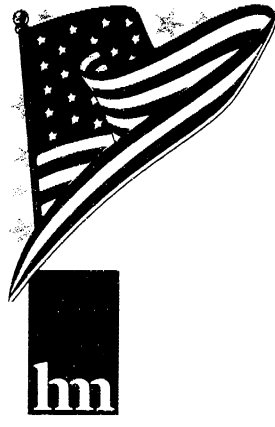


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## Revenue sharing cuts could slash budgets

■ Village, townships look at impact of state's action.

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand  
Associate Editor

Municipal managers across the state are reeling after Gov. John Engler's July 25 veto of \$852 million in revenue sharing to local governments for the 2003 fiscal year which begins Oct. 1.

His action leaves half of governments with less than local of the \$1.5 billion they expected, while cutting the entire \$218 million earmarked for counties. Washtenaw County alone stands to lose its annual allotment of \$6.5 million.

The reductions came Monday

said, in response to ballot proposals that could redirect the state's use of tobacco settlement money, require treatment for drug criminals and mandate binding arbitration for state employees. The proposals are anticipated to cost the state \$1 billion.

A two-thirds vote by the legislature could override Engler's veto.

State Rep. Gene DeRossett, R-Manchester, last week announced he will vote to override the veto.

"Many Washtenaw County municipalities will be hard-hit by these ill-timed cuts," said DeRossett. "Essential services must be preserved."

"Should the ballot proposals

pass, further budget cuts would be needed," DeRossett said. "Until that happens, these cuts are unnecessary."

**VILLAGE MANAGER** Jeff Wallace said the cuts would cost Manchester in excess of \$100,000, or about 40 percent of the total revenue sharing expectations for the community.

"That's mostly general fund dollars," Wallace said.

"It could have wide-ranging effects. We do need to have a balanced budget, but we're just starting to summarize because the state's fiscal year doesn't begin until October. By then, we'll know

for sure if it will happen."

Wallace added that like a lot of other communities, the village is actively calling legislators and hoping for an override.

"If that takes place, then (the funding) is restored," he said.

But if cuts need to be made, Wallace said he might look at recommending larger cuts to the village council for consideration.

"We pay about \$74,000 for a sheriff's deputy," he said. "We could look at cutting police services."

**OTHER SERVICES** that are part of the general fund and could be considered for reduction included

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### NEWS BRIEFS

#### JV girls' basketball season begins

Junior varsity basketball coach Mark Ball announced a mandatory pre-season parents meeting set for 7 p.m. Sunday in the high school gymnasium.

Team practice begins on Monday and will be held from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the high school gym.

#### Ice cream social season drawing to a close

The final ice cream social of this summer will be held on Wednesday at Emanuel United Church of Christ, 324 E. Main St., with serving from 5 to 8 p.m.

#### Last gazebo concert tonight

Dan Hall, maritime historian and folk singer, will appear onstage at the gazebo in Wurster Park this evening beginning at 7:30 p.m.

#### Presentation set for Pleasant Lake residents

The Pleasant Lake Property Owners Association will hold a public meeting at 7 p.m. next Wednesday at the Freedom Township Hall. Martin Hilovski from EnviroScience will present an informational session on weevils.

#### Annual walk set to fight breast cancer

Join the American Cancer Society to celebrate breast cancer survivorship and raise funds to support breast cancer research, community support and educational programs at its second annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk.

This 3.5 mile, non-competitive walk will be held on Oct. 19 at Michigan Stadium in Ann Arbor, with registration beginning at 8 a.m. and the walk beginning at 9 a.m. For more information, call 971-4300 or visit [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org).

## A Celebration of Community

■ First annual Riverfolk a resounding success.

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand  
Associate Editor

When he started planning a folk music and arts festival last winter, Mark Palms had a vision. Until last weekend he may have been the only one who could see it clearly.

Now, everyone can see his vision.

"We knew this was going to be great, but we just didn't know how great it would be," said Pat Shanley of the Tangerine Trousers as the band took the stage for the second time of the evening.

And according to Palms, the word "great" accurately describes the first annual event.

"Our evaluations were terrific," he said. "Overall, we got predominantly five out of five in every category."

"I'm satisfied. It was everything I thought it would be."

Of course, there are bound to be glitches, and this year's major glitch was that the large dumpster that was ordered didn't arrive on time. It was there Sunday morning to capture the overflow.

"Overall, the comment that I heard was that we hit a home run," Palms said.

**FOLLOWING** A week of blistering heat, severe storms and oppressive humidity, a warm and sunny day dawned on Saturday, clearing the way for perfect weather for the first annual event.

"We were lucky to have such a beautiful day," Palms said. "We took a gamble on the weather, and we won."

He shared some of the comments that organizers received in the evaluation forms filled out by festival-goers.

"A marvelous time; (it) made me feel young and happy."

"A warm community event for all ages."

"Looking forward to next year."

Reading the last comment, Palms broke into a grin in response to an unspoken question.

"Yes, I think there will be a next year," he said. "The demand is there."

"My job will be to build the lineup for next year's



The Hot Club of Cowtown, headline act at the first annual Riverfolk Festival, played to an enthusiastic audience late into the evening.

main stage. At this point I'm prepared to let the committee captains assess this year's successes and suggestions and build on their volunteer team to make improvements in all the areas."

From here, he said, the committees will move forward carefully.

"We know better than half of those who attended committed to coming back next year and bringing their friends," he said.

**THE SMALL-TOWN** atmosphere of the festival was actually a drawing card to those who came.

Ann Arbor resident Jim Rosbe said, "This is a great community. Don't tell people about it!"

Palms told the story of an older woman who approached village president Pat Vaillencourt as she worked at the Kiwanis food wagon, and asked about why she liked Manchester.

Vaillencourt responded that the community spirit that abounds in Manchester was among the reasons she chose to live here.

"And who's the mayor here?" the woman asked her.

"I am," Vaillencourt said with a smile.

**THE MUSICIANS**, too, were impressed by the first-annual event.

"From the musicians'

standpoint, festivals have been to many festivals and all of them were very impressed with this as a first-year effort," Palms said.

"It's a known fact that when the musicians are impressed with the audience and the stage, their performance rises to another level. As the Raisin Pickers played, we felt the energy from the audience and we had a fun-filled set."

"Then we talked to the Hot Club backstage, and told them they're in for a real treat. They really enjoyed the whole festival scene, and put on a great show."

The headlining Hot Club of Cowtown, from Austin, Texas, was the only out-of-state musical act that performed on the main stage. Michigan artists Matt Watroba, Robert Jones, Joel Mabus, Suzanne and Jim, Tangerine Trousers, Jeremy Kittel, Sparks Rant, Kitty Donohoe and Manchester's own Raisin Pickers rounded out the performances.

Local artists' booths had a wonderful diversity of good quality affordable art, while the children's workshops involved the youngest participants in a wide variety of active choices.

"There were so many dimensions to the festival," Palms said, "and all of them were a success." Palms estimated that

somewhere between 2,000 and 3,000 people attended the festival.

"We sold 2,000 tickets and that doesn't include the kids or the volunteers," he said. "We could handle another 1,000 people—we'd be busting, but we could deal with it."

"We may have to cap our audience at some point; we really don't want to get bigger than Carr Park. A certain quality would be lost when you go beyond that."

**PALMS ALSO** commended the Community Resource Center for its sponsorship and its assistance in building a volunteer base for the first-year event.

"If it weren't for Chris Kanta taking this on, the event never would have happened," he said. "She accepted the risk and the responsibility."

"The village and the community were such great supporters and we really appreciate all the local businesses, local media and all the volunteers and all the support from folks in the neighborhood, to help pull this off. Everyone who was at the festival was impressed with the community at large, working together."

"One of our goals was to get people to come to Manchester. That's what happened. This event helped to put Manchester on the map."

## Sharon Township deaths under investigation

■ Police consider murder/suicide in case.

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand  
Associate Editor

The Michigan State Police is investigating a double homicide in a Sharon Township home which was discovered last Friday evening.

At about 6:45 p.m. on Aug. 2, a neighbor discovered the bodies of 45-year-old Joseph Sell and his wife Laura, 41, in their home on Sylvan Road, just south of Washburne. Family members reported they had not seen the couple since Aug. 1.

Laura Sell was a secretary at the University of Michigan Department of Pharmacology, while Joseph Sell had worked at the Visteon plant in Saline as a skilled tradesman-millwright. The couple is survived by two sons, Nicholas Sell of Virginia Beach, Va. and Jason Sell of Whitmore Lake, both graduates of Manchester schools.

State troopers said Monday that most of the preliminary suspects and individuals had been interviewed and interviewed, and the department was awaiting further developments from the county medical examiner's office.

Apparent indicators of an ongoing marital conflict as a motive for murder-suicide are being investigated by state troopers.

"Preliminary information points to a murder-suicide, but we want to cover all of our bases to make sure," Detective Sgt. Dave Hart said Tuesday.

He predicted it would take several weeks to complete the investigation.

On Wednesday, a news release from the state police indicated that Joseph Sell shot his wife in the chest with a shot gun, and then killed himself in the same manner. The medical examiner's office has ruled Laura's death as a homicide and Joseph's as a suicide.

"We're still conducting interviews with acquaintances, known associates, family, and colleagues," Hart explained. "We're trying to confirm what was happening in their lives at the time of their deaths."

Police also confirmed that Laura Sell had filed for divorce on June 26.

The investigation will continue with interviews and laboratory forensics in an effort to confirm the findings to date.

Funeral services for the couple are set for today at 11 a.m.

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**Aug. 8**  
**Manchester Lamb Club** will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the Michigan Livestock auction hall.  
**Gazebo Concert** featuring Dan Hall at 7:30 p.m.  
**Aug. 9**  
**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.  
**Aug. 11**  
**Parkinson Education and Support Group** meets at 1:30 p.m. Call 930-6335 for information.  
**Taize Worship**, 7 p.m. at the United Methodist Church.  
**Aug. 12**  
**Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce Board** meets at

noon at Dan's River Grill. All chamber members may attend.  
**Manchester District Library Board** meets at 7:00 p.m. at the new village hall, 912 City Road.  
**Bridgewater Township Planning Commission** meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Bridgewater Township Hall.  
**Manchester Knights of Columbus** meets at 8 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church Parish Center.  
**Manchester Community Fair Board** meets at 8 p.m. at the village building.  
**Manchester Township Board** meets at 8 p.m. at the Manchester Township Hall.  
**Aug. 13**  
**Boostompers** meet at 7 p.m. at Emanuel United Church of Christ.  
**Manchester Area Senior Citizens** meet at 9:30 a.m. at

the senior center.  
**Little League** organizational meetings are held at 7 p.m. at the high school, room 104.  
**Manchester Village Planning Commission** meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall.  
**20th Century Club** meets at 7:30 p.m.  
**Freedom Township Board** meets at 8 p.m. at the Freedom Township Hall.  
**Shakespeare Club** meets at 1 p.m.  
**Aug. 14**  
**Manchester Community Brass Band** meets at 7:30 p.m.  
**Emanuel United Church of Christ Ice Cream Social**, 5 to 8 p.m. at the church, 324 E. Main St.  
**Pleasant Lake Property Owners Association** will meet 7 p.m. at the Freedom Township Hall. Martin

Hilovski from EnviroScience will present an informational session on weevils.  
**Athletic Boosters** meet at 7:30 p.m. in the high school media center.  
**American Legion Auxiliary** meets at 7:30 p.m. at the American Legion Home.

### 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.

## Primary results in new faces

■ *Freedom contest brings newcomer to office.*

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand Associate Editor

Republican candidate Shirley Haeussler upset appointed incumbent Mike Bossory in the area's only contested township election.

Haeussler will become Freedom Township Treasurer, after being elected by a 97-69 vote margin in Tuesday's primary election. No Democratic candidates were on the ballot, so the primary determined the outcome of the election.

David C. Faust was elected Bridgewater Township Trustee with 100 percent of the votes cast in an uncontested election.

In other area races, Democrat Pam Byrnes will face off against Republican Gene DeRossett for the newly-formed 52nd District in the November election. Byrnes was elected by a 55-45 percent margin over challenger David Nacht. DeRossett held an 81-19 per-

cent lead over Depp with all precincts counted.

Freedom Township had the highest voter turnout in the Manchester area with 365 ballots cast; nearly one-third of the registered voters turned out for the primary election. Sharon Township, with 348 ballots cast, had a 28 percent turnout, while in Manchester Township, less than a quarter of those registered in both precincts cast their votes. Bridgewater had the smallest turnout with just over 20 percent. A total of 238 ballots were cast.

Statewide, Democratic Attorney General Jennifer Granholm and Republican Lieutenant Governor Dick Posthumus will begin to prepare a campaign for the governor's race in November.

Proposal 1, a constitutional amendment that overhauls the State Officers Compensation Commission, was approved by a 72 percent to 28 percent margin.

Proposal 2, to increase spending for parks, was passed by a similar margin.

## STRAIGHT FACTS

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# Sharon Township sweats over ordinance

Heat curtails discussion at meeting's end.

By Michael Rybka  
Special Writer

The enforcement of current zoning ordinances as well as making new ones was one of a handful of issues the Sharon Township Board addressed at its Aug. 1 meeting.

Township Supervisor Gary Blades said that he and Township Clerk Teri Aiuto had been cracking down on

zoning violations for six years.

Nevertheless, Blades said it was time for even stricter enforcement.

