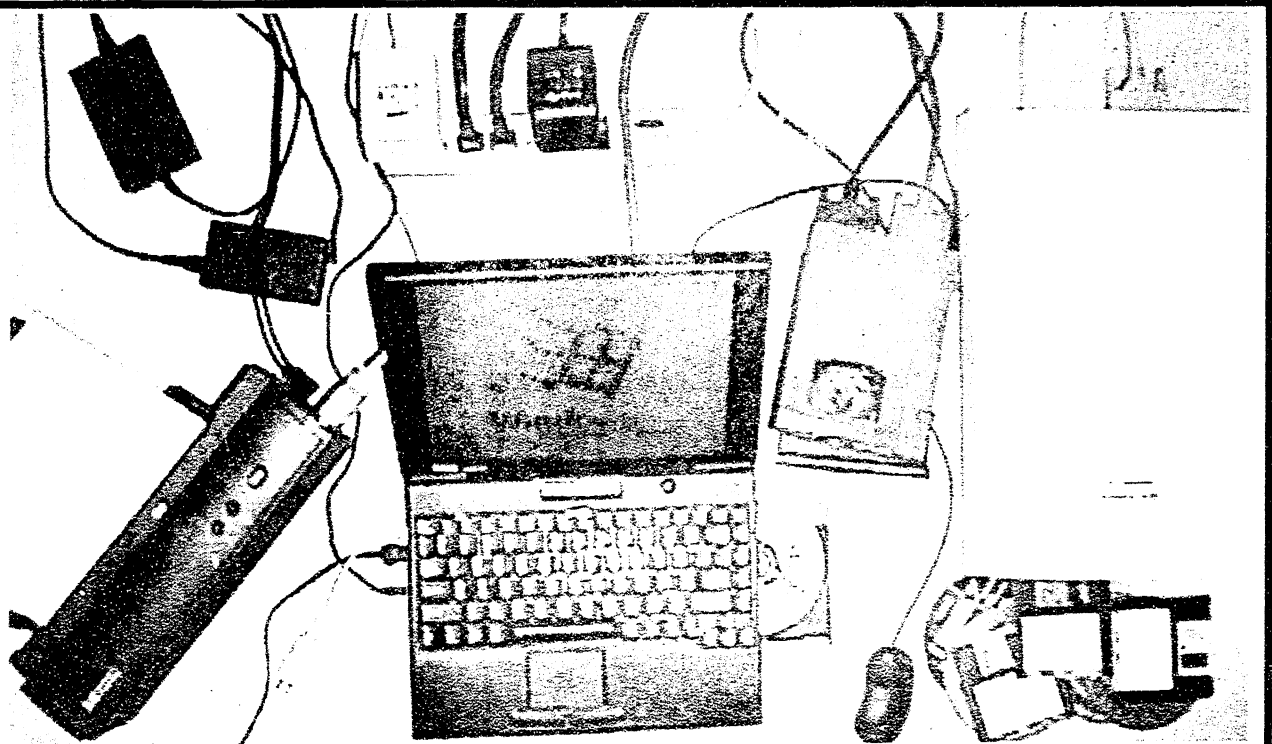
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Health Fair



Left: Chiropractor Dr. Harry Hadley and his wife Alicia were among the many participants and presenters at the community health fair held earlier this month. They are pictured with a young friend.

Below: Children get a tour of one of the Manchester Township fire trucks.

Photos by Laura Merte

New Members



Photo by Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Above: New members of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit #117 were initiated at the March 13 meeting. Pictured are: Mary Oesterle (left), Jill Roller, Linda Moore, Judy Fillyaw, Arianne Chartrand, Laura Meyer and Linda Brannock.



Tanning salon staff receives credentials

Teri Aiuto and Victoria Evans of Tropical Effects tanning salon in Manchester have successfully completed an internationally recognized certification course for indoor tanning facility operators.

Certification requires an individual to be knowledgeable regarding the effects of ultraviolet light, skin types, maintenance of tanning equipment and other areas critical to pro-

fessional salon operation. Evans and Aiuto have joined a conscientious group of educated salon owners and operators in holding credentials to best advise salon patrons. The salon and its owners are proud to display the certification diploma.

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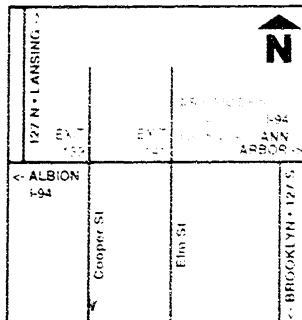
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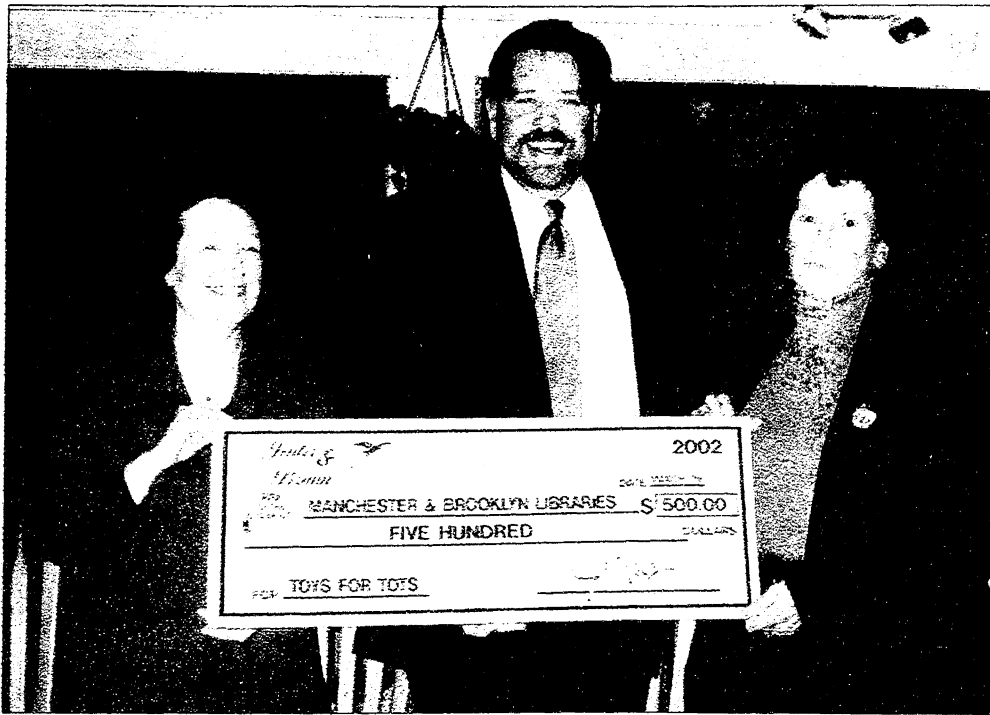
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Toys for Tots



Manchester library director Kate Pittsley, left, and Brooklyn librarian Judy Barry accept a check from J.B. DeJeu, owner of the Jenter and Braun Funeral Homes in Brooklyn and Manchester. For the second straight year, the funeral homes sponsored a "Toys for Tots" campaign during the holiday season and contribute \$1 to the libraries for each toy donated. DeJeu said that this year's drive got a lot more people involved and the open house at the Manchester Chapel helped participation a great deal. He thanked the libraries for their cooperative efforts in making sure 500 more Washtenaw and Jackson County youngsters had a merry Christmas.

Photo by Marsha Johnson Chartrand

Honoring Those Who Serve



The American Legion Auxiliary distributed "Blue Star" flags to Manchester area residents who have family members currently serving in the armed forces. Pictured are Heidi Young (left), Nancy Flint, Charlot Gehringer, Martha Meadows and Jennifer Brewer. Also presented with blue star flags at a recent meeting were Linda Moore, Amy Denardo and Marian Creason.

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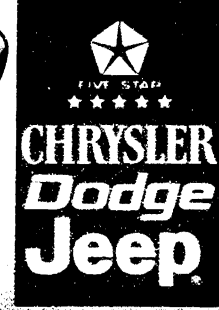
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Walking all over the Fight against breast cancer

Local woman finds a cause she can believe in.

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Associate Editor

Looking back one year, Charlotte Major feels like a very lucky woman.

It was just about a year ago when she was doing a regular breast self-exam that she discovered a lump.

As a nurse in a women's clinic, she knew immediately what it was.

"I've done enough breast exams on women with or without cancer," she says. "I knew what I was looking at."

Later that day a nurse practitioner in her office came in and agreed to check it—just to tell

you that you're wrong." Major recalls her saying.

But the next day she made arrangements for a mammogram.

"It was all downhill from there," Major says. "I actually got the news on my birthday, but in my heart I already knew."

"Even though I knew it was coming, I wasn't on speaking terms with God that week."

Major's great-aunt and great-grandmother both died from breast cancer and her mother is a breast cancer survivor. With a strong family history of risk factors, she was conscientious about minimizing her own risks for the disease.

"All the things they tell you—I had my first child at 21. I breastfed my children. I had yearly

mammograms. I didn't do hormone replacement therapy—I was such a compliant child," she says. "All you're doing is taking care of yourself, and hopefully that way you'll find it early on."

Major believes she is one of the lucky ones.

"I was fortunate all the way around: it only took two surgeries and I think I'm done with it," she says. "I was also lucky to be blessed with love and support from family and friends, and from medical people who became like family to me."

Faith, family friends and sense of humor, all of which she possesses in abundance, have brought her through the past year. Choosing first a lumpectomy with radiation, she soon learned that "there was more ..." and went ahead immediately with a full mastectomy on April 6, 2001. By late June, she was back on the road, and soon decided to train for another challenge.

A long-time marathon runner, Major will face a new hurdle as she participates in Michigan's first Avon 3-Day Breast Cancer Walk in May.

"I'm doing the walk in memory and dedication to all my family and friends that have had to wrestle with this challenge," she says. "Some are still here today and some were not so fortunate."

"Who gets to decide who makes it? I'm thinking if this walk can raise funds so research finds out why breast cancer happens and how to make the disease a thing of the past, or a specific treatment that can prevent the disease in women and men who are at risk, then I've turned my experience into a benefit for

my aunts, sisters, daughters, nieces and friends."

Major says she truly thinks this event will be harder than any marathon she ever ran.

"I've been training by myself," she says. "It's sort of like training for a marathon."

"When I ran in a marathon in Russia in 1988, there was sort of a similarity in that it was a people-to-people thing, for the promotion of peace between the two nations: a way of gaining understanding."

"The breast cancer walk is a way of accessing resources for humans to understand this disease and promoting diagnosis and treatment for women."

After firing the first surgeon she consulted, Major feels especially lucky to have found a very compassionate and competent surgeon, who is the husband of one of her co-workers.

"He showed up for my surgery with a pink ribbon (symbolizing breast cancer awareness)," she recalls. "His sensitivity was a perfect match for me."

"He was very compassionate and competent. That, together with terrific support from family and friends, really made a difference."

She also says that it was the outpouring of concern from people throughout the community that kept her going after the surgery.

"The cards, notes, calls, flowers—I was impressed by how many people took this to heart," she says.

As the president of the Manchester District Library Board, Major's surgery probably could not have come at a worse time. In the midst of contract



Photo by Marsha Johnson Chartrand

Breast cancer survivor Charlotte Major of Manchester will participate in the Avon Three-Day Breast Cancer Walk, taking a 60-mile hike from Ann Arbor to Detroit.

negotiations for the director and to 912 City Road, she was comforted to have the support of the board as she regained her health following surgery.

"It was right in the thick of things," she says. "Laura (Sutton) stepped in professionally and compassionately, and managed things so well, as did everyone else on the board. The whole board just drew together and kept right on plugging down that road."

Working in women's health care at the Packard Community Clinic in Ann Arbor, Major is especially appreciative of the fact Avon Breast Cancer Three-Day Walk because the funds make treatment available for underserved women.

