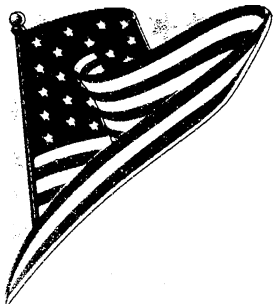


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Village-wide tradition bigger than ever

■ *Holiday spirit returns with Christmas in the Village.*

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Associate Editor

Just when you thought you had six more weeks to prepare for Christmas, the season has arrived in full swing in the village.

Manchester's downtown is adorned for the holiday as soft colored lights glow and greenery bedecks the sidewalks of Main Street. Store windows have changed from fall décor to Christmas trees and carolers. The shops are filled with gifts for all. It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas.

On Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. the Manchester United Methodist Church will be filled with cookies and other baked goods from area churches, while crafters fill the American Legion hall with their wares. Home-based busi-

nesses will take over the halls at Klager Elementary School.

Santa Claus will make several appearances throughout the town, most notably in heading up the annual Santa parade beginning at 10 a.m. at the corner of Main and Macomb streets. In a horse-drawn carriage, Santa arrives in style accompanied by floats and fire trucks, costumed carolers and Christmas carols played by the Manchester High School band. The parade winds through downtown on its way to the American Legion hall, where Mr. Claus will meet and visit with children from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

For the next four Saturdays, Nov. 30 to Dec. 21, Santa will have a home base in downtown Manchester where he'll be available to the youngsters and the young at heart from 10 a.m. to noon in his new house located between Comerica Bank and

Calamity Jane's. A mail box for letters to Santa will be located on the front porch and available throughout the next month. Santa promises to try to answer all of his mail!

Tickets are available both at Klager Elementary School and at the door for kids ages 5 to 12 to have lunch with Santa from noon to 2 p.m., organized by the high school Key Club and Community Education. This opportunity for games, prizes, lunch and a visit with Santa costs just \$5 per child.

The Youth Dance Theatre of Michigan will return with a preview performance of this year's *Nutcracker* ballet at the Manchester United Methodist Church at 11:30 a.m. and during Lunch with Santa. Tickets to the Dec. 13-15 performances in Chelsea will be on sale at the preview presentations.

Always well-attended and well-stocked, the craft fair at the American Legion



Photo by Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Three special prizes will be offered in a raffle sponsored by the Manchester Merchants Association, beginning this weekend. A full-sized seated Santa from Calamity Jane's, a holiday floral arrangement basket from the Flower Garden and an Americana gift basket from Village Gifts are included in the raffle, which will continue through the Festival of Trees with the drawing held Dec. 13.

Hall offers not only a wide variety of gifts, but raffle held throughout the day. A coffee bar sponsored by the women of Emanuel United Church of Christ and a

Mary's Catholic Church will provide weary shoppers with sustenance throughout the morning and early after-
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NEWS BRIEFS

"Footloose" set for this weekend

Stages Theatre Company presents its production of "Footloose" today through Sunday at the Washington Street Center, 500 Washington St. in Chelsea. Shows begin at 8 p.m. Thursdays through Saturday with a Sunday matinee at 4 p.m.

The popular musical features Manchester resident Sandra Winzenz. For ticket information, call 332-9114.

Library to host book sale

The Friends of the Manchester District Library will hold a huge book sale from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday in the village room on the lower level at 912 City Road.

Audubon Society to meet

The November meeting of the Sauk Trail Audubon Society will offer an unusual look at the coyotes living among us. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, in the Saline Depot Museum.

Christmas in the Village coloring contest

From Nov. 23 to Dec. 13, the Manchester Merchants Association and Manchester District Library are sponsoring a holiday coloring contest for area children, ages one day to twelve years. Pick up coloring contest forms at area merchants and turn in completed artwork at the Manchester District Library.

When they turn in their artwork, all children be entered in a drawing to win prizes donated by area merchants, displayed in the Manchester Enterprise window. Santa will draw winners at the Festival of Trees Celebration in the Manchester Village lobby, 6 to 8 p.m. on Dec. 13.

Early deadline for next week's issue

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, next week's Manchester Enterprise will be on the counter and in mailboxes on Wednesday. Earlier deadlines for all editorial and advertising copy were listed in last week's News Briefs. Call 428-8173 for information.

Click it or ticket



Photo by Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Washtenaw County Sheriff's deputies Theresa Escott (front), Marcus Kirby and Sgt. Jim Anuszkiewicz show off the catchy "Click it or Ticket" signs that will be posted around the village to remind motorists to buckle up during the upcoming holiday period. Story on page 3.

Freedom to pursue fire, ambulance collections

■ *Township considers use of collection agency to settle \$50,000 in outstanding fees.*

By Laura Merte
Staff Writer

If you've never called 911 for a medical or fire emergency, you are fortunate. But if the occasion does arise and you make that emergency call, who will pay for the services rendered?

In Freedom Township, a cost recovery ordinance stipulates that individuals are billed by Huron Valley Ambulance (HVA) for both Manchester Township fire department and ambulance responses.

At the Nov. 12 meeting of the Freedom Township board of trustees, clerk Sara Bassett reported that the outstanding debts owed to Freedom Township total approximately \$50,000.

"It's something that needs to be addressed for us to be fiscally responsible," said Bassett.

Township supervisor Bob Little has been in office for 14 years and says that collection for fire runs always has been a problem in the township. A collection agency has been used in the past, but they often collect the "easy" bills and leave the more difficult ones to the township to deal with.

"Most of our problem is from our transients," said Little, referring to individuals who make emergency calls on cell phones while driving through the township, for instance. There are some residents who ignore the defaulted bills, but that is less common Little said.

The bills can be costly, up to \$500 if not covered by homeowners or auto insurance, but the fees go to offset the township's cost to the individual agencies.

"We pay in the neighborhood of \$40,000 a year to Manchester Fire
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Alternative school finds a new home

■ *Mold problems prompt evacuation from agriculture building.*

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Associate Editor

The windows and walls in the former agriculture building that has housed the alternative school since Aug. 26 are still decorated with a Halloween theme.

That's because the students left the building less than two months after school began and they won't be returning.

The 18 alternative education students found a new home—again—on Friday.

Last spring when the school board decided to permanently close the Pleasant Lake School, where the alternative high school had been located since opening in 1997, the district needed to find a new location to house the program. Several options

were considered and administrators settled on the 11-year-old agriculture barn on the high school campus.

The change was working well. A new rest room was constructed over the summer and everything was ready for the students, many of whom have ended up taking one or more classes per day in the regular high school building, a few hundred feet away. A lunch program was available to the students, and bus pick up and drop off was easily accessible.

But a few weeks into the school year, complaints of an unpleasant odor prompted investigation by administrators.

"On Sept. 5 I first heard complaints of a smell," Finance Director Theresa Schenk said. "I talked to John Mooneyham and suggested he get an indoor air sample. We contacted an environmental consultant the same day."

Students also were

reporting burning throats, cold-like symptoms and occasional asthma attacks while in the building. Staff members, even those who only visited for an hour or so at a time, also reported headaches, allergic symptoms and other illnesses.

Alternative education teacher Sandie Theissen said that it is normal to expect illnesses at the beginning of a school year.

"But we had five students out the first week," she said.

On Sept. 12, inspectors came and could not find a source of contamination. In the meanwhile, Mooneyham and an assistant had used an enzyme solution to clean a floor drain as well as checking the building's attic for water infiltration, but did not discover any signs of a leak. A verbal preliminary report from inspectors received Sept. 20 prompted Mooneyham to recommend removing all carpet and upholstered furnishings; removing any type of refrigerators; plugging two floor

drains; filling sockets in concrete floor; cleaning the furnace and installing gable vents.

But students continued to experience mysterious symptoms.

Aimee Adams, a 16-year-old junior, says she has had bleeding ulcers in her

throat since late September, for which doctors could not determine a cause.