Blades' no-nonsense posture was underscored when Zoning Officer Dave Wilson told him that the United Producers stockyard on Chelsea-Manchester Road was violating sign ordinances.

Blades said that if the business didn't correct the violations this week, the township would close down the restaurant and the store on the premises.

"There'll be no nickel and dime," Blades said. "He has a special use permit for a stockyard and only a stockyard. He can sell pigs, which he is allowed to do. He's already so far out and he still pushes."

**BLADES SAID** a new ordinance was needed whereby those not in compliance with zoning could be issued tickets and, consequently, protests would be a civil matter and not a criminal one.

Trustee Roger Kappler brought up two issues the

commission was debating.

The first issue was whether to allow contractors' yards in both industrial and commercial zoning.

Blades said he thought such businesses would be incompatible in commercial districts.

The second issue was insisting on a 1,600 square-foot minimum for single-family dwelling units.

Blades said the township can't say it's against mobile homes but for affordable housing if the ordinance requires big houses.

Blades said the quarter-

yearly joint meeting between the board and the planning commission was scheduled at next month's board meeting to discuss whether to amend the ordinance en masse, write a new ordinance or simply amend the present one piecemeal.

**UNINTENTIONALLY PREFACING** the discussion of zoning ordinances was Manchester Township Resident Janice Kessler.

Kessler said that she and her husband were amateur astronomers and surrounding light levels affected their hobby. She asked the board if it would consider including lighting regulations in a zoning ordinance.

Kessler said she began her lobbying in Adrian and has been proceeding northward.

Trustee Thomas Lavender told Kessler that the board would consider a lighting ordinance.

Blades said that because Sharon Township had been rural for so long lighting had never been an issue but was now becoming one. He added that development in the township was forcing the board to adopt more ordinances than it wanted to.

Kessler said there were scientific designations for light levels with the optimum for astronomers being a "dark sky preserve."

Blades encouraged Kessler to present her viewpoints to the planning commission.

state police for being extremely responsive.

"We were wondering what we were going to do without sheriff protection and it turned out to be the best thing that ever happened to us," Blades said in reference to the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department decision to contract its services.

Blades said that any criticism levied against the department arose from people, particularly senior citizens, who were afraid to call 911 believing that they would go to jail if their reasons for doing so were deemed insufficient.

Setla said that only by calling 911 instead of a regular number can an immediate response be assured.

**BLADES REPORTED** that a three and a half-year-old lawsuit against the township claiming exclusionary zoning practices was dismissed without prejudice on July 5.

The suit was filed by the Landon Development Company and involved a manufactured housing community proposal on the southeast corner of Chelsea-Manchester and Waldo roads.

Blades said the exclusionary zoning charge did not hold up because the township never forbade a manufactured home community, but merely contested one at that location.

Blades said that because the court decision was not made with prejudice and because the present owner of the land is having financial difficulties securing it, Landon Construction could regain the land in September.

Blades said that, if nothing else, the lawsuit helped

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## Bridgewater considers zoning changes

Bridgewater Township is moving forward to implement its master plan, adopted a year ago in September. The planning commission has scheduled a public hearing to consider four amendments to the zoning ordinance. Two amendments will affect only the hamlet of Bridgewater—the small commercial, industrial and residential area located around the intersection of Austin and Boettner Roads.

A third amendment makes minor changes to the local commercial zoning district text. The fourth amendment is a sweeping open space and agricultural land use preservation effort that implements a new state statute. Among other changes, this amendment

changes the minimum lot size from two acres to five acres when land is divided without the use of open space preservation options. The public hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 12 at the township hall, located at the corner of Braun and Clinton Roads.

According to James Fish, chair of the planning commission, the township's zoning ordinance has offered open space preservation options for land development, but no one has stepped forward to take advantage.

"We originally put the options forward as a 'carrot,' hoping that when people divide large tracts they would see the advantages in preserving some land for either farming or open

space," Fish said. "But since no one has stepped forward, we wanted to put a little more stick in the carrot-stick approach."

Under the preservation approach, developers can divide land into smaller parcels for residential building in exchange for setting aside land for farming and other open space activities.

Changes to the zoning ordinance text for the hamlet are based on residents' views that the area should be more pedestrian-oriented, featuring a mix of small retail and residential use added to the existing commercial, residential and industrial.

The proposed changes for local commercial zoning are

minor—adding a fencing requirement along with establishing guidelines that will prohibit parking in front of commercial buildings. By placing parking areas to the rear of commercial development, the planning commission, according to Fish, hopes to avoid "strip mall" monotony with parking lots fronting a road and buildings behind.

Copies of the proposed amendments are available at the Saline, Clinton and Manchester libraries. People can also call Wanda Fish, the planning commission's administrative assistant at 517-436-4314 or email her at wfish@lni.net.

## VIDEO VOICE

After a brief hiatus, the DVD Revolution announces last week's top five video rentals.

At the top of the list is "Collateral Damage," reviewed this week by Clark and Audrey of the DVD Revolution.

"She Says..."

Audrey gives this movie a 5 out of 10.

"I was curious as to why this movie's release in the theaters was delayed around the time of Sept. 11," she said. "The only similarity between this movie and that disaster was loved ones being killed by terrorists."

Other than that, the attackers are Colombian guerrillas, not Middle East terrorists. This movie's ter-

rorist attack has to do with American intervention with Colombia and not with religious extremism.

"It really wasn't worth all the press," Audrey said.

"He Says..."

"Typical Arnold fare," Clark said. "I can see where people would be upset about watching it if they lost a loved one on Sept. 11. Otherwise, the story was pretty far-fetched."

Clark rated Collateral Damage 7 out of 10.

Collateral Damage is followed by Resident Evil, Dragonfly, Crossroads and The Time Machine.

New releases this week include Lord of the Rings and Super Troopers.

## Births

### ANNA LEE LOCKRIDGE

Tom and Paula Lockridge of Grass Lake are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Anna Lee, on July 31, 2002 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. She weighed 10 pounds, 7 ounces and was 21-1/4 inches long.

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# Developer plans to move ahead with Emerald Glen

**■ Busy year for Wexford put Manchester site temporarily on hold.**

**By Marsha Johnson Chartrand**  
Associate Editor

Wexford Homes wants Manchester to know they are still around. The Emerald Glen subdivision will likely begin construction work this fall at the recently annexed site on the western edge of the village.

"The only thing we needed to finish with the village after receiving final site plan approval was to finalize the development agreement," said Jamie Gorenflo, who is the one-person development department at Saline-based Wexford Homes. "Once that has been approved by Village Council, we can move forward with the actual project."

While rumors have circulated in recent months that the firm has experienced financial difficulties, Gorenflo says those rumors have been "fueled by misinformation," and are not the reason that work has not begun at the Manchester site.

"It's certainly not a rumor I'm unfamiliar with," he said. "I believe it started

sometime in the fall of 2001 with rumors that we were going bankrupt. Time has shown that's not the case."

Gorenflo explained that the delay in starting work at Emerald Glen was due to his busy schedule not allowing him to focus 100 percent on the project, and not due to any financial problems with the company.

"Anyone who has any questions about the company's viability or continuation of business, is encouraged to call us directly," he said. "If they have any questions, they are welcome to ask."

Wexford's owners, in fact, hosted a booth at last weekend's Riverfolk Festival and helped to sponsor the first annual event, held as a fundraiser for the Community Resource Center.

"We've moved as expeditiously as possible with the village," Gorenflo continued. "Right now we're getting our construction team up and ready, sales associates for the Manchester site and we've just hired a building superintendent to oversee the operations at the site."

"It's more a matter of getting our ducks in a row. As far as I'm concerned, the details of finalizing are a pro-forma exercise."

Gorenflo said his most

recent meeting with Village Manager Jeff Wallace and Village President Pat Vaillencourt was a productive one.

"We simply had some final details to work out," he said. "I got some cost proposals from (village engineers) TetraTech MPS, so now we can finalize the numbers and send it back to the village for review and their official blessing."

"I'm hoping to do that within a month."

Once the village's approval process is complete, Gorenflo said that this would clear the way for construction to begin at the site this fall.

"If the weather holds and we have a good fall construction season, we would like to have a lot of our infrastructure clearing and earth work done in order to start installing utilities over the winter," he said. "That's a good winter time activity for the construction crews."

This accelerated schedule would allow three model homes to be open for the spring 2003 season.

"I always try to be optimistic," Gorenflo said with a chuckle. "We could be even further along if I hadn't had so many other projects screaming at me the past month or six weeks."

The developer has several projects in the works in Saline, Pittsfield Township and in Livingston County as well as several other off-site homes as around Washtenaw County. Currently it is set to break ground on the Wexford Commons development on Bemis Road, which will include 12 row-home style condominiums and a 20,000 square-foot office complex.

Emerald Glen is one of four active projects on the Wexford Homes drawing board right now, plus Gorenflo is trying to put four other projects under contract.

Emerald Glen is currently "on the top of my pile," he said.

With the development's proximity to Carr Park, planners for annual events held at the park have speculated that such events as the firework or the Riverfolk Festival may need to be moved or cancelled in future years, Gorenflo disagreed.

"I don't see that our project would affect any of those events," he said. "I don't see the homes being a detriment to the fireworks—nothing planned immediately adjacent to the park. There are no homes going in that area."

"If anything, the clearing will need to do for the road

construction will only help improve visibility from various areas within the park to see the fireworks."

And he points to the firm's partial sponsorship of the Riverfolk Festival as evidence of its support for such community events.

"I think the people living

in the (Wexford) neighborhood will have a great location," he said. "It will be front row seating."

"I think (these events) will be no hindrance to the continuation of the fireworks or other events for the village residents."

## Reading Road Trip

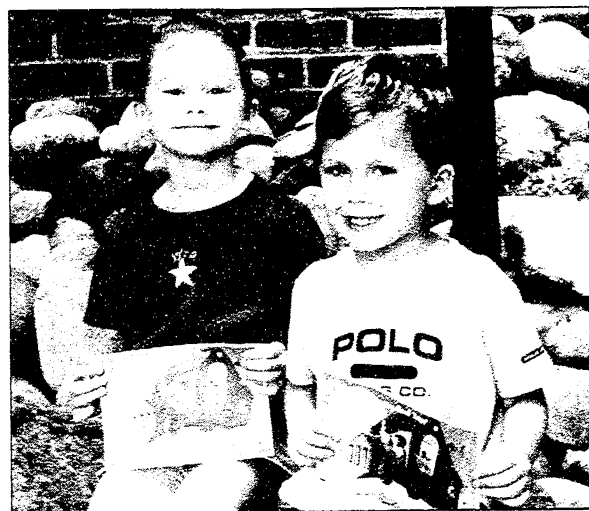


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Jessica (5) and Christopher (3) Zehn were excited to have read more than 30 books each in the library's summer reading program. Jessica chose "The Selfish Crocodile" while Christopher chose a Berenstain Bears tale.

# Bartlett haul route improvement set

Early this month, the Lenawee and Washtenaw County Road Commissions will begin construction on Phase 1 of three of the Bartlett Road haul route improvement project in Bridgewater Township.

The purpose of this project is to reconstruct the existing gravel road to a Class A, all-season asphalt road. The construction limits for Phase 1 begin at Allen Rd. and extend approximately 4,250 ft. south along Bartlett Road.

The limits also include a portion of Allen Rd. approximately 400 feet east and

west of the intersection with Bartlett Road. The work involves drainage improvements and constructing a new road section up through a gravel base layer upon which the asphalt pavement will be placed during the third phase of the project. Local traffic will be maintained within the construction limits; however, delays may be experienced.

Anticipated completion of the first phase is in November. Due to weather conditions, all dates are tentative and subject to change.

Questions regarding the

project may be directed to David Dykman at the Washtenaw County Road Commission, by calling 734-

327-6657, or John Keck of the Lenawee County Road Commission at 517-265-6971.

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# The ENTERPRISE COMMENTARY

## Street Talk

By Angela Cooper

*What's the strangest thing you've ever seen someone do in public?*



"When we were in Korea, they used to squat along the side of the road. The kids also ran around without diapers."

-Ann Price  
Manchester



"I saw someone walk across the street with a chicken face on. He was leaving the Tap."

-Jill Gregory  
Tecumseh



"Driving down one side of Main St. and parking on the other. Everyone complains about it, but I watch everybody do it. One time I saw this lady park on this side of Main St., then back up and park on the other side. Then she got out of the car and crossed the street."

-Sam Robinson  
Manchester



"Streak."

-Sam Robinson  
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"Flick us off."

-Josh Knouase  
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"I saw two people trying to have sexual relations at a baseball game."

-Dr. Harry Hadley  
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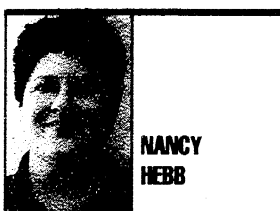
## Sounds can evoke distinctive memories

Scientists claim the sense of smell evokes memories most powerfully. I'm sure that's true, but lately I've been especially sensitive to sounds.

The "peepers" of spring long gone, cicadas now signal the dog days of summer. Crickets still chirp, but not as loudly. Bird songs have changed from melodious mating calls to simpler chirps and caws.

The air conditioner robs me of early morning cars passing on the road, the birds, and the neighbor's roosters. I'm looking forward to getting screens and opening the windows as the sounds of summer develop into fall.