"This is so important," she says. "Michigan is progressive in that area as there is a state-funded program called Title XV that

funds pap smears and mammograms for women who have no insurance for these exams or the follow-up care.

"Hooray for Michigan!" Major offers to share her experience with other women in the community that are facing the difficult challenge of breast cancer.

"I'm available either for advising about where they can find information in addition to the public library, hearing them out or just plain advice," she says. "I would be glad to share my knowledge with others and look for information for them. Maybe this is where I can best share my experience and knowledge."

The generosity of spirit that is represented by the Avon Breast Cancer Walk is also displayed by Major as she carries the torch forward to help others face the future with hope.

Breast Cancer facts

* Breast cancer is the most common form of cancer in the United States.

* One out of eight women in the U.S. will develop breast cancer in her lifetime. That's up from one out of 14 in 1960.

* A screening mammogram can reveal breast cancer at its earliest stage—up to two years before it's large enough to be felt.

* About 500 women in the U.S. will be diagnosed with breast cancer today. That's one woman every three minutes.

* Every woman is at risk for breast cancer. More than 70 percent of cases occur in women who have no identifiable risk factors.

* One million women in the U.S. are living with undetected breast cancer.

* The five-year survival rate for patients treated for early-stage breast cancer is 96 percent. About 2 million breast cancer survivors in the U.S. are alive today.

Changes: Alt-ed seniors reflect on their education

A transitional year for Manchester's alternative high school.

By Laura Merte
Staff Writer

The success of Manchester's alternative education program is evident once again this school year, with six students comprising the graduating class of 2002. Justin Brady, Wendy Dixon, Randy Mouser, Joe Siero and Janie Summers will graduate in June; Angila Kinsey graduated in January.



Janie Summers

The senior class has overcome a number of obstacles this year, including curriculum changes and a new staff. Alternative education saw the departure of program co-founders Kathy MacKercher and Adam Benschoter, and the arrival of teachers Sandra Theisen and John Dillon, both of whom had previous experience with alternative education programs.

Theisen is impressed with the students' ability to adapt over the past year.

"This has been a transitional year for the seniors instead of a predictable year, which most senior years are," she said.

In preserving many of the original aspects of the program, Theisen said "the seniors have been a tremendous help."

"I came with a perception of how the program could be based on my thirteen years of experience in alternative education, and had to combine these with what was familiar to the students," Theisen said. "Janie, Justin, Wendy, Joe, Angila and Randy were immensely cooperative with this gathering of minds."

OF ALL the differences between the alternative program and the more traditional style of Manchester High School, the students all agree that smaller and less structured classes, which



Randy Mouser



Justin Brady

facilitate student-teacher communication, are the best features of the program.

"There are times when you can talk to a teacher as long as you want," Brady said.

"The smaller classroom... makes it more student-oriented," Mouser added. "Classes are based on what the seniors need to graduate."

Dixon echoed this sentiment: "It's more hands-on than (a conventional high school). Being able to communicate is important."

This communication enables students not only to pursue the required credits for graduation, it allows them to create a more individualized pattern of study.

"I could always listen to music while I did my work," said Brady.

Field trips and group projects are common in the school.

"(The teachers) are good at tying in what's happening now into the curriculum," said Kinsey. "It's not a traditional way of learning."

Helping out in the office were Summers, Dixon and Kinsey, keeping things organized. Brady and Kinsey both "have been leaders for the students, and they have a voice of reason," Theisen said. "They both have qualities that will allow them to be successful adults."

AND IT seems to work for them. "The students all have career goals in mind," Theisen said. "They should all do really well."

Justin Brady currently plays in a band, which he hopes to continue after he graduates. He is also considering collegiate study in journalism or broadcasting.

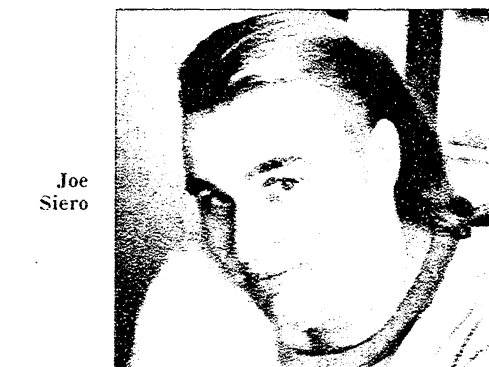
"Maybe film... I've always wanted to work with movies," he said.

Wendy Dixon plans to work before pursuing further education.

"I'd like to get my feet on the ground before I go to college," she said.

"Wendy has so much fire in her," Theisen said. "She will do well in whatever path she chooses."

Randy Mouser plans to travel in Brazil after



Joe Siero

graduation, before joining the U.S. Army.

"An avid reader," Theisen said, "Randy has shared his love of reading, and has been the person to whom we go for any technical problems."

Joe Siero will attend Kettering College in Flint to pursue mechanical engineering.

"Joe has been a wealth of information as to where everything is and how it works," Theisen said. "He is a very generous, kind person."

Janie Summers plans to study nursing or massage therapy.

In this vocation, Theisen said, "Janie will excel, given her genuineness and willingness to help others."

Angila Kinsey graduated in January and is currently studying English and sociology, working toward an associate degree from Washtenaw Community College. After that, she plans to transfer to a four-year school to earn her bachelor's degree, and eventually apply to veterinary school. "I've wanted to be a vet since I was little," Kinsey said with a smile.

"I will greatly miss each of these extraordinary people and look forward to seeing what great things they will accomplish in their lives," Theisen said. "I feel fortunate to have known them."



Angila Kinsey



Wendy Dixon

Looking Back: Poem captures 19th century Manchester

Manchester, Michigan in 1871
Written by Nathaniel Schmid in 1921

It is the intention of the writer who went to the village of Manchester, Michigan on the 12th day of April, 1871 and remained there for 47 years, to give a list of the persons who were at that time engaged in the business affairs of the village; also the professional men, mechanics, and some of the older citizens, thinking it might be of interest to the present generation. In those days, fifty years ago, business was conducted in a much different style than now. We knew nothing about telephones, automobiles, electric lights, or water works, and seldom had traveling salesmen call upon us with their samples. We were obliged to go into the markets or order our goods by mail or wire.

We will begin on the north side of Exchange Place, with the Manchester House Hotel. Which was at that time run by one who was named Charley O'Dell. This house had a reputation both near and far: In the basement was a billiard hall - also a bar. On the first floor where Biengel and Fish are now shaving. Was Peabody the banker who took care of our savings.

Next east, a small frame building then there stood On the place where Wuerthner Brothers now are in the store that makes good. Here Andrew Safe, the French shoemaker, made shoes. And right next to him east, John Bauer sold all kinds of booze.

Next, where Yocum and Marx now are, was a small frame shanty This was a meat market run by John Koch, he was a dandy. Then came an alley about fifteen feet wide It was the entrance to a livery and stores on the rear side. Next a one story frame building we saw Occupied by Charley Craft, an attorney at law.

In the store now owned by J. Fred Schaible, in a new three story brick Was Isaac L. Clarkson with a new stock of new merchandise and everything was slick.

Next east was Mrs. Thompson in a dressmaking and millinery store Who sold bonnets and hats and everything that women wore. Then came John Clarkson, who was one of the oldest merchants in those days. He had general merchandise, which he disposed of in various ways. Then came the drug store run by Van Deyn, Blosser and Lynch. They also sold books, notions, groceries and snuff by the pinch.

Then came William Henry Pottle, the merchant from Maine Who sold boots, shoes and dry goods, both fancy and plain. In the upper floors of this block, you may have heard tell. Goodrich Conklin and wife ran a neat little hotel. In the rear of the second floor, to you may be a surprise. But here Mat D. Blosser published the Manchester Enterprise. You may talk about perseverance and stick-to-itiveness of men. Well for 58 long years, Mat has wielded the editorial pen. Mat was also one of the best singers of that time He often favored us with Sword of Bunker Hill and Watch on the Rhine.

Next was Bill Baxter, the oldest merchant, though always quite frisky. He had a general store and in the back room was a barrel of whisky. Right next to this barrel on a neat little shelf Was a tin cup labeled Please help yourself. Those early times, lest you forget Was the time when Manchester surely was wet.

In the Snowman store was Charley Nicholls, clothier, who did no one harm He got tired of the business and went back to the farm.

Next, Rose and Miller sold hardware, machinery and nails They had no wire fence, for in those days fences were of rails. In the Naumann store, where Kern brothers have an electrical display Was a saloon and restaurant, run by one Nathan Hay. Joe Ottmar, the harness maker, came next, he mended the old and sold the new He was quite prominent then, and a councilman too.

Next to the river was Chubcock the jeweler, with a large stock of silverware, watches and chains He also did repair work, with which he took pains.



We now cross the river and go down to the east side below Here much could be said, could the water speak as they flow. On the corner was Dr. Conklin who made a specialty of treating cancer At anytime, day or night, a call he would answer.

Now we go up Ann Arbor Street, there was Philo Millen in his blacksmith shop He later moved near the old depot and sold lunches and pop. Edwin Jaynes lumber yard was north of the Ypsilanti & Hillsdale track He sold his lumber so cheap that his patrons always came back.


Returning to Jefferson Street, we go east and there make a stop. We find Bill Neebling in his blacksmith shop He had a large factory, made carriages, wagons, the cutter and sleigh. And had the well earned reputation of always getting his pay.

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Please join Manchester Community Education in our second annual event. Boys K-8th grade bring your Mom or an adult to escort you to your own Luau. Island Music will be provided by Small Town Sounds. Unforgettable Photos of Manchester will be taking portraits of the couples' evening together. Registration due by Friday, May 3. The cost includes entertainment, island lei, refreshments and photo. Wear your tropical shirts and prepare to hula and limbo the night away.

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Harmonica Workshop-Joseph Zisgray
Saturday, April 20 3-5 pm
M.H.S. Media Center \$10
 This 2 hour workshop will teach participants to play the harmonica. You will explore how to read harmonica music, how to play the instrument, and how to translate any song into harmonica tablature so that you can play it on the harmonica. Participants will receive their own harmonica to take home and will leave the workshop having played at least 10 songs. No prior musical training is necessary. *\$15 material fee payable to instructor.

Alternative Summer School Program for Grades 1-8
 GRASP, a 10-week correspondence program (developed by curriculum specialists in the Grand Rapids Public Schools) helps students, grades 1-8, maintain reading and math skills while they are on summer vacation. It should take you and your child approximately one hour per week to complete each weekly lesson. Because it is a correspondence program, it can accompany you on your vacation. Lessons are completed and mailed to a Scoring Center where they are analyzed and then returned to you. Instruction sheets are included in every packet to provide you with information you need. Certificates and medals are mailed when you complete the packet. *The enrollment fee is \$38 for one subject (math or reading), and \$60 for two subjects (for the same student). To enroll your child, please indicate reading and/or math. Be sure to include the grade level and current teacher.
Registration Deadline is April 20
 GRASP packets will be distributed through the classroom teacher before the end of the school year.

How to Start Your Own Internet Business
Gary Fugere \$75
 On-line from your home computer. Participants to determine dates and times on-line. Learn the principles and methods of doing business on the Internet. Upon completion of the class you will have created a working, fully-functional e-commerce Web site. You will be able to read lessons, participate in tutorials, and hold interactive discussions with the instructor and your fellow students in the on-line classroom. Course is self-paced, independent learning, and runs for 6 weeks. Course requirements include an email address, a recent version of a Web browser, and an Internet connection.

Boaters Safety Course
Saturday, June 15 8 am-4 pm
MHS Media Center \$5
 This is a boating safety course offered by the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department. This course is designed to teach both beginning and experienced boaters the "rules of the road". This course will provide attendees an opportunity to obtain a State of Michigan Boaters Safety Certificate. The certificate is necessary for legal operation of a personal watercraft for a person born after December 31, 1978. This course is helpful to boaters of all ages as it increases familiarity and awareness of safety.