"It looked like my throat was rotting," Adams said. "At one point I was in such severe pain, my mom took me to the hospital. They couldn't figure out what was

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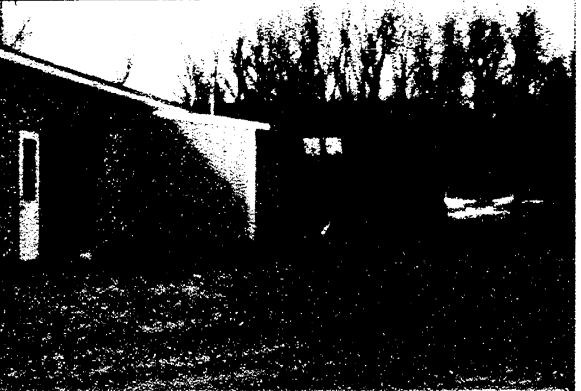
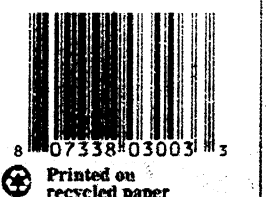


Photo by Marsha Johnson Chartrand
The new alternative education classroom is a relocated portable directly behind the former agriculture barn. The students and staff were forced to move out of the agriculture building in late October after mold and odors caused a series of illnesses in the school.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Nov. 21
Manchester Cub Scout Pack meets at 7 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church Parish Center.

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

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

The Chelsea Production of "Footloose" Nov. 21-24.

Nov. 22
Middle school boys' basketball vs. Columbia 7th grade Home 4:30 p.m.

Middle school boys' basketball vs. Columbia 8th grade Away 4:30 p.m.

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.

Manchester High School Drama Club performance 8 p.m.

Nov. 23
Manchester's Christmas in the Village 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Manchester High School Drama Club play 8 p.m.

Nov. 25
Middle school boys' basketball vs. Addison at home 4:30 p.m.

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

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

Nov. 26
Middle school boys' basketball vs. Napoleon. away 4:30 p.m.

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

Shakespeare Club meets at 1 p.m.

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

Male caregiver discussion group, for husbands, sons and partners of someone with Alzheimer's disease or related dementia meets from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1505 W. Michigan, Jackson.

Nov. 27
Awana Clubs meet at 6:30 p.m. at Community Bible Church.

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

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

information or breast-feeding support at any time.

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

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

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

COMING EVENTS

Manchester Community Schools Thanksgiving break Nov. 28 & 29

Thanksgiving Nov. 28
Hanukkah Nov. 29

Thursday

Manchester Village Parks Commission meets at 7:15 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at the village hall.

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

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

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

Manchester Lamb Club will meet at 7:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month in the Michigan Livestock auction hall.

Manchester Cub Scout Pack meets at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at St. Mary's Catholic Church Parish Center.

Sharon Township Planning Commission meets at 8 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at the township hall.

Community Resource Center Board meets at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Thursday

of each month at the center.

King's Volunteers meet on the fourth Thursday of each month at 1 p.m. at the Manchester United Methodist Church.

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

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

Saturday

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

Sunday

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

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

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

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

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Monday: Waffle sticks, sausage, hash browns and fruit.

Tuesday: Chicken rings, mashed potatoes and gravy and hot apples.

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

Thursday: Thanksgiving, no school.

Friday: no school.

SECONDARY MENU

Monday: Bosco bread sticks with marinara, salad and peaches.

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

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

Thursday: Thanksgiving, no school.

Friday: no school.

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

STRAIGHT FACTS

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

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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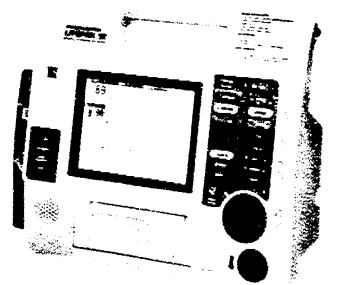
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Law enforcement to crack down on safety belt usage

By Renee Lapham Collins and Will Keeler
Heritage Newspapers

Buckle up or ante up. That's the message that the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department wants to convey during its two-week "Click It or Ticket" campaign.

Sgt. Lisa King of the WCSD, who is coordinating the effort, said that the purpose of the program is to remind drivers to wear their safety belts.

Drivers, front-seat passengers, and any others found not "buckled in" face hefty fines. And during the campaign, King said, deputies will be taking a "zero tolerance" stand.

"It's worth the effort to buckle up," she said. "Right now, we're heading into Thanksgiving and the holiday season, and we want to remind drivers that it's the law to buckle up."

Drivers can expect to see "Click It or Ticket" signs around town and on

deputies' cars as a part of this campaign, said Washtenaw County Sheriff Dan Minzey.

"We want to remind drivers that it will keep you from getting a ticket, and it could save your life," he said.

FIVE DIFFERENT signs will be posted in the area to remind motorists of the seat belt campaign.

"The signs have been put up in a row, so people passing by can get the message," King said.

The signs make the sentence: "Buckle up as you drive through. Our officers are watching you."

The last sign shows the campaign's logo and says to "Click It or Ticket."

Several Washtenaw County communities and public safety departments are participating in the campaign, King said.

"We are actively getting all of our substations involved throughout the county," she said.

Locally, deputies in the WCSD substation serving the Village of Manchester and Bridgewater Township will be conducting "extra seat belt enforcement" in addition to regular duties.

The Manchester station, located in the village hall at 912 City Road, is the headquarters for the WCSD deputies assigned to this area. The village and township have an agreement to share the costs and benefits of a WCSD law enforcement program. A portion of the cost is funded through grants.

The safety belt law went into effect in March 2000, and now is a primary stop for officers. All front seat occupants are required to "buckle up," and all passengers under 16 must use a safety belt, whether sitting in the front seat or the back seat. Children younger than 4 years old must be in an approved child safety seat, whether sitting in the front or back seat.

Research has found that using lap and shoulder safety belts reduces the risk of fatal injury to front-seat occupants by 45 percent.

The highest level of safety belt use reached to date in Michigan was 83.5 percent in March 2000, when the new safety belt law went into effect. The state's goal is to reach 90 percent belt use by 2003.

"We're hoping that motorists will take the time and buckle up during this busy holiday season," King said.

With the day after Thanksgiving known as one of the busiest shopping days of the year, deputies and officers will be increasing enforcements around Briarwood Mall in Pittsfield Township.

"This is a busy and congested area, and buckling up should be everyone's priority when they get in the car," King said.

The "Click It or Ticket" campaign is part of the Drive Michigan Safely Task Force, a collaborative effort between Michigan State Police, sheriff's department and local police agencies coordinated by the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning.

Last year, according to the WCSD, there were 13 traffic fatalities in the county—statewide, there were 12 traffic deaths reported over the Thanksgiving holiday alone.

Nifty fifties



Photo by Marsha Johnson Chartrand
The 50th day of school at Klager Elementary is traditionally "50s Day" and the Primary Team class, taught by Laura Spensley and Karin Villarreal (pictured) enjoyed their chance to dress up in clothes of the 1950s.

BIRTHS

MIA EVE NAYLOR Grandparents are Amy Denise and Bill Naylor, stationed at Hickam Air Force Base in Hawaii, are the proud parents of a baby girl, Mia Eve, weighing seven pounds and 19 inches long at her birth on Nov. 11, 2002.

Grandparents are Amy DiNardo and Scott Powers of Manchester. Great grandparents are Ben and Marion Creason of Manchester and C. Powers, formerly of Manchester.

OBITUARIES

HARRY BARTLETT

Harry Bartlett, age 79, of Manchester, passed away Nov. 13, 2002. He was born on July 12, 1923 in Jackson, the son of Harry C. and Hazel (Cain) Bartlett.

Mr. Bartlett married Irene (Stevens) on Apr. 16, 1955 in Angola, Ind. and she preceded him in death on Sept. 26, 2001.

He served in the U.S. Army and was a machinist employed with Jackson Gear for 32 years until his retirement in 1984.

He is survived by his son, Bill Bartlett of Grass Lake; daughter, Elaine Hakes of Georgia; and brother, Charles Bartlett of Jackson. Beside his wife, three sisters preceded him in death.

Cremation has taken place and there are no services. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

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Funeral Home, Manchester Chapel. Please sign Mr. Bartlett's guest book at www.JenterBraun.com.

PAUL H. WOLFF

Paul H. Wolff, age 79 of Manchester, died on Nov. 17, 2002. Mr. Wolff was born January 18, 1923 in Manchester the son of Ernst and Clara (Ahrens) Wolff.

He is survived by two brothers, Russell (Delores) Wolff of Manchester and Roy Wolff of Ferndale. His parents, two brothers and three sisters preceded him in death.

Visitation was held on Tuesday and funeral services were at 11:00 a.m. Nov. 20 at the Jenter & Braun Funeral Home, Manchester Chapel.

Memorials may be made to the family for funeral expenses. Please sign the guest book at www.JenterBraun.com.

