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NEWS BRIEFS

Historical society to honor veteran service

Karl Racenis and Howard Parr are scheduled to present an illustrated talk about Parr's days in the army in WWII and the Korean conflict at this month's Manchester Area Historical Society meeting. The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday at the blacksmith shop.

Howard Parr completed basic army training 60 years ago this month. The large screen TV will provide video footage as well as computer-generated shots.

After the program there should be time to hear guests' stories about their military service before adjourning for light refreshments.

Foodgatherers to meet

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

Story time with Grandma Pat

"Giving Thanks" will be the theme for next week's Story Time with Grandma Pat at the Manchester District Library.

Head on over the River Raisin and to the library for some special Thanksgiving stories.

Story time is open to children ages 3-6 accompanied by an adult, and will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in the children's section of the library's main floor.

Early deadlines set for holiday issue

Deadlines for the Nov. 28 edition of the Manchester Enterprise have been set for advertising, legal notices and editorial copy.

Legal notices will deadline at 3 p.m. on Nov. 21. Editorial copy should be submitted by noon on Nov. 22. The display advertising deadline is 1 p.m. on Nov. 22 and classified ads should be phoned in to 877-888-3202 by 5 p.m. Nov. 22.

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Uniloy to further consolidate operations

90 jobs to be affected at Manchester facility.

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Associate Editor

In a move that is expected to affect slightly less than one-third of its workforce, Uniloy Milacron announced last week that it will be consolidating its operations and relocating the manufacturing assembly operation to its Batavia, Ohio facility.

"It's basically a move to improve our operating efficiency," interim president Roland Bechtel said on Friday. "The economy has shrunk our business; it's time to go home to mother."

"The Ohio facility is much larger and it has resources we don't have here. There

are lower overhead factors, making it more economical at our current level of business."

The more modern and efficient facility in southwest Ohio already produces all of Milacron's other plastics machinery lines in North America, including equipment for injection molding, extrusion and industrial blow molding.

Many of the Manchester-based employees will be offered similar positions at the Ohio facility, while the sales, marketing, product management, technology, customer service and after-market operations will remain in the Manchester technical center.

"Less than one-third of the total Manchester operation is affected by this

move," said Dewayne Phillips, vice president of sales and marketing. "We have a highly talented group of people. Every effort will be made to maintain that core group of talent."

Impact felt community-wide

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The mold-making business will remain in Manchester at the company's recently completed technical center along with business office and support functions which will move from the current plant location as early as early January.

Eventually, the company

plans to "relocate to a more suitable facility in this area," Bechtel confirmed. "We will be interested in finding a buyer for the building next door and when the need arises we will relocate the mold-making business."

Acknowledging the huge investment that Uniloy-Milacron has made in the Manchester community over the past several years, Bechtel said that the investment in technology and mold-making will remain here.

And in Manchester, Uniloy Milacron will still employ a highly skilled workforce of more than 200 professionals engaged in key elements of product design, applications engineering, sales and after-

market support for structural foam and container blow molding machines, as well as in container mold production.

But the facility is not out of the woods yet.

"Looking to 2003, we face a number of obstacles," said Ronald D. Brown, chairman and chief executive officer of Milacron.

"In addition to continued low levels of capital spending due to the lingering recession in the manufacturing sector, the stock market remains depressed by economic and political uncertainties worldwide. While we can't control these macro factors, we will concentrate on what we can control."

"Given these consolida-

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Solemn ceremony



Boy Scouts Will Rickert (far left), Trevor Hanewald and Philip Voegeding assisted the Manchester American Legion Post #117 with Sunday's flag burning ceremony as part of the Legion's Veterans Day observances.



Photos by David Chartrand

Interest in Bridge-water parks grows

Planning commission considers pros and cons of program

By Nancy Hebb
Special Writer

The proposed Washtenaw County Parks Department purchase of land along the River Raisin under the county's Natural Areas Preservation Program elicited comments and consideration at the Nov. 11 meeting of the Bridgewater Township Planning Commission.

Currently, the Parks Department has approved for its purchase process a 56-acre parcel owned by William and Barbara Stucki, south of Austin Road and encompassing both sides of the River Raisin. The Bridgewater Planning Commission Chair, Jim Fish, explained that three additional property owners have nominated acreage contiguous to the Stucki property for purchase under the program.

John and Bethel Ball, Elmer Ervin, and Grant Howard also have nominated all or part of their acreage along the River Raisin, south of the Stucki property, for the same Natural Areas Preservation

Program.

"At issue," explains Fish, "is how best to approach zoning issues for a nature preserve area. I'm personally concerned that we have the tightest local control possible. There is no guarantee that the parks department or the natural areas program will even exist twenty years from now."

"We have to be sure that the areas concerned can't be sold or developed for a different permitted use within the zoning applied to nature preserves."

While expressing support for a limited-use natural area in the township, planning commissioners agreed that further consideration of how best to zone for a natural area was crucial. The area, they agreed, must be zoned so that it cannot be converted to a conventional public park, extensive trails area, canoe launch, or other high-impact public space. The planning commission also wishes to rule out any possibility of the land being sold for future development.

At the request of the commission after its October meeting, Rod Arroyo of Birchler Arroyo Associates, Inc., the township's planner, drafted a proposed wording

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District library on the move . . . again

New shelving provides new look, better organization

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Associate Editor

There's a fresh new look at the Manchester District Library this week.

"We had a great crew of volunteers," library director Kate Pittsley said of the 17 adults and 5 youth who helped library staff move books to the new shelving units installed on Nov. 4 and 5.

"We now have more room for the books and they are in a more logical arrangement than previously."

The new arrangement is meeting with satisfaction from staff and library patrons alike.

"We have some room to grow and re-shelving books is much easier," Pittsley said. "It also looks better than I expected. We've had

positive comments from patrons and no negative comments as yet."

Since the lighting in the stacks area was designed for the old layout, some quirks may remain to be worked out, but overall the results have been good, she added.

The project was completed in record time with the cooperation of the carpentry crew and the dedication of the volunteers and staff.

"It was a little crazy while it was going on, but we were able to keep the library open the whole time," Pittsley said. "And the carpenters finished in less time than the original estimate, so the bill should be a little bit lower than we anticipated."

One particularly good change to having the new shelves installed is that all of the juvenile books are now in the same area on low

shelves so they can be accessible to young readers.

Volunteer crews included new board member Carol Schulte, Lorraine Coburn, Patty Swaney, Gary Seguin, Jane and Jim Thornton, Claude Davis, Lois Hansen, Janet Howard, Sue and Jacques Larocque, Karen and John Mattson, Denna Colussi, Ted Serafin, Patricia Ellis, Maddie Schaeffer, Abby Dupree, Michelle and Rachel Krutsch and Justin Pratt.

Pittsley reported to the library board at Monday night's meeting that in October there were 35 new library cards issued with 208 cards renewed during the month. 3,596 items were circulated to 1,925 patrons and 394 items were added to the library's catalog. These figures echoed September's equally high statistics.

Perhaps one of the most

impressive statistics registered in Pittsley's most recent library report is the announcement that nearly 7,000 items circulated during the month of August. A total of 6,280 items were cir-

culated this August compared with 2,360 during the same month last year.

More than 400 patrons are also utilizing the computer banks at the library each month.



Volunteers spent two days last week moving books on to newly constructed shelves around the library. The shelves are greatly appreciated by both patrons and staff.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Nov. 14
Manchester Lamb Club will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the Michigan Livestock auction hall.

Nov. 15
Community Resource Center banquet, 6:30 p.m. at Chelsea Community Hospital.

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.

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

Nov. 17
Boy Scouts host a monthly breakfast at St. Mary's Catholic Church Parish Center.

Nov. 18
Girls Varsity Basketball Districts against Plymouth in Clinton 7:00 p.m.

Middle School Boys basketball at Hanover Horton 4:30 p.m.

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

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

Manchester Village Council meets at 7 p.m. at the village hall.

Preceptor Gamma Theta chapter of Beta Sigma Phi meets. For more information call Diana Sloat at 428-7253.

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

Manchester Historical Society meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Blacksmith Shop.

Story Time with Grandma Pat, 10:30 to 11 a.m. at the Manchester District Library, for children ages 3

to 6, accompanied by an adult.

Nov. 20
Middle school boys' basketball vs. Grass Lake at home 4:30 p.m.

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

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

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

Women and Infant Children program meets from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the senior center.

Bridgewater Township Board meets at 7:00 p.m. at the Bridgewater Township Hall.

Manchester Men's Club meets at 7:30 p.m.

Manchester Family Services Community Food Gatherers program takes place from 1 to 3 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church

Parish Center kitchen.

Alzheimer's Assoc. 7-9 p.m. at Individualized Home Care 2090 S. Main, Ann Arbor.

COMING EVENTS
The Stages Theatre Company Chelsea production of "Footloose" Nov. 21-24.

Manchester's Christmas in the Village will be held Nov. 23.

Thanksgiving Nov. 28.

Hanukkah Nov. 29.

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

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Wednesday: Papa Joe's pizza, salad, fruit and treat.

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Friday: Papa Joe's pizza, salad, fruit and treat.

SECONDARY MENU

Monday: Bosco bread sticks with marinara sauce, salad and pears.

Tuesday: Nacho supreme with cheese, lettuce and tomato and orange.

Wednesday: Ollie's pizza, salad, fruit and pudding.

Thursday: Thanksgiving feast: Turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, roll and pumpkin pie.

Friday: Hamburger, fries, mixed fruit and cookie.

Lunches are \$2.25 per day. Milk is served with each meal. Menu subject to change without notice.

Bridgewater to hold dedication ceremony

Memory of former residents honored.

By Nancy Hebb
 Staff Writer

Area residents are invited to the dedication of a new flag, pole, and plaque in memory of Michael and Helen Stimac at the Bridgewater Township Hall at 7 p.m. Nov. 20. Speakers, song and a flag dedication by the American Legion will be followed by an indoor social hour featuring hot cider and homemade pretzels and the township's regular monthly meeting.

Michael and Helen Stimac lived in Bridgewater Township for about 20 years. The couple's fondness for their home (located just east of the Township Hall on Braun Road and encompassing land east and north of the hall) and appreciation of their neighbors are commemorated on a

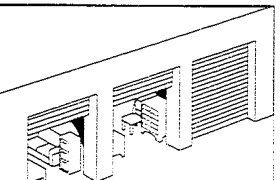
plaque that reads, "Dedicated in memory of Michael and Helen Stimac of Bridgewater Township, in perpetuity for the neighbors and land they loved."

The Stimac's son, William J. Stimac, sold seven acres of his parents' farm to the township on Sept. 28, 2001, on condition that it be used for township purposes and not be resold as building lots. Stimac is expected to speak briefly at the dedication event.

"We agreed to erect the plaque in memory of his parents," said Bridgewater Supervisor Carol Peacock. "The land itself was purchased for future township use. It can be used if a new township hall is ever needed, for a park, or for some similar public use."

All residents are encouraged to come and stay for refreshments after the ceremony.

The regular township board meeting will take place later than usual, immediately following the social hour.



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DPW dilemma as village contemplates building use

■ DPW yard may remain on Macomb Street for foreseeable future.

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Associate Editor

When the Village of Manchester originally looked at purchasing the old Ford building on City Road, one of the advantages cited would be an opportunity to move the Department of Public Works' (DPW) equipment storage to the attached metal building at the City Road site.

The space also was anticipated to provide much needed maintenance work areas and office space to the DPW personnel.

"The original intent was to sell the old DPW lot," Manchester Village President Pat Vaillencourt said. "Since it is in a residential area and has river frontage, it could be much better utilized than for a storage lot."

Initially, Vaillencourt said, the Ford building seemed so large that "we wondered how we would ever justify having all that space."

"Our dream of filling it up

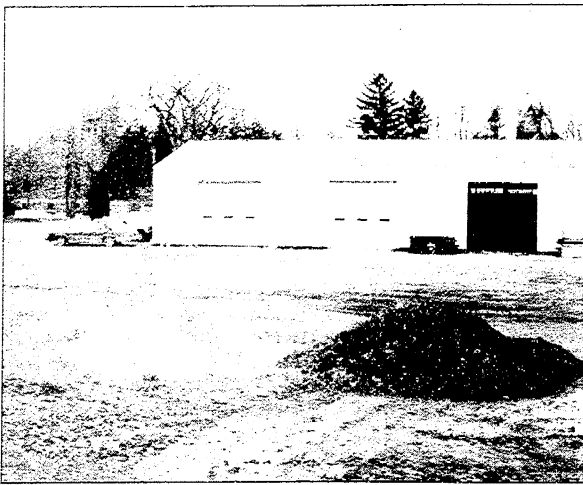


Photo by Marsha Johnson Chartrand

The Manchester Department of Public Works building on North Macomb Street still is being utilized for storage and other DPW functions, while discussions continue on use of the metal building at the village's new City Road location.

with community activity became a reality—much sooner and greater than we had anticipated," she added.