Think of each of these and you'll also think of a place, a time, and certain people: the rhythmic, irrepresible thrumming of a passing train; the squeak of a glider; a whistling teaket-



NANCY HEBB  
SHEEP SHOTS

tle; the hiss of a pressure cooker; the distinct scrape of a shovel scooping up oats ... or coal, or gravel, or snow; the clack as a baler kicks a square bale of hay into the wagon; the thunk of a wagon tongue hitting the ground; the specific tone of your father's automobile; a screen door opening or closing; the flap of a flag.

Sounds enter our lives surreptitiously, often only recognized in their absence. The resonance as I cross the wooden deck of the

Wilbur Road Bridge has become a part of life. It would be missed. When I left Pleasant Lake Road, I also left the steady whoosh of rush-hour traffic starting at 4 a.m. It actually took a while to get over its loss and assimilate the dirt-road sounds around my new home.

Remember the service station bell? The bell at the end of each typed line? Will today's kids reminisce about a voice saying "you've got mail" or the character "Clippy" knocking at you from your computer screen?

Even the severe weather warning sounds have changed over time.

I have trouble recreating my grandmother's voice in my mind, but the sound of the bucket and chain descending, splashing, and creaking back up in her well remains as clear as the

cold water it delivered.

I already miss the sound of the tractor and rake as I turned over hay.

Sound tells us so much, sometimes signaling danger. The widely varied tones of a single word, "Mom!" can evoke sighs, annoyance, urgency, dread, or fear. I know whether the dog is barking at a squirrel, or at something in the sheep. Sound tells us when the drains are running slowly, even before things start backing up.

I quickly got used to listening to the sump pump this past spring. If I wasn't aware of it kicking in frequently, I'd go running to the basement to make sure the water wasn't rising.

I'll bet any woman can still hear the way her first oven's door closed or opened. Sleet on a roof, a ball through a net, locker doors slamming, a certain

snore, the ragged shaking of a flop-eared dog: we all hear them in our own way, remembering our own lives.

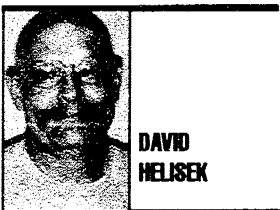
When I worked at Greenfield Village, my fellow historical farm workers and I could identify the sound of grain in a specific cow's pail; each resonated differently. We knew the scrape of the cow chains on their poles, the jingling of harness chains on horses, the sound of hooves on the ramp or the barn floor. Wagons, wheelchairs, and strollers all sounded different approaching on the gravel road.

I'm sure there are sounds around me that I'll recognize more fully when they, too, are gone. Maybe they won't be as enticing as the smell of cooling cinnamon buns, but I hope the memories they evoke will be just as sweet.

## Political hardball is hurting the state

I simply can't talk nicely about John Engler. Having watched the little ins and outs of politics for the last 20 years, he is one of the meanest politicians I have ever observed. I will give him the credit of absolutely knowing how to work the system as one of the best politicians ever, but if you've ever watched what happens when things don't go exactly his way, you can appreciate my comments.

His latest escapade is taking away \$800 million from the counties and townships—that includes you, folks. His pretense was that maybe three issues would get on the November ballot and maybe they will cost the state money. I think King John just disagrees with the ballot proposals and since citizens like you and me circumvented his supreme authority and collected signatures, he intends to punish the impu-



DAVID HELISEK  
THIS 'N' THAT

dent rascals. First, there is a proposal being circulated to give judges some leeway in mandatory sentencing. I didn't even know this issue was out there until the governor lowered the boom, but I guess it's out there. The governor says that it will cost us more to keep criminals out of prison than in.

Think about it. I don't think the cost of drug treatment programs is more expensive than putting someone behind bars. Besides that, we still have a

newly-built prison that hasn't opened because we can't afford it.

The second issue King John doesn't like is that there are petitions going around asking that a vote be taken on whether state employees should be able to collectively bargain and have binding arbitration on issues. Now the governor truly hates anything to do with unions and that's why he hates this proposal. By the way, I hadn't heard of this issue either until the governor brought it up.

The fact remains that state employees can't strike, walk out or slow work in any way. The proposal doesn't ask for that—it's not wanted and the people of the state don't want it. The proposal just asks for some basic working peoples' rights when disputes go to arbitration.

At this point maybe I should remind people that

the governor and most elected officials just got a big fat raise—but I don't hear about returning it in our current fiscal crisis. John Engler would never agree to anything that gave working people a voice as opposed to business.

The third issue King John doesn't like is my personal favorite. That issue is what to do with the cigarette lawsuit money the state receives. The governor very smoothly appropriated that money for his special legacy—scholarships for high school students. With this stroke of genius, he punished those who thought the money should go to health care (the liberals) and yet, who could argue against giving money to people for college? It was brilliant.

However, enough signatures were collected to put the issue on the November ballot. This enraged the king. So he took his first

revenge by taking away money from hospitals for Medicaid services, always an easy target. Coincidentally, hospitals supported this ballot proposal.

Now, on the basis that voters might approve this measure, the governor is taking money from all the counties and townships so they will get in line and campaign against this ballot proposal. Really, folks, that is what's going on. King John is mad because his scholarship legacy might be gone and those rotten liberals might get money for health care.

This issue is hardball politics at its finest. Most people will miss the point because no one wants to admit that revenge or ego is involved in the political game. But I assure you—you are seeing a mean man play a mean game of political baseball.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

*Riverfolk Festival was a great event.*

To the editor:  
Wow! That is the only way to describe the Riverfolk Festival.

As I walked around the crowd on Saturday and watched children playing in the water maze, building sand castles, making masks and instruments and then being led in a parade by Abe Lincoln, a flute, a bagpipe, and a drum my heart was filled with pride for our community.

As I looked at the faces of the adults (young and old) truly enjoying the wonder-

ful entertainment, following the instructors as they learned new dances or joining in the fun at the drum beat circle I had chills all over.

As I admired the work of the artists, many from our own community, I realized how lucky we are to have such talent in our small little corner of the world.

I had received some comments of concern because the Village had agreed to allow a fee to be charged to come into Carr Park for the Riverfolk Festival. But, knowing that a tremendous financial commitment had to be made by the organiz-

ers if this were to be a successful day, that our local citizens would have the option of a reduced price pre-sale ticket, and that the proceeds from the day would go back into our community via the Community Resource Center, our Village Council agreed to the use of the park. You only had to be there on Saturday to know that this was the right decision. The small contribution (\$8 for pre-sale tickets with children under 12 free) provided a full day of free entertainment and activities for the entire family. I cannot believe that there could be any better way to get your money's

worth.

I personally would like to thank Mark and Carol Palms, Chris Kanta, Sue Fieldner, Tom Kladzyk, McLennan Landscaping, Corey DiNardo, Jan Kaulins, Dan Huntsberger, the Manchester village employees, and the many volunteers that worked freely of their time and talents. Without those shuttle

bus drivers, parking lot attendants, stage builders, tent raisers, food servers and trash haulers this could not have been done. It really was amazing what this group of volunteers accomplished.

Manchester can be very proud that we sponsored an absolutely first class festival. I can't wait until next year!

Pat Vaillencourt

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# Prostate cancer survivor study set

Men with a history of prostate cancer who experience bothersome hot flashes as a result of their treatment can participate in a research study at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital—Ann Arbor. The study will help determine if a low dose anticonvulsant may be effective in reducing or eliminating hot flashes.

"Hot flashes are experienced by approximately 75 percent of men receiving hormone therapy for prostate cancer," explained Philip Stella, MD, medical director, Saint Joseph Mercy Cancer Care Center. "We hope the research will help us find a way to reduce

or eliminate hot flashes in prostate cancer survivors." North Central Cancer Treatment Group is sponsoring this study out of the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. The Michigan Cancer Research Consortium Community Clinical Oncology Program (formerly known as the Ann Arbor Regional Community Clinical Oncology Program) is the only program in the state of Michigan offering this study.

St. Joseph Mercy Hospital—Ann Arbor is the leading research institution of the Michigan Cancer Research Consortium Clinical

Oncology Program and participates in more than 100 cancer treatment and prevention trials. Other participating sites include: St. John Hospital and Medical Center in Detroit. St. John Macomb Hospital in Warren. St. Marys Medical Center in Saginaw. Genesys-Hurley Cancer Institute and Hurley Medical Center in Flint and Sparrow Health System in Lansing.

For more information about this study or other cancer treatment and prevention trials, please call Saint Joseph Mercy Cancer Care Center at (734) 712-5658 or toll-free (877) 590-5995.

# Homegrown barbecue grilling

By Mike Score  
Special Writer

Some folks have had an advantage in the first half of the summer grilling season. While many have had a good time grilling store-bought beef, a few have surpassed their neighbors with nicer, fresher cuts of meat.

How did they pull off this superior performance at the grill? The answer is that they bought locally. Washtenaw County residents are fortunate in that our agricultural community is located right next to the urban centers where demand for high quality farm products is highest.

There may be several beef farms in the county that are involved in selling directly to consumers. Not wanting to offend any of those farms, I promise to write future articles that highlight other farms if producers bring their retail services to my attention. One farm I know of where beef is produced and sold to local buyers is the Aaron Rogers farm, located on Saline-Milan Road just south of Saline.

Aaron uses a natural production system in which steers are fed corn, oats, hay, and protein concentrate. He has stayed away from use of

growth hormones and feed antibiotics because of consumer concerns related to these inputs. In raising steers, Aaron uses a series of management practices that are proven in production of leaner, better quality cuts of meat.

Earlier this summer I put his claims of higher quality to the test. I bought some beef from him and grilled it for my family. The meat had a very good flavor, and easily met my expectations that buying locally gave me some control over product freshness. Aaron hauls cattle to a USDA inspected meat packer once per week. In most cases, there is only a 14-day period between delivery of the steer to the meat packer and delivery of beef to the customer.

As an extension agent, I look for ways to promote consumption of local agricultural goods. Purchasing from

local farms recycles money within the local economy. Knowing a little bit about cattle, I also like the opportunity to drive into Aaron's farm and look at how the animals are being raised as I think about preparing a satisfactory meal for guests who will visit my home.

I can even work with Aaron to request that meat I am ordering come from a steer that has the growth characteristics I am looking for as a consumer.

If you are interested in learning more about this source of local beef, check out Rogers' website at [www.freshfarmmeats.com](http://www.freshfarmmeats.com). His phone number is 734-216-4577.

If you have a local farm based business that others in the community should know, please tell me about it. I can be reached in the Washtenaw MSU Extension Office.

## ORDINANCE

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forge a closer relationship with Washtenaw County and with Sylvan Township through their respective support in the matter.

**BLADES NOTED** that improvements to the township hall have been put on hold for too long because of the expensive court fight and that thought should be given to revisit the matter.

The board's custom to have an informal, non-agenda discussion before adjourning was curtailed in light of the oppressive heat inside the non-air-conditioned town hall, built in 1917.

Before adjourning, Blades reminded those in attendance that a public hearing on land use would precede the Aug. 15 planning commission meeting.



Virginia Morin

Moving to Brooklyn Living Center was one of the best decisions that I ever made. I was living on my own and had not been feeling well. My friend Tillie Bettenga was living at the center and I went to visit her. She was so happy. She said that everything was so clean all the time, and the people that worked there were so nice, and the food was so good. I went home and thought about what she said and came to the conclusion that there was no reason why I should struggle any more. I called my son Duane and told him that I wanted to move to Brooklyn Living Center. I am so happy here. I have wonderful neighbors and have made so many new friends.

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# SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS



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## SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS

Thanks to all the Senior Picnic participants who made me feel welcome last week at the Village Hall. With almost 40 people there, I was a bit overwhelmed by names and faces. I helped with time to get to know many of you. Please don't hesitate to call or send me your stories.

Marsha Chartrand recently caught me with a mystery novel under my arm as I walked in downtown Manchester. After both confessing to be mystery addicts, we started comparing authors. The encounter got me thinking about how absorbed in Nancy Drew mysteries I was as a kid. That, in turn, led me to an interesting and inspiring senior citizen profile.

Everyone familiar with mysteries recognizes the name Carolyn Keene as the creator of the teenaged sleuth, Nancy Drew. Keene is actually Millie Benson, a journalist with the Toledo Blade. Author of 23 out of the 30 Nancy Drew books, Benson has published more than 134 books, swims and walks at least three times a week, enjoys golf, and was a private pilot with her own plane until a few years ago.

Benson writes a monthly seniors' column for the Blade, arriving at the office early each morning. She's worked there since 1944. She claims she knew she wanted to be a writer from the time she was a toddler. At age 96, she's still doing it, and doing it with a flair and

sincerity all should admire. We have a cast and crew of equally inspiring people here in Manchester. I hope to hear their stories and relate them to all in the upcoming issues of the Enterprise. In addition to the news and events of the Senior Council, I hope this column will contain a lot of local profiles and memories.

However, I need your help to make this happen! Please contact me at (517) 456-8024. You don't have to dial "1" before the number, and it won't be a toll call from Manchester. Or contact me at Nancy Hebb, 11840 Hogan Rd., Clinton, MI 49236 or by

e-mail at [Nancy@48158.com](mailto:Nancy@48158.com). The upcoming week is a busy one for birthdays. All good wishes to Ernest Sweeney, celebrating on Aug. 10; Mike Miner whose birth date is Aug. 11; Gerry Mulrenin on Aug. 12 and Russell Jenter on the lucky date of Aug. 13. Happy Birthday to all!