Learn to Skate-Adult 2002 Season
Arctic Coliseum
 Session IV: Tuesdays, April 13-June 4, 5:30 pm
 Session IV: Saturdays, April 16-June 8, 12 pm
 Adult I (ages 16 and older, little or no experience)
 Adult II (ages 16 and older, can easily skate forward, backward, and stop)
 Thursday 9:30-10:30 am
 Adult III (ages 16 and older, all levels)

Working with Graphics (1 session)
Saturday, May 11 9:30am-noon
MHS Computer Lab \$40 includes manual
 Learn how to work with graphics using Microsoft Word. You'll learn to insert, move, size and format pictures, ClipArt and WordArt. Definitely a fun class!


Telecommuting-Working from home
Gary Fugere \$55
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Mountain Dulcimer Workshop
Joseph Zisgray
Saturday, April 20 9 am-12 pm
M.H.S. Media Center \$24
 People who live in the Appalachian Region of the United States have played the mountain dulcimer for decades. Come learn to play this wonderful 3 stringed American instrument. Participants will receive their own mountain dulcimer to take home and will learn to play at least 10 songs on the dulcimer. No prior musical training or experience is necessary. If you have never played an instrument before, this workshop is for you! *\$35 Material fee payable to instructor.


Learn to Skate-Youth 2002 Season
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 Saturday Class-9 week sessions
 Tuesday 4-4:45 pm
 Saturday 12-12:45 pm
 Tuesday 4:45-5:30 pm
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Levels:
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 Basic 1-3 (ages 5-15, little or no experience)
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 Tuesday 4 p.m. & Saturday 12:45 pm
 Sociality Class (ages 5-15, Introduction to spins and jumps)
 Cost: \$115 per skater per 9 week session. 5% discount for two or more skaters from the same household.

Mosaic Bird House
Delphi Stained Glass
Thursday, April 11, 18 & 25 6:30-9:00 pm
Klager Art Room \$35
 In this class, learn the "direct" mosaic technique. With bits of colorful glass and grout, you will transform a bird house into a stunning item for your home or garden. After completing this class, you can go on to mosaic table tops, picture frames, birdbaths and many other objects. Supplies can be purchased the first night of class from the instructor. *Supply fee \$34-70 payable to the instructor the first night of class. Check, cash or money order please.


Golf Instruction Programs
Nathan Oaks, PGA
Professional Located at the Chelsea Golf Center
 Manchester Community Education is offering a variety of golf programs. There are a number of programs for both the Junior and Adult Golfers, including a Ladies' Golf program. Group and Individual Golf Instruction is available. Workshops for both the Junior and Adult Golfer range from the beginner to the advanced levels. Call for details.



Mother's Day Special Event
2nd Annual Mother/Son Luau
Friday, May 10 7-9 pm
Klager Gym \$20/\$5 additional boy



Introduction to Computers & Windows
Joyce Stackhouse
Session 1: Saturday, April 27 10 am-noon
M.H.S. Computer Lab \$35 includes manual
 If you're thinking of buying a computer or just starting to use one, this class is for you. Learn the basics and what to consider if you're



Watch for information on our summer camps.

POEM

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We now cross the street, just east of Art Jaeger. There we found William Lockwood, with furniture, he was the undertaker. Going south on Water Street we find the blacksmith, Peter Vreeland. On the Hoffer lot and working for them was jolly Joe Gordanier. At the foot of Water Street, Amos Dickerson's foundry made castings of every kind here. This is the property N. Schmid later sold to the village you will mind.

Going north on the bank of the river was Henry Eichele's shop He did blacksmithing, made wagons, and lived in the top. On the corner of Water and Boyne Street, Lawrence Traub brewed lager and beer. Which he sold quite extensively, both by barrel and the pail.

On the corner of Water Street and Jefferson, was the old banner store. Which Mack and Schmid of Ann Arbor had opened the fall before. Next west in the old two story brick, Conrad Lehn had a grocery and saloon He built a new block across the river and moved there very soon.

George Doty's variety store was next west on the street He hauled most everything and kept things very neat. Kurfess and Weiss had a queer combination, Mike tended the bar and sold the booze While Richard at the back was cobbling the shoes.

Where Kimble's store now stands, Alvinzo Doty sold shovels and

plows. All sorts of farm machinery and bells for the cows. Warren Kimble owns the property and the building stands there still. Where Porter and Janes had their woolen mill.

Charlie had a livery stable over the river built on piles He kept the best horses and they traveled many miles. There was Flying Malinda, Stonewall Jackson, Chalkline and Kitty. These could beat anything that was ever brought from the city. Charlie Trefethern was a wagon maker by trade His shop was in the alley and stood in the shade.

Coming back to Jefferson Street west of Mattie Swift's near the dam on the hill. Stood the old wooden building, known as William Brown's little Grist Mill.

We now cross the river to the Southern Washtenaw Mills, run by Reynolds and Hewitt This mill was one of the best in the land and everyone knew it. Going south on Railroad Street is the Red Bird, where Joe Weiss is at work. Nicholas Stringham sold all kinds of fresh meat and also salt pork. Further south on the corner, just south of Springer the shoemaker Was John Roller's furniture store. He was also an undertaker. On the other side of the corner of the alley, Jim Hendershott's blacksmith was found He was a jolly old man, his favorite song was The Green Grass Grows All Around.

On the other side of the alley, where the Co-op shop is now located, Was old Mother Green who ran a saloon over which she dominated. Next north was Hiram Dodge the furniture man in a two story build-

ing By the way he was a relative of Dodge Brothers of Detroit, of automobile fame. Next in the Louie Kuebler store was a saloon and grocery run by Mike Dealy and Henry Cash. This was the place where they played cards and got rid of their cash. The Traubs had a billiard hall and a saloon next door. In the place now known as the Robert Mahrle store.

To be continued

NORVELL TOWNSHIP CEMETERY NOTICE

The Norvell Township Cemetery Personnel will be cleaning the graves in the Norvell Township Cemetery beginning on April 8, 2002. If you wish to keep any of your winter decorations, please remove them before that time. Any spring or summer decorations should not be placed on graves until May 1, 2001.

If you have any questions, please call the Township office (517-536-4370).
Anne L. Hagadorn
Norvell Township Cemetery Section

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MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP PROPOSED SYNOPSIS OF A REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2002

Supervisor Mann called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. All Board members were present: Widmayer, Macomber, Hakes, Turk and Mann. Minutes from the Board's 2/11/02 meeting were approved as presented. The Treasurer's report was accepted. Approval was given for payment of bills that have been paid and for outstanding bills.

Fire Department activity for the month included five fires, ten medical, eight personal injuries, forty-one miscellaneous and one mutual aid, for a total of sixty-five runs. Firefighter John Roe's resignation was accepted with regret. Chief Scully reported that the department has several openings. Anyone interested should contact the Chief.

Reports were accepted from the Zoning Administrator, Planning Commission and Supervisor. The Board agreed to join with Bridgewater Township in a wireless master plan proposal submitted by Birchler Arroyo Associates. An invoice from Bridgewater Township for expenses incurred on behalf of the Southwest Washtenaw Council of Governments was approved for payment. Supervisor Mann reported approval of one land split for Ed Walz.

Todd Fegan was appointed District Library Board Representative for Manchester Township. The Board is still looking for volunteers for various boards and committees at the township level. Interested persons should contact Supervisor Ron Mann.

The Board approved a motion stating that the Township will not oppose the annexation by the Village of Manchester of tax parcel number 16-12-400-013, located on Sooten Road and owned by Regent Investments.

Township Attorney Laidlaw has reported that Judge Melinda Morris ruled in favor of the Township on all the issues in the Huron Valley Night Hawks vs. Manchester Township case. The decision means the Night Hawks are limited to four (one or two day) motorcycle events per year.

Clerk Hakes informed the Board that, since Manchester Township had over 3,000 registered voters at the last November general election, the township must put the question of adding two trustees on the November 2002 ballot. If the ballot question passes, two trustee positions would be added to the ballot for November 2004.

After review of correspondence, which required no action from the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:09 p.m.

A complete copy of these minutes may be obtained during office hours, which are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to noon. The next regular meeting of the Manchester Township Board is Monday, April 8, 2002 at 8:00 p.m.

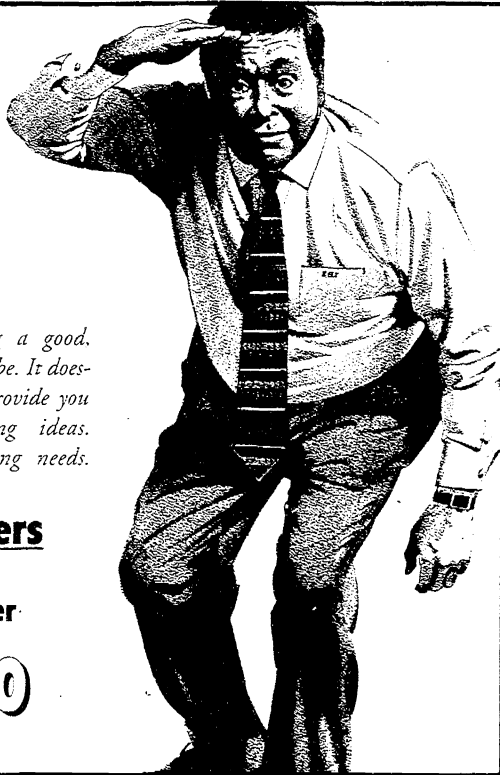
Submitted by Kathleen M. Hakes, Clerk
Approved by Ronald E. Mann, Supervisor

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF WASHTENAW NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate Estate of RICHARD J. WHITE. Date of birth: 7-10-53. TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, RICHARD J. WHITE, who lived at 16425 Herman Road, Manchester, Michigan died 2/12/02. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Denise M. Harrington, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at P.O. Box 8645, Ann Arbor and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice. Date: March 12, 2002 Denise M. Harrington Personal representative 1456 Harpst Street Ann Arbor, MI 48104

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF WASHTENAW NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate Estate of LOREN EDWARD TRAUB, Deceased. Date of birth: 8/28/1919. TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, LOREN EDWARD TRAUB, who lived at 12870 Bethel Church Road, Manchester, Michigan died Jan. 14, 2002. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Steve J. Nilmz, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 101 E. Huron, Ann Arbor and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice. Date: Jan. 28, 2002 Steve J. Nilmz Personal representative 4083 Willis Road Milan, MI 48160 (734) 424-1820 Susan G. Gistinger, Attorney (P25544) 200 Riverside Dr., P.O. Box 426 Manchester, MI 48158 (734) 428-7853

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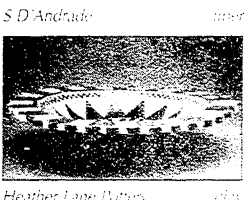
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Lot 112, Dianne Acres Subdivision, Liber 14, pages 49 and 50, Washington County Records (Parcel #105-037-000-038-00) will be sold by the U.S. Marshals by way of sealed bid auction, at 200 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor, Michigan, at 10:00am on April 8th, 2002. The sale shall be subject to building lines if established, all laws, ordinances and governmental regulations (including building and zoning ordinances), affecting the property, and easements and restrictions appearing of record, if any. The property shall be offered for sale at a minimum bid of fifty-six thousand dollars (\$56,000). No bids for the property (except as to the United States) shall be accepted unless accompanied by a certified check of cash deposit of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000). The remaining balance will be due sixty (60) days following the date of the confirmation of sale. Property shall be sold subject to the local real estate taxes for the tax year 2002, which are payable in 2003, and all subsequent tax years. Sealed bids shall be delivered to: United States Marshals Service, 200 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor, Michigan 48107. For additional information, please call 313-234-5640.