The success of the library, use by the village, the police, the building inspection authority and use of the facility by service groups, seniors and other organizations already has utilized nearly all the available space.

"There already have been times when we have not had adequate space to accommodate a large group meeting," Vaillencourt said.

In doing research on the possibilities for moving the DPW to the area, the village found that the DEQ may consider part of the land as wetlands. In addition, there are restrictions on how close the village's salt storage can be to the river.

"This put some restrictions on how we could develop the DPW facilities at the City Road site," Vaillencourt said. "We also have become aware of the busy rear parking lot and the potential conflict of having DPW equipment maneuvering around in that area."

The building committee, comprised of Vaillencourt, Village Manager Jeff Wallace and council members Marty Way and Dave Petsch, decid-

ed to look at the village's long term needs, over the coming 10 to 20 years.

Doing some preliminary visioning, the committee noted that there would be a need for more community space in the future and if the building were to be expanded, the existing footprint could be followed.

"We also looked at a dream of removing the metal building and utilizing the space for more community space, parking and perhaps open up and utilize the view to the river," Vaillencourt said.

In addition, as the committee looked at long term needs for the water treatment facility, members wanted to be sure to leave adequate space for expansion.

The group also considered future DPW needs as the community grows.

"As the village grows, obviously the amount of equipment required to take care of it also will grow," Vaillencourt said. "We do not want to develop a plan that will not be adequate in a few short years."

"So, for the immediate needs, we are using the old lot for storage of salt, sand and some equipment. We are using the metal building for storage of equipment, supplies, and to perform maintenance."

Vaillencourt added that the village council does not want to rush into making a

decision that may turn out to be shortsighted.

"The building committee will continue to meet until they have a recommendation to make to Council," she said.

Wallace added that the village is mindful of the fact that voters may be wondering why the DPW lot has not been put up for sale.

"In short, we ran into obstacles in that process," he said. "But the good thing was we were tight down at the DPW yard; now we're using this building for stor-

age of DPW equipment, along with other storage.

"As long as we have this to use, as the needs of the DPW grow we can use both areas."

Wallace added that part of the council's dilemma is in deciding how much to invest in building improvements knowing that it might not meet the needs of the growing community over the coming 10 to 20 years.

"Right now, we can get a lot of use out of the building without putting a lot of money into it," he said.

MILITARY NEWS

Marine Corps Pfc. Michael F. Fuerstnau, son of Minnie J. and Peter J. Fuerstnau of Manchester, recently completed his basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island S.C. and was meritoriously promoted to his current rank.

Fuerstnau successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Fuerstnau and fellow recruits began their training days at 5 a.m., by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Fuerstnau spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments, which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and

operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

Fuerstnau and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values—honor, courage and commitment—and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

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By Michael Rybka
Special Writer

The Sharon Township board and planning commission continued with a joint review of the current zoning ordinance compilation Nov. 7 with the intent of completely rewriting the document. The ongoing review is being organized and overseen by planning consultant Mark Eidelson.

Eidelson told the joint committee that in order for the township to remain rural in character, changes needed to be made in commercial development zoning.

Currently, the township has three small areas along M-52 exclusively designated for retail businesses.

Eidelson said that, while the designation's intent statement makes it clear that locally-owned shops are desired, it would not necessarily prevent a national chain from coming in. He advised continuing with the

single commercial designation but urged limiting what special uses are permitted, limiting the allowable size of buildings and demanding greater setbacks to preserve a rural corridor on M-52.

Eidelson said the main reason why multi-designations for commercial zoning exist is to separate retail from office. He added that in the foreseeable future the township's commercial base would not be significant enough to separate the two. He also said that neighboring office workers often lend support to many retail businesses.

Township Clerk Teri Aiuto and Planning Commission Chairman Shannon Fleck agreed with Eidelson. However, Supervisor Gary Blades and Trustee Roger Kappler said that mixed use can lead to non-conformities and urged separating retail and office designations.

Eidelson said for now he would go with two while incorporating his original suggestions that, after discussion, led to commercial setback requirements being

increased to 75 feet.

There was no disagreement over Eidelson's suggestion that the township retain a single industrial zoning designation catering to low-intensity, environmentally sensitive operations. However, Eidelson took to task the current ordinance that allows for bulk storage of petroleum products and chemical and paper manufacturing.

No one objected when Eidelson said his draft would make these operations feasible only by a zoning amendment.

Eidelson said that the new ordinance should provide an option for the building of an industrial park and Blades embraced this idea.

Eidelson found little support for his suggestion that landowners be allowed to split off a single, one-acre parcel for every 40 acres.

Eidelson said the idea behind the suggestion was to allow for a farmer to sell off a small piece of property for quickly needed cash or to offset a poor year without giving up the entire farm.

Currently the low-density housing ordinance requires 10-acre splits and for all the divisions to be done at once.

Blades and Trustee Thomas Lavender quickly shot down this idea. Blades said it is hard to sell lots of less than 10 acres in the rural parts of the township.

The combined committee agreed that demands for architectural and landscaping plans should be jettisoned.

"You don't ask for them with any other zoning designation, so why here?" Eidelson asked. "It's not to your advantage to desire open space and make needless demands."

Eidelson also said that the township should look into open spaces being designated as such into perpetuity rather than expiring after 20 years as stated in the current ordinance.

The strategy for higher residential densities reflected Blades' contention that some areas in the township would be better off with municipal sewers.

Currently, the ordinance

supports one acre, single-family residential units. It was decided that designations would be made for condominiums and other multi-family housing units.

Eidelson said it was important for the township to show that it is flexible when it comes to housing options.

Blades said higher density development is the only way to cover costs in places where municipal sewers are needed.

Little was said about the township's mobile home ordinance since it can never be stricter than what is stated in Michigan's mobile home commission charter. However, for that very reason Eidelson said it couldn't hurt to include a few more conditions even if they were overruled.

He said next month's joint meeting would focus on a variety of issues and would be accompanied by the first draft segment of the proposed new ordinance compilation.

After the joint meeting was adjourned, the board briefly dealt with other matters.

Aiuto said that the township's 63 percent turnout for the Nov. 5 election was the county's highest.

Blades urged the board to further study three model drafts in anticipation of adopting a purchase of development rights ordinance. Resident Charlotte Williams had lobbied the board before the joint meeting to hurry along with this plan because she wished to place 100 acres of farmland into the program.

The board finally agreed to reimburse Kleinschmidt True Value Hardware \$288 after two months although the wrong door was replaced in the township hall. Lavender said the store acted in good faith and that the township hall now had a better door than originally. Michael Rybka is a free-lance writer. He can be reached at 475-8597.

Christmas in the village approaches

■ *Legion will feature dozens of varieties of hand-crafted items*

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Associate Editor

A Christmas shoppers' paradise will be found at the American Legion Hall on Nov. 23. The soft sounds of string instruments will provide a background of holiday music as shoppers browse the annual craft show at the corner of Adrian and Duncan Streets, just a block from the downtown Manchester shops.

The women of Emanuel United Church of Christ provide a coffee bar until 11 a.m. and St. Mary's Catholic Church will host lunch thereafter.

This year, the hall will be filled to capacity with 46 different tables. From baskets

to woodworking, from cedar products to hand-sculpted papier-mache items and oil paintings to floral centerpieces and wreaths, many returning crafters will be providing favorite high-quality items along with a variety of new crafts from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Legion hall.

"We have just about every kind of craft you can imagine, and a waiting list for tables," chairman Rita Huber said. "This will be one of our best craft shows yet."

The children's Santa parade will begin at the gazebo in Wurster Park and conclude at the Legion at 10:30 a.m. and visits with Santa once again will be offered after the parade with hot cocoa served on the porch.

St. Mary's Catholic Church,

Emanuel United Church of Christ and the American Legion Auxiliary will sponsor raffles of hand-crafted items, which will be drawn on the day of the show. Emanuel Church and St. John's United Church of Christ will host bazaar tables at the Legion as well. The Manchester Merchants' Association in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce also will have a raffle with the drawing held in mid-December. Proceeds from the chamber and merchants drawing will benefit new lighting on Main Street.

In addition to downtown merchants' sales and open houses, a bake sale at the Manchester United Methodist Church will be complemented by a trade show at neighboring Klager Elementary School, where

home based businesses will offer their wares.

Transportation shuttles will be provided to give weary shoppers an opportunity to park in one spot and take pleasure in all the opportunities that are provided.

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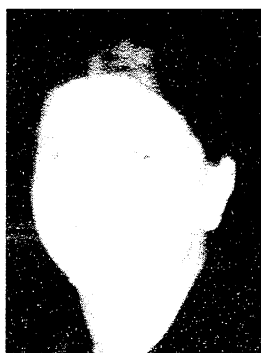
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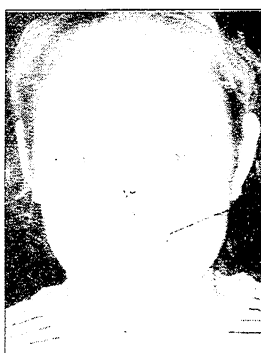
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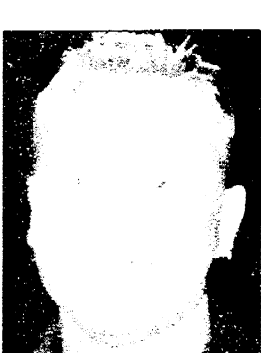
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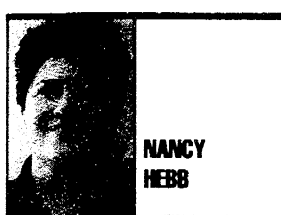
Hope springs eternal, trash bags spring a leak

Once a year, for three long days, I open my home and fields to a couple dozen Border collies and their humans. No matter how early I start preparing for what amounts to a big indoor-outdoor party, I'm never ready when the first people arrive.

This year proved no exception. The instructors, Jack and Kathy Knox, arrived while I was running the Shop Vac, undoing the damage done when a plastic garbage bag, en route to the garage, ripped, leaving Greek dressing and beet juice, onion skins and a butter carton "glued" to the kitchen floor.

Not hearing the doorbell over the industrial strength vacuum's racket, I was startled when they simply appeared behind me, escorted by Steve Eusades. Although busy himself, Steve had kindly agreed to pick them up at the airport, thus giving me another hour or two to get organized.

Revelation: if you need an extra hour to get organized, there's no hope. In the scheme of things, an hour is



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nothing, a mere-palliative placebo when what's needed is major surgery to correct a lifetime of disorganization.

Their arrival gave the excuse to abandon the kitchen, freshen up, and go out to supper. Foresighted and thoughtful, I placed a sign on the front door explaining where I was and inviting anyone arriving with their motor homes or campers to come on into the house and make themselves at home 'til we returned. ("Please ignore the mess.")

Which, I'm sure, they would have done, had the door not stuck so convincingly that everybody thought it was locked. We arrived home to find various vehicles and cold people milling

about.

Semi-somnambulant and replete after steak or roast beef (plus the odd liquid libation or two), it took us half an hour to realize that the house felt downright cold. Evidently, when washing a shadow of mud (splattered by a wagging tail) off of the wall, I'd knocked the "cool" button on the electronic thermostat. The air conditioner was running.

I handed out blankets and reset the thermostat upward from the stated 60 degrees. Closing a window that was open (I swear I closed it after airing out that bedroom) helped, too.

For several days prior to the guests' arrivals, the water pressure in the house dipped a bit. Consultation with a plumber indicated a water softener problem. So, a thousand or so dollars later, on the first day of the event, I had a new water conditioner installed.

The water pressure sank still lower the following morning. Since plumber and water softener personnel already did their thing, I placed a desperate call to

the well company. They came, but found it wasn't the well, or the pressure tank, at all. They diagnosed clogged pipe/valves above the softener. A call to the softener guy found him rushing to the hospital to be with his brother-in-law who'd suffered a heart attack.

By this time there was NO water, and 20+ people using the bathrooms. Five frantic phone calls later, I found a plumber willing to try to make it to my place on a Saturday.