MARY ELNORA BUNDON

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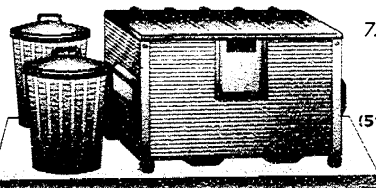
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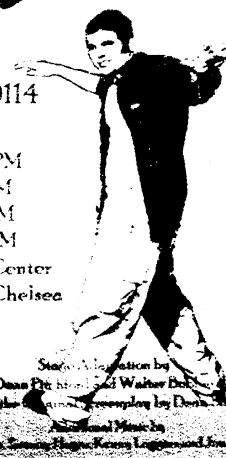
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From Downtown Ann Arbor: Take Huron River Drive west to N. Delhi, turn right. Go 1 mile to Eastgate Drive, turn left. Turn right at Fairway Drive and follow until road ends at E. Loch Alpine Drive, turn right. Continue on E Loch Alpine Drive to Clubhouse (on left).

AR Stars



Photo by Marsha Johnson Chartrand
 Accumulating the highest number of Accelerated Reader points for the month of October were seventh-grader Gabe White-Ferguson (left); fifth-grader Megan Bossory and sixth-grader Oliver Gregerson. Also named AR stars for October but not pictured were D.J. Hone, Ellee Kladyk, George Kelly, Alex Brannock and Jason Terreault.

VIDEO VOICE

The top five video and DVD rentals didn't change much from last week except to reflect a couple of timely issues: the release of the second film in the popular Star Wars series and the onset of deer hunting season.

"Mr. Deeds" remained at the top of the list, followed by Star Wars II, Spider-Man, Escanaba In Da Moonlight and Eight Legged Freaks.

In honor of Christmas in the Village this weekend, Veronica and Kerry from the DVD Revolution have reviewed a favorite holiday video, "Mixed Nuts," starring Steve Martin, Madeline Kahn, Juliette Lewis and Adam Sandler.

"She Says..."
 "A solid 10," is Veronica's vote.

"This movie is absolutely hilarious," she said. "It has both smart and silly humor.

This movie was filmed before Adam Sandler was starring in big hits and he is, as usual, laugh-out-loud funny.

"It's the Christmas music that keeps reminding you that this is a Christmas movie though the story takes place in Los Angeles."

"He Says..."
 Kerry gives "Mixed Nuts" a 9.5 out of 10 rating.

"The range of characters in this movie is outstanding," he said. "You have everyone from a snotty, too-good personality portrayed by Madeline Kahn to the somewhat-loony neighbor played by Adam Sandler."

"It's also a subtle reminder of how Christmas can make everyone a little crazier than usual."

New releases on the shelves this weekend include Reign of Fire and Disney's Spirit.

Bridgewater planners continue discussions

■ Sidewalk provisions continue to meet with resistance.

By Nancy Hebb
 Special Writer

As ongoing discussions on the zoning ordinances continue at Bridgewater Township Planning Commission meetings, guidelines affecting the hamlet of Bridgewater, particularly the installation of sidewalks and parking provisions for commercial property, are a continued source of contention.

The amendment met with public resistance at September and October Planning Commission meetings. Ten local business owners from the hamlet, in a letter dated Oct. 14, objected in general to Township Ordinance 26.

The letter pointed out that customers must drive to their businesses, and that sidewalk accessibility was not necessary.

"People would just use [sidewalks] to exercise" the letter read. "When we designate what businesses are allowed or not allowed, we discourage growth."

In closing, the letter said that only when they had sewer, garbage, water and other services such as those enjoyed in Manchester should discussion of how to beautify Bridgewater commence.

"The current ordinance 26, without our proposed amendments, is more restrictive than what we are proposing," Planning chair Jim Fish explained. "The

amendments would allow a greater variety of principal permitted uses, and would bring existing buildings and businesses that currently are not in conformance with ordinance 26 into conformance.

"I don't think people understand that the proposed amendments affecting the hamlet area actually are less restrictive than the current ordinance."

At the direction of the township board, the planning commission is exploring how best to increase communication with hamlet residents and business owners to explain both the current ordinances and how the proposed amendments would alter zoning requirements. Most importantly, the commission wants to hear concerns and suggestions from more than just a few people.

All members expressed regret that public participation at their recent meetings has been minimal. Planning commission meetings, held at 7:30 p.m. the second Monday of every month, at the township hall, are always open to the public.

Heidi Cobb said she was concerned that a lot of misconceptions existed among hamlet residents concerning the zoning amendments.

"They don't understand that they won't have to put in sidewalks unless major changes are made to their property, for example," she said. "Some people seem to think the requirements under the amendments would take effect immedi-

ately, and that's not true.

"I like the idea of showing what we're trying to do, versus what it actually is now. I certainly don't object to pulling together a consensus," she added.

Options for meeting with hamlet property owners range from a lengthy months-long visioning process to a simpler informational meeting. Ways to elicit specific opinions and concerns from residents and business owners, from face-to-face conversation to written surveys, also are being considered.

"We should continue to work on the outstanding questions of what triggers sidewalk requirements, how to establish escrow provisions for later sidewalk construction, the widths for residential and commercial areas, and all the other concerns we have regarding the amendments," Fish said. "In the meantime, I've asked (township planner) Rod Arroyo to suggest processes for getting public input, and we've presented to the township board several options to increase communication."

Bridgewater Lumber's ongoing rezoning request continued to be laid over until the board acts on the request for a fee reduction

from Ron Finkbeiner's. Zoning Administrator Janet Cowling had issued a stop work order to Finkbeiner when he proceeded with pond construction, without site plan approval, on acreage he hopes to develop with 28 or more dwelling units within the Bridgewater hamlet residential zoning.

Other zoning ordinance amendments considered at the November meeting included provisions for temporary uses on a property, including bonds or other means of ensuring removal of temporary use structures and access requirements for flag lots.

In other business, the commission approved with several conditions the site plan for a Sprint wireless communications tower north of Allen Road and east of Sheridan Road on property leased from Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Baker.

The next regular Bridgewater Township Planning Commission meeting will be held Dec. 9. Commission members urge residents to join them at 7:30 p.m. at the Bridgewater township hall on Clinton Road.

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Street Talk

By Becky Noggle

What is your favorite part of Thanksgiving?



"The food." Jimmy Murray



"The turkey." Brennan Crispin



"The food and festivities." Christina Vecchioni



"No school." Brenda Bancroft



"The turkey stuffing." Andrea Evans

The only kind of lottery I can win

I'm not a gambler. I don't do casinos and I have purchased just one lottery ticket in my lifetime. Mostly, the investment doesn't seem worth it.

I am a good sport about raffles, however. I often buy raffle tickets for a good cause, and sometimes just because I want what they're giving away. Tickets don't cost too much; only a few people are involved; and there's a prospect of winning something nice, so it seems worth the risk.

But my number rarely, if ever, gets called. I've been close. Just a few weeks ago at a basketball game I bought 50/50 raffle tickets. A friend sitting next to me bought the next three tickets from the same person. Guess who won.

I'm not totally unlucky. I sat in the right chair at two consecutive Community Resource Center banquets. Last year I won a plant—and it's still alive. This year I won a dozen doughnuts. Put my name or number in a hat for some of the special door prizes, however, and I never get chosen.

So I was hoping my lack of luck would continue when I got called to jury duty.

Before you start yelling, I do understand the importance of juries. In fact, while I was a mother at home for 14 years I thought it would be an interesting experience and always hoped I would get called. But, true to form, no summons ever came until I returned to the working world. This is my third call to jury duty in nine years.



MARSHA JOHNSON CHARTRAND

AFTER THOUGHTS

Washtenaw County operates on a "one-day, one trial" system which keeps people's obligation to a minimum. Having been called for this lottery every few years, I appreciate that they try to make it as convenient as possible for the majority of people who serve. But, in my world, nothing is convenient on a Monday.

At the newspaper, Monday is the day when all extraneous activity is supposed to stop. It's a day when I wrap up all the loose ends on the paper and get extremely serious about anything left unfinished. It's the day we lay out the pages. All articles need to be finished so we can determine what goes where.

In a perfect week, I've spent quite a bit of my Friday working on things to prepare for Monday morning. Otherwise, I spend my weekend doing Friday stuff. Obviously, I prefer to get things done on Friday.

But last Friday was far from perfect. In fact, it was crazy. Until mid-day I forgot that Monday was my day to report to jury duty. Of course, there was a chance I wouldn't have to serve.

but I wouldn't find out until after 5 p.m. Friday. But trying to plan accordingly, I was thwarted at every turn.