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# Make the most of your broadband connection

The broadband internet has made it to Manchester. I got a cable modem installed the week I came back from vacation. It is much faster, and much more convenient. However, to get the most out of your broadband connection, you'll want to do a few things differently.



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## COMPUTER SAVVY

The normal installation of a cable modem is quite simple: the cable company installs the wire, adds a cable modem, and connects one computer to the cable modem.

There are two problems with this setup. The first is security. Your computer is now connected to the internet whenever it is on. That increases your risk of having your computer hacked into from the internet.

It's analogous to leaving your door unlocked. If you leave your door unlocked while you take a walk around the block, the risk of theft is small. On the other hand, if you leave your door unlocked for your two week vacation, the risk is much greater.

A broadband internet connection is the same: since it is always on, it increases the

risk that a hacker can find your machine and start probing it.

The second problem is trying to use the connection from more than one computer. If the cable modem is connected directly to the one computer, that is the only computer that can access the internet using your broadband connection. If you have more than one computer, that is sub-optimal.

Luckily, you can solve both problems the same way. Figure 1 shows the setup I have in my house. Instead of connecting the cable modem directly to the computer, I connect it to a router. Each of my PCs connects to the router. Now, every PC in my house can access the internet using the single broadband connection, and all my computers are safe behind a firewall.

A router is a piece of hardware that manages network connections between multiple computers. It manages the network traffic between computers, and other networks, routing communications to the correct machine. To share a broadband con-

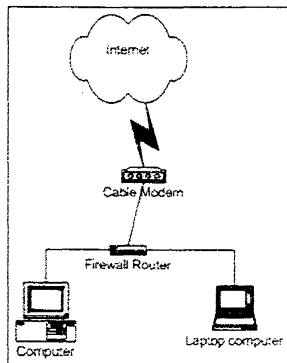
nection, you need a specific type of router: a cable or cable/DSL firewall router. These routers have LAN (Local Area Network) ports for connecting your PC, and a single WAN (Wide Area Network) port to connect to the cable modem.

Setting it up is simple. All you need to do is connect the network cables to the ports on the back. It's as easy as connecting a phone to a wall jack.

Once connected, you can easily see how each of your PCs can access the internet: the router simply forwards all internet requests to the cable modem, and forwards all responses back to the proper PC.

But how does it protect against hacker attacks? The short answer is that when the router forwards requests, it changes the

source address. Then, it does the same magic when it receives a return request. The post office makes a good analogy here: suppose you have a forwarding request at the local post office. When mail arrives for your old address, the post office re-



directs that mail to your new address. The same thing happens with a firewall router: when your PC makes a request through the router, it changes the return address. Then, when it gets packet back for the changed return address, it forwards the request to your machine's real address.

This is called "Network Address Translation." When you shop for a router, make sure it performs this function. Here's how it works.

Every machine that is connected to the internet has an

IP (Internet Protocol) address. Even though your PC does not have a recognizable name, it does have an IP address. Hackers try random IP addresses in the hope of finding a machine they can attack.

Here's where the router comes in. There are special addresses that are not accessible outside of a local network. These addresses start with 192.168. A firewall router assigns all of your machines an address in this region. The router blocks any traffic that is destined for those machines. It will only forward requests that are in response to requests it sent.

Now, you don't need to understand any of that to use it, just make sure you find a router that supports Network Address Translation. One of these routers is a minimal expense. A wired network version costs around \$100. A version that supports a wireless local network costs less than \$200. It will be a great addition to your home with broadband and multiple PCs.

## Voracious Readers



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Judy (left), 5, and Jessie Sahakian, 8, both finished reading 30 books in the Manchester District Library's summer reading program.

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# Do you know

# The Muffin Man?

By Rita Fischer  
Special Writer

The children's nursery rhyme "The Muffin Man?" says that he lives on Drury Lane.

Wrong. He lives on North Street in Chelsea.

Those famous little packets of "Jiffy" mix — the first retail prepared mix item that first hit American grocery shelves back in 1930 — got their start at Chelsea Milling Co. in Chelsea, located 60 miles west of Detroit.

Free tours of "Jiffyville" are offered to visitors on weekday mornings and include a tour of the facility, a slide show and — of course — samples.

Visitors start with a slide show about the history of the company, which dates back to 1887, when the Holmes family — in the milling business in Kansas, Illinois and Indiana since 1802 — bought the Chelsea Flourmill. In 1901, the mill — once one of 488 gristmills in Michigan, now one of only five — became the Chelsea Milling Co.

The pocket-sized "Jiffy" mixes came into being in 1930 when Mabel White Holmes, the mill owner's wife, took pity on a motherless boy who was eating lunch at the Holmes' home. The child's packed lunch was an unappetizing homemade biscuit more closely resembling a cross between a doorstop and a hockey puck.

The practical Mabel decided to come up with a product easy to make and, in doing so, she started the home baking mix market, which is now a \$2 billion industry.

The "Jiffy" name came from Mabel's remembrance of the family cook from her childhood, who would tell the little girl, "Now, Miss Mabel, you tell your father

them good, hot biscuits will be ready in a jiffy!"

Mabel became president of the company after her husband was killed in an accident at the mill in 1936.

about 20 years," Roskowski says. "I've stayed because I like the feel of the old-fashioned family business."

After the slide show and refreshments, visitors —

year held in 27 on-site silos. Before it reaches the mill, the grain has to meet muster. Once approved, the wheat is sent to the roller mills to be cracked open.

Some of the unused wheat is sent to Kellogg's in Battle Creek to be used in bran cereal, and the rest is used for animal feed.

The wheat then moves on to special sifters — each as tall as a person — with silk screens to keep out unwanted material.

The last stop before being sent to the final destination in boxes is a flour purifier. A pneumatic mill pushes the wheat back and forth. Samples are sent to a laboratory, where technicians use red dye to check the leavening, fat, flour and sugar content.

Only when the mix is exactly right does it make it into a famous blue box.

The one-hour tour ends in the corn muffin room, where visitors are handed their own boxes of Jiffy Mix, a fuzzy, stick-on critter in a chef's hat and a book of recipes.

Visitors can then watch trucks being loaded with the famous boxes. When the mill is running at full capacity, more than a million boxes a day leave for their truck journey to grocery stores and supermarkets



Photo by Rita Fischer  
Linda Gould of Grass Lake, a member of the 350-strong Team Jiffy, welcomes visitors in the corn muffin room at "Jiffyville."

## IF YOU GO...

**WHAT:** Chelsea Milling Co., home of the famous Jiffy mixes.  
**WHERE:** 201 W. North Street in Chelsea.  
**WHEN:** Tours are offered 9 a.m. through 1 p.m. Monday through Friday.  
**ADMISSION:** Tours are free, but reservations are required in advance to accommodate everyone. Call Jennifer Guenther at (734) 475-1361, Ext. 297.  
**RESTRICTIONS:** Regular capacity is 45 people, but special arrangements may be made for larger groups. Children 5 years old and younger must be hand-held by an adult. Accessibility for wheelchairs is available, but a wheelchair is not provided. There is one flight of stairs (about 16 steps) and the length of the plant is approximately one city block. Bus parking is available.  
**ADDITIONAL INFO:** Visit online at [www.jiffymix.com](http://www.jiffymix.com).

Her twin sons, Howard and Dudley, took over the reins in 1940. Today Howard's son, former racecar driver Howdy Holmes, is president and CEO. His brother, Bill, a pilot for American Airlines, is on the board of directors.

Deciding the company needed an overhaul to survive in a competitive market, Holmes applied what he had learned in the business end of racing, updating the factory and the schedules of the 350 employees on Team Jiffy.

The mill is not only a family business, but treats its employees as family, too. Tour guide Lynne Roskowski says that generations of families have worked there. She has been on board for 28 years, following in her mother's footsteps. Another employee, Louise Knickerbocker, has been a fixture for almost 50 years.

"My mother was here for

clad in hairnets — tour the facility, which is about the size of a city block.

"Jiffyville" even has a roller coaster. It will never rival the thrill rides at amusement parks, but people don't ride it — boxes of Jiffy Mix do.

Empty blue boxes are pulled onto the conveyors by their suction cups to start their two-mile ride. As they travel along, liners are placed inside the boxes.

They are then filled with Michigan winter white corn. The company uses 2.5 million bushels of flour each

across the country and overseas.

When Jiffy Mix appeared in 1930, it beat out General Mills' Bisquick mix by several months. Mabel's famous baking mix currently ranks second behind Bisquick.

In the home baking market, "Jiffy" — with annual sales of \$100 million — leads all six muffin mix categories, owning 57 percent

of the nation's muffin mix business.

Jiffy's cornbread mix is the seventh fastest moving dry grocery item in the country, controlling 85 percent of its market. Each day more than a million people pick up one of those little blue boxes on grocery store shelves.

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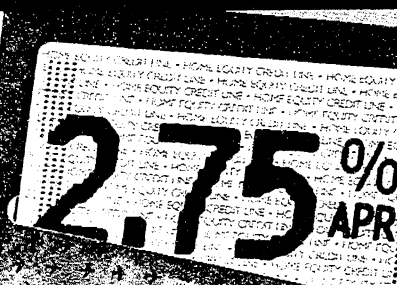
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# REVENUE

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tree planting, sidewalk replacement programs, recycling, chipping, leaf pickup and even employees.

"It wouldn't affect sewer or water services, because those are separate funds, which are derived from other sources," he said.

It could, however, affect how much the village's general fund gives to the water fund, and subsequently raise water rates. Currently the village contributes a half-million to the water fund each year. If that needed to be diverted to other expenditures, water rates could rise.

"We'll try to have the least visible impact to village residents," Wallace said. "A hundred thousand dollars is a lot of money."

He added that the biggest impact may be a trickle-down effect from county cuts.

"There could be a chain reaction as other government entities are forced to make adjustments," he said. "We just don't know."

**MANCHESTER'S SURROUNDING** townships, too, would feel the effects of Engler's budget-balancing measure—some to a lesser degree than the village and county government. Manchester Township would lose the largest dollar amount with \$17,959, about 12 percent of its total revenue sharing. Freedom Township stands to lose \$12,206. Bridgewater and

Sharon townships would be similarly affected with \$15,271 and \$12,606 reductions in state revenue sharing, respectively.

While a portion of the revenue sharing is constitutionally mandated to townships, according to Manchester Township Supervisor Ron Mann, the cuts will be substantial to some of the townships. Mann said that while Manchester Township has passed millages to support fire protection and road repairs, many rural townships rely on the state revenue sharing rather than raising taxes to balance the budget.

"We've got enough savings and we can tighten the belt a little bit to hold on if (the governor's veto) does go into effect," he said. "We're starting a new year and will have a lot of time—we'll just have to be careful and not overspend."

**MANN ADDED** that expenses are always an unknown at the beginning of a budget year, so that now when income is in question he is glad that his township has a "rainy day fund."

"We've tried to anticipate so that if something like this ever happened we could still operate," he said.

The topic likely will be discussed at the township's next meeting at 8 p.m. Monday.

Sharon Township is among those whose finances will be deeply affected by the cuts in state revenue.

"Obviously, we don't get much in property taxes in Sharon Township, so that's

an important source of revenue," Supervisor Gary Blades said. "It's depressing to think that they're playing games. It's supposed to be a stable source of township income."

"The state needs to recognize this is a source they can't cut without being taking some cuts of their own, otherwise they won't get the support from the people."

"It's really a contest between the state and local governments."

**BLADES SAID** that he hopes an Aug. 13 rally planned in Lansing will put enough pressure on the legislature to override the governor's veto.

"I'm not sure why Governor Engler is doing this," he said.

Freedom Township Supervisor Bob Little may not be sure about the governor's motives either; but he knows what he thinks about it.

"It's a good thing he's not standing for re-election," Little said. "It's a ploy; all he's done is upset a lot of people."

"It stinks. I get a little warm under the collar, as you can imagine."

Little added that the impact on his township's finances would be closer to a 50 percent cut than the 10 percent indicated by the state.

Freedom Township will next meet at 8 p.m. on Aug. 13, the same night as the

scheduled rally in Lansing. Carol Peacock, Bridgewater Township supervisor, said that she believes Engler is "looking ahead, perhaps trying to impact the outcome of the three ballot issues" in November.

"It feels as if he's getting ahead of himself," she added.

**THE TOWNSHIP'S** budget definitely would be affected if the governor's veto is not overridden, she said.

"Our board would have to amend the budget and cut some expenditures," Peacock said.

While she was unwilling to speculate on what budget items might be cut when the issue is still in the air, she said that police and roads were covered by property tax millages and would not be immediately affected.

"I'm hoping it will be overridden," she said. "We haven't looked at the whole question, but we will discuss it at our next board meeting if it's still an issue."

Bridgewater Township will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on Aug. 21.

# Fair Expression



Photo by Frank Weir  
Melissa Cousino of Manchester, a member of Country Expressions 4-H Club, is pictured with her pygmy goats, Keisha and Lilly. Last week's 4-H Fair was held at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds in Saline.