Cries of "Bless you," "Thank goodness!" and, loudly, "The man of my dreams!" almost scared the two tool-belted guys away when they appeared some hours later. Made of stern stuff, they handled the applause of about 20 desperate females (and a couple males who'd become acquainted with my woods) with amazingly good grace.

Other than one lame sheep, the arrival of a 26-foot long stock trailer hauling four rams eager to get acquainted with new female sheep friends, dogs

getting into garbage bags and spreading the contents across lawn and garage, and people leaving behind everything from chair covers to Rubbermaid food tubs and a Dutch oven, the three days of humans learning to handle livestock with their dogs went relatively smoothly.

Or, I should amend, smoothly except for a pervasive odor of Greek salad in the kitchen, no water in the house, a lot of crossed legs, and a hostess who gave up any pretense of "hospitality" early in the weekend and thus expected guests to pitch in to get lunches served and put away, coffee brewed, and dishes washed.

After all, anyone paying money to knock knees with barn animals and tromp through manure all weekend can't be too critical of a little dust, odor, or a lack of water. I tell myself this now, and will repeat it when yearly resolutions to not only be prepared, but to be ready well in advance, inevitably fail. Here's to always-present hope!

New governor faces an uphill battle in office

Jennifer Granholm's election last week had been regarded as inevitable for months. Even top Republicans privately expected the charismatic attorney general to romp over her somewhat lackluster opponent, Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus.

Postelection stories in both print and broadcast media last week took on the air of a coronation celebration, with many flattering pictures of Michigan's first woman governor.

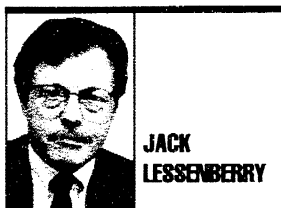
Most of the coverage missed one small detail: She very nearly lost.

For weeks, polls had her consistently leading her opponent by landslide margins of 10 points or better, numbers that were increasing at the end. On election night, exit polls showed her winning by a smaller, but solid eight points.

But in the end, she won by only 51 percent to 47 percent, one of the closest gubernatorial races in recent history. Her supporters were hoping she would have coattails that would sweep Democrats to control at least one house of the Legislature.

Instead, Democrats lost five seats in the now-solidly (63-47) GOP-controlled state House of Representatives and gained only one in the Senate, where they now trail 22-16. Even the Republicans never expected to do so well.

Her close friend and hand-picked candidate for secretary of state, Butch



JACK LESSENBERRY

POLITICALLY SPEAKING

Hollowell, lost in a landslide to Terri Lynn Land. And in a stunner, her choice for attorney general, Democrat Gary Peters, lost a cliffhanger to Republican Mike Cox by some 4,195 votes. If that result holds up (should Peters challenge it), Cox would become the first GOP attorney general since 1952.

What happened? That's hard to say. To be sure, a massive, unforeseen Republican tide swept across the country on Election Day, and that may have been part of the story.

But beyond that, two things seem clear from the election returns and anecdotal evidence: The Republicans ran a campaign that played heavily on racial fears, and, in the end, that seemed to take a toll.

Macomb County, an affluent, though blue-collar and white ethnic county north of Detroit, is a key indicator: It voted heavily Democratic through the 1970s, then switched to becoming the national capital of the "Reagan Democrats."

Then Macomb switched back again, backing Bill Clinton and, two years ago, Al Gore. Yet to the surprise of many, its voters chose Dick Posthumus.

A 48-year-old Hispanic autoworker and his wife were part of the reason. They have always supported Democrats in the past, but voted for the lieutenant governor.

Why? The answer could be summed up in a word: reparations.

Granholtz, who like many other politicians prefers to tell audiences what they want to hear, told a gathering of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People some time ago that she supported reparations for slavery. Unfortunately for her, that was captured on tape, which the Republicans showed again and again.

Though she denied any intention to support reparations, it seems clear that this did her considerable harm. Right-to Life of Michigan and the leadership of the Roman Catholic Church denounced her stand on abortion. (Though Catholic and privately anti-abortion, Granholtz said she would defend a woman's right to choose.) She also attempted to run a safe, content-free, "rose garden" campaign designed not to make waves, and this may have left some voters cold.

In the end, she put together a victory built on a coalition of three unlikely groups: traditional Democrats, of both the intellectual/cultural variety and blue-collar workers; black voters, who did not support her in the primary; and, lastly, affluent Republican women, who were turned off by Posthumus' inflexible anti-abortion stand, and perhaps his patronizing referrals to her as "Jennifer" during their only televised debate.

The map of the state is telling. Granholm carried Wayne County, which includes Detroit, by 206,000 votes — and lost the rest of the state by 81,000. She carried poverty-stricken counties in the Upper Peninsula, counties with major university populations, old blue-collar industrial cities like Flint and Saginaw — and the state's richest county, normally Republican Oakland.

Dick Posthumus won everywhere else. Monroe County, which usually votes for the winner, gave him 52 percent. He won huge majorities in many western Michigan counties. Trouble is, not very many people live in most of them.

So a new political era now begins. Michigan's top four officeholders will all be new to their jobs on Jan. 1, and so will be a large majority of the state Legislature, where term limits forced a massive turnover. They face a huge budget deficit, concerns about homeland security, the threat of political gridlock and other thorny problems.

Beyond that, two and only two things are really certain: Governing Michigan next year is bound to be very difficult — and very interesting.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Serviceman responds on Veterans Day.

To the editor:
Hello and happy Veterans Day to the community of Manchester. I just read the letter to the editor. The remarks that Rita Huber made brought a sense of pride to me. Clint Trivison's essay also was excellent; it brought me a sense of pride.

The reason those two letters brought the feeling of pride to me is because I am currently forward deployed. Many of you may know me or my parents or grandparents. I want to give my thanks to all the veterans that put their lives in harm's way and that gave their lives so I could have my freedom.

Well, brothers in arms, stand down from your watch on those long and lonely days and nights. It's my turn to stand that watch. You have earned your time to

relax. Brothers in arms—I, DC2 Patrick Steele, have the watch.

It's my time to fight for our freedom. I would like to thank the Emil Jacob Post 117 for helping me make my decision on enlisting to the Navy. Thank you.
Damage Controlman 2nd class Patrick Steele

Representative thanks his supporters.

To the editor:
In the past four years, I have been truly humbled to have the support of so many individuals who make Washtenaw County a great place to reside, and an even better area to represent in the State House.

Last Tuesday, it was truly an honor to be re-elected to my third term as Western Washtenaw County's voice in Lansing. This campaign season was a tough one at best. But the bipartisan

support that I received from supporters, old and new, was what made the difference on election night.

I wish to say thank you to the men and women from all walks of life that assisted in our campaign. Victory would not have been possible if it weren't for those who knocked on countless doors in the district, assisted at our Chelsea headquarters, spread the word by talking to their friends and neighbors, and most of all, those who placed their confidence in a proven record on Election Day.

The quality of life of which we in Washtenaw County are so proud will continue to be my number-one priority in Lansing over the next two years. I encourage each resident of the 52nd district to please contact my office whenever I may be of assistance to you or your families in the future.
State Rep. Gene De Rossett



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SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS

One of the most rewarding benefits of being a senior citizen is the opportunity to be a grandparent. It's a lot of fun spending time with kids who are so excited to be around you, getting the chance to re-explore the world as they grow up.

According to a survey by AARP, 83 percent of grandparents find it easy to come up with activities to do with their grandchild. The top five things grandparents do with their grandchildren include eating together, watching TV, staying overnight, shopping for clothes and engaging in exercise or sports.

The national survey of more than 800 grandparents over 50 years old found that most regularly interact with grandchildren in a variety of ways and think their relationships with grandchildren are "very positive." For example, more than eight in ten grandparents (82 percent) surveyed said they have seen a grandchild in the past month, and 85 percent said they have talked to a grandchild on the phone in that period.

Some other ideas for spending time with your grandchildren: bake cookies, go fishing, read a book, plant a garden, or visit the children's museum. For long-distance grandparents who may only visit once or twice a year, have regular phone or email conversations. Send postcards, not only from vacation spots, but from areas near the place you live. For little ones, tape yourself reading stories or singing songs so they are familiar with your voice.

Today: The senior council meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m., followed by a surprise "Chef's Choice" lunch at noon.

Friday: Meet with other seniors at 9:30 a.m. to discuss December's calendar. Today is the deadline to sign up for the Dec. 16 outing to Turkeyville.

Monday: Take a shopping trip to Brooklyn; pickup is at 9:30 a.m. with bus on request.

Tuesday: A member of the local clergy will join us at 11:30 a.m., with a lunch of

macaroni and cheese at noon.

Wednesday: At 9:30 a.m. is the last yoga class of the year; classes will start up again in late January. Family Service's food distribution program also takes place today from 1 to 3 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish Center.

Next Thursday: Try cabbage rolls for lunch at noon, and look forward to the senior card party at 7:30 p.m. (pickup at 6:30). All ages are invited to battle against these card sharks!

To request bus pick-up for the many excursions, call Tootie Armentrout at 428-7615.

Please note: there will be no senior citizen lunches during the week of Thanksgiving.

Most activities are held in the senior rooms at the village hall, unless otherwise specified. Lunches on Tuesday and Thursday are held in the dining hall at Emanuel UCC, and are a bargain at \$3.50 for seniors, and \$4 for non-seniors.



Della Widmayer celebrated her Nov. 8 birthday last Thursday at the senior citizens luncheon.

Please call ahead of time, 428-7630, so the meals can be planned accordingly.

"Senior Citizens News" is widely read by the seniors of this community, and appears each week in the front section of the newspaper. If you are interested in sharing humorous anecdotes, words of wisdom or reminiscences of the past, contact the Enterprise at 428-8173 about writing a guest column for this weekly feature. Journalism skills are not necessary!

Local minister accepts new calling

On Nov. 3, during morning worship at Bethel United Church of Christ, the Rev. Richard Hardy announced accepting all call to service as Senior Minister at the First Congregational Church in Berea, Ohio. Starting at this position on Feb. 1, Hardy will complete almost nine years with Bethel Church.



Rev. Richard Hardy

"The church in Berea instituted the rewriting its constitution and vision statement and has been looking for the last 18 months to find a minister," Hardy said. "The church is situated next to Baldwin Wallace College south of Cleveland, has a wide range of lay/professional leadership, and is in a position to grow as a congregation."

While Hardy has served at Bethel, the congregation has grown and renovated most of its facilities. Hardy has served on the Ann Arbor Samaritan Counseling Service Board, the Manchester and Saline ministerial associations, the Manchester United Way, Coalition for Better Community in Saline, participated in the fourth Saline Leadership class and served on the Michigan Evangelical Homes Board and the nominating committee for the Michigan Conference of the United Church of Christ.

Most recently, the Sharon Valley Press published Hardy's new book, "Heaven's Climbing Tower and Seven

Keys." "During my ministry at Bethel," Hardy says, "most impressive have been the ways youth from a small town can excel and lead, and the way local residents transform a farm community into a cosmopolitan, country community."

Hardy has served in the ministry for 33 years in four parish settings, as the associate director of a community mental health center, and as a chaplain in general, psychiatric, and children's hospitals, a member of American Association for Pastoral Counselor and the American Association for Clinical Pastoral Education.

For three years he was a caseworker for the juvenile court in Indianapolis, and during his career passed the Series 7 examination with the National Securities Exchange Commission and graduated from the Ann Arbor School of Massage Therapy.



Learning Colors

Color learning usually happens between 18 months and 3 years of age, but many children do not learn to identify colors until they are 3 years old. Learning colors is a long process with steps that can be identified and follow a certain order.

Each step may take weeks or months to learn and your child needs lots of practice at each step. These steps include matching like colors, pointing to colors, and naming colors.

The first step in learning colors is matching like colors. At this point, your child is learning to match colors but may not be able to point to or name them correctly. Some ways you can help your child with this process are:

- * Make clean up time a learning time. Begin by cleaning up the toys yourself. While your child is watching you, say, "I think I will pick up all the red blocks first." Pick up a few blocks and then invite your child to find some red blocks, too. Once all the red blocks are picked up, go on to another color and do this for as long as your child is interested.

- * Every week or so, tell your child that today is color day. Focus on a color that he has been particularly interested in or seems to be learning. Pick out clothes that are the color of the day, make and serve foods that are that color, and have a color hunt to try and find as many items that color as you can find. The more you can do to emphasize the color of the day, the better.