When I got home from work Friday, I called the jury hotline. At the time I called, shortly after 5 p.m., they had not started the message listing which jurors should report. I started to think this was my turn to get lucky. On Saturday I tried again.

I looked carefully at the card with my juror number on it. I was number 486. That's a lot of jurors, I thought. They won't need anywhere near 500 people to report.

I was right. But the recording exempted jurors one through 382 and asked the remaining jurors to report. I hung up and called back, thinking perhaps I'd misunderstood the message. I hadn't.

Sunday I spent several hours fretting about what I would need to have done on Monday and writing notes to my co-workers. With the way my luck was running, I wasn't counting on getting off easy once I got to the courthouse in Ann Arbor.

Monday morning, I armed myself with books to read and an article to write. I told my husband that if I kept busy, it would prevent perfect strangers from feeling obligated to strike up a conversation with me.

When jury orientation began at 8:15 a.m., there were four cases up for trial that week. Shortly after 9

a.m. the first group jurors was called. So far, so good—but there still were three more cases to be heard. The adage, "Those who serve also sit and wait," was coming true.

As I finished my article and started in on one of the books I'd brought, we were interrupted by the jury clerk explaining that one of the remaining trials had settled out of court. We were reminded that the fact of having jurors waiting in the assembly room often can prevent a trial.

After more sitting and waiting, the clerk announced that one remaining case had been postponed and the other defendant had pled. No more juries would be seated that day—but there was still the matter of the first case that needed a full jury. Most of the jurors assembled in the room would be released, with just 20 left behind in the event the first case needed a larger pool of jurors.

I looked around and decided perhaps chance was on my side that day. The room was pretty full. With my luck, it seemed unlikely that I would be one of just 20 people left from that large crowd. I paid careful attention and listened as jurors number 481 and 482 were called to be released. I knew she would skip a few numbers but as she skipped from 482 to 485 I knew I had it made.

The next number called was 487. I had "won"—I was one of the 20 people who got to stay. With a sigh I settled in to wait some more.

But we soon were notified that we too could finally be released.

One last time the jury clerk asked us to raise our hands as our numbers were called. When she got to 468, I raised my hand. She looked confused.

"I have two number 468s," she said.

I looked again at my tag and realized that I was, in fact, number 486. I sheepishly lowered my hand. I wonder if numeric dyslexia is the reason I so seldom win anything. I might have won lots of things but I simply didn't raise my hand when the right number was called.

There is some good news in all of this, however. I am getting paid \$7.50 for my service. I got discounted parking in downtown Ann Arbor (30 cents off). I'll also receive a whopping 10 cents per mile. I could get a check for almost \$12.50—if they don't take taxes out.

Further figuring that I've called in a few outstanding markers for extra help. I probably haven't come out ahead. But I still feel good about doing this. In a few years, I'll likely get called again, and once more I'll feel satisfied that I have done the right thing.

And maybe next time I'll earn enough to buy a round of iced tea and Mountain Dew for my co-workers.

Holiday plays havoc with homemaking hobbies

Analysts of contemporary culture predict that within the next three years, Americans will spend more on meals out than on groceries brought into their homes. Far from meaning only burger-and-fries, the term "fast food" now encompasses Mexican, Chinese, Middle Eastern and Italian cuisine. If you have the time to actually sit down in a restaurant, the variety is endless.

So why, in every "women's" magazine and "lifestyle" newspaper section, do recipes and kitchen tips take up so much space? Perfectly pictured home-baked beauties bedeck glossy covers at checkout counters across the country. Each week, new mini-cookbooks published by brand name companies beckon with promises of "easy" culinary masterpieces or "favorite" family fare.

To a certain type of person, (usually but not always female) the titles scream as loudly as the tabloid's "Space Alien's Baby Stars in Prime Time Soap Opera!" Admit it—each might entice you to at least take a glance.

The homemaking hysteria rises to a peak at this time of year. I counted eight holiday cookie publications at the market this week.

Not content to offer only one themed edition each for Thanksgiving and Hanukkah/Christmas, the major magazines each divide and conquer. *Better Homes and Gardens*, for example, publishes special editions for Holiday Cookies, Holiday Entertaining, Holiday Meals, Holiday Cakes and Pies, Holiday Appetizers and Holiday Gifts. Maybe one of them is *Holiday Decorating*—it's easy to lose track.

Martha Stewart's *Living* spins off a supplementary volume titled *Martha Stewart's Holiday Baking*.



NANCY HEBB

SHEEP SHOTS

At least the decorating diva's cakes, cookies and pies all fall between the same cover. Maybe with her current financial difficulties, Martha is economizing.

Brainwashed by the plethora of publications, not to mention the Martha mentality, many women suffer increased guilt during this season. I think most women secretly admire Stewart and wish their kitchen looked like hers, even though they might publicly protest her influence with little signs on their walls that say, "Martha doesn't live here..." and "That's a Good Thing."

So we tumble to market-izing plays. We buy spices. We envision precisely decorated and packed "gifts from the kitchen" to warm the hearts of friends and neighbors. We vow to try new recipes, fearlessly

expanding from Toll House drop cookies to Mocha Caramel Soufflé.

Well, some of us do. I admit I'd like nothing better than to have all the time in the world to stay home and bake. Even if I could only make my favorite biscotti, my own special spice cutout cookies, and some of the local German favorites such as Springerle and Lebkuchen, I'd revel in fulfillment.

So, one might ask, why don't I? Well, the sheep need to be fed, the dogs need walking, there's paying work to be done, the house is disorganized and my favorite rolling pin is still in a box. I found the colored sugar sprinkles, but the cookie sheets themselves remain packed away. I don't have a drawer or cupboard big enough to hold them.

I've minimized my living space, from a big beautiful kitchen with convection wall oven to a quaint wee space with a gas range. It's cute, I'll grant, but also a bit claustrophobic after any length of time working in the eight-foot-square floor space containing not only counters and cupboards but refrigerator and stove, too. It allows only one cook at a time. I don't

think you could open both the oven and refrigerator doors simultaneously.

I've never cooked in a gas oven. I've lived here for months and not once even turned the oven on. I had a hard enough time figuring out how to simmer something on the stovetop. Besides, I'm a little afraid of the whole flame concept. I irrationally cling to my belief that electricity is safer. Thank goodness for the microwave.

Life's pressures compel modern women to want it all: nice house, fulfilling career and family life. Our skills must expand with the world's demands. Some want to climb the corporate ladder; I'd settle for feeling more secure scaling the barn ladder to get hay. We're supposed to be competent ahomemakers and competitive in the marketplace.

I'm not complaining. I like baking cookies. The fact that every media source tells me I darn well better do it during this sea-

son both entices and rangles. After pawing through a magazine or book, I find it sporting a ruffle of Post-It notes as I mark every intriguing recipe. My aspirations are unreasonable: those pages and pictures suck us in.

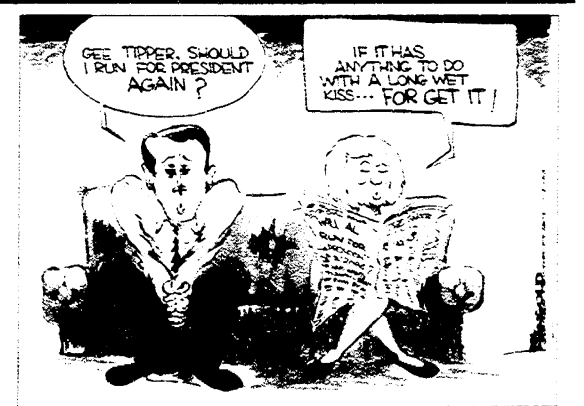
I should take pride in, and be content with the fact that my personally developed biscotti and ginger molasses roiled cookies with cardamom generally meet with wows. Maybe I'll make them this year. Maybe not.

If not, I can buy cookies. But is that cheating? Does it make me less of a female? Maybe I shouldn't care. After all, being able to trim a sheep's feet isn't exactly a point of pride or desire among women worldwide, but I can do it.

So, to each woman, her own.

But anyone who wants to share holiday recipes—let me know!

BY BILL MANGOLD



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- Used Book Sale at Manchester District Library10a.m.-3p.m.
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A nationwide phone survey found that less than 80 percent of persons 65 or older in all states reported flu vaccination during the past 12 months, or ever receiving pneumococcal vaccination.