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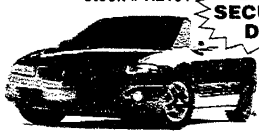
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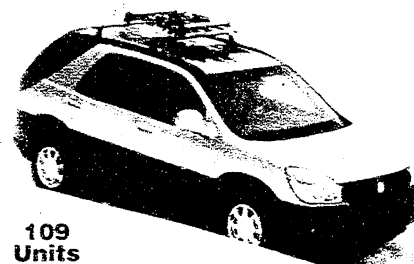


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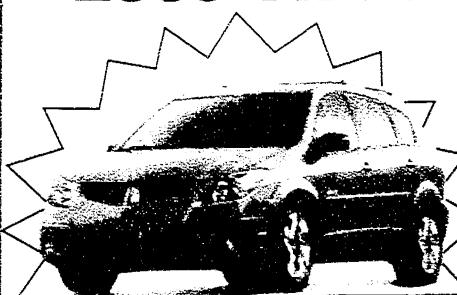
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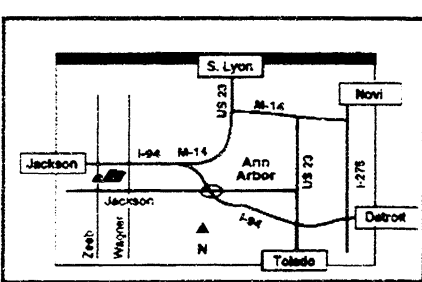


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Here's one way to assure your blooms stay vivid, year after year:

- Remarkably hardy, these plants grow best in dappled sunlight or partial shade and in moist, acidic soil. Plants should do well in full sunlight, but flowers tend to last longer in shade.

- When preparing the planting site, well-drained and aerated soil

is a must. The soil must contain humus — peat moss or compost — to hold moisture long enough for it to be absorbed. To test drainage, dig a hole about 18 inches deep and fill it with water. If it takes more than 10 minutes to soak in, drainage needs to be improved.

- Putting fertilizer directly in the bottom of the planting hole can be fatal to these types of plants. Moderate amounts of light, water and pruning are recommended.

- Azalea, rhododendrons and camellias all require acidic soil — a pH level of 4.5-5.5 is best (neutral is 7.0). If soil is alkaline, add a water-soluble plant food such as Peters Professional Azalea, Camellia and

Here are some tips to assure your azaleas, rhododendron and camellia blooms stay vivid year after year.



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'Curb appeal' key factor in successful home sale

By Helen Kay Polaski

Heritage Newspapers

First impressions are everything. Therefore, according to experts in the field, a homeowner should take steps to fix unsightly spots before they put their home on the real estate market.

"The rule of thumb is, if something needs repair, fix it," said Mary Blake of Blake Realty in Milan. "Needed, small repairs and perceived owner neglect will either lower the purchase price or lengthen the time required to sell the home. Also remember to clean all of the windows, carpeting and area rugs, and polish linoleum, tile and wooden floors. Consider refinishing wood floors if necessary. Clean and polish all woodwork, paying particular attention to the kitchen and bath cabinets."

Before placing your home on the real estate market take a good at it with a critical eye. Step outside, walk around the grounds, analyze your property from every angle. What do you see? Now take a tour of the inside and assess it as well.

Essentially, whatever is a turnoff to you as you gaze at your property, will probably be a turnoff to those searching the market. Things that should be addressed include: sweeping cobwebs from corners and giving the house a good scrubbing, scraping and repainting where needed, fixing cracked sidewalks and unsightly entrances, and replacing badly



An attractive yard can help secure a home sale, according to area real estate agents.

damaged floors.

"It is always to the owner's advantage to take the time to prepare their home for the market in terms of cleaning up and making obvious repairs," said Rick Mangan from Saline's Reinhart Charles Co. Realty office. "Buyers will tend to exaggerate the time and cost associated with making improvements and have a hard time getting excited about a home when it's dirty and neglected. And excitement is important when considering a purchase that in the Saline school area averages over \$300,000."

The next step includes deciding which tasks are affordable and which can be done in a relatively short period of time. Don't jump into an expensive remodeling job, but do tell your Realtor what you would have done if you'd had the time. You never know, your plans may light a fire under a potential buyer.

Finally, enhance the entrance with a new coat of paint and flowers for a cheerful, welcome feel. If planting perennials would cut into your budget too severely, potted plants are delightful and less expensive. Since they are potted and not affixed, they also remain your property.

Remember, first impressions are lasting impressions. Anything a new homeowner doesn't have to fix makes your home that much more appealing.

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Chelsea's 'Evening Primroses' blooming in 2002

Chelsea's Evening Primrose Garden Club was established in Chelsea in 1998, and the club is part of the Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan, Inc., District II-A.

"We currently have 26 members and are growing rapidly," says Helen Brown, publicity chair.

The club elected officers for 2002-2003 at its March meeting. Meetings are held the second

Wednesday of each month at the Chelsea Depot, beginning at 7 p.m.

"Our community project is the beautification and maintenance of the gardens we plant at the Chelsea Depot," she added.

For more information on the club, contact Brown at (517) 522-5859. New members are always welcome.

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Paul and Pat Cousins have been busy renovating their Dexter home.

Home renovation hobby for busy Dexter couple

By Lisa Carolin

Heritage Newspapers

In between selling a restaurant, serving on Dexter's Planning Commission, the Village Council, the Huron River Watershed Council, the Rotary Club, the American Business Women's Association, treasurer of Dexter Village, Vice Chairman of the Gordon Hall Project, and on the Dexter Library Board, Paul and Pat Cousins have been working on plans to renovate their house.

The traditional farmhouse was built in 1885 and they moved there in 1988. It's built on two lots with a garage apartment and a swimming pool, the first original pool in Dexter built in 1959.

The Cousins started the actual renovation project a year ago after selling their restaurant in Dexter. They used a software plan to design it and brought their design to an architect for some final touches.

"We wanted to modernize the

house and make it as energy efficient and maintenance free as possible," said Paul Cousins. "We've been do-it-ourselves most of our lives."

"The house looked like a patchwork quilt," laughed Pat. "I painted samples on the walls and got opinions on colors. A swatch just wasn't enough for me to tell."

Together they have done painting, wallpapering, tiling, stonework, lots of detail work, and much more. They've expanded bedrooms, added closets and taken an 1800 square foot home and turned it into a 3100 square foot one.

They've kept living in the house despite all of the dust. It didn't bother "Patches" either. She's the Calico cat that wandered in during all the construction and has now been adopted by the Cousins.

When do they hope to finish this labor of love? Pat said in a few months and Paul added, "We're not slaves to it. There's always tomorrow."



Spring Home Improvement



Local farmers market new 'green' product

By Nancy Hebb
Special Writer

In a time of uncertain agricultural economy and crucial water quality concerns, five Washtenaw area farmers have embarked on a venture to benefit both their bottom line and the environment. Their company, Practical Soy Products LLC, recently introduced "Clean Green" fertilizer, a soy-based alternative to chemical lawn products.

"We wanted to find a niche market that we could fill, without involving a middleman, to increase our profit," said Dennis Huehl, who with his brother, Gerry, farms 750 acres in the Manchester and Chelsea areas.

In 1999, farmers Huehl, Jeff Bristle of Manchester, Dale Lesser from Dexter, and Chuck Koenn of Chelsea, joined with Washtenaw Extension Agricultural Agent Mike Score to explore ways to bolster falling farm income. Score started looking for alternatives to traditional crops and the usual commodity markets.

The process took three years, but the group, with the addition of Ken Stegenga of Saline, founded Practical Soy Products in January. They're ready to market what might be the first product of its kind in the country, completely produced and processed in

southeast Michigan.

"We wanted a product that area consumers would welcome, and that would be environmentally friendly," Score reflects. "We wondered if organic farming would work for us."

In 1999, organic soybeans were selling for \$21 per bushel, compared to the \$5.50 conventional farmers were getting.

"Those \$21 beans looked pretty inviting," Score said.

Ensuing visits to organic farms taught the group the requirements for certified organic production. After doing some math, they decided it wasn't a viable option. Intense cultivation meant high manpower hours, which in Washtenaw County's labor market was just too expensive.

Their "field trips" weren't a waste of time, however. One of the organic operations visited was Mike Findley's 1,000 acres in Tuscola County. Findley remarked that his neighbor recently noted how green grass always looked

around the soybean bin.

Members of the group had noticed the same darkening of grass around their own soybean storage areas. Almost jokingly, they wondered: could you make fertilizer from soybeans?

Initially the idea of feeding beans to your lawn seemed less than serious.

"We decided to research it, but it didn't seem that exciting," says Score.

Results of research tests conducted in the following two years ended any skepticism. Comparative studies showed that the soy-based fertilizer the group devised performed as well or better than standard urea or "poly-s" chemical products.

Research at Michigan State University's Hancock Turf Center, Willow Golf Course in Wayne County, and Gallup Park in Ann Arbor documented that not only was the grass fertilized with "Clean Green" as lush and dark as turf treated with conventional

fertilizers, the effects of the soy product lasted longer.

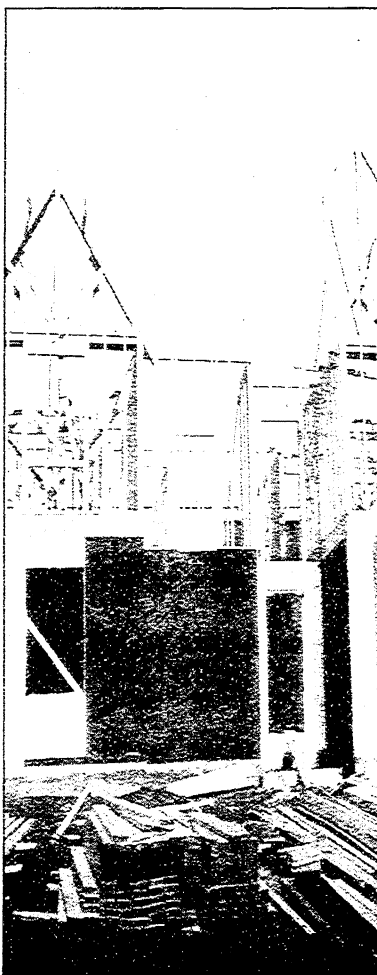
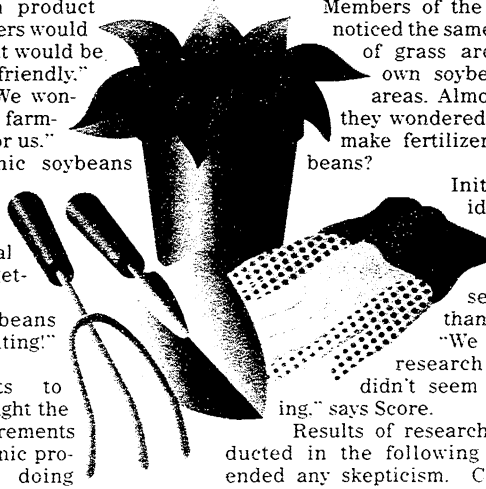
Dean Krauskopf, host of WJR radio's "The Gardening Show" and MSU horticulture expert, scored the turf trials at MSU.

"In almost all the plots I've evaluated," reports Krauskopf, "the Clean Green soy fertilizer has performed as well as conventional fertilizers. Since 'Clean Green' nutrients are released slowly, nutrient loss due to leaching should be less of a problem and it may be possible to only apply fertilizer twice per year to high maintenance lawns instead of the four or more times necessary with other fertilizer products."

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Choose plants that adapt to landscape

When the soil around your home or getaway place up north is less than ideal, you can fight it by planting trees and shrubs that aren't well adapted to the site, or you can select plants that do well in the conditions your landscape provides.

In the first case, you may get

lucky and, through trial and error, eventually come up with a mix of plants that survive and even thrive. The other way is the shortcut. It saves time, effort and money, and it gets your grounds looking good much quicker.

"In Michigan, homeowners more often have soil with too much clay

to deal with," observes Mary McLellan, Extension Master Gardener program coordinator at Michigan State University. "Such soils are slow to dry in the spring, drain poorly and set up like concrete in dry weather."