- * Give your child practice with a certain color by providing art activities with crayons, chalk, markers, and

paint. Talk about the color he is using and where that color is seen most often. If the color is red you are working on you could say things like, "that looks like a red fire engine, stop sign, or apple."

Once your child can match colors, he can learn to point to a particular color upon request. To help your child learn to point to colors, you can do the following things:

- * Help your child notice the colors of everyday objects. Gather some canned goods or cereal boxes and say, "point to the blue can," or "point to the box with the blue top." Ask him to repeat the name of the color after you say it. When

he points to the correct item, he can pretend to buy it and out it into a grocery bag to check out. Ask about one color at a time, and do not add another color until you are sure your child can point to the blue one most of the time.

- * Play the "I Spy" game. This is a great game that can be played when you are doing something like making dinner. Say, "I see something yellow." Your child tries to guess what you see in the room that is yellow. Encourage him to point to the item that he guesses it is and say the color name each time he makes a guess.

The final step to learning colors is naming colors. Your child now is ready to name colors and give color names for objects.

Read books about colors. This is a good time to have books about colors in your home. Discount stores and libraries are great sources

to find what you are looking for. Encourage your child to say the names of colors as you read the book.

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And the nominees are...

Local volunteers lend time and talent to community

By Laura Merte
Staff Writer

MARK PALMS has been nominated by the Community Resource Center for his integral role in organizing the first annual Riverfolk Festival in Manchester.

The idea for a community arts event in Manchester first was born at the Flower Creek Festival in Hart, Mich., where Palms was performing with his folk music trio, the Raisin Pickers. While he is a music teacher in Napoleon and his wife teaches in Ann Arbor, they are committed to the Manchester community and know it well, having lived here for 14 years.

"It struck me that a festival similar to the Flower Creek Festival would be a good match for Manchester," Palms said. "Between sets at that event I was busy taking notes and discussing the nuts and bolts about festival planning with the Hart committee members."

Upon his return to Manchester, Palms presented his case to the Community Resource Center and the idea became a reality.

"It was encouraging that the CRC director, Chris Kanta, also shared an interest in cultural arts development in the community," Palms said. "That's when we decided to include the artist-in-residence program, and encourage a link between artists, the community and students."

With the pledge of sponsorship and volunteers from the CRC, Palms secured support from the village council and official plans were under way.

Palms organized volunteers into various committees to cover each part of the planning process, and began promoting the "first annual" event in a big way.

"I think the Riverfolk Festival was on his mind pretty much from the time



Mark Palms

ran with it.

"The passion of what he was doing really sold it. He was a man literally possessed, and his excitement about it caught fire."

Palms gave several radio interviews and promoted the event at the popular Thursday evening gazebo concerts and Raisin Pickers performances. In addition, he created a website (www.riverfolkfestival.org) to spotlight the coming event.

"His web page is just dynamite," said Kanta. "It has everything you could want from applications to information ... he even developed a forum where teams of volunteers could get together and communicate that way."

he conceived it around last summer. Palms' hard work paid off. His goals, to create a community event with professional music and art, to draw the community together as a workforce, and to support the CRC all were surpassed.

With an attendance estimated at 2,500 and more than 130 volunteers, \$13,797 was raised to benefit the CRC.

Plans for next year's Aug. 2 festival are already under way, and Palms is looking forward to returning guests.

"Seeing all the happy folks, as they left, they waved and shouted 'we can't wait till next year!' These are the memories that I will treasure as I talk with pride about Manchester," Palms said. "A community that truly knows how to work together and do it right."

By Laura Merte
Staff Writer

EDITH MYERS has been nominated by the Manchester Soccer Association for her dedicated involvement in bringing a soccer program to Manchester.

In its first season this fall, 224 children from 4-year-olds to sixth-graders had the chance to play soccer on home territory for the first time ever.

Myers realized a need for a soccer program in Manchester while driving her second-grade

son, Keith, to soccer practice in neighboring towns. "In the fall I took my son to Tecumseh for soccer and then in the spring to Clinton," she said. "On the way home I just kept thinking, 'why isn't there soccer in Manchester?'"

Myers' feeling was shared

by the many other parents who also spent hours driving their children out of town for soccer practice.

Initially Myers planned to give a monetary donation in memory of her mother to kick off the program, but after talking with former Community Education director Vickie Bolan, she realized that her involvement would be much more.

Besides purchasing all the equipment for the program, Myers organized volunteers, hired referees and reserved fields for the fall season.

"Since I was committed to the program, I could easily take it over and make sure everything was taken care of," she said. "I did research, bought books, talked to people ... really threw myself into it."

And the hard work paid off.

"It was so rewarding to stand back and see all those fields full of kids playing soccer and parents involved and enthusiastic," said Myers.

"I'm surprised it was so successful. I just look back and am flabbergasted, because it really went pretty smoothly."

"Other members of the community did get involved but Edith carried the lion's share of the work on her own shoulders," said John Newman on behalf of the Manchester Soccer Association.

"She started with the simple goal of making a monetary donation and has been bitten by the soccer bug," said Newman. "Her act of generosity soon turned to hard work."

After the first season's success, Myers is busy planning the upcoming seasons as vice president of the newly-formed Manchester Soccer Association Board.

The Community Resource Center's annual banquet, set for Nov. 15 at 6:30 p.m. will recognize a number of volunteers for their service to the Manchester community. Organizations have submitted their candidate nominations for the 2002 Claire Reck Outstanding Community Volunteer Award, which will be announced at the banquet.

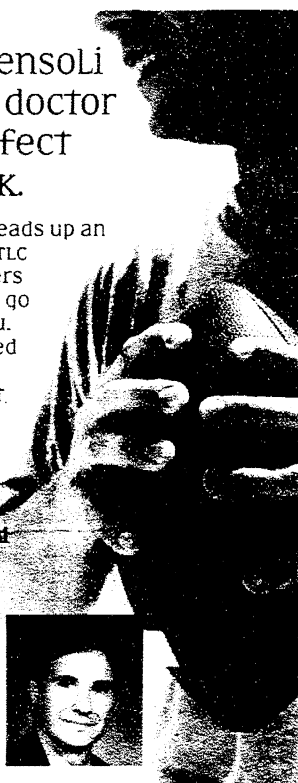
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Impact of consolidation will have ripple effect

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Associate Editor

While jobs, tax dollars and real estate may seem like the most serious consequences of the Uniloy Milacron downsizing, the "people costs" will be most dramatic. "It's a huge impact on our community," Village Manager Jeff Wallace said. "They are our largest business and one of our biggest employ-

ers. "But mostly, there are local residents who have lost very good paying jobs. You worry about the people first."

Secondly, Wallace's concern is for the impact on the community at large.

He hasn't yet got a full grasp on what the consolidation program will mean in tax dollars to the village, but

it may be minimal compared to the ripple effect of the plant losing an estimated 90 jobs.

"It's the compounding effect," he said. "It's a matter of how it affects the businesses in the area."

"It can be an unseen impact—what influence will it have on the downtown commercial area? There are a lot of lunches and dinners (sold to Uniloy employees); a lot of business at the stores, the gas stations ... everywhere."

Local realtor Jim Mann seconds this concern.

"It's the ripple and it's the ripple effect," he said. "They say every payroll dollar turns over seven times within the community. It's hard to put a number on it."

Asked whether upcoming job transfers would cause a glut of real estate on the market, Mann said he doubted it.

"When I look back on Double A closing in 1989, it didn't have as great an

impact as I thought," he said. "People who want to live here are vested in the community; they have deeper roots than just a job."

"It may be tough on those families; but I don't expect it to throw a lot of homes on the market."

David Jose has been through this before. Currently a journeyman machine builder at Uniloy, his is one of the jobs that will be affected when the machine assembly business moves to Batavia, Ohio.

"It will put some people in a tough spot," he said. "Some families will be starting over again."

In 1991, Jose "started over" himself. After Double A Products and then Vickers, where he was a fluid power assembler, left Manchester in 1991, Jose found a position at Johnson Controls Plastics Machinery Division, which is now Uniloy Milacron.

"Families with only one income will be hit hardest," Jose said. "Everyone will

land somewhere; but will the quality of life be the same?"

Wallace said the village wants to work with Uniloy to keep the existing business here, as well as establish ties with other businesses that might wish to locate in the vacated plant on M-52.

"But with the economy the way it is, that may be easier said than done," he said. "It's something we know we'll have to make a priority."

"It won't be catastrophic to

the village budget," he concluded. "It's the jobs and the hit to the local economy."

"It all gets back to the people."

Mann agrees, but he sees a brighter side.

"Washtenaw County has the lowest unemployment rate in the state," he said.

"And while this is a tough time for the manufacturing industry, if these people are anything like the Double A folks, they'll get through it."

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tion measures and their expected benefits, but assuming no strong economic recovery in the near term, at this time we believe 2003 will be a break-even year for Milacron."

Bechtel agreed that "it's not been good for the past few years for any capital investments; and we're not anticipating a good year ahead."

"We're adjusting by consolidation," he said.

Michael Arnold, the director of human resources at the Manchester facility, said that the company is taking measures to help those affected by the consolidation.

"There will be retraining opportunities," Arnold said. "Many people are talking about these options right now."

"For those affected, there will be a severance package granted as well as other special pay opportunities. We also have called in a comprehensive out-placement service which will help people in coping with job loss, resume writing and interview skills."

"We can appreciate what people are going through and we will do all we can to lessen the impact."

While some employees have wondered whether an attempt to organize via a union led to the decision to consolidate, both Bechtel and Arnold indicated that this was not a factor.

"There's been talk associated with a union organizing through the years," Bechtel said. "It didn't affect us in the past; it didn't this time."

"It would be unfair to infer that the employees had something to do with this. It's totally marketplace-driven. It's the economy. The idea of a union has been irrelevant to the decision."

The primary reasons for the decision were cited as the ongoing recession creating a decreasing demand for capital goods.

"A combination of events has downsized the entire industry to the point where a dedicated facility such as this one in Manchester is entirely out of proportion to current and projected demand," according to an information sheet provided to employees. "The layoffs and furloughs experienced earlier this year did not prove sufficient to sustain the business. Current reduced business levels, combined with available capacity elsewhere in Milacron forced the company to make this difficult decision."

Currently, the reductions are expected to take place after Jan. 1. Manchester will remain the company's North American headquarters and technical center.

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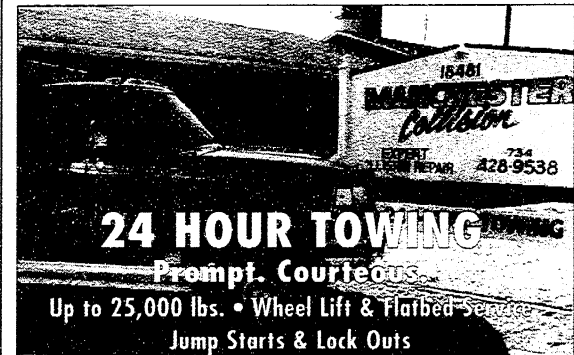
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The commissioners believed that Arroyo's proposed wording failed to offer the level of protection it desired, so the issue was tabled for further work by Arroyo. The commission will continue its consideration of the topic at its Dec. 9 meeting.