"Influenza and pneumococcal disease together kill more Americans per year than all other diseases for which vaccines are available," says Jim Singleton, an adult immunization expert in the CDC's National Immunization Program. "Annual influenza epidemics kill an average of 20,000 Americans, and these are mostly persons 65 or older."

"Pneumococcal disease, which can occur at any time of the year, kills about three thousand elderly Americans each year. The best time for flu vaccination is during October and November. However, seasonal flu activity in the U.S. usually doesn't peak until late December through early March, so vaccination in December is still a good preventative measure.

Flu shots available in the area through the University of Michigan's Michigan Visiting Nurses program:

- Nov. 21, 3 - 7 p.m., Meijer, Airport Rd., Jackson
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- Dec. 2, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Busch's, Clinton
- Dec. 2, 4 - 8 p.m., Busch's, Tecumseh
- Dec. 2, 2 - 6 p.m., St. Francis School, Ann Arbor
- Dec. 3, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., MVN, 2850 S. Industrial, Ann Arbor
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Today: Try cabbage rolls for lunch at noon, and look forward to the senior card party at 7:30 p.m. (pickups at 6:30). All ages are invited to battle against these card sharks!

Saturday: Christmas in the village, bus pickup is available.

Monday: Shopping in Adrian, bus is available for pickup on request, departure at 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday: No senior luncheon today.

Next Thursday: Thanksgiving. No senior luncheon today.

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ALT ED

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After receiving a negative strep screen, Adams simply was sent home from the emergency room with a prescription for extra strength Motrin.

James Armour, a 15-year-old sophomore, said that although he has asthma, the only symptoms he experienced in the ag building were red and itchy eyes and occasional sore throats.

"It smelled ... really bad," he said.

By mid-October all of the recommended tasks were accomplished and the formal report from the inspectors had been received. Mooneyham provided the report to three cleanup firms for consideration.

Industrial hygienist Bill Eagle of Protech Environmental Services in Ann Arbor, one of the three firms contacted, also saw no visible signs of mold and decided to look further for the source. Finally, pulling off an outside siding panel, Eagle found evidence of mice burrowing behind the baseboards and a small patch of mold in a wall cavity, in addition to rotting debris located behind the building.

No samples were taken in the Oct. 14 inspection by Protech, but instead Eagle relied on the prior samples taken in the Sept. 12 inspection. Eight days later, however, upon receiving a written report from Protech, indicating the building was

not designed for human occupation and recommending the building be discontinued for classroom use, the school district immediately took steps to move students into the fitness center as a temporary measure. The district also retained Protech to do its own air sampling and environmental study on Oct. 23.

On Oct. 28, students reported to class in the fitness center's multi-purpose room for class.

"They did not take anything with them," Superintendent David Oegema said. "It had been recommended that textbooks be disinfected and HEPA vacuumed before using them."

Alternative Education paraprofessional Jean Billitier, who has previously worked in a mold removal business, performed these tasks while the district's regular maintenance staff was engaged in getting Klager Elementary School ready for student occupation.

On Nov. 1, the district received a formal report from Protech based on its own sampling, showing elevated mold levels on the interior of the building, in particular higher levels of Cladosporium. Lower levels of two toxic molds, Aspergillus and Penicillium, also were discovered.

"Cladosporium is probably one of the most common types of mold," Mooneyham explained. "And to most people, it is non-toxic. But no official body actually determines toxicity levels

for molds. There were no guidelines for what to do, so we used our better judgment and relied on our professional advice.

"We weren't going to ignore the physical symptoms the students and staff were experiencing."

"Non toxic?" Theissen asked. "Tell that to these kids."

Oegema said that accusations by parents of a cover-up were simply untrue.

"We had no complaints in prior years," he said. "We have been sending memos to parents keeping them updated on the situation. A parent meeting was held on Monday night with Peter Thomason from Protech."

Friday, in the middle of a geography lesson, the students moved from their temporary quarters in the fitness center to a portable classroom relocated from the front lawn of the high school. Previously used by

the community education department, it was vacated when the community ed program moved to Klager school.

The past two weeks have seen the students and staff preparing the building. Even principal John Easley helped finish up the paint job on the walls of the portable classroom.

Students and staff say they are satisfied with their new surroundings.

"I don't like that it's so close to the ag building," Adams said. "Other than that it's a nice place to be."

Senior Dan Fent said, "It's better than over there," pointing to the nearby barn.

"Slowly and surely we're getting settled, for the third time this year," Theissen said. "The kids say they like this best of all the places we've been this year. We've got a nice view of the woods."

"Now, we're trying to make it home."



Photo by Dansha Johnson Chartrand
Aimee Adams, James Armour and Marsha Johnson say they are pleased with the Alternative Education's new location.

VILLAGE

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noon.

If you want to taste an assortment of the community's best cookies, head up to the cookie walk at Manchester.

United Methodist Church on Ann Arbor Hill. A long line usually waits at the door as 9 a.m. approaches to stock up not only with cookies, but a massive sale of baked goods from area churches.

Especially popular are the traditional German items such as pretzels, springerle, lebkuchen and schnitzbrod.

Manchester's Main Street businesses welcome shoppers to browse to their heart's delight. Discounts on goods will be accompanied by goodies to munch on as you shop. The merchants also are raffling off exciting prizes this year with the proceeds benefiting the downtown holiday decorations and new lighting.

Horse-drawn wagons will provide shuttle service between downtown and the Ann Arbor Hill locations of the Methodist Church and Klager Elementary School.

It's a wonderful season to live in Manchester and an equally wonderful time to visit. Christmas in the Village can help kick off your holiday season with a close-to-home shopping spree and activities for everyone in the family.

FREEDOM

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Department," says Little. "It comes right out of the general budget."

Freedom's neighbor to the south, Bridgewater Township also bills for fire and emergency services, and found that hiring a separate employee to do the township's billing has worked successfully.

"We've had a separate billing arrangement for several years," Bridgewater Township supervisor Carol Peacock said.

"Up until this year a part of our charges were billed through Huron Valley Ambulance, and part billed by a person that we appointed," she said. "We felt that the collections our person was getting were better than what HVA was doing, so at the beginning of 2002 we hired her to handle all the charges.

"I think our board has been very pleased with our billing arrangements."

Freedom's board of trustees currently is considering the possibility of contracting with a collection agency to collect the outstanding bills. In return, the agency would keep a percentage of each bill collected.

"At least we would get some of the money," Little said.

As for those in default, Little says that ultimately the bills could end up in small claims court. But he doesn't necessarily want to see that happen.

"The township will work with people to put them on a payment plan to get it cleared up," Little says. "It's something we've done in the past and it's worked."

Additionally, HVA offers a membership program for those who do not have health insurance or ambulance coverage, which covers a family for \$39 per year (\$29 for senior citizens).

In other matters, Little presented treasurer Mike Bossory with a certificate of recognition for his service to the township board. This was the last township meeting for Bossory, who also

runs the Alber Orchard and Cider Mill on Bethel Church Road. Incoming treasurer Shirley Haeussler, elected Nov. 5, will be sworn in next week.

"Here's something you can hang up on the cider wall," said Little. "You can show people that you've been involved in the township. And there's one for your wife, because we know she helped, too."

Also at the meeting, board members discussed a recommendation from township attorney Fred Lucas to

adopt a hazardous waste ordinance to protect the township from the clean-up costs associated with incidents such as oil and gasoline spills. The ordinance would require the perpetrator to pay for the cost in full, rather than leave the township with the bill.

Dialogue between the audience and board regarding unauthorized dumping and the necessity of adopting the ordinance prompted discussion to be tabled until the December meeting.

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Divine Designs comes down to earth

Local decorators want to make interior design attainable.

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Associate Editor

In a challenging economy, small town businesses have to be creative to succeed.

Celebrating his fifth anniversary in business this month, Scott Crawford at Manchester Floors and Interiors has found what he believes is a perfect combination as he looks forward to new developments in his business.

Partnering with the design firm Divine Designs from Chelsea, the two businesses will combine efforts and locations to bring an exciting change of pace to Manchester's Main Street business district.

Divine Designs will be opening a design store within Manchester Floors and Interiors, adding a new dimension to the services that Crawford has provided over the past five years.

"It's always been my dream to have a full-service floor-to-ceiling store," Crawford said. "I think that's what has been lacking in my business to date."

"I was fortunate to find the three partners of Divine Designs as they were looking for storefront space. We share the same business philosophy and this will make these services affordable and realistic to the outlying communities we serve here."