Sand poses different problems. Water drains through it rapidly, so it's quick to dry in the spring, but it doesn't hold enough moisture for most plants in hot, dry weather. Sandy soil can be improved by adding large quantities of organic material year after year, but this is usually practical only for small areas, such as flower or vegetable gardens. For lawns and other large areas, it makes more sense to plant trees and shrubs that usually grow in sand or tolerate sandy conditions.

"One of these is Michigan's state tree, the white pine (*Pinus strobus*)," McLellan points out. "If you have room for a tree that will eventually reach well over 100 feet in height, this is a great tree. It will tolerate partial shade or full sun, so small trees can be planted where other plants or structures will protect them against damaging winter winds." Red cedar (*Juniperus virginiana*) is smaller, reaching 75 feet at maturity. This needled evergreen is compact and upright, so it's better suited for smaller yards than the white pine. It does best in full sun.

Avoid red cedar if there are hawthorn, crabapple or apple trees in your yard or nearby — these plants share rust, a common disease that ultimately affects the deciduous hosts and cedars.

Flowering crabapples tolerate sandy soils and offer a wide range of sizes (6 to 25 feet), shapes (upright to spreading to pendulous), and flower and fruit colors. Choose disease-resistant cultivars and plant in full sun. Avoid crabapples if there are cedar trees in your yard or nearby.

Ginkgo (*Ginkgo biloba*) is an ancient species that's survived virtually unchanged since the days of the dinosaurs. A slow grower, it

eventually reaches a height of 75 feet and has fan-shaped leaves. Various cultivars range from umbrella-shaped to columnar. It has few if any disease or insect problems, and it tolerates a wide range of soil conditions, including sand.

A number of common shrubs withstand the dry conditions that come with sandy soil, McLellan notes. Many of them — such as Japanese barberry (*Berberis thunbergii*), Siberian peashrub (*Caragana arborescens*), flowering quince (*Chaenomeles lagenaria*), gray dogwood (*Cornus rugosa*), common smoketree (*Cotinus coggygia*), common witchhazel (*Hamamelis virginiana*), privets (*Ligustrum* spp.), sumacs (*Rhus* spp.), and multiflora rose (*Rosa multiflora*) — have flowers and interesting or colorful fruits.

Some ornamental vines also grow well in dry sites, McLellan notes.

These include trumpet vine (*Campsis radicans*), Oriental bitter-sweet (*Celastrus orbiculatus*), American bittersweet (*Celastrus scandens*), wintercreeper (*Euonymus fortunei*), Baltic English ivy (*Hedera helix baltica*), trumpet honeysuckle (*Lonicera sempervirens*), Hall's Japanese honeysuckle (*Lonicera japonica halliana*) and hardy grapes (*Vitis* spp.).

"Sandy soil and the dry conditions that accompany it need not be an obstacle to a well landscaped, attractive yard," McLellan sums up.

"Choosing plants that are well adapted to dry conditions is the key."

This doesn't mean that you shouldn't include other plants, she notes. But it's good to remind yourself that extra site preparation and time spent watering and fertilizing might be the price you pay. Planting species and cultivars that need special care together and preparing the site by incorporating organic matter for a year or two before planting will reduce the effort needed to establish and maintain these plants.

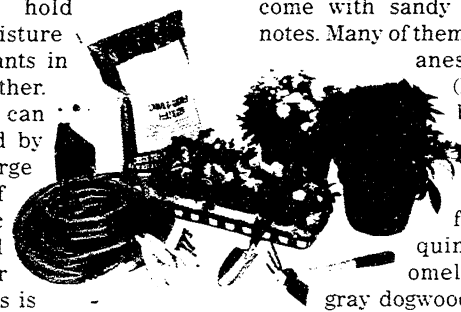
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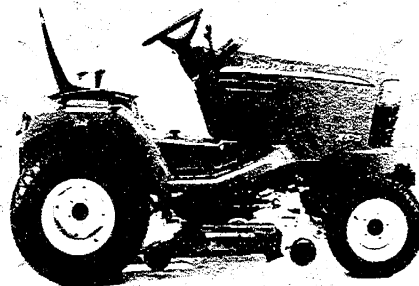
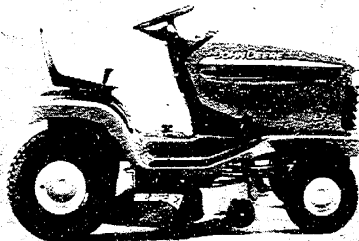
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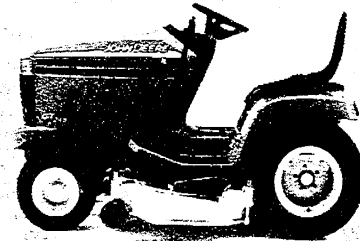
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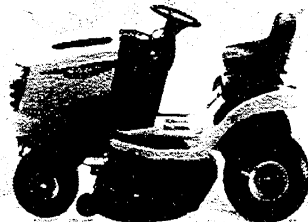
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House project a labor of love for Chelsea couple



This historic Queen Anne-style home at 138 E. Middle St. now the home of John and Jackie Frank, was once the local hospital. The house, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, was featured on HGTV in December.

By Sheila Pursglove

Heritage Newspapers

John and Jackie Frank's historic Queen Anne-style home at 138 E. Middle St. in Chelsea was featured in the program "If Walls Could Talk," on Home and Garden Television in December.

"The producers were intrigued that we save samples of wallpaper, linoleum, carpet, whatever, in new pizza boxes that we buy for the purpose," John Frank said.

The Franks, member of Preservation Chelsea, moved to Chelsea 10 years ago from Kentucky, where they gained their preservation knowledge working with a historic preservation trust. They had also rehabilitated a house built in 1909 while they lived in Waterloo, Iowa.

"When we asked an area realtor to show us some old houses, she showed us a house that was 17 years old," John said. "After she understood what 'old' meant to us, we saw some old houses, most of which had been updated, modernized, and from the perspective of a preservationist, ruined."

The house they chose was built in about 1885 by Dr. George W. Palmer, the village health officer who also served as a Village Council trustee and president.

John and Mattie Watson were the next owners from 1900 to 1905 before the house was bought by banker and businessman Daniel McLaren and his wife, Emma

Olive Newkirk McLaren.

The couple lived in the house until their deaths, in the mid-1930s.

In 1936, Ehlert and Nettie Notten bought the house after Nettie, who had been operating a private hospital on Main Street, sold the property for the new Chelsea Post Office. She ran the Chelsea Private Hospital and Convalescent Center in the house from 1936 to 1942.

After America entered World War II, the Nottens ran the place as a rooming house for women employed in Chelsea's defense industries.

The home reverted to a private residence in 1949 when George and Ruby West bought it.

For more than 30 years, the first

floor of the Frank's house served as a clinic for several chiropractors, while the basement and second floor were converted into several apartments.

The Franks bought the house in 1991 and converted it into a single family home.

The former hospital was remarkably intact — but in need of repair — with original millwork, stained-glass windows, inlaid parquet floors, three ceramic-tiled fireplaces and decorative architectural detail.

John Frank found a photograph dated 1893 of an identical house

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that helped identify missing architectural elements.

Restoration work included replacing the furnace and water heater, repairing the plumbing and electrical systems and repairing the back steps.

Shiver Restoration of Chelsea cleaned and refinished the floors and woodwork. Custom cutters were made to replicate the missing millwork in one parlor.

The Franks painted the exterior of the house in its original colors. A preservation

mason rebuilt one of the chimneys in its original configuration, and a plaster conservator rebuilt the plaster arch between the center parlor and study, walled over by the previous owners.

Designer Ginna Jordan, a specialist in period interiors, helped select ceiling, wall, floor and window coverings, lighting fixtures and furnishings appropriate to the age, style and historic use of the house.

Reproduction wallpapers were hand-printed for each room. The house was re-roofed with architectural shingles to replicate its original appearance and iron cresting and finials were made from the old photograph.

John Frank said some of the things they love about their historic home include the

sun coming through the stained-glass windows, the elaborate ceiling paper patterns and the wild bathrooms with old fixtures.

The couple also loves the spindly spandrel Jackie found in

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John and Jackie Frank of Preservation Chelsea regard themselves as custodians of a historic treasure. The couple has been involved in historic preservation for years.

pieces in the attic and located its original location by matching nail holes; and "the way the grandkids ignore all of the above and play

on the floor."

The home is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

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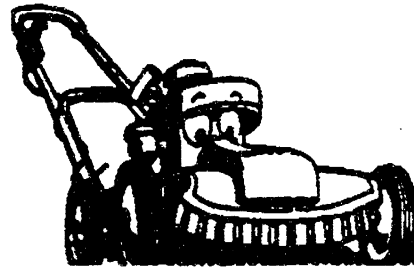
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Biologist works to return land to former glory

By Sven Gustafson
Staff Writer

An 1874 lithograph in the Washtenaw Historical Atlas captures Don Wieland's Manchester Township property in a pastoral phase.

Horse-drawn carts haul hay or wheat in front of Richard Green's old two-story house and adjacent stables and sheds. Evenly spaced trees dot the front lawn and the lower edge of the road. Across the road in the picture's foreground, farmhands cull wheat from the tidy field bordering a low stone fence.

Flash to 2001.

On a brisk, clear day, 58-year-old Wieland points to a pile of stones hidden by trees and decaying leaves - farmer Green's old fence. He then points to a hilltop covered in sunlit yellow grasses to the north. The drawing was done from atop that vantage point, he explains, looking south

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Don Wieland (left) is returning his Manchester Township property to its native state with the help of volunteers, including his son, Ben.



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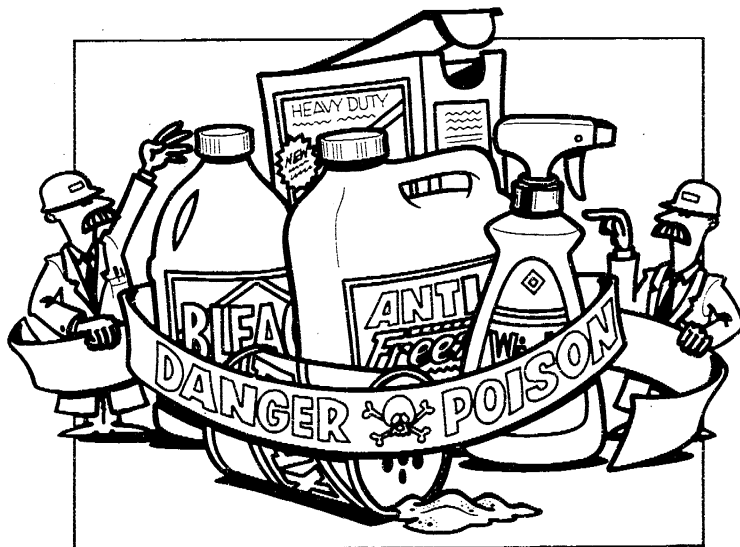
"For example, keep emergency numbers on each telephone in your home and have a first aid kit

no more than 125 degrees Fahrenheit.

Put child-resistant safety latches on cabinets and drawers to prevent children from getting at harmful substances. Never store chemicals or medicines in food containers.

Keep toys with small parts and other small objects out of reach of toddlers and young children.

Don't depend on insect screens to keep small children from falling out of a window. Unguarded windows opened only five inches can pose a danger. Install window guards to keep children from falling out.



on hand stocked with appropriate items, such as syrup of ipecac to induce vomiting in case of poisoning, bandages, gauze, antiseptic ointment, ice bags, and a first aid manual."

In addition, inspect your home using the following home safety checklist:

Install smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors on each floor; replace batteries twice a year.

Make sure your house number is clearly visible from the street so you easily can be located in an emergency.

Have and rehearse an emergency evacuation plan in case of fire.

Keep on hand and make sure family members know how to use lifesaving equipment, such as a fire extinguisher and an escape ladder (for two-story homes).