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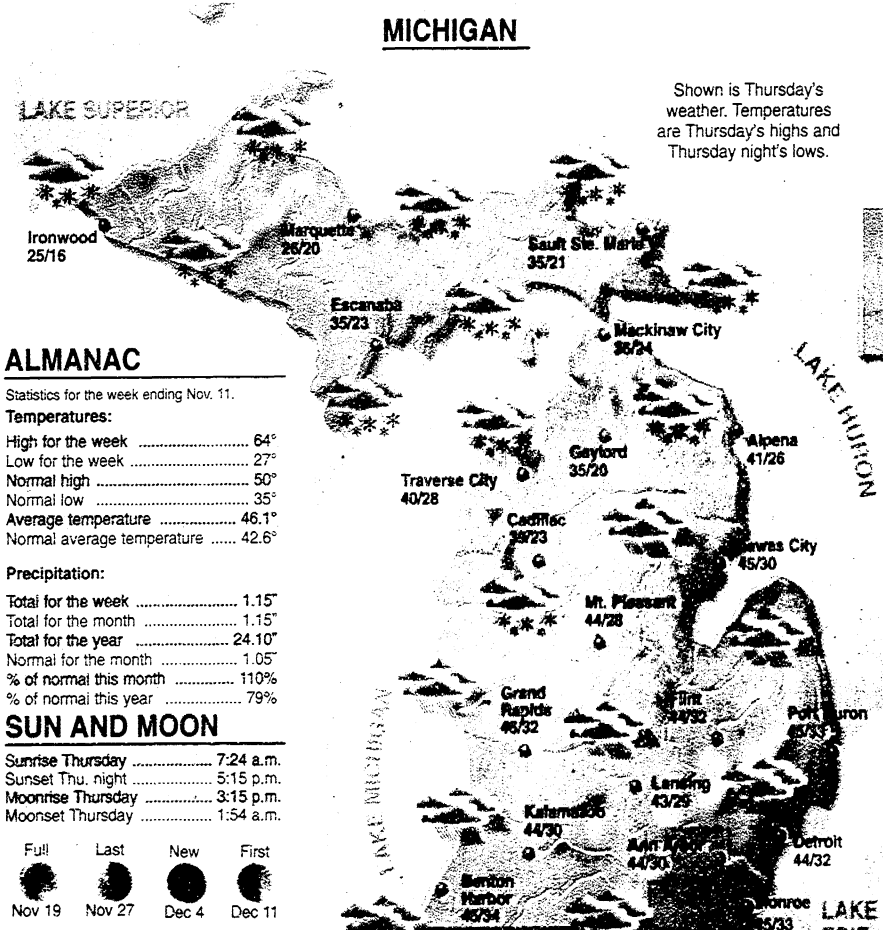
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Highest Sunday	34°

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

Major	Minor	Major	Minor
Thu: 7:31 a.m.	1:21 a.m.	7:51 p.m.	1:41 p.m.
Fri: 8:07 a.m.	1:57 a.m.	8:26 p.m.	2:16 p.m.
Sat: 8:41 a.m.	2:31 a.m.	9:01 p.m.	2:51 p.m.
Sun: 9:16 a.m.	3:06 a.m.	9:36 p.m.	3:26 p.m.

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Statistics for the week ending Nov. 11.

Temperatures:

High for the week	64°
Low for the week	27°
Normal high	50°
Normal low	35°
Average temperature	46.1°
Normal average temperature	42.6°

Precipitation:

Total for the week	1.15"
Total for the month	1.15"
Total for the year	24.10"
Normal for the month	1.05"
% of normal this month	110%
% of normal this year	79%

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise Thursday	7:24 a.m.
Sunset Thu. night	5:15 p.m.
Moonrise Thursday	3:15 p.m.
Moonset Thursday	1:54 a.m.



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	48/33/c	42/26/c	Buffalo	47/35/c	42/29/sn	Denver	46/26/c	46/24/c	Norfolk	56/42/s	51/44/c
Albany	50/33/c	43/34/c	Burlington, IA	51/29/c	40/23/pc	Des Moines	47/26/c	40/26/pc	Oklaoma City	61/39/pc	57/38/pc
Albuquerque	57/34/s	58/34/s	Burlington, VT	46/28/c	39/26/sn	Duluth	22/13/c	29/18/pc	Omaha	48/28/c	46/31/pc
Anchorage	34/26/sf	27/23/sf	Casper	44/25/pc	44/23/pc	El Paso	68/38/s	64/34/s	Palm Springs	83/55/s	83/55/s
Atlanta	63/42/s	60/41/s	Cedar Rapids	43/25/c	36/23/pc	Fairbanks	17/0/c	12/0/sf	Peara	48/32/sh	40/23/c
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Baltimore	54/40/pc	58/38/c	Charlotte	62/39/s	62/39/s	Fort Wayne	48/34/c	42/24/c	Pittsburgh	50/36/pc	46/30/sh
Baton Rouge	69/42/s	65/42/pc	Cheyenne	42/26/pc	40/22/pc	Green Bay	39/23/sn	35/21/sf	Portland, ME	49/30/pc	44/33/c
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Bismarck	28/22/c	36/25/sf	Cleveland	49/37/sh	44/29/c	Houston	73/50/s	71/43/pc	Raleigh	60/36/s	62/38/s
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Boise	50/34/c	52/38/pc	Columbus, OH	50/37/c	46/29/pc	Janeau	44/37/r	42/35/r	Reno	58/32/s	60/35/s
Boston	80/38/pc	54/42/c	Dallas	68/45/s	63/44/pc	Kansas City	55/34/pc	50/30/pc	Richmond	56/37/pc	60/38/pc
Brownsville	79/57/s	78/51/pc	Davenport	47/25/c	37/19/pc						

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A STEP UP FROM THE STREET

By Cathy Nelson
Heritage Newspapers

She sits quietly in a corner, her bright green eyes taking in all the commotion around her. No one knows her name or if she even has one. It's Monday morning and she was brought here only 24 hours ago by the police, although she has committed no crime. Still, she sits silently behind metal bars that are now her window to the world.

There's already a soft spot in Courtney Evans' heart for this unnamed young white and gray cat, one of two animals who arrived at the Dearborn Animal Shelter on Sunday, a day when the facility is supposed to be closed.

"She's sweet. She was nice as soon as she came in," said Evans, an animal care technician who was there when Dearborn police delivered the stray. "Usually they're nervous or scared, especially when they walk by the dogs. But, we haven't had a problem with her yet."

Evans, 21, is an expert on such things. Her hands, arms and neck are literally covered with "battle scars" — scratches from cats that were none too happy about being in their new surroundings.

"Some of the biggest problems are cats who are feral," she said. "They have had no human contact, so you have to move very, very slowly. Sometimes they will flip out, just spin in circles and bite and scratch you."

The shelter currently has 35 dogs and over 130 cats. The cats especially have been arriving in record numbers since summer, and things show no signs of slowing down.

It's been a strain on all the staff, but Evans remains upbeat — the perfect person for the job.

"You have to have a lot of energy to work here. It's a lot of physical work," said Evans, whose many duties include cleaning and scrubbing cages and settling animals into their new surroundings. "But, there's a lot of emotional stuff to deal with, too."

As for the newest feline member of the shelter, it's now a waiting game. The unnamed cat will be kept in the holding area until she has had a physical and received vaccines.

Theoretically, she should move to the adoption area in four days. Realistically, it could take much longer. She has to wait for a cage to open up and there are many others who arrived ahead of her.

He sits, diminutive, amidst others who are much bigger, louder. His dark eyes stare at all who walk by. His tail gently wags. He seems to not quite know what to make of the situation. After all, it's been less than 72 hours since he was taken from the only home he's ever known.

In her six years as shelter director, Elaine Greene, a soft-spoken woman whose calm balances the chaos around her, has seen a lot of things she doesn't understand. This is one of them — Buster, a 10-year-old gray Lhasa apso who, as the sign on his cage says, is "crate-trained, house-broken, and good with kids and dogs."

So what's a nice dog like him doing in a place like this?

Greene rolls her eyes. "The woman who brought him in said she got rid of him because the dog's old and her daughter's having a baby ... She didn't think she'd have time to take care of the dog."

"He's 10, and she's had him since he was a puppy."

Still, Greene said Buster is lucky. If he were a big dog, his age would make him unadoptable.

That's something that's tough for Greene to take. The shelter has a policy of only euthanizing temperamental, unsound or sick animals.

But, Greene admits it's been a struggle this year and things are now "day to day." Cage space is short, and if it wasn't for foster families and veterinarians offering space ...

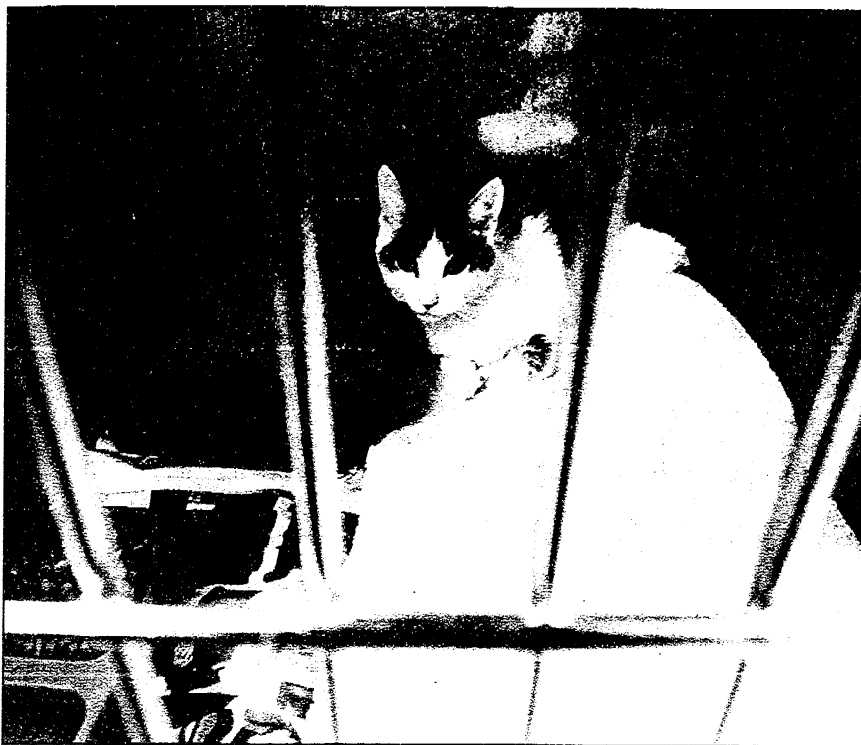
"It's hard to see more animals come in when you don't have cages," she said. "That juggling is the most difficult thing."

Around the corner from Buster is another newcomer. He doesn't have a name and is not adjusting as well as some of his counterparts. His tan body shakes with nervousness, but he manages to wag his tail and even let out a little bark to those who pass by.

The 7-month-old Labrador mix is another stray, picked up by the Dearborn Police Department. He, too, will play a waiting game — then, just maybe, he'll have a chance at having one of the green "Adoption Pending" signs that sit on a handful of other cages placed on his.

Their introduction into the world was a cruel one. Only 2 weeks old, they should still be with their mother. Instead, they are here, sleeping in a fluffy bed, meowing softly, lucky to be alive.

"Cathy's their mother now," said Greene of the two white and gray kittens in the



Photos by Millard Berry

Serena peers from her cage in the holding area less than 24 hours after being brought to the Dearborn Animal Shelter as a stray. Despite being in new surroundings, she remained good-natured and affectionate towards shelter staff — something they say is not always the case when transporting an already scared animal.

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shelter's nursery area, who could both easily fit into the palm of one's hand.

Cathy is Catherine Cain, the shelter's veterinary technician, animal evaluator and foster mom to the tiniest residents. Her newest "babies" were picked up after someone saw them being thrown into a field. She's seen worse.

"The two I had before these, someone had put into a plastic bag and thrown into the garbage," said Cain, who brings the kittens to work with her and takes them home every night.

Cain, whose long red hair and ready smile lend her a warm, motherly air, admits fostering newborn animals is a difficult job, one she wishes high school girls could try before deciding to have babies.

"When they're crying, you have to be there," said Cain. "When they want to eat, they want to eat now. You have to make sure they're warm and healthy. The smaller they are, the more needy they are."

"It can be demanding. But, it's the alternative ..." she adds, her voice trailing off.

Today is a big day for Duffy, a longtime shelter resident. After a short illness, the outgoing, friendly 8-month-old cat is leaving the holding area and going to the adoption area — for the second time. As Evans takes him out of his cage he playfully bats her with his white paw and nuzzles her face. It's almost like he knows.

There to greet Duffy in the cat adoption room is 85-year-old Margaret Elliott. She works at the shelter five days a week. Before that she was a caregiver to people.

"I love animals. They all get to know me. Some like me, some I'm not so sure," she said with a laugh.

Her favorite is a black cat named Lucas, another longtime resident of the shelter. But, Elliott admits if she could, she'd "take them all home."

A few feet away, Duffy is enjoying a meal in his new home. He seems settled, even content. The same can't always be said for his human caretakers.

Evans calls them shelter nightmares and she's had them many times.

"I have dreams, nightmares," she said. "Sometimes they're about animals that I love not getting a home."

Sometimes, her nightmares are real. One that's especially vivid took place last Christmas. She had volunteered to work — "I don't have any children. I can see my family later," she laughed — so others could spend time with their families.

When Evans arrived that snowy, blustery morning, she soon discovered something that felt especially wrong on such a holiday.

"Someone had left a dog outside on Christmas Eve. It was zero-degree weather. I had no idea how long it was out there. I thought it was dead. I thought 'How could someone do that?'"