"This will be a unique showcase for design, custom flooring and some cash-and-carry business."

Lori Engel, Heidi Rickard and Edna Hatch, the partners in Divine Designs, have had a studio in Chelsea since January. Their motto, "Our designs are all about you," reflects the personal approach they bring to their business as well as the unique ideas they hope to share with a growing clientele.

In celebration of this new

partnership and his five-year anniversary, Crawford has remodeled his showroom and will host an open house with his new partners during Christmas in the Village festivities this weekend.

Engel and Rickard, both Wisconsin natives and childhood friends, moved to Michigan from Oklahoma after attending Bible College there. Rickard moved to the area with her husband, who is originally from Washtenaw County, and met Hatch at her church.

"Edna was looking to start a business," Rickard explained. "We were her missing piece and she was ours."

Rickard and her husband took a van to Oklahoma and moved Engel here over the summer and Divine Designs was born.

Engel's specialty is in faux painting and general design as well as the book-keeping end of the business and Rickard specializes in upholstery, sewing and custom window treatments. Both say that the distinctive appeal of their unique company is that they can put together every piece from design to installation or simply do design consultation for do-it-yourselfers.

"We want the end result to be what our clients envision," Hatch says. "Our goal is that they are ecstatic with the outcome."

Hatch's unique contribution to the business is her artistic knowledge as a long-time collector. As an avid traveler, she also will be seeking out special items for the retail end of the

business, which also will provide a distinctive advantage for both Manchester Floors and Interiors and Divine Designs.

"We will do floral designs, small furniture items, decorative items and also sell a line called Carmen's Candles—they're just wonderful," Hatch said.

In establishing a retail operation on the corner of M-52 and Main Street, the partnership is making a new niche for itself in the Manchester community.

"It will be a fun place to be," Rickard said. "People can come and pore over sample books for hours if they want to; we'll also have gift items and the walk-through traffic will benefit both Scott and us."

One thing that both Engel and Rickard envision is being able to break the stereotype of interior design being "inaccessible" to most people.

"We can do very simple consultations, guiding people with making their decorating decisions," Rickard said. "We want to be affordable and we pride ourselves on being able to help people wherever they're at."

"It's the before-and-after part that is the most fun for us," Engel added.

Future plans for the design company include developing its own product line with creative custom designs produced by Engel and Rickard themselves. A product line by friend Leah Wells who creates pillows, quilts and table runners, with an eye to even more sewn products such as lamp shades, also will be available through Divine

Designs.

"We have a lot of vision," Rickard said. "We intend to have fun with this."

In establishing the joint business, Engel, Hatch, Rickard and Crawford have developed a philosophy of being "partners in quality home interiors."

"I think we have reinvented a good thing," Crawford said. "The business now will have a one-stop quality that will appeal to everyone."

Kari Newman also has rejoined the staff at Manchester Floors and Interiors to assist Crawford.

Meet this enthusiastic team at an open house held from 9 to 4 Saturday during Christmas in the Village as they celebrate a new beginning after five years of business.



New faces blend with familiar ones at Manchester Floors and Interiors as Divine Designs joins the business partnership. Seated, front are Kari Newman (left) and Scott Crawford. Standing in rear are Heidi Rickard (left), Lori Engel, Edna Hatch and Leah Wells.

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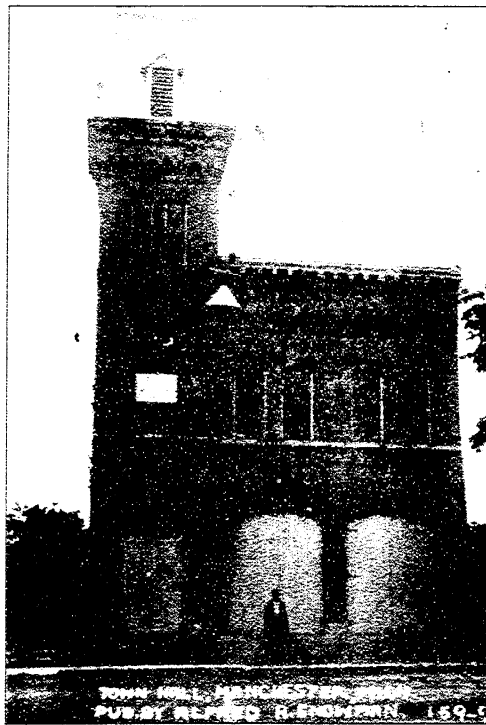
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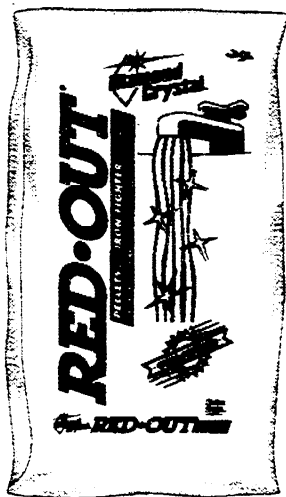
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Uniloy makes its plans for the future

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Associate Editor

The Iron Workers Local 508 union, claiming to represent employees of Uniloy Milacron in Manchester, recently filed an unfair labor practice charge with the National Labor Relations Board, attempting to keep 90 jobs from moving from Manchester to Batavia, Ohio. But management at Milacron's Manchester plant claim the charges have no merit and are moving ahead with plans for the future.

Roland Bechtel, interim president at the Manchester plant, said last Thursday that he is here to see the consolidation through, after which time he will turn over the reins to his successor, Jim Moore, who now is acting as the general manager at the plant.

Bechtel said that plans are going forward for the move and that management is looking into the possibility of disposing of its current building and finding a new location within the immediate area.

"Our mold-making business—and 220 employees—will remain in Manchester," Bechtel said. "Amcor, next door to us here, is a major part of our mold business. There would be no economic justification for leaving."

"People ask us why we aren't moving the mold business. All the reasons we made the decision to move the machine assembly division to Batavia, are the same reasons we use to justify keeping the mold-

making business here." A discussion of tax abatements granted to Johnson Controls and transferred to Uniloy-Milacron for the technical center building has been ongoing. There are certain commitments made to a community when tax abatements are granted.

"Milacron intends to fulfill all of its obligations to the village," Pat Vaillencourt, a Milacron employee and the Village President, said on Monday. "We are working together."

Bechtel added that "promising" talks already are under way with Amcor to possibly lease out space in Uniloy's building.

"They are growing and looking for space," he said. "We have started a good foundation for future discussion. We could stay right here if we find the right sort of tenant, and simply lease out what we don't need."

"On the other hand, we may find a buyer who wants to purchase the building outright."

In that case, Uniloy would need to find another location. Bechtel noted that the former Dura plant on Duncan Street would be an ideal size for the mold-making business.

Village Manager Jeff Wallace said that he already has put out feelers with the Washtenaw Development Council to help Uniloy Milacron find either a tenant or a buyer for its building.

Moore, a 30-year veteran who has worked with Milacron in its operations worldwide, said that

Manchester is a wonderful place to keep the company's mold-making business. "Uniloy has great technology here for the business," he said. "I know the challenges. Technology is my background. It's fun—but you need a lot of talented people; and I have no doubt they're here."

"If this is going to work, we need to keep those talented people. It's the people that make the business; not the machines."

Bechtel, who was called out of retirement last summer to oversee operations in Manchester, agrees with Moore about the talent pool that Uniloy has created in its Manchester plant. He said there has been a better than expected response to the offers of relocation among the 90 or so employees who are

being affected by the consolidation.

"It's critical to retain these people," he said. "We want these people to stay with the company. And that could be good news to a lot of families."

Moore added that the company has attempted to be generous with severance and outplacement assistance for those who decide not to relocate.

"We are trying to treat these people with utmost consideration," he said. "It's a difficult thing—we are really trying to go the extra mile."

"But we're also being generous with relocation incentives. We believe in our people—in their skills, their expertise—and we are investing in that."

"I think there's a bright future."