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If you have firearms, make sure they are unloaded, stored, and locked properly.

"After you do all you can to prevent an emergency, the next step is to prepare for one," Dr. Josephson added. "Take a CPR class and learn first aid. Know what to do until emergency help arrives when someone, for example, gets burned, breaks a bone, stops breathing, starts choking, or has an allergic reaction."

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Stone and Thistle club expands to meet needs of Saline area green thumbs

In August 1986, the first meeting of the Stone and Thistle Garden Club was held. It began with a group of homeowners in the Silo Ridge Subdivision who came together to learn about gardening. The club's name was chosen because stones and thistles were predominant in their new yards. They immediately began to beauti-

fy not only their own yards, but planted several hundred daffodils that fall in the subdivision's park.

In the early years, there were never more than a dozen members from the subdivision. But in January of 1990 a connection was made to the larger community of Saline and membership soared. In

April of 1991, Stone and Thistle Garden Club joined the Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan.

The club has maintained the downtown flower barrels for several seasons, planted and maintained gardens at the Saline District Library, planted at the UAW Hall and the Saline Historical Society's Depot gardens, provided summer flowers to the Saline Evangelical Home, and planted an 1850s style garden at the Tefft House in a project with the Saline Area Historical Society. In addition, the club has made monetary donations to the local library, the Foundation, the 4-H Garden at Michigan State University, and others. The club also gives scholarships to students studying horticulture. Stone and Thistle Garden Club has been involved with the Ann Arbor Flower and Garden Show as an exhibitor (winning several ribbons and The People's Choice Award), as a provider of volunteer workers, by having hosted the Judging Day lun-

cheons for 3 shows and providing plaques for outstanding Youth Exhibits.

In 1997, the club prefixed its name by adding "Saline" so the name would more accurately reflect the club's regular meeting location and to make it easier for "transplanted" gardeners to find it.

Current club membership is 48 members.

The club is celebrating Arbor Day at elementary schools in Saline by distributing 2,500 tree seedlings for the children to plant. The club was awarded matching funds from a PETALS grant. (Protect the Environment Through Action, Learning and Service), which is sponsored by the Shell Oil Company.

Another event the club is planning is its annual perennial plant sale on May 18 at the UAW Hall. Plants will be on sale from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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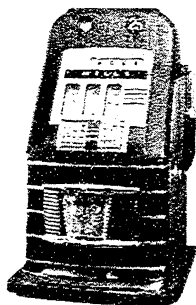
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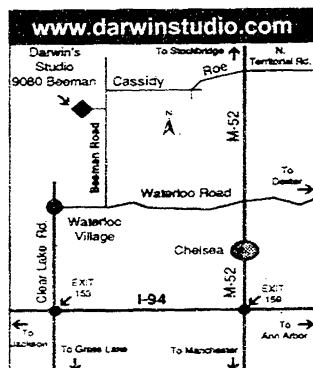
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Secrets to successful gardening shared for beginners, seasoned experts alike

Q: Do sunflowers hurt plants or trees that grow close to them? I've heard that you are not supposed to plant sunflowers within 10 feet of trees and shrubs

A: There is a growth inhibiting chemical in sunflower seed hulls, but this simply stops other seeds from sprouting too close to them. The chemical washes off in rain-water and isn't strong enough to affect plants growing several inches away. You can plant sunflowers within a foot of other plants. The spacing isn't to provide a buffer zone between plants because of growth inhibiting chemicals, but to give the sunflower ample room to grow and fully develop its large seed head.

Q: How much water do petunias and marigolds need, and do they like shade or sun?

A: Both these plants like full sun, though they'd also do well with a little shade during the hottest part of the day. How much you need to water depends on the size and type of container, soil type, exposure to



sun and wind, temperature, and the size of the plant. Your best bet is to feel the soil, and water when the soil begins to dry out. Petunias, especially, don't like to be over watered, but neither plant will withstand drying out completely. Sorry I can't be more exact, but there is no exact answer.

Q: I have some poppies and peonies that used to be in the sun, but are now growing in shade. I'd like to transplant them this season. I know they don't like to move, but they

must go to a sunnier place. Any tips for the move? Can I move them now?

A: Peonies are traditionally moved in the fall, but they can also be moved in very early spring although this will sacrifice the current year's bloom. Oriental poppies are best moved when they are dormant in midsummer; you may find it easier to move root cuttings than to try to move the entire plant as the roots tend to break apart when you dig the plants. Moving poppies when they are in active growth is usually fatal to the poppies.

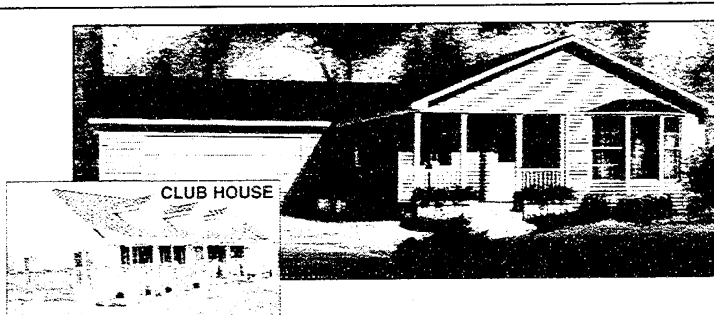
Q: I've grown green peppers for about 10 years. To date, I've not had much luck with getting them to grow larger than a child's fist. Also, I leave them on the vine to turn red, but most times they only get red on one side, and begin to rot. Can you give me any tips to make them grow larger, and how to get them to ripen

to red properly? I've tried Epsom salt mixed in with the soil, and setting the plant deeply.

A: Peppers need a soil with a pH around 6.0 to 6.5, well prepared with ample amounts of organic matter, and a good supply of phosphorus. Note that an oversupply of nitrogen can reduce yields. You might want to run some basic soil tests and see what amendments, if any, need to be added.

Peppers also need an evenly moist soil that is well drained. If drainage is a problem, the plants won't thrive and fruit will be small. Watering properly is probably the most critical factor in my experience, assuming the soil is adequate.

You may also find that some varieties simply hold better than others to the mature red stage. Also, leaving peppers on the plant to fully ripen will actually reduce the overall yield. Hope this helps!



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PRODUCT

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"Anything the lawn doesn't use runs off when it rains," Bobrin said. "The rivers and ponds suffer. The Huron River system already contains the maximum allowable amount of phosphorus."

Both the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Environmental Quality have mandated significant reduction of phosphorus in area waters.

"If it's not done by managing lawns and turf areas to reduce phosphorus run-off, we'll have to do it the expensive way," Bobrin added. "That means spending millions for additional water treatment capacity."

"It's amazing how this product fits into two area priorities: preserving the farm economy and reducing the phosphorous problems," she said, adding with a smile that she tried Clean Green on her own lawn. "Because it's made from soy, I thought I might have all sorts of critters appearing to nibble in my yard, but that wasn't the case. It worked beautifully."

"For a change my lawn was as green as my neighbors' who use chemical-based products."

Practical trials of the soy-based granules included the revitalization of soccer fields at the Wide World Sports facility. Erich Keil, owner of Landshark Lawn Service in the Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti area, was one of the first users and retailers of Clean Green. He tried the product on Wide World's depleted clay fields.

"Everyone knows how hard it is to establish and maintain turf on clay," he said. "I've never seen anything like Clean Green to jump-start grass. The results lasted three or four months, with kids playing on these fields every single day."

Being soy-based, the product is safe for kids and pets to play on immediately after application, another advantage Keil noted. Score, when giving presentations to school groups about area agriculture, likes to tell them about the new fertilizer.

"To emphasize its safety, I'll occasionally grab a handful and eat it," the agriculture agent joked.

While anecdotal stories report monstrous tomatoes and incredible flowers when the soy fertilizer is used in gardens, continuing research projects focus on its uses for turf.

Through this year, studies will determine the benefits of fall versus spring for the initial application, the viability of the product for seed coating, and

how the nitrogen release rate may be affected by the size of the granules. At Ann Arbor's Willow Golf Course, Clean Green is being used on one par-three hole, and public response to the hole is being monitored. Seeding studies are being conducted with Wacker Chemical of Adrian, and additional sod farm studies are underway.

Pine View Golf Course and the University of Michigan are cooperating in pond studies. Monitoring phos-



Clean Green is safe and helps reduce phosphorus in the ecosystem.

phorous levels will determine whether a buffer strip using Clean Green on areas around the water will help lower phosphorous contamination.

State Representative Gene DeRossett, chairman of the Michigan Agricultural Resource and Management Committee, is pleased to see farmers in his constituency taking an entrepreneurial roll to expand agricultural diversity and preserve the environment.

"Agriculture is the second largest Michigan industry," DeRossett told guests at a presentation held to introduce Practical Soy Products and Clean Green. "Anything we can do to produce and support a product from agriculture that is environmentally friendly, we should do."

DeRossett has invited the company to give a presentation before the Agriculture Committee in Lansing.

Jeff Bristle, president of Practical Soy, farms almost 2,000 acres in and around Manchester, Chelsea, Napoleon, and Grass Lake.

"We have five tons ready to market," he said. "We can handle direct sales and also are looking for retail outlets. We can sell it by the 50-pound bag or the ton."

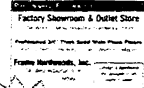
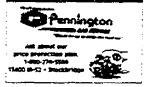
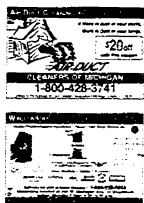
Clean Green may be generating more enthusiasm than the five farmers expected. Maintaining the calm "wait and see" attitude of a man involved in a life where weather, economic ups and downs, and unexpected obstacles can transform crops from money-makers to costly mistakes, Dennis Huehl concludes, "This is a different environment from the one we're used to doing business in."

"It's been interesting and educational from that point of view, if nothing else."

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to the property across the street.

The wheat fields in the picture's foreground have been replaced by 26 acres of native switchgrass, Indian grass, and big bluestem Wieland began planting in 1991.

"I'd always had my mind on getting a place (in the country)," says Wieland, who grew up in Pennsylvania. He bought the old farm in May 1988 as an escape from his Ann Arbor home. "We thought seriously about moving out here, but that would sort of ruin the escape."

Instead, he decided to turn the old 80-acre farm, which includes wetlands and forested areas, into a natural preserve.

And so, the chemist went to work planting grasses.

The land Wieland bought - farmed as long ago as 1850 - was scarred from years of intensive agriculture. Consecutive years of growing corn with no filter strips, contouring, or crop rotation had left the soil eroded and choked of nutrients.

Then came a torrential rain-storm on Memorial Day weekend in 1989 that dumped four inches of rain on the area. The rains washed topsoil off the fields and into the ponds and blueberry bog, turning Wieland's attention to the need to stem erosion.

He flew to Iowa, where he observed examples of native grass prairie restorations, and left convinced this was the best way to prevent the loss of soil back home.

"I think the last thing we need out here is another corn field."

Garden Club plans July garden walk

The Manchester Garden Club meets informally at 7 p.m. in alternating locations on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Gardeners of all levels of experience are welcome. Call JoAnn Okey at 428-9667 for details.

Among this year's planned events, the garden club will host a Garden Walk on July 13 in cooperation with the Twentieth Century Club of Manchester. More details on the garden walk will be published in the Manchester Enterprise in the late spring and early summer.

says Wieland of his hilly property. "There's plenty of better soil."

The grasses hold the soil together and stop erosion, he explains.

"Most of the biomass of that field is underground," he says. He adds that the root structure of the grasses extend as deep as 15 feet underground.

Wieland wants to keep the area open as a prairie, which requires burning. Burning simulates the natural fire cycle of the grassland prairie by getting rid of heavy thatch and killing off woody vegetation such as maple saplings that choke off grasses. It also turns the ground black and recycles nutrients.

The barn, built before the easement was created, may one day serve as an interpretive center.

"It's essentially going to be a wildlife sanctuary, which is what I want it to be," he says.