She spent the day trying to warm up the 6-month-old puppy with warm blankets and water. It worked.

This time the ending was happy. After recovery, Precious, as the puppy was named, went to a good home. The owners still send pictures.

It's those stories that keep Evans going. Even though she works 50-60 hours a week, she said she never leaves her job behind.

"It's always in my mind."

This is my life's work. I can't help it, I'm always thinking about the animals."

So too is it for Greene, who wanted to be a farmer when she was little and spent 22 years at the Michigan Humane Society before coming to the Dearborn shelter.

"I question my decisions sometimes," said Greene, who feels especially bad after denying an adoption or euthanizing an animal. "I try not to agonize over every single thing that happens."

Still, for all the years she's been doing it, Greene said finds it impos-

sible to separate her life inside the shelter from her life outside of it. There's simply no way to leave it all behind when she goes home at the end of the day.

"I don't. I live, eat and sleep this job," said Greene, tears rolling slowly down her face. "Every time I go to a social event, I think 'How's this going to benefit the shelter?' I can't watch animal movies because they upset me. If I visit another shelter I worry what happens to these animals I have no control over."

"You never leave it."

It's now Wednesday, and the gray and white cat, now called Serena, is growing accustomed to her surroundings. The quiet demeanor she displayed on arrival has grown into a more friendly, outgoing one. She realizes speaking up means getting attention and she's become quite good at it. Serena's scheduled to move to the adoption room on Friday, but only if there's room. There, she'll join Duffy, who's still waiting for a home.

Things have gotten worse for the tan Labrador mix who's been given the name Penny. Since his Sunday arrival, two raw skin spots have been discovered and he's now in the holding area, awaiting a veterinarian's visit. Before he was moved, someone came to look at him, but never came back. The same thing happened to Buster, who now wags his tail for anyone who greets him, but doesn't bark like most of his canine neighbors.

Then, on Friday, Buster's life changes just as quickly as it did less than a week ago. Someone's come in and they're leading him out of his cage.

Nicole Nicolet holds Buster in her arms and talks to him sweetly. He answers with kisses and a tail that moves so fast, it's a blur.

Nicole, 10, is at the shelter with her mother, Susan, sister, Michelle, 7, and Violet, their 1-year-old Yorkshire terrier. Nicole's dog Misty died recently and the family is ready to find a new member.

"We prefer to get rescue dogs," explained Susan. "Violet was a rescue, Misty was a rescue. We like to get a dog who needs someone."

"That's the best part for me," said Evans, referring to seeing a hard-to-place animal like Buster get a good home.

It's been an especially good day at the shelter. Including Buster, five cats and two dogs have been adopted.

Not as fortunate as Buster are Serena, Duffy and Penny.

Penny is still in the holding area, being treated for a minor skin ailment and, now, kennel cough. Once he's better, he'll move back out to the adoption room. His nervousness has gone away and he wags his tail and walks gently over to anyone willing to scratch his ears and offer a kind word.

Duffy is still awaiting a home. Someone is looking at him and he seems to know this could be his chance. He reaches out to the stranger with both paws and meows out at her. Despite his best efforts, she doesn't take him.

Of them all, Serena is the one whose prospects are bleakest. She has tested positive for feline leukemia virus, a disease she carried when she arrived at the shelter. Now, Serena can only be adopted into a special needs home — one where she's the only cat or with other cats who carry the disease. If Serena doesn't find such a home, and soon, she will have to be euthanized.

Evans admits her heart goes out to animals like Penny, Serena and Duffy.

"It's not like these animals have a choice. That's why we keep going. Sometimes I'm tired or my back hurts. But, we can't think of ourselves. It's about them."

She and her co-workers know that ideally these animals would all be in loving homes. They also know that will probably never happen.

"If people did what they should do, we wouldn't have this problem," said Greene.

Said too many refuse to be responsible by spaying, neutering or caring for their pets. That's where she and her staff and volunteers at the shelter come in.

"We do the best we can do," said Evans, admitting if they didn't care for these animals, no one else would. "They have food, shelter, toys and someone to walk and play with them."

"It's not a home, but it's a step up from the street."



Life has become a waiting game for Duffy, a longtime feline resident of the shelter. Here, Courtney Evans moves Duffy from the holding area to the adoption room, where a cage has finally become available.



Penny, a 7-month-old Labrador mix, peers from his cage the day after arriving at the Dearborn shelter.

Making Education

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--Cesar Chavez

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--Tom Brokaw



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--Anonymous

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Nationally, insurance companies have paid out more than \$100 billion in catastrophic-related claims. Winter storms and ice damage in Michigan have contributed greatly to rising costs here.

Michigan averages 18 tornadoes each year. In 2001 there were 32 tornadoes in Michigan, which caused over \$49 million in damages.

Claims for snow and ice storms exceeded \$375 mil-

lion the winter of 1999-2000. Connie Widmayer at the Sutton Insurance Agency in Manchester offers some ideas for holding down the cost of your homeowner's insurance premiums.

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Multi-policy discounts are available from most insurance companies when you insure your home and vehicles with the same company. Shop your insurance as a package including life insurance and umbrella liability.

Responsible Citizens



Middle school good citizens for October are Rossi Kittel (left), Briann Neigebauer, Roxanne Rickert, Julie Fielder, Lara Wagner, James Heslip, Anthony Trupiano, Maddie Schaefer, Jared Meeks and Brian Kemeter.

By Linda Brannock
Staff Writer

The October Citizens of the Month award at Nellie Ackerson Middle School focused on responsibility. This means being a person on whom others can depend. Following through on your tasks on your own ... doing what you need to do.

A responsible citizen accepts consequences for the choices he/she makes without blaming someone else or making excuses. The following students have been named by their teachers as Citizens of the Month showing outstanding res-

ponsibility.

Fifth-graders Roxanne Rickert and Rossi Kittel were named. Rossi's teachers find him "honest, reliable, independent, and reflective. Rossi puts forth his greatest effort on a daily basis."

Sixth grade students nominated included James Heslip, Anthony Trupiano and Brian Kemeter, whose nominating teacher found him "very dependable, hard working and honest."

In seventh grade, responsible citizens are Brian Neigebauer and Julie

Fielder, about whom a nominating teacher wrote, "Julie takes ownership for everything she does. She takes her responsibilities

seriously. She is a kind, helpful person."

Eighth graders named were Jared Meeks, Maddie Schaefer and Lara Wagner.

VIDEO VOICE

Adam Sandler's "Mr. Deeds" topped this week's video and DVD rentals at the DVD Revolution in Manchester, followed by The Sum of All Fears, Spider-Man, Monsters, Inc. and 40 Days and 40 Nights.

This week, Veronica and Kerry at the DVD Revolution review the third-place rental, Spider-Man.

"She Says ..."

"I didn't like the Batman and Superman series of movies, so I didn't anticipate liking this one—but I did!" Veronica says, giving the film a 9 out of 10 rating.

"It was a great movie, but the ending makes me mad ... just tell us women the truth, guys, and let us make the danger determination and for ourselves.

"We still (or have done so) date guys that bring us dan-

ger and they aren't even heroes, thank you very much."

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"He Says ..."

Kerry agrees with Veronica's rating, giving Spider-Man a 9 out of 10 rating.

"The only hokey part of the movie is the Goblin," he says. "Otherwise this is a pretty great movie."

"I understood the need to protect those you love from those who wish to hurt you. I see nobility and not a jumping (instead of a flying; this is not Superman we are discussing) pig."

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Varsity concludes regular season play

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Associate Editor

Parents' night for the Lady Dutch varsity basketball team was a high point of the season as the girls played Addison in their last home game.

"It was probably our best overall effort for the year," Manchester coach John Wilkins said.

Despite Addison taking an early lead and maintaining a four-point advantage at half-time, the Dutch held the Panthers to nine in the second half, responding with 30 points of their own to take a 46-29 victory.

Liz Okey led the team with 20 points, 10 rebounds and five blocked shots.

"She played an outstanding game," Wilkins said.

Cori Chrestensen scored nine points and had four assists while Katie Meranuck had six points.

Julia Steinaway added four points and seven rebounds and Michelle Slocum had three points and four assists. Caitlin Sewell and Heather Popkey rounded out the scoring with two points apiece.

"It was a nice effort to

have this game," the seniors' last home game," Wilkins said. "The girls played extremely well; it was a nice win."

The good memories didn't last long enough, however as the team traveled to Jackson Western Thursday and didn't play as well, losing 52-33 to a much larger school.

"Western is one of the better teams in that conference," Wilkins said. "It was their senior night and those seniors came out very fired up, playing extremely well in the first half."

That half ended up with the Dutch in a 14-point deficit which, despite playing much better in the second half, the girls simply couldn't overcome.

"We just couldn't get the lead down to where we could get a run at them," Wilkins said. "10 points was about as close as we could get."

Meranuck had nine points to lead in scoring while Okey had six points and 10 rebounds. Steinaway and Sewell each added four points; Slocum and Kate Meyer each had three points with Slocum assisting twice. Popkey and Fallynne Schlosser each scored once for

two points apiece.

"Now we have a week off to get ready for districts," Wilkins said this week.

The Lady Dutch will face a freshman team from Plymouth, a new school which, due to having just a freshman class, qualifies for Class C status, in the second bracket of district play this coming Monday at Clinton High School.

"Plymouth is the unknown quantity," Wilkins said. "They have played a freshman schedule, but they are 20-0 for the season—and have beat those teams handily, from what I've heard."

He added that this week would be spent with the girls practicing hard as well as trying to find out more about exactly who their opponents will be and what type of game to expect.

The winner of the Manchester-Plymouth game will face Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard on Wednesday night. In the opposite bracket are Clinton and Whitmore Lake. The winner of the first game on Monday will face Ann Arbor Greenhills in Wednesday's competition. Clinton will host the Cham-



Photo by David Jose

Liz Okey's 20-point home court charge led the Lady Dutch on to victory over Addison last week, 46-29.

ampionship round at 7 p.m. on Nov. 22.

"We would have the late game Monday and Wednesday," Wilkins said, "which would start after the 5:30 p.m. game is concluded."

Asked whether the team is excited to face the "mystery team" from Plymouth, Wilkins responded that the girls

are eagerly anticipating the district competition.

"This probably is not the team they wanted to draw, just because of the unknown factor," he said. "The other teams we know quite a bit about; this one we don't. We'll be spending this week trying to find out more."

But while Plymouth is

bringing freshman students, the Lady Dutch team is heavy on experience with several third-year varsity players.

"I'm confident," Wilkins said. "I know the girls can come out and play hard."

"Hopefully we can get the breaks we need and have good luck in the districts."

Dutch Spirit



Photo by David Jose

Maroon and gold marauders invaded the Parents Night basketball game last Tuesday and provided an enthusiastic cheering section for the girls' victory over Addison.

Junior Lady Dutch end season with 14-6 record

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Associate Editor

It was a difficult ending, but overall the junior varsity girls' basketball team has had a successful winning season this fall.

With a league record of 9-5 and an overall performance of 14-6, the season had its highs and lows.

The final league game against Addison on Nov. 5 could have been considered among the lows, but for great performances from several individual players.

"What a game," Manchester coach Mark Ball said. "This was one of the best junior varsity girls' basketball games I've seen in years."

Below up their first-quarter

21-14 blitz with a flat second quarter.

"We had our best offensive quarter of the year in the first quarter," Ball said. "Leading the blitz was Carolyn Biltedeaux with 10 points including two three-pointers."

In the second quarter the Dutch took a 25-24 halftime lead.

Katelyn Gall took charge in the second half, scoring 15 out of the team's 27 points.

"But it was the one point she didn't get that hurt real bad," Ball said. "Everyone on the team thought she hit a three-pointer in the fourth quarter, but the refs called it a two-point shot."

"With that extra point, the lucky buzzer-beating shot

they hit to tie the score wouldn't have been enough."

The Lady Dutch fell 57-55 in overtime. Gall scored 16 points, with three rebounds, five steals, six assists and a block adding to her impressive game. Lindsay Ellison followed up with 11 points and five rebounds in what Ball termed "an outstanding game," and Biltedeaux's 10 points added an extra boost.

Brandi Walter was another outstanding player for the night with eight points, two rebounds, a steal and an assist.

Emilee Sweet and Sam Mahan each scored three points with Mahan adding 12 boards to her impressive game. Roz Harvey and Emily

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More than sidelines: Cheer teams top competition

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Associate Editor

In the Manchester cheer team's fall competitive season, the girls took back-to-back wins among cheerleaders from around the state.