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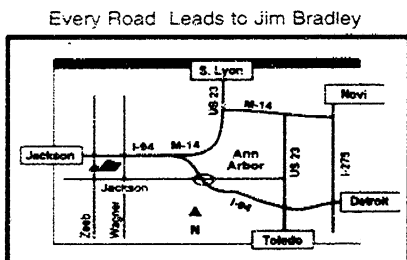
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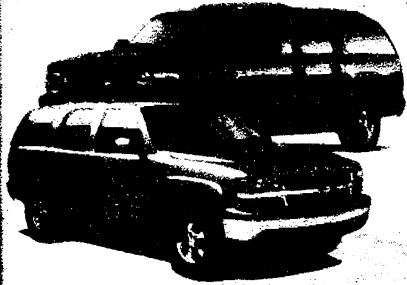
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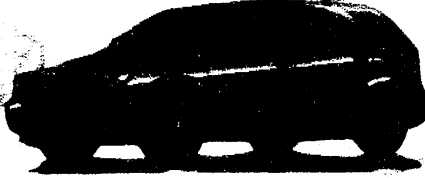


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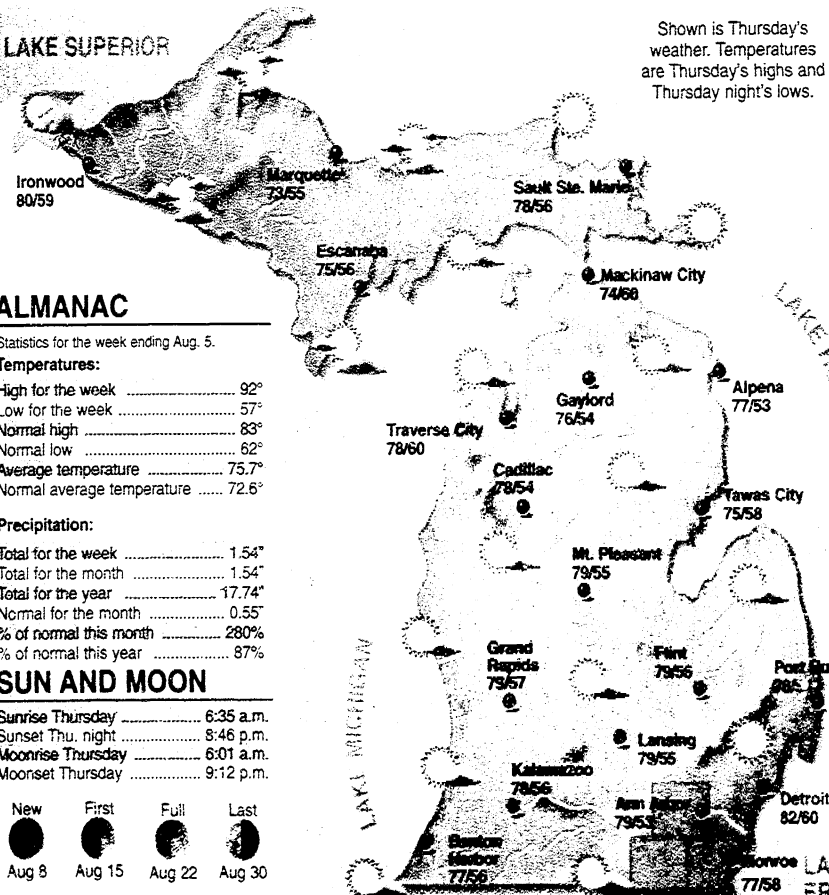
### FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR WASHTENAW COUNTY

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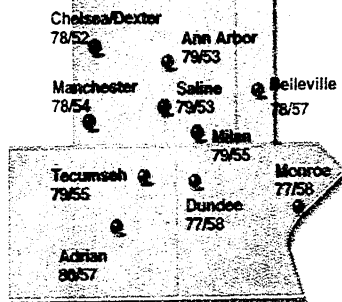
THURSDAY	THU. NIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
HIGH: 77°-81° Sunny and pleasant.	LOW: 51°-55° A starry night; cool.	HIGH: 80°-84° A full day of sunshine. LOW: 56°-60°	HIGH: 82°-86° A t-storm or two possible. LOW: 57°-61°	HIGH: 81°-85° Clouds and sun, perhaps a shower. LOW: 56°-60°	HIGH: 79°-83° A mix of clouds and sun. LOW: 64°-68°

### MICHIGAN

Shown is Thursday's weather. Temperatures are Thursday's highs and Thursday night's lows.



### LOCAL WEATHER



### MICHIGAN CITIES

City	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Ann Arbor	79/53/s	82/58/s
Battle Creek	79/57/s	82/62/s
Bay City	79/57/s	82/61/s
Coldwater	79/58/s	81/63/s
Dearborn	81/61/s	86/66/pc
Detroit	82/60/s	84/66/pc
Grand Rapids	79/57/s	81/62/s
Holland	78/58/s	80/62/s
Jackson	78/56/s	81/62/s
Kalamazoo	78/56/s	82/61/s
Lansing	79/55/s	82/60/s
Livonia	79/58/s	84/64/s
Midland	79/56/s	82/61/s
Monroe	77/58/s	85/63/s
Muskegon	77/58/s	81/60/s
Pontiac	78/59/s	82/62/s
Port Huron	78/54/s	83/61/s
Saginaw	79/57/s	82/61/s
Saline	79/53/s	82/58/s
Sault Ste. Marie	77/58/s	78/58/pc
Sturgis	77/58/s	82/62/s
Toronto	71/52/s	78/56/s
Traverse City	78/60/s	77/60/pc
Warren	82/63/s	85/68/pc

### AGRICULTURE

**Lenawee, Monroe and Washtenaw Counties**  
Sunshine totals will range from 8-12 hours Thursday with a comfortable afternoon. Relative humidity levels close to 50 percent with winds from the southeast at 5-10 mph.

### REAL FEEL TEMPTM

The exclusive AccuWeather RealFeel Temperature measures how the air feels, taking into account all weather factors including temperature, humidity, wind, precipitation and sunshine. Shown is the highest real-feel temperature for each day.

Highest Thursday	83°
Highest Friday	85°
Highest Saturday	85°
Highest Sunday	85°

### SOLUNAR TABLE

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

Major	Minor	Minor
Thu: 12:08 p.m. 5:53 a.m.		6:23 p.m.
Fri: 12:38 a.m. 6:52 a.m.	1:06 p.m.	7:20 p.m.
Sat: 1:38 a.m. 7:51 a.m.	2:05 p.m.	8:18 p.m.
Sun: 2:37 a.m. 8:50 a.m.	3:03 p.m.	9:16 p.m.

### UV INDEX

Highest Thursday ..... 7 ..... Moderate  
The ultraviolet index is a guide to exposure to the sun. The higher the UV Index number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection.

### ALMANAC

Statistics for the week ending Aug. 5.  
Temperatures:  
High for the week ..... 92°  
Low for the week ..... 57°  
Normal high ..... 83°  
Normal low ..... 62°  
Average temperature ..... 75.7°  
Normal average temperature ..... 72.6°  
Precipitation:  
Total for the week ..... 1.54"  
Total for the month ..... 1.54"  
Total for the year ..... 17.74"  
Normal for the month ..... 0.55"  
% of normal this month ..... 280%  
% of normal this year ..... 87%

### SUN AND MOON

Sunrise Thursday ..... 6:35 a.m.  
Sunset Thu. night ..... 8:46 p.m.  
Moonrise Thursday ..... 6:01 a.m.  
Moonset Thursday ..... 9:12 a.m.

New Aug 8  
First Aug 15  
Full Aug 22  
Last Aug 30

### NATIONAL CITIES

City	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	City	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	City	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	City	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Albany	74/56/s	82/62/s	Buffalo	78/58/s	82/64/s	Denver	88/56/pc	78/52/pc	Knoxville	84/63/s	86/65/s
Albuquerque	86/64/pc	88/62/pc	Burlington, IA	83/64/s	88/64/pc	Des Moines	82/63/pc	84/62/pc	Las Vegas	104/80/s	106/80/pc
Anchorage	65/52/pc	66/52/pc	Burlington, VT	74/56/s	80/60/pc	Duluth	78/58/t	75/54/sh	Laxington, KY	82/61/s	87/65/s
Atlanta	86/64/s	88/66/s	Casper	80/60/pc	78/50/pc	El Paso	92/70/pc	94/72/pc	Lincoln	88/65/pc	83/61/r
Atlanta City	78/64/s	82/66/s	Cedar Rapids	83/60/pc	84/60/pc	Fairbanks	59/45/sh	59/45/c	Little Rock	90/70/s	92/70/s
Baltimore	82/58/s	86/64/s	Charleston, SC	87/66/s	87/71/s	Fargo	87/60/t	78/56/pc	Los Angeles	84/63/s	86/65/s
Baton Rouge	91/72/t	90/73/pc	Charleston, WV	80/57/s	83/62/s	Flagstaff	80/48/s	81/54/pc	Louisville	84/64/s	86/68/s
Birmingham	90/66/s	90/66/s	Charlotte	86/62/s	96/66/s	Fort Wayne	80/48/s	86/66/s	Madison	80/60/pc	84/60/pc
Bismarck	82/56/sh	80/55/s	Chicago	82/64/s	86/68/pc	Gary	78/58/pc	83/58/pc	Memphis	90/70/pc	90/72/s
Bloomington	82/56/s	84/62/s	Cheyanne	86/64/s	75/49/pc	Green Bay	84/60/pc	84/51/s	Miami	90/78/pc	90/78/pc
Boise	80/50/s	86/56/s	Chicago	82/64/s	86/68/pc	Haiena	88/48/pc	83/58/pc	Minneapolis	84/66/t	82/60/sh
Boston	78/62/s	80/64/pc	Cincinnati	80/60/s	86/64/s	Honolulu	89/76/pc	88/75/s	Mobile	90/72/t	90/72/pc
Brownsville	95/77/pc	94/76/pc	Cleveland	76/56/s	82/60/s	Houston	90/74/t	92/74/pc	Mobile	90/76/t	88/66/s
			Columbia, MO	84/62/s	86/64/s	Indianapolis	82/61/s	87/65/s	New Orleans	87/66/t	90/76/s
			Columbus, OH	81/59/s	85/64/s	Janesville	86/51/t	80/50/sh	New York	80/66/s	84/70/s
			Dallas	94/76/pc	92/76/pc	Kansas City	84/66/pc	82/62/pc			
			Davenport	78/57/s	80/62/t						

# The ENTERPRISE COMMUNITY

Thursday, August 8, 2002

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## First families

### Schaible family were among area's first German settlers

■ **Luther Schaible** has traced his roots to 1500s.

By **Angela Cooper**  
Staff Writer

For Luther "Luke" Schaible, researching his family tree has become a source of pride and interest.

He has traced his roots back as far as 1550 to a farm in Aichhalden, Wurttemberg in Germany, where Hans Schaible was born.

Luke's great-grandfather, Johannes, left that same farm to emigrate to America in 1847. He settled at 7624 Pleasant Lake Road on land he purchased from the government.

He turned the land from an empty lot to a prosperous farm, which still stands today.

"Since he came here, only Schaibles have lived in that house," Luke says. "David Schaible, who's in the fourth generation, owns it now."

Along with studying his family's history, Luke has researched the conditions that caused Johannes to leave Germany.

"The reason they came to America probably applies to about 90 percent of all immigrants: they sought opportunity," he explains. "Germany was in a very poor economic situation in the 1800s; a depression.

"There was the average class of people and then the peasants. If you didn't have a good job, the only thing left was the level of a peasant and that was as poor as you can get."

Johannes faced another problem as well.

He was the youngest son and in German tradition, the oldest son was given the first opportunity to take over the family farm.

The shortage of land in Germany made it impossible for him to find another parcel of land to farm unless he found a family with no children, which was unlikely.

So as much as he came to escape the harsh economic conditions in Germany, he also needed to buy land in order to prosper as a farmer.

"The two things worked together—the bad economy

and being the youngest," Luke says.

"In the 1800s, many people had already emigrated to America and letters indicated that there was an abundance of land, such as what happened when he got there and bought the land directly from the government.

"The key to coming to America was opportunity."

Seeking just that, Johannes left the Stuttgart area and, bringing his girlfriend Margaretha Reule, came to America, marrying her along the way.

According to Luke, the majority of German families that came to the Ann Arbor area came from around Stuttgart, which is near the Black Forest and about 50 miles from France.

The Schaible family didn't only move to America. The ones who left Germany moved to a variety of countries, most still seeking opportunity.

"Five members of my direct family line went to Russia and settled," Luke says. "One of them became a Russian military general.

"Others came to Canada and one went as a missionary to China in the 1800s. A number of them went to Ukraine."

The draw to Russia and that region came also from a surplus of land and a need for agriculture there.

"Because Germans had a reputation for having good farmers, Catherine the Great offered free land to anyone who would come there to farm it," Luke explained. "They stayed for 10 years or so, but some of them left for Canada and America then because the infrastructure was so poor.

"There were no railroads or trucks, so they had to get to the produce out. It didn't matter how good the farmer was, they couldn't sell their products. Again, they lacked opportunity."

Aside from the opportunity issue, Luke acknowledges another problem many Europeans faced then.

Most of their governments were monarchies and often people fled the persecution and control under ruthless kings and queens.

"Like my dad told me, we

don't have any idea how tough it was," Luke says. "What we have is the information that was handed down to us.

"We have to agree it's true. It's proven by the influx of people from those countries at that time."

That problem went far

Manchester. Their brother George is grandfather to brothers John and Richard Schaible and their cousin, Charles, and his four sisters."