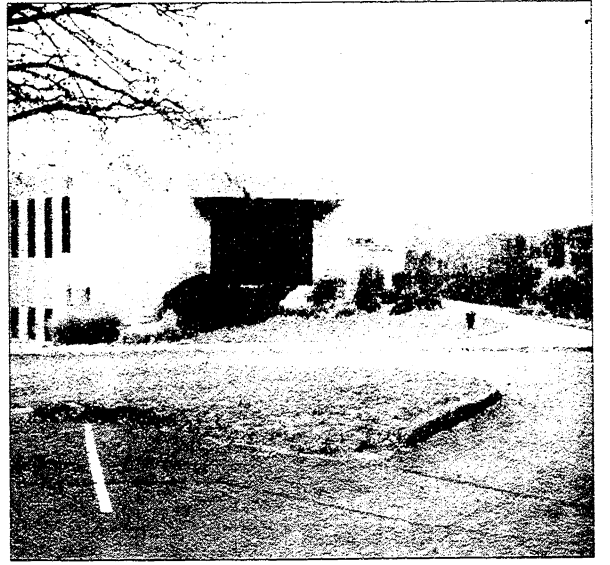


Photo by Marsha Johnson Chartrand
With recent downsizing of its workforce, Uniloy Milacron's current technical center will be home to the mold-making business that remains in Manchester.

Step by Step

Pretend Play

Pretend play helps children in all areas of their development: social, language, intellectual, and motor. Research indicates that children who are good at pretend play when they start school often become good at reading and writing.

Parents play an important role in supporting the development of pretend play. Here are some strategies for you to use:

Join your child in her pretend play. She can bounce ideas off of you and you can also give the message that you believe her play is important and worth your time.

Comment on what your child is doing.

"You handled the baby's hurt arm very gently. You

sure know a lot about being a doctor."

Do what your child does. When she pretends to eat, you pretend to eat also. This helps her develop confidence and leadership skills.

Introduce questions or new ideas to extend the play. "What should we do after we eat?" "Does the spaceship rendezvous with another spaceship?"

Back off if your child isn't interested in your idea. Remember this is her drama, not yours!

Help her collect many different play materials. Props are things actors use to help them act out a play. Most props for children's pretend play can be found around the house. Yard sales are also great places to find interesting props.

stamp pads, paper clips, telephone, envelopes, file folders, scissors and tape.

Post Office: envelopes, junk mail, small boxes for packages, stamps/stickers, shoulder bags, play money, rubber stamps, shoe boxes for mailboxes, paper/index cards and hat.

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This is just a small sample of the play kits you and your child can create. Get creative and see what other play kits you can think of and make together!

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Reportedly, a 22-year-old woman and her mother had been drinking while the great-grandmother watched the 22-year-old's children from 7 to 9 p.m. At approximately 10 p.m., the suspect, who was holding her 3-month-old son, wanted to drive her children home.

The suspect's mother tried to stop her, saying she was too drunk to be driving, and took the infant from her because she feared for the baby's safety.

At that point, the suspect allegedly started yelling and the grandmother handed the baby to its great-grandmother. The suspect then took the baby back and laid him on his back on the sofa. The suspect then reportedly sat on the infant, covering his head, face and body. The grandmother then pushed the suspect off the infant and called 911.

The suspect was placed under arrest and transported to the Washtenaw County Correctional Facility where a breath test was administered, registering a blood alcohol level of .165. The suspect was released to booking officers, and the case is open pending review.

There were no injuries to the infant.

HIT AND RUN

On Nov. 2 at approximately 11:45 p.m., officers were dispatched to a hit-and-run incident on US-12 near

Willow Road in Bridgewater Township. Witnesses reported that a westbound vehicle was weaving in its lane, crossed into the eastbound lane and the opposite shoulder, then back into the eastbound lane where it struck an oncoming vehicle. The suspect then left the scene.

When officers arrived, they found parts from the front end of the vehicle scattered on the pavement, which were collected in a box. Before logging the material into evidence, however, Sergeant Jim Anuskiewicz was able to determine that the parts were from a Ford mini-van.

"Rather than just check everything in, I decided to take it to a car dealer and see if they could tell me anything," said Anuskiewicz. He was then referred by Palmer Ford in Manchester to its Chelsea location.

One item in the box was a label that employees recognized as documentation of a standard emissions test given to all 1999 and 2000 Ford Windstars. When the test is performed, a label with the dealer's code is affixed to the back of the grill, which had fallen off the suspect's vehicle.

Coincidentally, the employees recognized the dealer code on the label as their own, and were able to determine the date the label was applied and the vehicle it was applied to. The vehicle was found to belong to a Clinton man, who later admitted to owning a 2000 Ford Windstar that was in the shop for repairs to the front end.

The suspect stated that he had been tailgating earlier in the day, and that evening was returning home on US-12 after dropping off some friends. He claimed to have fallen asleep at the wheel, then felt a jolt and an impact and noticed he was in the eastbound lane.

The suspect stated that he knew he hit something, but was not 100 percent certain that it was a vehicle.

The driver of the other car was given medical attention, then released with no major injuries.

HIT AND RUN

On Nov. 2 at approximately 10:45 p.m., a hit and run incident was reported in the Village of Manchester.

The suspect reportedly backed a vehicle out of a driveway and struck a legally parked car on the roadway, causing damages of approximately \$700, then fled the scene.

Investigation disclosed the identity of the vehicle and suspect, who was found to have an expired operator's license. Attempts to contact the suspect were unsuccessful. The case is currently open.

POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA

On Nov. 12, Deputy Marcus Kirby was dispatched to Manchester High School to meet with principal John Eisley regarding reports of a student's possession of marijuana.

Students reported that the suspect, a 15-year-old male, had been acting strangely and smelled strongly of marijuana.

Ready to recycle



Manchester High School's leadership class has placed additional recycling bins throughout the school to encourage students to recycle their bottles and cans. The money raised from returning the cans will go to the leadership class fund and will be used for special events, scholarships, and charitable donations. All MHS students and staff are encouraged to help out and recycle! Leadership students Nate Smith (left) and Aaron Helber demonstrate the recycling technique.

The student initially denied the accusation, then admitted to smoking marijuana before school and produced a plastic baggy of marijuana from his pocket. The suspect was suspended from school, and released in his father's custody.

The case is currently open pending review.

DEER/CAR CRASHES

On Nov. 5, 4:05 p.m. a vehi-

cle was traveling westbound on US-12 near Lima Center in Bridgewater Township and struck a deer.

At 2:30 a.m. on Nov. 9, a vehicle collided with a deer while traveling southbound on Parker Road near Austin in Bridgewater Township.

On Nov. 11 at 5:10 p.m., a vehicle was traveling westbound on Austin Road near Schneider in Bridgewater Township when it struck a

deer.

On Nov. 12 at 6:10 a.m., a vehicle traveling east on Austin Road near Eisman in Bridgewater Township struck a deer. At 8 a.m. another vehicle struck a deer near the same location while traveling west on Austin.

Compiled from reports at the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department, Manchester sub-station.

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Celebrating Tradition

Volunteerism feted at annual CRC banquet.

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Associate Editor

An enthusiastic group of nearly 100 supporters of the Community Resource Center gathered at Chelsea Community Hospital last Friday to observe "the wonderful spirit in which we've gathered, to celebrate Traditions Old and New," in the words of CRC president Carter Garrigues-Cortelyou.

Volunteers—14 in all—representing "Traditions

Old and New" in the community were recognized for their outstanding involvement over the years.

Entertainment by Peter "Madcat" Ruth offered a sneak preview of next year's Riverfolk Festival, one of Manchester's newest traditions, during the social hour preceding the dinner generously provided by Chelsea Community Hospital. A video retrospective of the first annual Riverfolk was given by Mark Palms, who said the festival was "all about volunteers."

Palms was nominated by the CRC for his vision in organizing the Riverfolk Festival, which was a financial success for the CRC as well as a fun event for the entire community.

"Thanks from the Community Resource Center and from the community," Palms said to the audience, many of whom had served in volunteer capacities at the event.

Manette London and Marifran Brown were recognized as "key players" for their outstanding volunteer efforts in organizing the Riverfolk Festival artists' committee and the media relations for the event.

Mary Ann Fielder, representing the Manchester Community Schools Foundation, was introduced by superintendent David Oegema.

"When I first came here three years ago, I was told to remember the name Fielder," Oegema said. "I soon learned why. Everywhere you go in the schools, Mary Ann is somehow involved or mentioned. Even though she's retired from the district, I see more of her than I do many others who work there each day."

Diane Rickert and Stephanie Beuerle were nominated by Manchester Cub Scout Pack 421. Diane DuRussel Unit Commis-



Honorees at the Community Resource Banquet on Friday night are Marsha Johnson Chartrand (left), Marifran Brown, Sharon Curtis, Diane Rickert, Bonnie Hertler, Mary Ann Fielder, Pat DuRussel, Mary Sue Moore, Manette London, Kathy Donnellon, Jim Mann and Edity Myers.

nominated for Boy Scouting in Manchester, provided an overview of the service these two scout leaders have given to the youth of the community.