The cheer squad competes in the Michigan Cheerleading Coaches Association (MCCA) Fall Championships, which is an equivalent to state competition, according to cheerleading coach Carmen Williams.

"The fall competitions are not as big as the winter ones because we are divided into

more categories," she said.

In the first competition Oct. 26, only the varsity competition squad performed, bringing home a first-place trophy. In the stunt-off, the five senior members of the squad entered an original routine and received a second-place award.

"In the first division we do a three-minute cheer, putting in whatever we want—music, gymnastics, stunts—and we took first place in that, competing against six other teams," Williams said. "We also did crowd-line, for

which we got extra participation points."

In the stunt division the girls competed against three other schools to come in second place.

In both competitions, the Dutch cheerleaders went up against Class C schools.

On Nov. 2, the team headed to the MCCA Cheer Classics competition in Haslett, where both the varsity and junior varsity squads participated in the contest.

"For the JV team it was their first-ever competition," Williams said. "I have all freshmen on my junior varsity competition team. With only six members, they took second place."

The varsity squad did some work on the previous week's competitive cheer and spent the week in between practicing and polishing their routines.

"Even though we took first the week before, we had made some mistakes," Williams said. "We wanted to go back and do better, so we changed the cheer around a little bit and did a lot of work in practice."

Hard work paid off as the team improved on every one of its scores and took another first-place trophy among the teams competing at the same level.



The varsity cheer squad struts their stuff in competition, earning back-to-back first place awards at the Fall Championship in Clawson Oct. 26 and Cheer Classics in Haslett Nov. 2.

"Usually, we are scored on a one-to-10 scale," Williams said. "In the first competition we got a lot of sixes and sevens."

"The second week, the varsity earned mainly eights and nines, so I think we improved a lot."

This concludes the fall competition season for the Dutch cheerleaders.

"We will start tryouts for

next season this week," Williams said. "I have a couple of girls leaving to play volleyball or for jobs; so we'll have to see what happens after tryouts."

"But we will still go to a few competitions; we'd like to qualify for state—that is our big goal."

To qualify for state competition the cheerleaders will need to take a first place at

regional competition or earn within 10 percent of the score of the first-place team.

"We've done that the last two years since I've been coaching here," Williams said. "Hopefully we can keep up with that."

Williams said that the team anticipates appearing in winter competitions in mid-January.



Photos by David Jose

Junior varsity cheerleaders earned a second-place trophy at last week's Cheer Classics competition in Haslett.

Local hunters gear up for deer hunting season

■ Many hunters enjoy being out in nature.

By Lisa Carolin
Special Writer

Tomorrow is the opening of firearms season for deer hunters in Michigan. Thousands of hunters from across the state are making final preparations and hoping for good weather.

Herb Klein of Webster Township enjoys deer meat, especially from the deer in southeast Michigan because of the farm crops that they feed on in the area.

Klein has been hunting with firearms for 30 years. He grew up in Dexter and has always enjoyed being out in nature.

Klein says that when he's hunting, he takes the time to do things he typically wouldn't do, such as watching animals and enjoying the peace and quiet.

"I usually look for bucks when the season opens," he said. "The population is so large in this area that it's not hard to see them.

"I want meat for the freezer and enjoy venison. I also have sausage made from it and share that and the steaks with people."

Klein is a member of Post 46 Hunt and Fish Club near Silver Lake. He says that the club has talked about chronic wasting disease, which has affected deer in Wisconsin. So far, no deer in Michigan have been found to have the disease, he said. Klein said it may be because most hunters stick with apples and corn as bait for deer.

Chronic wasting disease is related to "mad cow" disease and damages brain and nerve tissue. It is believed to be caused in deer by commercial bait with beef products.

Jody Louth, who lives in Saline and is the director of Michiganers Against Sport Hunting, says that baiting deer is unnatural feeding and spreads diseases such as chronic wasting disease and bovine tuberculosis.

Louth's group believes that people hunt for the

thrill of the kill and the trophy.

"The hunters are after the bucks with the big racks, the beautiful, healthy huge animals, not the female deer," she said. "If the Department of Natural Resources wanted to decrease the deer population, then it would mandate doe hunting only during hunting season," she said.

Louth used to organize the protest at the buck pole at the Mill Creek Sports Center on Main Street in Dexter.

"The only reason we stopped protesting was because the hunters were hostile and would throw things at us," she said.

Louth believes that the hunting lobby in Michigan controls wildlife decisions made in the state, causing a conflict of interest over the way decisions are made.

Kristine Simon of Chelsea thinks the DNR's main function is to establish game seasons and to regulate game species of animals.

"I didn't start out being anti-hunting," she said. "I attended some meetings

with DNR officials who weren't interested in what I had to say. Hunters are the DNR's bread and butter, and I think the organization is playing around with nature."

Simon got involved in what she calls "animal advocacy" in 1996 after witnessing the power of hunting special interest groups and what she describes as a lack of power of the residents of the state.

"The DNR has created a false high food supply, which has caused the deer population to surge," she said. "We pay for it in higher insurance rates because of all of the deer hit by cars."

Simon said the purpose of more deer is to perpetrate what she calls "the hunting industry and the recreational killing of animals."

Mark Amsdill of Webster Township has a different view. He grew up on a farm and says that taught him the necessity of hunting.

"Deer eat 25 to 30 percent of the crops, especially soy beans and corn," he said.

"Hunting is indeed about population control and



killing does. The alternative is starvation and predators.

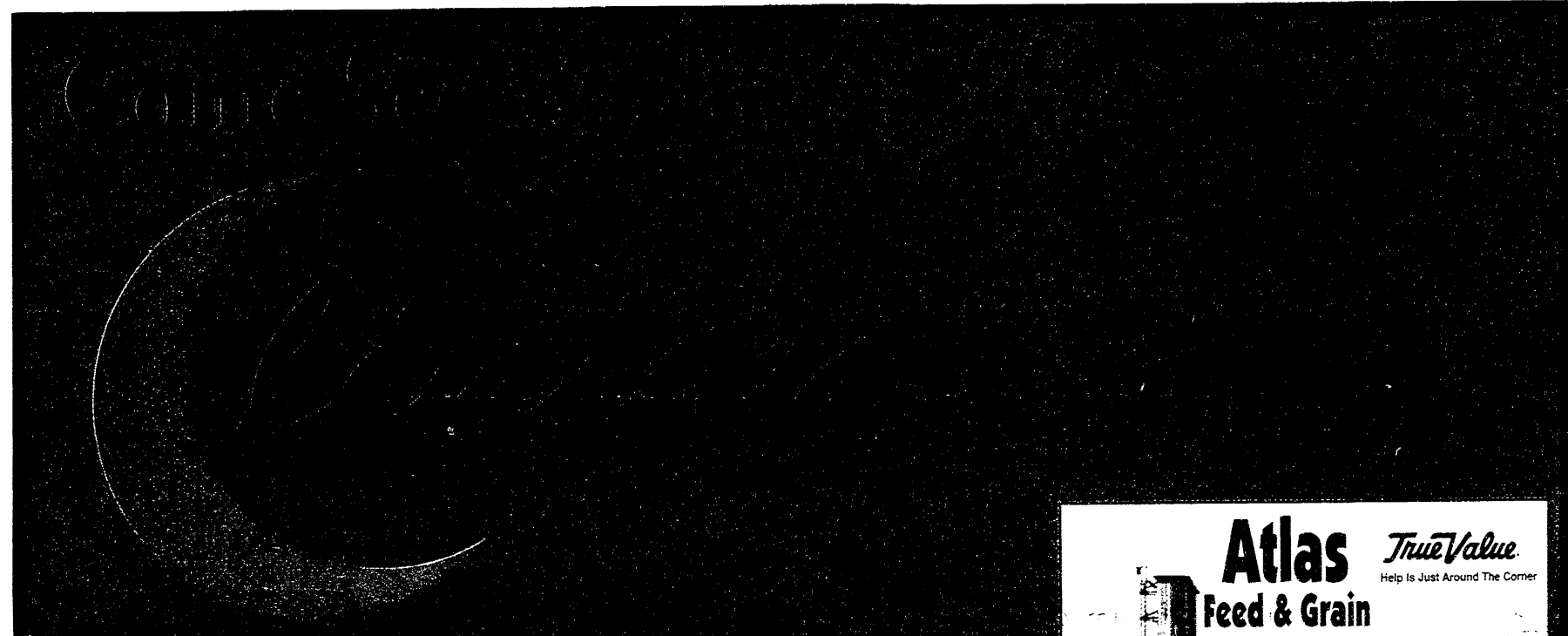
"The deer population would be out of control without hunting and all of the car accidents."

Ray Kroske, who owns the Mill Creek Sport Center, sug-

gests the following rules for deer hunters during firearms season:

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Hunters and property owners should be aware that the archery deer hunting season is in full swing and firearm deer hunting season starts tomorrow.

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- Respect landowners' property and boundaries.

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JV

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Little each scored two points. Kelly Schaible had three rebounds and three assists to help the team along.

On Thursday the team headed to Jackson Western to play its final game.

"Our first half was flat," Ball said. "Emotionally, we had nothing and that caused our poor play."

"At halftime all we discussed was how important it was to play our last half-game with all the intensity we could muster, so that after the game we could all be happy with our effort and end the season positively."

In the third and fourth quarters, the team took his message to heart and was outscored by only one point.

Sweet led the team in scoring with seven points and six rebounds. Bri King added six points and seven boards.

In her first junior varsity game, Darci Chrestensen came through with four big fourth-quarter points. Harvey and Billetdeaux added three points apiece to the team effort, while Mahan scored two points and Schaible, Ellison and Gall each contributed a point.

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Notice is hereby given for a public hearing and meeting of the Freedom Township Zoning Board of Appeals on November 19, at 8:00 P.M. in the Freedom Town Hall, 11508 Pleasant Lake Road. Purpose of the meeting is for consideration of a request for variance from the provisions of the Freedom Township Zoning Ordinance on property of Kristen Sell at 5150 Happy Hollow Road, Manchester, MI 48158 to remodel existing home which does not meet zoning ordinance requirements.

Application for variance and all supporting papers can be examined by making an appointment with the Chairman of the Freedom Township Zoning Board of Appeals, Luke Schaible at 734-428-9120.

The Freedom 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 meeting of public hearing upon ten days notice to the Freedom Township Board.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Freedom Township Board by calling or writing to the Township Clerk at 734-428-0203, 7630 Ernst Road, Manchester, MI 48158.

MANCHESTER VILLAGE COUNCIL AGENDA

Monday, November 18, 2002, 7:00 P.M.

AGENDA:

1. Call meeting to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
3. Minutes of the previous meeting
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Public Participation
6. Old Business
 - a. Wexford Development Agreement
 - b. Planning Commission Seats
 - c. Sewer and Water Ordinance
 - d. CRC Contract
 - e. Manchester Woods-Petition
 - f. Other
7. New Business
 - a. Lease Agreement-County Antenna
 - b. Utility Truck Box
 - c. Other
8. Correspondence
9. Accounts Payable
10. Treasurer's Report
11. Committee Reports
12. Adjourn

BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS

OCTOBER 16, 2002

Supervisor called the meeting to order all board members present. The agenda was reviewed and three items were added, DTE Streetlighting outages, PA116 & District Library resignation. Board accepted the agenda for the evening.

Comments from the audience included discussion of political signs in the township resident's yards. Board agreed to review the sign ordinance before another political election.

Board reviewed the Minutes of the September 18th meeting. Minutes were corrected and approved. Board reviewed and approved the September 30th special meeting minutes. Treasurer reported the monthly balances and statements. The Clerk presented bills, which were approved for payment.

Board heard reports from: Planning Commission and Zoning Administrator.

Board had several items for the month regarding correspondence and announcements.

These included: Dedication of Township flagpole, Washtenaw County Drain Commission Public Information meeting regarding the Bridgewater Village Tile Drain, Township newsletter, Citizen Planner Program, Delinquent Taxes for collection, Wash. County Police Services meeting, MTA duties, WCRC report for bridges, and DTE Streetlighting Outage letter.

Priority Business included:

- Washtenaw County Sheriff's report
- A report was given on the Bartlett Road upgrade from Stansley Mineral Resources
- Board approved the PDR for the Township Ordinance #38
- Board appointed Glen Finkbeiner to the Board of Appeals.
- Board planned the flagpole dedication
- Board heard a report of the Krause dog kennel court order.
- Board tabled the rezoning reduction fee for Finkbeiner
- Board discussed the zoning amendments proposed.
- Spallier reviewed work for the two old wells at the township hall.
- Board approved the PA116 for Klager.