Another brother, Mathaus, was a minister who died when he was 25 years old. He left no descen-



Photo by Angela Cooper

Johannes and Margaretha Schaible (left) had this picture taken after they moved to Manchester. When Luke and Barb Schaible (above) visited Germany, they discovered that their family there had a copy of the same picture.

dent owner."

Luke has gone beyond just researching the family's original American home. He's also looked into the German property they left behind.

Two years ago, he and his wife, Barb, went to Aichhalden to the farm Johannes left.

"We went to the house that my great-grandfather lived in," Luke says. "It's 350 years old and used as an animal barn now. The family built a new house seven years ago.

"Aichhalden is this little village, similar in size to Bridgewater. It's all Schaibles. Evidently they didn't let anybody else in!"

Members of the Schaible family still live in that home and farm the land.

When Luke and Barb visited, they discovered that the family has the same picture of his great-grandparents as he was given, which was taken in Ann Arbor. Apparently, the couple sent a copy back to Germany.

They also visited the Girbach house in Ettmenseiler, where another ancestor came from.

"Ettmenseiler and Aichhalden are about 15 kilometers apart, but the families didn't know each other over there," Luke laughs. "They only met once they came here. I guess it makes sense because their only means of transportation was walking or horses."

His visit to Germany fulfilled a lifelong goal to meet his family members there. They have not been able to contact relatives that moved to other areas from Germany.

"I had a feeling I would like to meet these people and see the place where my ancestry came from," Luke says. "We accomplished that. I wouldn't say that we wouldn't ever go back, but we have no plans right now.

"We walked on the ground that my great-grandfather left when he came here, although we couldn't find his footsteps. The man who lives there now took us through the fields and around the land, so who knows?"

"Maybe we did walk in his footsteps."

Luke takes as much pride in his American citizenship as his German heritage.

He notes that the same opportunities that lured his ancestors here so long ago continue to bring immigrants from all over the world.

"There's a source where we came from," he says. "The only true Americans are the Indians; the rest of us can trace our ancestry to other countries like Germany."

"I think it has taken a lot of initiative to leave family and friends to go to a new world knowing you'd never see each other again. My dad often mentioned though that

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## From teenage teller to career in customer relations

■ **Kathy Roberts** promoted at United Bank and Trust.

By **Angela Cooper**  
Staff Writer

What started as a job after high school has grown into a career for Kathy Roberts.

In December 1974, she began working for what was then Ann Arbor Federal Savings and Loan as a full-time teller.

"I graduated that spring, but I couldn't start working until I turned 18," Roberts says. "The office opened in May 1974 and I started in December."

She has been there ever since, through two shifts in ownership to Great Lakes Bancorp and then United Bank and Trust.

Though she spent most of her career as a teller, she quickly ascended after the transfer to United in April 1999.

"I went into the head teller position when United bought Great Lakes," she says. "Then they offered me the job of client service manager and Marcia Bunney was promoted as well."

Roberts stayed in that posi-



Kathy Roberts finds a new niche in the same office she's worked in for nearly 30 years.

tion until Steve Anderson left the Manchester bank to work for United's mortgage division, an itinerant position based mainly in Dexter.

Once he left, Roberts took over his position as financial sales manager. Her new position focuses more on new business and sales.

When she took this job, Bunney moved up from financial sales representa-

tive to client service manager, where she handles everything behind the teller line and operations.

"I could have probably done things sooner if I had been willing to leave," Roberts says. "I chose to stay here with my family. My goal was to raise my kids.

"They say patience is a virtue. Well, I finally got a promotion and my kids are

grown!"

Her younger daughter Kim is a junior at Manchester High School. Katie, who was married last summer, has a job and attends Eastern Michigan University.

Roberts' job and her family have kept her closely involved with the community. She also serves as treasurer of the athletic boosters.

Roberts attends many

Manchester sporting events as part of that position and also to watch Kim play.

"I think just the opportunity to work in the same community as you live is the best of both worlds," Roberts says. "My kids went to school here and I could be with them.

"The person that's responsible for me being here is Dave Little. He's the one who hired me out of high school. Working with him stands out in my memory; he's why I'm still here.

"He made it fun, always laughing."

Because she has worked at the same bank for nearly 30 years, she has witnessed many changes—and not only those in ownership.

Roberts was also there when United overhauled the interior of the building when the new bank took over. Working in numerous positions has also exposed her to many aspects of banking.

"I have the opportunity to do something a little different in the same office," Roberts says. "It's fairly new to me. Having a good staff makes it easier because I don't have to micromanage. I enjoy working with the

public. I wouldn't enjoy a job without client contact."

Roberts spends a lot of time out of the office with her new job, although, she said, not as much as Anderson did.

The difference comes in part because the bank has not yet filled the vacancy in the financial sales representative post when Bunney was promoted.

Roberts focuses on extending United's client base and finding new business, which allows her to keep in contact with the community.

Because of her strong ties to Manchester, Roberts applauds the switch from Great Lakes to United allowing the bank to remain an integral part of the community.

"United is definitely a committed community bank," she says. "Great Lakes was getting bigger. I give United credit for coming in and supporting the community."

"We have a feel for what should be supported by the bank and how a small town bank should fit into the community."

# Backpacks can be a pain in the neck

A backpack stuffed with textbooks, notebooks and other school supplies could be causing your child's back pain, says Andrew Marsh, a physical therapist at the University of Michigan Health System's Spine Program.

That's because many kids are using backpacks that aren't designed to carry all of the stuff they're putting in them. With the new school year just around the corner, it's important to make sure your child has a sturdy backpack and knows the right way to wear it.

"In a recent study, we found that most kids carry approximately 20 to 25 percent of their body weight in their bags," said Marsh.

That's much more than the 10 to 20 percent recommended by the Occupational Therapy Association.

"Often, kids use backpacks that are only designed to hold 5 to 7 pounds to carry their 15- to 20-pound loads."

"They're really overloading the straps because the backpacks aren't designed to hold that much weight," Marsh said. "As a result, the structure of the backpack fails, which can cause problems."

To compensate for the extra weight on their backs, kids may end up leaning forward when they carry their backpacks. This puts more pressure not only on children's backs, but on their necks, too.

The study also found that over-stuffing backpacks isn't the only problem—kids aren't wearing them properly, either.

"Many of the kids wear their backpacks way too low," says Marsh. "Instead of sitting on their backs, they end up hanging too low."

The combined result of improper use and wear is a slew of back pain complaints—and those complaining are getting younger and younger.

"I once had a 6-year-old patient who complained of back pain," Marsh said. "I asked him when he experienced it, and he said he felt it when he ran, carried his backpack or took the stairs."

Concern over poor posture and back problems motivated the backpack study at the U-M Spine Program. The study looked at what happens to kid's backs when they carry their backpacks. Those who participated in the study used a support strap to carry 10 percent

then 20 percent of their body weight in their backpacks. Then, they carried the same loads without extra support.

The study found that kids didn't feel like they were working as hard when they used the strap, regardless of whether they were carrying 10 percent or 20 percent of their weight.

"Using the support across

my stomach made the load in the backpack feel lighter," said Michael McCoy, a 14-year-old participant in the study. "It evened it out, so it wasn't as hard on my back."

For those shopping for a new backpack this fall, Marsh says to make sure the size of the backpack fits the size of the child. Parents also should make sure the

backpack will offer enough support for the amount of weight the child plans to carry.

"Teens should look for backpacks with thick shoulder straps and a support strap, like a waist belt," he said. "The belt will give a lot of support and will help alleviate some of the pressure on the back. Younger kids, on the other hand, don't necessarily need the belt, but their bags should have good shoulder straps."

Adjustability is also an important feature, according to Marsh.

"A lot of kids don't have time to go back to their lockers, so they're carrying their bags with them all day long," he said. "Because of that, they need something

that's easy to get on and off as they move from class to class."

Acute back pain caused by backpacks often goes away by itself. For temporary relief, experts recommend an over-the-counter medicine like ibuprofen (Motrin or Advil) or naproxen sodium (Aleve). Stretching, moving around and keeping your muscles loose can also help alleviate aches.

If you or your child experiences serious or recurrent back pain, visit your family health care provider.

## Packing the back

Nearly 60 percent of young people will experience back pain by the time they are 18 years old.

Place heavier items in the backpack closer to the child's back than lighter ones.

Shoulder straps should rest equally on both shoulders.

A backpack should sit on the child's back. If it hangs below their hips, it's too low. If it rests on their neck, it's too high.

Backpacks should be comfortable to wear without having to lean forward to maintain balance.

## BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING ON ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

Notice is hereby given for a public hearing of the Bridgewater Township Planning Commission on Monday, August 12, 2002, at 7:30PM at the Bridgewater Township Hall, Corner of Clinton and Braun Roads, Clinton, Michigan. The purpose of the hearing is to obtain public comment on draft changes to the Bridgewater Township Zoning Ordinance as follows:

- Residential (R-3) zoning for the Hamlet of Bridgewater
- Local commercial zoning for the Hamlet of Bridgewater
- Local Commercial for the balance of the Township
- Open space preservation.

Persons wishing to read the proposed changes to the Bridgewater Township Zoning Ordinance can do so in several ways: ask at the reference desks at the Saline, Clinton and Manchester Libraries; telephone Wanda Fish, Administrative Assistant, Planning Commission at 517-456-4314 or e-mail: wfish@ini.net.

Persons wishing to comment on the draft ordinance changes may do so at the public hearing or by writing to the Planning Commission Chair, James Fish, 11691 Hogan Road, Clinton, Michigan 49236 or at jfish@ini.net.

The Bridgewater Township Board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities at the public hearing upon ten days' notice to the Bridgewater Township Board. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Bridgewater Township Clerk, Karen Weidmayer, at 13360 E. Austin Road, Manchester, Michigan 48158 or by calling 734-428-8641.

## FREEDOM TOWNSHIP SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE OF THE FREEDOM TOWNSHIP BOARD WILL BE HELD AT THE FREEDOM TOWNSHIP HALL 11508 PLEASANT LAKE ROAD MANCHESTER, MI 48158 ON MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2002 AT 8:00 P.M.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Manchester District Library. This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCL 41.72a (2) (3) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

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## BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP PUBLIC NOTICE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notice is hereby given for two public hearings of the Bridgewater Township Zoning Board of Appeals on Wednesday, August 14, 2002, at 7:30 PM at the Township Hall, 10990 Clinton Road, Clinton. The purpose of the hearings is to consider requests by the following:

- Richard R. and Idella I. Wagner for a variance from the provisions of the Bridgewater Township Zoning Ordinance regarding the distance between structures at property located at 13570 Clinton-Manchester Road. The variance will accommodate replacement of a garage.
- Mary Spreeman and Peter C. Moilanen for a variance from the provisions of the Bridgewater Township Zoning Ordinance regarding the front setback distance to accommodate building a garage at 13175 Clinton-Manchester Road.

The applications for the variances and all supporting papers can be examined by making an appointment with Wanda Fish, Administrative Assistant, telephone number 517-456-4314. You may also send e-mail to her at wfish@ini.net. Persons wishing to comment may do so at the meeting or by writing to Glen Finkbeiner, Acting Chair, Bridgewater Township Zoning Board of Appeals, at 12250 E. Michigan Avenue, Clinton, Michigan 49236. You may also e-mail your comments to Wanda Fish at wfish@ini.net.

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## OBITUARY

### WILHELMINA R. MANN

Wilhelmina Ruth "Billie" Mann, age 85 of Manchester, died on Aug. 3, 2002.

She was born on Jan. 11, 1917 in Ann Arbor, the daughter of Emmanuel J. and Claire (Koch) Sodt. She married Earl Mann on Jan. 25, 1944 and he preceded her in death in 1968.

Mrs. Mann was a member of Bethel United Church of Christ. She retired in 1980 after 36 years of service at the family business, E.G. Mann and Sons in Bridgewater.

She is survived by her four sons: Glen (Patricia) and Victor (Susan) Mann of Manchester, Donald (Roberta) of Dimondale, and Gerald (Betty) of Manchester; nine grandchildren, one great-grandchild; and many nieces and nephews.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Mann was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters, Jean and Virginia and one brother, Emmanuel, Jr.

Funeral services, arranged by the Jenter and Braun Funeral Home, Manchester Chapel, were held at 1 p.m. on Aug. 5, 2002 at the Bethel United Church of Christ with the Rev. Richard E. Hardy officiating. Burial was in Bethel Church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Arbor Hospice or Bethel

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## MANCHESTER VILLAGE PLANNING COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Agenda  
Tuesday, August 13, 2002, 7:30 P.M.  
Manchester Village Hall

### AGENDA:

1. Call meeting to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of minutes from previous meeting
5. Correspondence
6. Public participation
7. Old Business
  - a. Master Plan
  - b. River Raisin Overlay
  - c. Other
8. New Business
  - a. Other
9. Report from Administration
10. Adjourn

## SHARON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING AND MEETING

On Thursday, August 15, 2002, at 8:00 p.m. EST, at the Sharon Township Hall, 18010 Pleasant Lake Road, the Sharon Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing to receive comments on the following:

- The revised and upgraded

Sharon Township Land Use Policy Plan.

Written comments may be sent to Shannon Fleck, Chairman, Sharon Township Planning Commission, 10592 Chelsea-Manchester Road, Manchester, Michigan 48158, and must be received by August 13, 2002.

The Sharon Township Current Land Use Plan, and the proposed Plan, may be reviewed, and purchased, by appointment, through Teri Auto, Sharon Township Clerk, Call 428-7002.