Wieland now enjoys walking the property to relax and take photographs. His wife Kathy, a CPA, sometimes plays guitar and banjo there.

"I enjoyed the place probably

the most the first couple of years because I didn't have anything to do," he says. "I just sort of traipsed around and photographed, and enjoyed the country. Then when you start putting in the prairie grasses and trees, I was coming out here and working my butt off. Which is good, it's good therapy."

In terms of wildlife, his efforts seem to be paying dividends. Wieland says wild turkeys nest in the switchgrass, and bobwhite

quail and deer are common. As he discussed sandhill cranes that nest in the bog, a distant flock appeared, sounding a chorus of rhythmic, ambient croaks. Ben says he has also seen orioles, vireos, bitterns, herons, tanagers, wood ducks, and migrating warblers on the property.

"What you really hope for is to have kids and grandkids of the nature conservancy looking out for the place," says Wieland.

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Healthy soil equals thriving garden

Good, healthy soil provides plants with the right amount of nutrients, water and air to thrive. Understanding the characteristics of soil will help improve your soil's health and the overall health of any garden.

One indicator of healthy soil is the number of earthworms it supports. When a lot of organic matter is present, earthworms abound. Healthy soil also is bursting with microorganisms breaking down organic matter into a usable form by plants. But that's difficult to see.

"Know your soil," recommends Julian Wesley, botanical supervisor for Boerner Botanical Gardens, Hales Corners, Wis. "Have your soil tested for the pH and levels of nitrogen, potassium and phosphorus."

You can determine the quality of soil with some simple tests that indicate its structure, pH level and fertility. Armed with these basics, you can amend the soil appropriately and look forward to produc-

ing beautiful plants and flowers and a bountiful vegetable garden.

Soil structure is determined by the amount of sand, silt, clay and organic matter it contains.

The size and characteristic of each particle affects the soil's ability to hold air, water and nutrients. Humus is the organic component of soil. It is the remains of once-living organisms, mostly plants. The ideal soil for gardening contains a mixture of all four items.

Sand, the largest particle, allows air and water to infiltrate the soil and drain well. But sandy soils also lack the ability to hold moisture and nutrients. As a result, they tend to dry out quickly and require more fertilization.

Silty soils usually occur in flood plains and readily hold water. When dry, these soils become powdery and difficult to rewet. Silty soils hold more nutrients and water than sandy ones.

Clay soils readily retain water and are easily compacted. Clay

soils require more time to dry out in spring and may puddle. These soils also easily hold most nutrients.

The addition of organic matter will generally improve poor soils. Organic matter improves sandy soils by retaining moisture and nutrients, and improves the drainage and aeration of silty and clay soils.

"Add lots of compost," recommends home gardener Ruth Alt of Glendale, Wis. "And use mulch that will decompose into compost. But don't forget to replace the nitrogen, which is drawn out of the soil by the decomposing mulch."

Natural organic fertilizers, which come from biological materials, provide organic matter as well as nutrients to soil, including the nitrogen lost to decomposing mulch.

"It serves as a fertilizer and soil conditioner with its high organic matter content," said Mike Archer, market development and research coordinator at Milorganite, which specializes in organic fertilizers. "It's especially good for high clay and sandy soils."

"The most important thing to do when you begin gardening is to test and then amend the soil to bring it up to the proper pH level," Alt said.

A soil's pH value indicates the acid or alkaline level and can affect the availability of some nutrients to plants. The ideal pH level for fertile soil is 7.0, which is considered neutral.

For most edible plants, a pH range of 5.5 to 7.5 is good. Amendments can be added to bring the soil closer to neutral, but organic matter, especially compost, tends to neutralize soil over time.

To test the pH of your soil, use a do-it-yourself pH kit available at garden centers, or send a soil sample to your local county extension agent.

Home kits also can test fertility by measuring the relative amount of nitrogen, potassium and phosphorus. University extension laboratories will test soil for a small fee and can provide a more extensive analysis and recommendations. A soil's pH can change over time and should be checked every three to four years.

How well soil supports plant life determines its fertility. Three basic nutrients are essential to plants: nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium.

"Nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium are the most limiting nutrients in most soils," Archer said. "They are also essential for proper plant growth, but only in small amounts."

On packages of fertilizer you'll find the N-P-K ratio - nitrogen (N), phosphorus (P) and potassium (K). Potassium also is referred to as potash - K is its chemical symbol.

"N-P-K is the amount of macro nutrients in the fertilizer by weight," Archer said. "It's guaranteed by law. For example: If the N is 6, the product contains 6 percent nitrogen by weight. In a 40-pound bag of Milorganite, that's 2.4 pounds of nitrogen."

Nitrogen (N) is vital for healthy leaf and stem growth. It is the prominent nutrient in fertilizers designed to stimulate foliage growth, and it promotes quick growth and dark green foliage. Too much nitrogen can cause plants to become leggy. Too little will stunt growth.

"Another nitrogen feature to watch for in fertilizers is the amount of 'slow release' or 'water insoluble' nitrogen," Archer said. "These two sources of nitrogen are available to the plant over a longer period of time than those in water-soluble forms."

Phosphorus (P) promotes strong root growth and aids flowering, fruit and seed production. This nutrient is especially important to vegetable gardens, fruit trees, bulbs and newly planted bare root plants. Phosphorus must be placed near the roots where the plant can use it.

Potassium (K) is a word derived from potash. In the past, this nutrient was applied to gardens in the form of wood ashes. It is necessary for flower and fruit production and is responsible for healthy growth, resistance to disease and cold, as well as aids plants in utilizing other nutrients.

Fertilizers replace nutrients that have been used up from the soil. Whether you use a natural organic fertilizer or a synthetic chemical fertilizer is a personal preference.

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Boxes and sturdy tables can be made from rough-cut lumber and treated with copper naphthenate to protect them against rot. The

deeper the box, the larger the plants it will accommodate. Wooden half-barrels are great for larger plants, such as tomatoes. Another option is to garden in bags of potting soil. Make some drainage holes in what will be the underside. Then place the bag on its table, make a slit in the top and install your transplant.

For a growing medium, McLellan recommends a commercial peat-vermiculite mix. It drains better than garden soil, she explains, and it isn't laced with plant disease organisms and potential pests such as nematodes and soil insects.

When picking the location for your garden-in-boxes, keep in

mind the needs of the plants you want to grow.

"Most vegetables and many flowers require full sun," she points out.

"The growing medium in containers tends to dry out faster than

garden soil, so this sort of garden should be checked daily — maybe twice a day in hot, dry weather — and watered as necessary. Regular fertilization with a water-soluble product will keep crops growing

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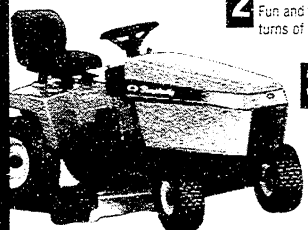
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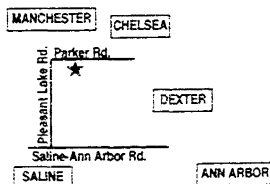
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and producing well."

Placing the container garden where you have ready access to water makes watering and fertilizing easier, McLellan notes.

How tall the supporting table should be and how large the boxes ought to be will depend on you and your needs. Like conventional garden beds, containerized gardens

should be no wider than you can comfortably reach across, unless you can get to them from both sides. Eight to 12 inches deep will accommodate a range of plants. The right height is the height at which it's most comfortable for you for planting, weeding, harvesting and so on. That will hinge on whether you intend to sit or stand to tend it.

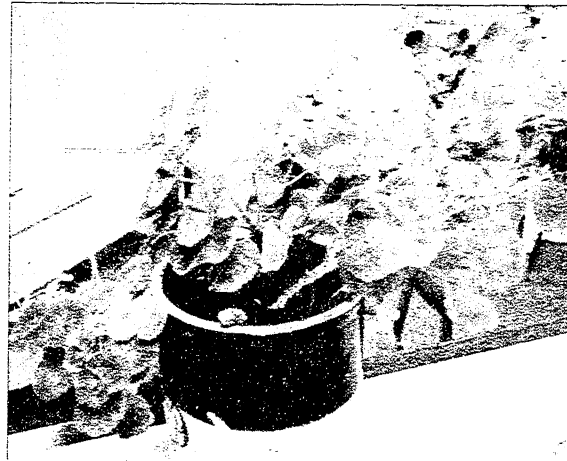
Container gardens should have

fewer soil-related disease problems than conventional gardens, but they have no immunity to pests. McLellan points out. Regular monitoring and quick action when a problem occurs are your best protection against slugs.

your interest is flowers, you can put together a garden in a box using a mixture of plants—such as cascading varieties of geranium and petunia around the perimeter, more upright plants such as snapdragons and small ornamental

grasses in the center, and dusty miller, for its silvery foliage—or all one species. For a shady spot, consider pendulous tuberous begonias, coleus, impatiens and trailing ivy.

"Gardening in containers may mean starting earlier in the spring because you don't have to wait for the garden to get dry enough to walk



Geraniums grow well in containers, whether indoors or out.

aphids, cabbage worms, cucumber beetles and other plant-damaging pests.

What should you plant? Crops such as lettuce, radishes, green onions and herbs are naturals for containers, as are tomato and pepper plants.

Plant breeders have developed many compact vegetable varieties, some specifically for container culture, so your garden can include cucumbers, summer squash and winter squash, bush beans and even strawberries. If

on and work the soil." McLellan notes. "If containers are movable, they can be protected against frost in spring and fall to extend the growing season. Drawbacks include the cost, time and effort involved in building the containers and the tables to put them on, and the need for more frequent watering. But for people who use wheelchairs and others who have trouble planting and tending a conventional garden, the opportunity to garden can outweigh the disadvantages."

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Deck materials

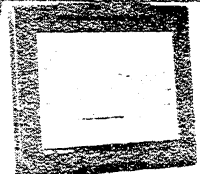
There are more decking choices

now than ever, including mahogany, composites and plastics. However, the overwhelmingly preferred choice, based on longevity, ease of installation, availability, natural appearance and economy, remains pressure-treated wood. Even here there are choices, including a new wood that is receiving excellent reviews from early users.

Traditional treated wood, such as Wolmanized wood and Outdoor wood, has been used extensively since the mid 1970s. It resists damage from termites and decay, and many manufacturers offer a warranty that extends for the lifetime of the purchaser in residential and agricultural applications.


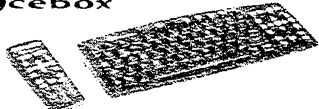
A new type of preserved wood, recently introduced in the United States, has similar longevity but

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Although each has benefits, natural organic fertilizers may provide gardens with a bit more of what it needs.

"The two most important things for a successful garden are compost and a natural organic fertilizer," Alt said. "Both make the soil easier to work with and more environmentally friendly to plants."

"There are lots of good natural organic fertilizers available. There's no reason to use something that isn't natural."

Natural organic fertilizers provide nutrients and encourage microorganisms to thrive. The organic materials turn into humus as microorganisms in the soil break them down.

Synthetic fertilizers tend to deplete organic matter in the soil, which leads to a more compacted soil. It also may interrupt the ecology of the soil with its quick release of nutrients. Beneficial microorganisms can be harmed, while harmful microorganisms may be encouraged.

"A slow release fertilizer," Dennis Lukaszewski, urban agriculture program coordinator for the University Extension Milwaukee County, said. "It encourages microbial activity in the soil."

Nutrients from natural organic fertilizers are released into the soil over a longer period of time at a rate the plants can use. The rapid release of nutrients from

synthetic fertilizers may cause run-off and groundwater concerns.

"A slow release of nutrients, especially nitrogen, is beneficial to plants," Archer said. "Plants that receive a quick shot of nitrogen grow too quickly, increasing their susceptibility to disease. Top-heavy plants could grow at the expense of root growth and impede their ability to set flowers

and fruit."