Under Other Business

The board set the date for the Clean-up for November 2, 2002. Discussion on the 2003 Summer Tax Collection.

Board appointed Carol Schulte as the District Library representative for the township.

Board moved to closed session to discuss land for the sewer project.

Next meeting November 20th, 2002 at 7:00 P.M. after the flag pole dedication.

Karen Weidmayer
Bridgewater Township Clerk

MANCHESTER VILLAGE APPROVED COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

OCTOBER 21, 2002

President Vaillencourt called the regular meeting of the Manchester Village Council to order at 7:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Council members present: Conaway, DuRussel, Dzengeski, Petsch, Schaffer, Way and Vaillencourt. Also present were Clerk Schaible, Manager Wallace, Cliff Tracy, Ken Rogge, Ron Fielder, Scott Brochett, Manchester Enterprise, Karl Racenis, Zach Johnson, Sean Johnson, John Johnson, Larry Gemard-Pilot Industries, Mary Clark, and Levi Clark

The minutes of the October 7, 2002 regular meeting were approved. The proceedings of the October 7, 2002 regular meeting were approved.

The Agenda was approved as amended.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - Levi Clark introduced himself and reported that he was observing this evening's meeting as a requirement of his Citizenship Merit Badge.

OLD BUSINESS

METRO-TELECOM ACT - Motion that Ordinance No.243-Telecommunications be adopted passed. Motion that Resolution No. 02-1021-Telecommunications be adopted passed.

SEWER AND WATER ORDINANCE UPDATE - Council agreed to review the proposed ordinance for action next month.

MANCHESTER DRAIN UPDATE - The Drain Commissioner has assured the Village that a second public hearing on the repair of the Manchester and Manchester/Sharon Extensions Drains will be held.

TAX ABATEMENT TRANSFERS - Pilot Industries recently merged with another company, but retained the same name, headquarters, etc. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 02-1021B-Transfer of Pilot Industries, Inc iFT certificates #90-327R&P and #92-461 passed.

CORRESPONDENCE

Council acknowledged the following correspondence:

Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority special assessment notice for 2002 totaling \$34,632.00.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE - Motion to pay the warrants in the total amount of \$24,990.31 passed.

REPORTS

SHERIFF REPORT - The report was accepted.

DPW REPORT - The report was accepted. Motion that the 10' valve installation and pump repair work be completed as detailed in the Superior Pump & Valve proposal dated 09/24/02 at a cost not to exceed \$17,410 carried.

MANAGER REPORT - Wallace presented his report highlighting that the G.D.P. is moving forward and that any input be brought forward this week.

Vaillencourt that the C.R.C. Volunteers banquet is scheduled for November 15th with our own Pat DuRussel up for an award. She also highlighted the SWWCOG regional plan and its importance. They are looking for feedback through November with the revised plans being distributed in December.

There being no further business President Vaillencourt adjourned the meeting at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie A. Schaible, Manchester Village Clerk

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 Death Notices 100
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Schools financial picture is bright

■ *Superintendent gives speech at Chamber meeting.*

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Associate Editor

David Oegema, superintendent of Manchester Community Schools, spoke at the annual meeting of the Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce on Oct. 23.

Calling the district's \$10 million budget "an investment in the community," Oegema also acknowledged the \$35 million bond project passed in 2001 that will

result in a new high school by fall 2004, recently-completed improvements to Klager Elementary School and the renovation of the current high school to a middle school, which will begin in spring 2003.

"The school is currently strong financially," Oegema told the assembled members of the chamber. "We have



David Oegema

about 14 percent fund equity, also known as our 'rainy day fund.' This is a huge improvement from three years ago when our fund balance was in the neighborhood of \$300,000."

Oegema credited the passage of a bond issue in 2000 as giving the general fund a chance to grow while the bond purchased buses, technology and kitchen equipment for the district.

The construction project has been under way for nearly one year at this time and the completion of the improvements at Klager last week has opened up six new primary classrooms and also will provide room for community education and music. A new cafeteria, completed before the school year began, housed two temporary classrooms during the first two months of school and now will open for its planned use, freeing up gym space for a full day of physical education classes.

A different bus loop at Klager Elementary extends to Gieske Road and the site of the new school, which is

expected to improve traffic flow—both for student pick-up and within the community by diverting traffic from the four corners at Main and M-52.

As for the new high school site, Oegema announced that the sewer and water lines are installed and the site is balanced and ready for foundation work to begin on Dec. 1. Steel and concrete bids were awarded at the school board's Oct. 21 meeting.

"Tail steel will be erected over the winter, from January through April," Oegema said. "We will be bidding the exterior work by Thanksgiving and the shell will be up by next fall."

The work at the current high school will begin in April, and is expected to be completed by the opening of school next fall. In preparation for that work, which will occupy several current parking spots, the district this weekend added a parking lot extension to accommodate student and staff vehicles.

"New school: new growth," Oegema said. "It's all good for the community."

Decking the Hall



Junior Girl Scout troop #977 decorated a "Festival of Trees" entry at the village hall in Manchester. Residents may vote for one of six trees decorated by area youth by placing canned goods by their favorite. Hats, scarves and mittens bedecking this tree were made by the scouts. They, along with the canned votes, will be distributed through Manchester Family Service and the Community Resource Center. The festival of trees runs from Nov. 23 to Dec. 13.

Local youth accepted as student ambassador

By Linda Brannock
Staff Writer

Travis Tubbs, a sixth-grader at Nellie Ackerson Middle School, recently was accepted to participate in the Michigan People to People Student Ambassador Program to Australia and New Zealand next summer. The 22-day program of exchange consists of meetings with government officials, interaction with other students his own age, and educational activities and home visits with host families.

Travis is currently seeking financial support to help him reach his goal and would greatly appreciate the support of local businesses and organizations.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower began the People to People Program in 1956. He believed that if people from different cultures could come together in peace and friendship, so eventually would countries.

Travis has been a member of Boy Scouts since 1997 and has participated in the Chicken Broil, M-52 clean up, Boy Scout breakfasts and fundraisers. He is a member of Bethel United Church of Christ, singing in the choir and belonging to the youth group. He currently plays the trumpet in the school band, holding the first chair position. He was on the A-honor roll in fifth grade and was awarded first place in last year's Science Fair. His hobbies and interests include sketching, drawing and sports.

Student Ambassadors are carefully interviewed and evaluated before their acceptance. As Student Ambassadors, youth can earn academic credit through the program's many educational elements.

Travis says he would like to become an Ambassador because of the opportunity to meet kids his own age from other countries, experience different cultures and learn about other countries.

The tuition for the program is \$4,970, which includes meals, transportation, accommodations and educational activities. Travis is seeking sponsors to donate \$50 to help him reach his goal. Checks may be made payable to People to People Ambassador Program and forwarded to him at 5200 Sylvan Rd. Manchester.

Meeting dates change

The Alzheimer's Association family caregiver support group for the Ann Arbor area will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. next Wednesday, at Individualized Home Care, 2090 S. Main, Ann Arbor. This support group, which normally meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month, has moved its meeting date in November due to the Thanksgiving holiday. The group will not meet in December, but will resume its normal meeting schedule in January 2003.

The Alzheimer's Association and Individualized Home Care co-sponsor the support group. Meetings are free and confidential. Contact the Alzheimer's Association at (734) 677-3081 for additional information.

The chapter has offices in Ann Arbor, Kalamazoo, Lansing and Muskegon and serves an estimated 38,000 individuals with Alzheimer's disease.

Travis thanks you in advance for your contributions and support and will be happy to share his journal and photographs with all his contributors upon his return. He also will be available to share his experiences with schools and civic clubs.

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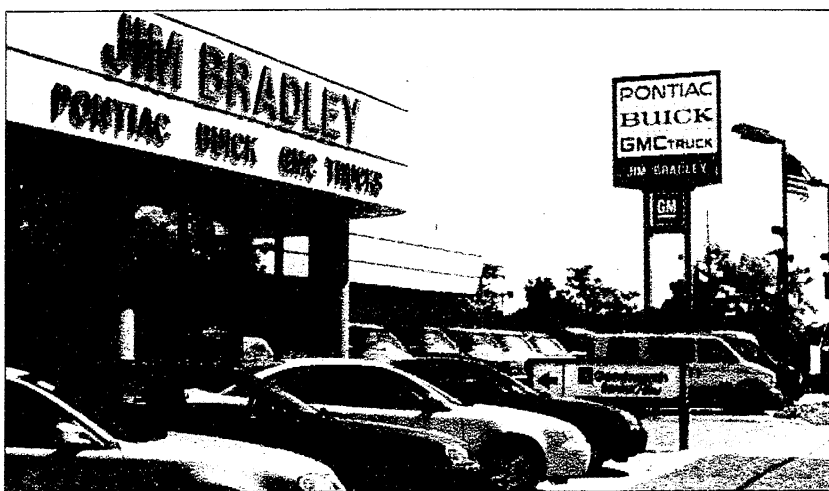
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Bradley is proud of the dealership's line-up of vehicles that range from the all-new, economical

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He points out that the entire Saturn series of cars is available from their Saturn store as well.

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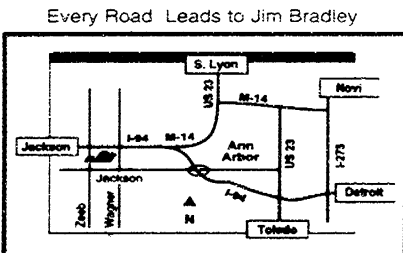
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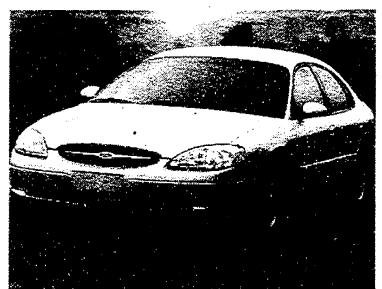
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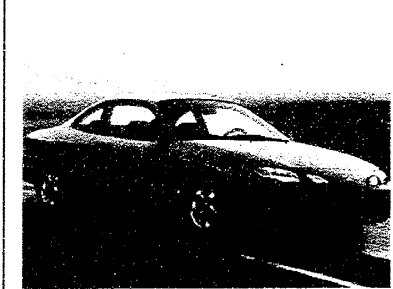
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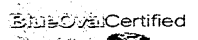


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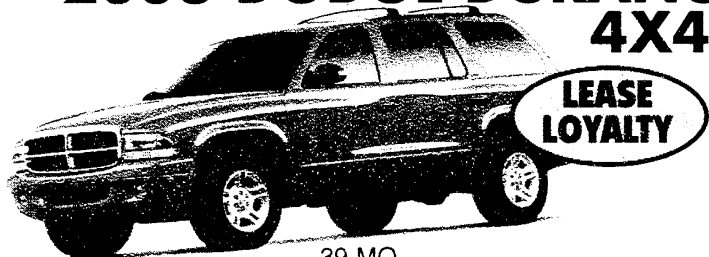
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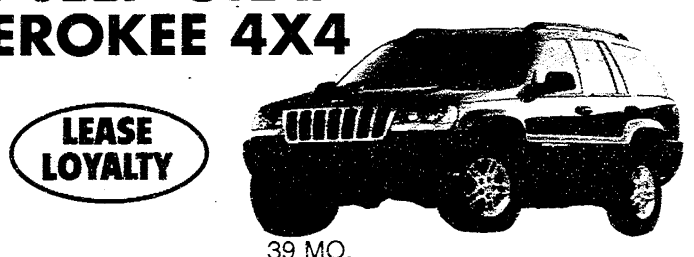


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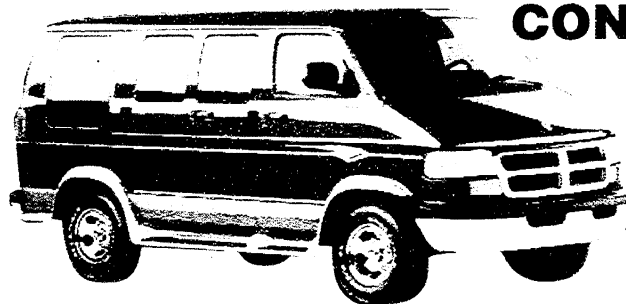
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