Copies of the draft revised Plan will also be available for examination at the Township Hall on Fridays from 9:00 a.m. - Noon, the Manchester District Library and the Chelsea District Library. Contact the Clerk for additional details.

The regular meeting of the Commission will commence immediately following the Public Hearing.

Sharon Township Planning Commission  
Shannon Fleck, Chairman

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## Deborah Engelbert

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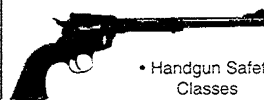
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# Theft at golf center leaves customers upset

■ State police have no leads in case.

By Laura Merte  
Staff Writer

If the saying "one rotten apple can spoil the bunch" were ever true, it is even more so at the Chelsea Golf Center this week.

Between the hours of 9:30 p.m. on July 28 and 8 a.m. the next day, a felony was committed at the Chelsea Golf Center, located across from the Chrysler Proving

Grounds on M-52 in Sylvan Township.

When owner Skip Oake arrived at the golf center on July 29, he discovered the theft of approximately \$4,500 in golf equipment, including practice range mats, flags, ball baskets, and more than 3,000 balls. There were no signs of a break-in at the office building.

"They got only those things required to set up their own course," Oake

said. "It's enough for a private four-hole golf course."

Oake found tire tracks indicating that the perpetrator(s) drove up between the office building and the practice range area, loaded mats into their vehicle, then collected balls one by one from the driving range.

"Everyone that has speculated that there was more than one person involved," says Oake. "300 balls over a 15-acre area; that takes a while to pick up."

He believes that the persons behind the crime were familiar with the golf center, possibly customers.

"They really knew what they were doing," he said. "They'd been here before." The case was handled by Michigan State Police.

There are currently no leads, so Oake is taking security precautions he wishes he didn't have to.

"Last night was the first time I had to lock the gates all year," he said last

Tuesday.

Usually, Oake says, he leaves the gates open for customers who like to hit a few rounds of balls in the early morning, before the center opens. But now, this is a courtesy he can no longer afford to offer.

"I trusted people and now I can't," Oake said. "I don't like looking at first-time customers and wondering ... what if?"

"Golfers are usually honorable people. But the trust is broken."

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it was not hard to leave the homeland because conditions were so tough.

"America earned a reputation in Germany as a land of opportunity. That name filtered back Germany by people who moved here previously."

He acknowledges that the same reputation has spread around the world today.

"The people who come

here still do say that America is the best place in the world," Luke says. "Our country has probably made mistakes in the past, but after any war, we have done more than any country to help rebuild. There's never a disaster in the world, but where the U.S. stands ready to contribute."

"I think that has made America great. It's a country that everybody would like to come to and it's understandable why."

# Children's choir program starts in Chelsea

By Sheila Pursglove  
Heritage Newspapers

The Chelsea Center for the Development of the Arts will join forces with First Steps Washtenaw in Chelsea to present a new program for youngsters.

The two organizations will offer a weekly pre-kindergarten program introducing visual and musical arts to young children and their parents.

"CCDA is the only visual and musical arts nonprofit organization serving Chelsea and the surrounding area," CCDA Executive Director Ginger Sissom said. "We've not been able to provide ongoing opportunities for children under kindergarten age, leaving a void for this population."

For the past year, the cen-

ter has offered Family First Sundays, a free hands-on music and visual art program for elementary-school children and their families. Sissom said many preschoolers join their older siblings at the programs and that the center has received inquiries from parents asking for pre-school programs.

The new program, Rainbows and Rhythms, will meet the needs of that age group, she said. The idea is to engage families together in a fun environment. Youngsters will learn rhythm, shapes, movement, creativity, make-believe, and art history.

In addition, parents will be more confident in projects with their children at home and learn to have fun

with the arts, she said.

Sissom, who has extensive experience in nonprofit management, will serve as project manager, leading the program development process. She will work closely with the center's music director, Lisa Hinz-Johnson, and visual arts director, Linda Leatham.

The group will team with Sarah Houle, director of First Steps Washtenaw, formerly Parents as Teachers. She will consult with the center during program development, evaluation and scholarships.

Five of the 15 spots in each class will be held for scholarship students on a sliding scale, from partial to full.

"We are so pleased to be working with Sara," Sissom

said. "Her expertise in child development strengthens our proposal and will ensure a quality program."

Eight six-week class sessions taught by Lorin Kummer will be offered. Two each in early fall, late fall, early spring and late spring.

For more information, call the CCDA at 433-2787.

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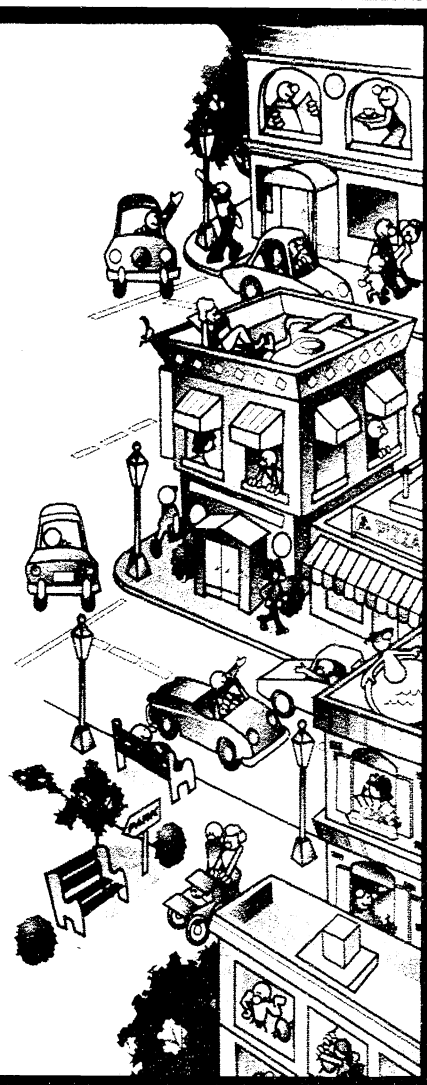
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- 1 Tiny amount
- 5 Jazz enthusiast
- 8 Appellation
- 12 One of a Biblical trio
- 14 Wrongdoing
- 15 Perfect phrasing, s'il vous plait
- 16 Swindle
- 17 Tribute in verse
- 18 Chopin creations
- 20 Flick
- 23 Prison
- 24 Bell-ringer's company?
- 25 Heater
- 28 Shot -
- 29 Long openings
- 30 Peculiar
- 32 Cohort of 12-Across
- 34 Ashcroft's predecessor?
- 35 Metropolis
- 36 Fragrant wood
- 37 Islamic title
- 40 Bottom line
- 41 Bread spread
- 42 Retiree's honorific
- 47 Former national capital
- 48 Cohort of 12-Across
- 49 Harry's first lady
- 50 Weir
- 51 Willy Wonka's creator

**DOWN**

- 1 Doctrine
- 2 Discoverer's cry
- 3 Crochet
- 4 Neighbor
- 5 Wine-shop purchase
- 6 Deed
- 7 3rd rock from the sun
- 8 Interstellar cloud
- 9 Beyond eager
- 10 Marathon
- 11 fraction
- 12 Benevolent group
- 13 Discourteous
- 19 Supermarket stack
- 20 Chart
- 21 Egg
- 22 November responsibility
- 23 Like fruit
- 25 Variety of catfish
- 26 Dorm dweller
- 27 Author Ferber
- 29 Armada member
- 31 Rimsky-Korsakov's
- 33 "Le Coq -"
- 34 Joffrey's memory
- 36 Cheese ingredient
- 37 "The Georgia Peach"
- 38 Soothing agent
- 39 Photog's choice
- 40 Appear
- 43 CEO's degree
- 44 Afternoon gathering
- 45 "That's yucky!"
- 46 Impresario

Answers To This Week's King Crossword

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# Drought is taking its toll on summer gardens

I've been out of the state for half of June and July, so my garden has been surviving on its own.

June took me to the Atlanta area and in July I traveled throughout Colorado. Both states are experiencing serious drought conditions, but more about that later.

I was relieved to see rain in mid-July as I watched the weather forecasts during my travels across Colorado. Prior to leaving in July, my husband installed an overhead watering system of PVC pipes with rotating sprinkler heads in our pergola. Our pergola is 25 feet long by 12 feet wide, with 50 percent shade provided by 1-inch lath boards overhead.

The sprinkler system was fairly easy to install. It has two rotating sprinkler heads and a quick connect for the hose at the end of the PVC riser that reaches to within 6 inches off the ground. A twist of the wrist sets the water timer control to 30 minutes, activating the overhead sprinkler system.

We generally have someone staying at our home while we are gone but they may not be gardeners, so ease and careful instruction is necessary.

Since we have a well, we tested the watering time and well cycle several times to determine the length of time required to do the job. We then carefully arranged the plants on the shelves. Some have trays to collect and hold water; others were moved to the perimeter where they receive less water.



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## GARDENS & NATURE

We moved all of our large container plants including three potted tomato plants to the floor inside the pergola.

Two balled and burlapped conifers were removed from their large black plastic containers and we temporarily heeled them into the sandy soil at the edge of the pergola where the runoff would keep the soil moist. Burlap can shed water when dry, so it's important to keep it damp.

While the conifers were in the containers, they required hand watering since their thick foliage extended beyond the edge of the containers, preventing overhead watering from reaching their balled roots in the containers.

Before leaving in June, the remaining garden areas were well watered and weeded. I noted areas where the mulch was getting thin.

When I returned after a couple of weeks, it took only a day or so to do the weeding and water. Although most of the garden areas were dry, none of the plants were wilted or showing water stress.

Again, I worked to prepare the garden for another two-week absence beginning in mid-July. I began by thor-

oughly soaking my garden areas and replenishing the mulch. July and August, and even early September can be scorchers.

The high day temperatures are tough enough, but when the nighttime temps don't drop below 60 or 70 degrees, it doubles the stress on plants, particularly newly spring planted trees and shrubs.

Lack of water creates problems since most herbaceous plants are made up of 80 to 90 percent water (perennials, annuals and vegetables) and the woody plants (trees and shrubs) are about 50 percent water.

Plants that are water stressed cannot process chemicals or transport energy through their vascular systems. Wilt, curling and drooping of leaves are some of the signs of water stress.

Plants that are weakened by water stress during the hot summer months are more susceptible to diseases and insect infestations, or suffer winter injury or die.

Recent studies by the American Horticultural Society have led to the new Heat Zone Hardiness Map. Information about the heat zone map is available at <http://www.ahs.org/index.htm> under the publications sections.

The map is similar to the USDA Cold Hardiness Zone Map, except it designates zones by "heat days" with temperatures over 86 degrees. This is the temperature at which plants begin to experience physiological damage if there is insufficient water.

My trip to Colorado was an eye-opener. The four-year drought is taking a severe

toll and water surcharges are being imposed in some areas. In Denver, 30 percent surcharges are expected by the end of the year combined with tighter water-use restrictions.

Many of the reservoirs I saw across the state were already 30 to 40 percent empty. If the drought continues, officials expect the reservoirs could be more than 60 percent empty by next spring after the season's runoff, and 80 percent empty by the following year.

One Colorado gardener who lives about 30 miles from the Fort Collins-Boulder area hauls household water in 50-gallon drums in the back of a pickup truck weekly. Last year, she spent \$10,000 to drill a deeper well, but it was not successful. She says her garden is toast.

After trekking around Colorado for 12 days in pursuit of alpinists and wildflowers, we arrived in Crested Butte. The area is known as the Wildflower Capital of Colorado and holds a July wildflower festival each year. The wildflowers and butterflies were numerous, although this year the lack of snow cover and higher temperatures had brought on an earlier than usual bloom season.

As the heat intensifies, our plants need regular watering. As we all prepare for our vacations and make our checklist of "to dos" watering our plants and trees should be a priority.

Charlene Harris of Chelsea is a master gardener. She can be reached via e-mail at [charis@provide.net](mailto:charis@provide.net).

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# The ENTERPRISE CURRENT

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## Library issue not as costly as it seems

■ *Net cost of library may be lower than tax bills indicate.*

By Laura Merte  
Staff Writer

Is the cost of a library to Freedom Township residents and farmers as high as it seems?

Maybe not for everyone. Under contention recently is the millage rate paid by Freedom Township residents to support the Manchester District Library. The tax assessed to residents for the library is .9 mills, which nearly doubles the current property tax rate of 1.1 mills.

There is a wide range of properties within the township, from small lots clustered around Pleasant Lake to farms of more than 100 acres.

These variations result in large parcel owners paying a higher sum than their neighbors for use of the same facilities, such as the district library. Unhappy taxpayers may be vexed by what seems like the high price of a library.

There are programs in place, however, to resolve seeming inequities in the tax system.

The Farmland and Open Space Preservation Act, commonly known as PA 116 allows eligible property owners who commit to maintaining the agricultural identity of their land to receive an

income tax credit for property taxes paid in excess of 3.5 percent of their adjusted household income. This number was lowered last year from 7 percent, which makes many more farmers eligible for the tax benefit.

There are several ways of participating in the program. First, if the property is 40 acres or more and at least 51 percent is active agriculture; second, if the size of the property is between 5 and 40 acres, has more than 51 percent in active agriculture, and grosses more than \$200 annually per tillable acre; third, if the property is at least 15 acres and is designated a specialty farm (such as a greenhouse) which grosses more than \$2,000 annually.

However, there is an income threshold above which taxpayers are ineligible for the tax credit, says Richard Harlow, program manager for the Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program.