A slow-release natural organic fertilizer may take a little longer to show results, but you won't need to fertilize as often. You'll save time because they require less frequent application than their chemical counterparts.

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Avoid long spans

Use enough nails—three across a 2 x 6 board. Hardware should be hot-dipped galvanized or equally well-protected so weather does not cause rust streaks on the wood.

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Tender loving maintenance

Different types of treated wood may require different types of maintenance. And the numerous

choices in coatings may carry different recommendations from their manufacturers. By choosing sound materials, building the project carefully and maintaining it periodically, you will be rewarded with a deck you can be proud of for years.

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From beer to blossoms

Brewery foundation now serves as water garden

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Heritage Newspapers

Franklin and June Wellman moved to their home on South Macomb Street back in 1965. The simple farmhouse, now located on a "city" lot, however, has a

much longer history than that.

The old Manchester Brewery was located on a 400-acre plat surrounding the farmhouse. The farm abstract, Wellman says, dates back to 1867, the year

Manchester was incorporated as a village.

As a vegetable gardener, Wellman has found that there is "no shortage of stones" on the property from the building that was already in ruins when he bought the house 36 years ago.

"You can't dig up anything without finding stones," he says.

The brewery was built of brick with a stone foundation. Some of the bricks Wellman has sold or given away over the years. Some he added as an accent on the frame farmhouse.

But it is the stone foundation that has given him a project over the past three or four years.

An immense water garden complete with a con-

vertible propane-to-charcoal or wood fire pit, has emerged from the stones that once made up the foundation of the old brewery building. The fountain has multiple levels and an electric pump continually recycles the water.

"Next year I plan to put in goldfish for my granddaughter," Wellman says.

Each year he says he will make some adjustments until he's completely happy with the results. His wife, the flower gardener, has planted with the future in mind, as the rhododendrons surrounding the fountain will grow to six to eight feet in height and evergreen shrubs will fill in and provide shade.

"It's a relaxing place to spend time in the summer,"

he says.

Wellman's next project is to build a stone well around the old brewery well.

"It's a very deep well, and the water level is almost to the top," he says.

He's not sure whether the water is good, but says it must be at least as good as the village's water. And the project will provide him with another outlet for all those stones he continues to find on the property.

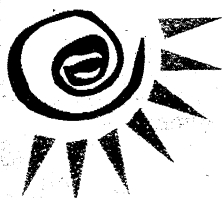
Wellman says he doesn't know much of the history of the brewery, despite the length of time he's lived on the property.

"Dick Spafard, a historian, gave me a lot of information about it over the years," he says. "But I've forgotten at least half of what I knew."



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Frank Wellman's water garden is created from the stone foundation of the old Manchester Brewery, which was located at his property on South Macomb street prior to burning down in 1920.



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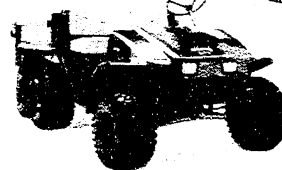
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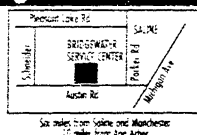
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Milan Garden Club grows, flourishes

Milan Garden Club joined the Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan in May 1999. They have 19 members. Increasing their membership remains a goal for the club.

The club meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Marble Memorial United Methodist Church, 8 Park, in downtown Milan.

Meeting topics relate to gardening and landscaping and field trips have been taken to Matthaei Botanical Gardens and local nurseries as well as gracious members' home gardens. More tours and interesting meetings are planned for the future.

Meetings are held every second Thursday of the month and everyone is welcome to attend.

For more information, contact Sandra Miller at (734) 434-9030.

Spring Home Improvement



Manchester buildings receive a facelift

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Heritage Newspapers

Two blight properties along Manchester's main thoroughfares are being given a new lease on life by local remodeling firm Carver Construction.

Earl Carver, a Bridgewater Township resident, co-owns Carver Construction along with his wife, Cynthia.

Carver Construction specializes in "unusual" restorations, said Cynthia Carver.

"We've taken unusual buildings before and made them into housing units," she said.

Most notable, she added, is the Belfry Apartment complex in Ypsilanti located at 1835 Church Street near the Eastern Michigan University campus, which has been made into townhouses and apartments for student living.

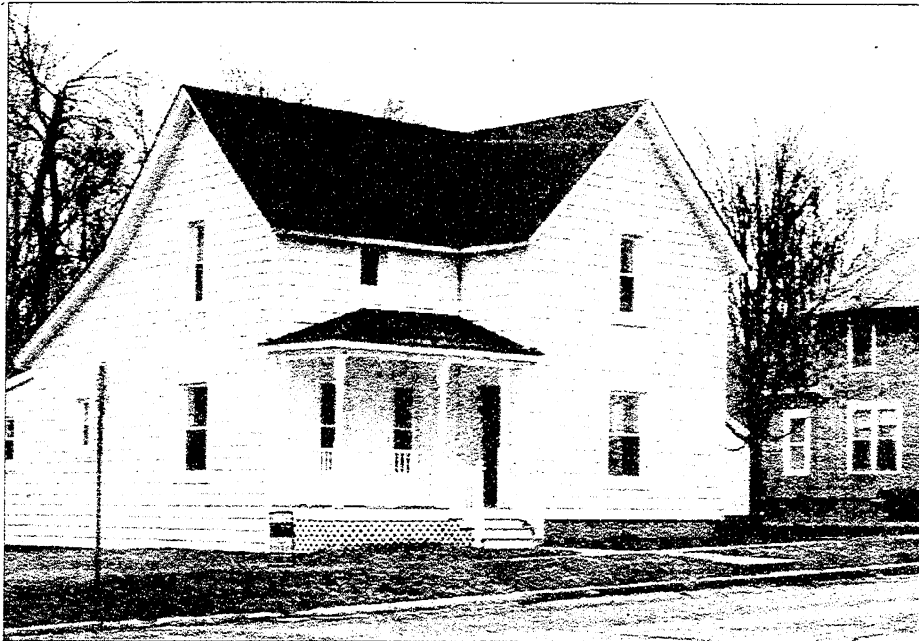
"People tend to call us for the unusual jobs," Carver said.

And in the lull after Sept. 11, the couple decided to generate some business on their own as they purchased two Manchester properties that had been on the real estate market for quite some time. One was a home on East Main Street which had fallen into disrepair. Since Carver purchased the home, it has been completely remodeled and placed back on the market.

"We bought (that) house just to turn over," she said. "When people go in, I think they'll be pleased to see how nice it is inside."

"It's sometimes hard to foresee how things will look."

The renovations include a new kitchen, flooring and repaired plumbing and electrical connections throughout the house.



Thanks to the efforts of a Manchester couple, this house is back on the market in sparkling fashion.

"We actually bought property on Riverside Drive first, but had to go through council to get the conditional use variance," she said.

This spring the company is moving ahead on its plans for renovating a former automobile repair building overlooking the River Raisin.

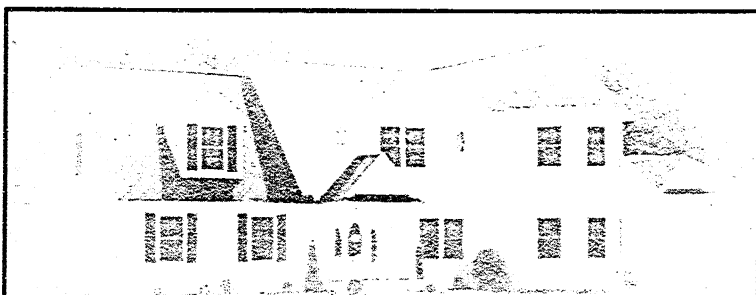
The duplex unit actually will be two-story townhouses with three bedrooms each. The existing foundation is being used and two 1,600 square-foot apartments will be created, with the basement level holding storage and shared laundry facilities.

Carver Construction has been in business for 22 years—the first 16 in Depot Town in Ypsilanti and for the past six it has been located on Jackson Road in Scio Township. The company is primarily a remodel-

ing contractor doing what Carver terms "odd things," both commercial and residential.

Cynthia Carver grew up in

Manchester and the couple has lived with their family in her grandparents' (renovated) farm home on Kies Road since 1986.



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Garden club keeps community 'growing'

By Sheila Pursglove

Heritage Newspapers

The Chelsea Area Garden Club, organized in 1997, currently has 26 members. The group meets the second Monday of each month except December.

Meetings are held from 12:30-2:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 128 Park St., in Chelsea.

Club members have adopted the Chelsea Post Office and Chelsea District Library for their civic beautification efforts. Each spring, the sites are cleaned of winter debris, and new plantings for summer are put in place. Over the summer months, members weed and water those plantings. A fall clean-up day puts the gardens to rest for the winter.

Members meet to enjoy guest speakers, share gardening information and conduct the business of the club.

Every May, members hold a plant sale on the lawn adjacent to the McKune House Library on Main Street. This year's plant sale is set for 9 a.m. to noon, May 18.

In the summer months, members enjoy visiting public gardens as well as those of members and other gardeners in the area.

A new club endeavor this year is the sponsorship of scholarships for the master gardener and junior master gardener programs.



Members of the Chelsea Area Garden Club are shown during a work party at the Chelsea Post Office. The club maintains flowerbeds at the post office and the McKune House. Pictured are Janet Wamboldt (left), Jayetta Edwards, Jean Storey, Kathy Kersten, Cindy Masaracchia, Mary Randolph and Christine Forsch.

The club's current slate of officers includes Janet Wamboldt, president; Jayetta Edwards, treasurer; Kathy Kersten, recording secretary; and Cyndy Masarrachia, vice president; Judith Smith, corresponding secretary. For information, contact Janet Wamboldt at 433-5451.

Low maintenance gardening means more free time

By Helen Kay Polaski

Heritage Newspapers

As spring looms on the horizon, gardeners invariably rifle through nursery books ordering exotic plants, hoping to outdo the neighbor, or just give their garden a fresh new look.

But, according to Mike Palmer, Senior Horticultural Assistant at Matthaei Botanical Gardens in Ann Arbor, for a natural look with low maintenance its best to stick with native Michigan plants.

Whether searching for an exotic feel to your garden with running water and wandering paths, or just a simple line of foliage edging the house—Michigan boasts a wide variety of beautiful and showy native plants that are more adapted to this area.

For shaded areas of the yard, consider the lacey foliage of ferns. Bracken fern, ostrich fern and maidenhair fern are just a few of the dozen or so ferns native to Michigan soil. For a woody



Michigan has many varieties of plants that will beautify your landscape.

feel, plant several different varieties, add Dutchman's breeches for a small splash of color, and mulch with woodchips or leave natural.

For a look reminiscent of the meadow and one that will beckon

butterflies and bees to your garden add black-eyed Susan, cone-flower, clover, as well as milkweed, mint, phlox, blue flag iris, blazing star, goldenrod and bee balm.

An out of the way corner is the

perfect spot for a few black raspberry bushes. And for a splash of color in a sun-fed spot, add Black-Eyed Susan and turtlehead.

Palmer also suggests the gardener take advantage of Michigan's many prairie grasses that are not only showy and graceful in the summer, but also provide fall color, and seed for small birds throughout the winter months.

Finally, chipped bark is recommended for a garden that needs little or no attention. According to Palmer, pine bark or cypress bark is the best.


"IT KEEPS the weeds down and keeps moisture in the soil," Palmer explained.

"Aged grass will do the same thing, but green grass or newly cut grass is not a good idea because it depletes the soil of nitrogen and if the lawn had been treated with any chemicals, you bring that into the garden."

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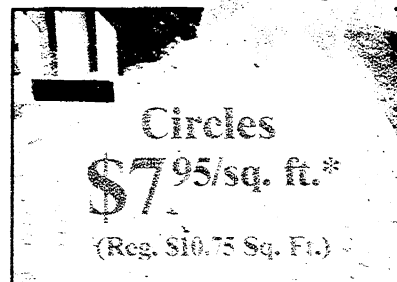
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