"Those with off-farm income are not usually eligible for the program," Harlow says.

According to Harlow, Farmland Development Rights Agreements exist for 75 Freedom Township parcels, an approximate area of 6,000 acres—more than 25 percent of the township.

The number of beneficiaries of PA-116 makes it unclear why some Freedom Township residents oppose

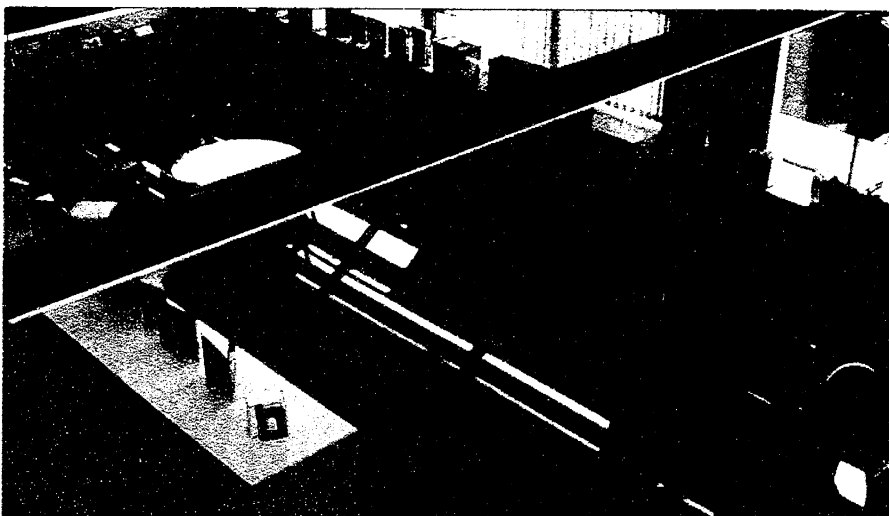
the district library tax, citing "farm land doesn't use a library" as a reason. Once April 15 rolls around, the finances do even out.

Milton Weidmayer, an Ann Arbor accountant, handles a number of tax returns for Freedom Township farmers.

"I think a lot of them don't realize what their CPA is doing with their taxes," he said.

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Library funding has become a source of contention for some Freedom Township residents, despite available tax credits for farm property.

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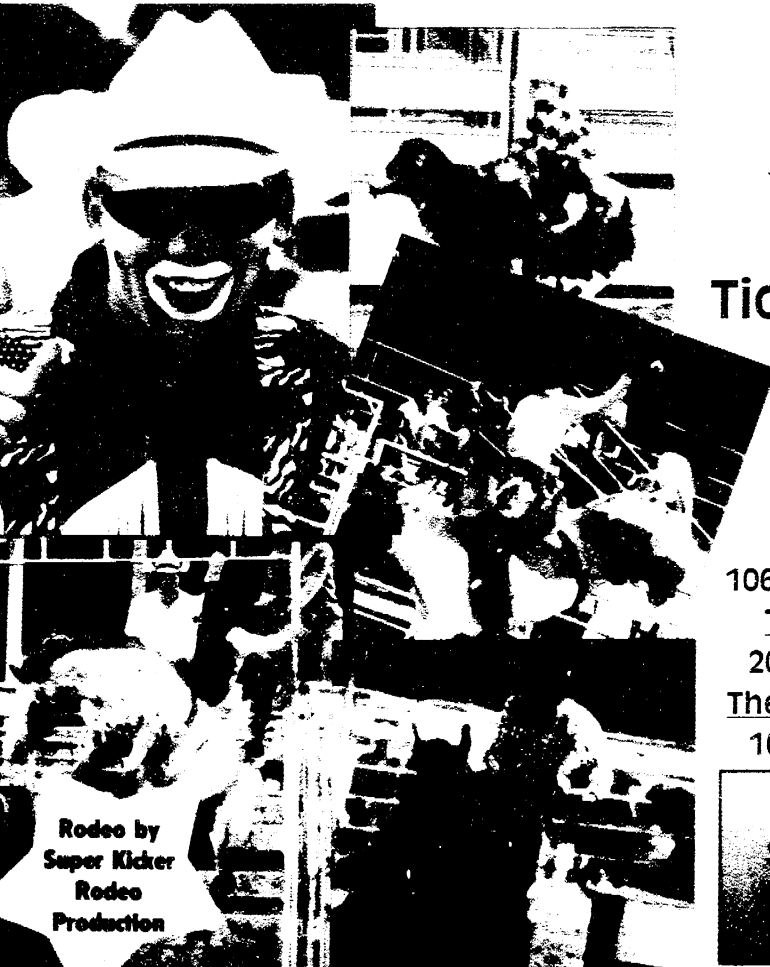
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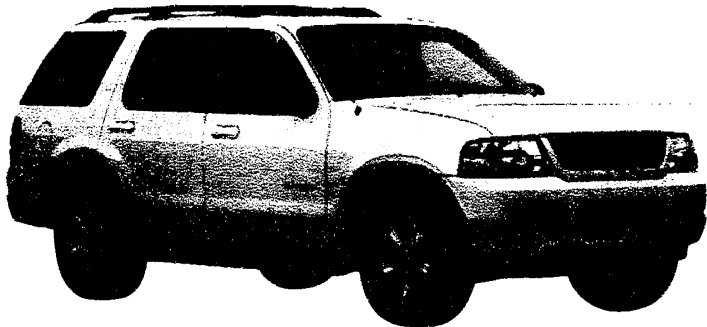
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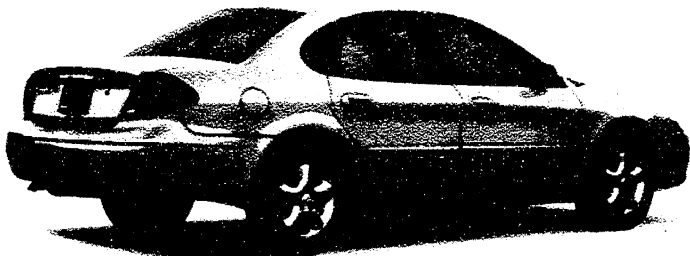
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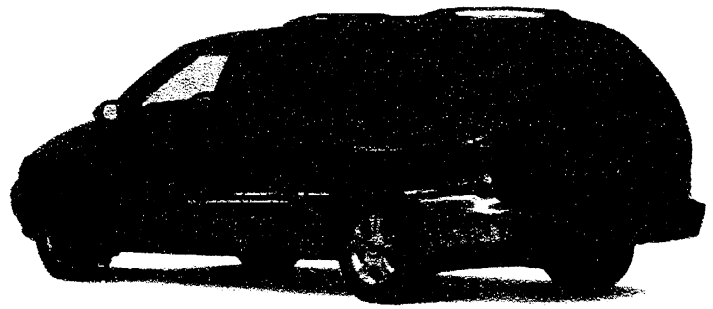
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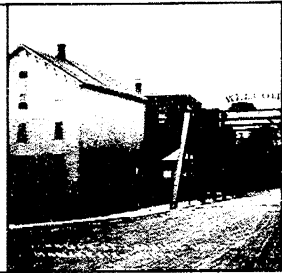
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# Looking Back



THE MANCHESTER ENTERPRISE August 7, 1902

Boys tell a harrowing tale: Beaten out of wages and starved by sugar beet growers.

There were three boys in Detroit who were thoroughly satisfied to get home. They are Edward and Alex Fitzgerald and C.J. McKenzie. They had a story to tell of working in the sugar beet fields near Clifford.

In the company of thirty-five other boys they were engaged to work there at \$1.50 per day. They say that when they arrived the man who had engaged them told them he would give them only \$1.25 per day. They were forced to pay fifty cents per day for board, they say, and in the ten days they were there,

had only one square meal. At last the crowd quit, after working a week and three days, and the man refused to pay them a cent.

Seven of them walked home, while fifteen beat their way on a train, a distance of 110 miles.

### Went berrying.

One Manchester lady has had enough of huckleberrying this season. The fact that she had been told the marshes were all flooded did not deter her from going, as was her usual custom.

At the end of the day she summed up with the following results: Shoes ruined, hat a wreck, dress fit for a rag bag, fifty cents for hire of horse, mosquito bites everywhere and berries for one

pie.

### Wedding Bells.

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at St. Mary's church in this village on Tuesday morning. The bride was Miss Helen, the oldest daughter of our worthy townsman and baker, Wm. Kirchgessner. The groom was Lewis Lonier, senior member of the milling firm of Lonier and Hoffer of this village. The wedding was rather a quiet affair though attended by a goodly company of relatives and friends.

### Presence of mind.

When Earl Watkins, a 15-year-old lad, fell head first from a hayloft in his grandfather's barn in Cambria Township, he had presence of mind to stretch his arm out in front of him. Both arms were broken, but they broke the force with which his head struck the floor and thus undoubtedly saved his life.

### Reign of Terror: First big riot of the coal miners' strike at Shenandoah, Pa.

Four policemen and a score or more of the striking miners were shot in a riot

which broke out at Shenandoah, Pa., Wednesday night when a deputy attempted to escort two non-union workers through the strikers' line of pickets. One of the workmen carried a bundle which was found to contain a blouse and overalls. The man was taken from the deputy and beaten almost to death. The deputy opened fire which was returned by the strikers.

Shortly after this the entire police force of the borough arrived on the scene and were met with a shower of stones and bricks. The chief of police gave the order to fire, which started the riot in which over 1,000 shots were exchanged.

As a result of the serious rioting Shenandoah was guarded Thursday and ruled by the militia. The request for troops was made by Sheriff Beddell, who telegraphed to Gov. Stone that he was utterly unable to cope with the rioters. The town, he said, was without

police protection and local government terrorized. The miners are incensed at the calling out of the troops, which action they say was unwarranted.

### News Editorial, by Mat D. Blosser.

According to a pathetic article on the requirements of school teachers which was recently printed in an educational journal, they have to know pretty near as much as a country editor.

It may serve a good purpose to remind the public that deaths resulting from the use of the harmless firecracker on our last national anniversary are still being reported to the coroner.

The doctor who attended Christopher L. Magee of Pittsburg during his last illness has been awarded a fee of \$29,239.25. He wanted \$200,000, but the jury evidently took into consideration the fact that Mr. Magee died.

Compiled by Staff Writer Laura Merte.

# LIBRARY

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they have," he continued. "Some may have let their agreements expire because they weren't getting any benefits, and now they can."

Freedom resident Diane Horning thinks the main difficulty farmers have with paying the library tax is that they don't have the money in hand.

"They have to write the check, and don't see the return when it comes later," she said.

Horning and her husband, Earl, own agricultural property in Freedom and participate in the PA 116 program. Speaking as a taxpayer, Horning says she is indeed getting credit for her vacant land.

"It's not paying taxes." There will be a special meeting of the Freedom Township board at 8 p.m. Monday to discuss the Manchester District Library.

# Village to set up website

■ Furnace Street bridge discussion elicits action from council.

By Jennifer Otto  
Special Writer

At its meeting on Monday, the Manchester Village Council moved to enter into a contract with the Washtenaw County Internet Forum. The forum is a free service that will establish a main website for the Village of Manchester and also will provide e-mail accounts, on-line access to public information, intra and intergovernmental communication and ongoing technical support.

The council expressed the belief that this website

will offer improved services to village citizens.

The Washtenaw County Internet Forum is also working on an Internet directory of services for the Washtenaw County area in which Manchester will be included. Scio Township and the City of Saline are established on-line communities, while six other sites, including the City of Ypsilanti and Lima Township, are under development.

Public participation in the Village Council meeting included comments concerning safety issues at the Furnace Street bridge. This prompted a decision from the Council to visit the site the following day, to assess the safety issues brought to

their attention.

Village president Pat Vaillencourt gave assurances that these issues will be immediately addressed.

Comments were also expressed on the success of the Riverfolk Festival and appreciation was extended to the Council for its participation.

Village Manager Jeff Wallace voiced concerns regarding the state revenue sharing veto. He said that he believes the veto by Governor Engler could seriously decrease the Village budget which will have a large impact on essential community services.

Those present were encouraged to contact their state representative to show support for a veto override.

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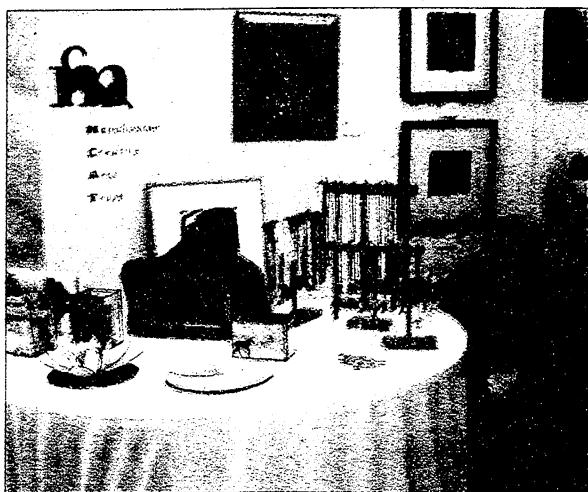
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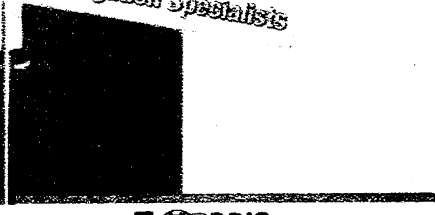
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