John Sahakian of Manchester Family Service described Mary Sue Moore's characteristic of "giving selflessly, following Claire (Reck's) example," in her capacity as secretary to the organization Reck helped to establish in the community.

Carl and Sharon Curtis,

nominated for their untiring work with the Manchester Area Historical Society, were feted by Howard Parr.

"They act like Manchesterites," Parr told guests. "I hope they consider that a compliment."

Pat Vaillencourt, past President of the Kiwanis of Manchester, described Bonnie Hertler's "quiet force that just makes things happen."

"If the world had a whole

bunch more Bonnies, it would be a wonderful place," she said.

Mark Manders, speaking on behalf of the Knights of Columbus, related some of the wide variety of volunteer activities that earned Pat DuRussel a nomination. DuRussel's long-time dedication to many K of C projects are only a fraction of his volunteer efforts all around Manchester.

Library director Kate

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Shannon Fleck (left) presents Kathy Donnellon with the Lady Marilyn award, recognizing her service to the school band program.

Claire Reck Award recognizes Jim Mann's service

By Laura Merte
Staff Writer

JIM MANN has been nominated by the Community Resource Center for his work with the world-famous Manchester Chicken Broil.

Mann, owner of Mann Real Estate, currently serves as chairman of the supply committee, a job he has held for 25 years.

The position includes the task of managing the inventory from year to year and placing orders for hundreds of pounds of charcoal briquettes. Then there are the 14,000 chicken halves that are served each year to the crowds of visitors who flock to Manchester for the famous event.

"In 1977 they had a crisis on getting some of the supplies, so they came to me and asked if I knew how to get the things they needed," says Mann. "After that I was sort of 'blessed' with this job."

But it didn't start there. Mann, son of Chicken Broil co-founder Willard

Mann, has been involved since its inception in 1954.

"I've been there every year except one year when I was in the army," he says proudly. "My father was one of the co-chairmen and naturally everyone worked at it. It's a whole-family thing."

The chicken broil is not the only community organization that draws success from Mann's community spirit. He has been a member of the Optimist Club for seven years, as well as a Jaycee and Men's Club member for 25 years.

The annual canoe race owes part of its existence to Mann, too.

"I was in the race the first year in '67," he says. "That's when we realized we had a diamond in the rough... we took the river for granted until we started really using it."

A past director and current member of the River Raisin Watershed Council, Mann has been very active with river matters, including the

annual clean-up in preparation for the canoe race.

"I truly enjoy the river because I live alongside it," he says of his rural property where he enjoys hunting, hiking and skiing along the river's path.

While Mann says he enjoys meeting people and seeing the effects of the chicken broil's funds being spread through the Manchester area, he feels the greatest reward is the swell in community pride on the third Thursday of each July, which lasts through the year.

"Through working in real estate, I see a lot of other communities, and it's hard to find others that compare to Manchester," he says. "Not only civic pride, but the personal pride people have in their homes and businesses."

"We're very fortunate to have that here."



Jim Mann, nominated by the Community Resource Center for his long-term involvement in the Chicken Broil and in the River Raisin Watershed Council, accepts the Claire Reck outstanding volunteer award for 2002.

Banquet speaker honors 'The Manchester Spirit'

Historian Howard Parr remembers Claire Reck.

"...We honor Claire tonight, but even she would not want us to lose sight of our primary mission of community service..."

Thus began Howard Parr's tribute to Claire Reck and other volunteers at Friday night's CRC banquet. Manchester has long been known for its concern for those in need and helping those in trouble. Volunteers have been at work in several areas building "The Manchester Spirit" as Parr called it.

In Parr's speech he highlighted several instances of the "Manchester Spirit" that preceded Reck's influence.

"Above and beyond the specific denominations, the pastors bonded together to express concern about the whole community," he said of the churches. "Fr. Pfeffer of St. Mary's, Rev. Rague (Emanuel), Rev. Bunney (Manchester United Metho-

dist), Rev. Meier (Bethel), Rev. Brazee (Iron Creek), and Rev. Weinert (Sharon), to name a few. Later on this group, which met monthly, became known as the 'weather committee' to assure good weather for the Chicken Broil."

The medical field also was heralded.

"Way before we ever heard of health insurance, Medicare or Medicaid, our local doctors played their part," Parr continued. "Doctors Kent and Scheurer worked tirelessly and without monetary concerns. Scheurer would faithfully answer the call to deliver a new baby in a family that hadn't been able to pay for the delivery of four earlier siblings. Office calls were 75 cents and deliveries \$5. Both doctors made house calls for \$1 and drove to Jackson, Ann Arbor or Adrian."

The volunteer fire department was another example. "From the timer there were cisterns under Main Street, volunteers have manned a fire department,



Howard Parr reminisced about Claire Reck's outstanding involvement in the Manchester community over the years. But, he said, "Claire would say, 'Don't talk about it; just get to work.'"

Early volunteers include Ralph Scheid, Herb Widmayer, Bill Kramer, Jim Kensler and Charlie Eisenhower."

"The Manchester Township Library was all volunteer until circumstances forced a change to tax-supported District Library."

Parr added, "Volunteers struck out to obtain the Lynch House as a permanent home—Mrs. Bertha Marjorie Emma Marx, Marjorie Haeussler, Mrs. Herm Kuebler and librarians Florence Case and Jane Palmer."

Parr also discussed the beginnings of the Senior Food Program.

"It began as a result of a sensed need on the part of a group at Emanuel to meet the needs of seniors for at least one good meal per day."

Parr also noted individual efforts, recalling how Gus Wuerthner would give away clothing from his store and also would buy 50 theater tickets, telling Herb Widmayer at the theater to let that many kids in free on a Saturday night. Mailman Bill Kramer would dress up as Santa and leave a small gift for every kid on his route.

Nellie Ackerson and Charlotte Stables would drive to a concert in Ypsilanti or Ann Arbor and cover ticket costs for chil-

dren who otherwise would have been unable to attend.

A succession of volunteer groups, including the Manchester Dandy Club, Men's Club, Junior Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis and Optimists have made it their mission to help others.

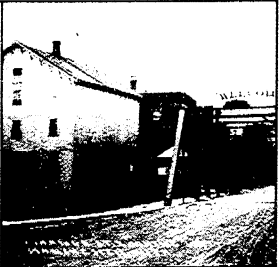
"Family Service may well have begun as an outgrowth of lunch conversation at Mrs. Purfield's, attended by Lillian Ayres and Rosemary Hamilton," Parr added. "The need for this service had been prompted by Dr. Purfield's contact with some of his patients."

Along came Claire Reck, who organized and "ran the show for many years with inexhaustible energy," Parr said. "She managed the emergency food kitchen; Red Cross blood drives, taxied patients to appointments and bought special medical supplies."

Reck also worked at the library, with the Legion auxiliary and in her church. She prepared the squash for the harvest dinners and had the recipe for the

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Looking Back



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Michigan news items

Protect the squirrels

The legislature may be asked to declare a closed season on squirrels for five years at least. The scarcity of the little fellows this fall is very marked, and it isn't because lack of food has driven them away, for the nut crop is very large this year. If some action is not taken soon it is feared the species will be exterminated.

Hunters out in force

An evidence of the great number of deer hunters abroad is furnished at the secretary of state's office, where clerks of the northern counties are applying for more blanks for deer licenses, although a larger number was originally issued them than was sold last year. In some of the lower counties, also, the supplies of blanks have been exhausted.

Hard cider

It is said more cider is being made and put away to "ripen" in Eaton County this fall than ever before. Eaton is a prohibition county.

Give away cabbages

So many cabbages were raised in the vicinity of Albion on account of promises made by a speculator last spring that there is no market for them, and farmers are almost giving them away.

Victims of hold-up men

Two masked hold-up men are terrorizing Kalamazoo and vicinity. They held up and robbed F.F. Joseph and D.W. Bottel. From both men they secured money and

papers. The two highwaymen transferred their operations to near Gull Lake, held up and robbed C.A. Mason just after he had left an interurban car. The description of the robbers tallies in each case.

The news of the world

Tried to kill the king

Three shots were fired at King Leopold II. Saturday morning as he was proceeding to the cathedral to attend a Te Deum in memory of the late Queen Marie Henriette.

The man was immediately arrested and the police had some difficulty in rescuing him from the hands of the crowd. He gave the name of Rubino. He is a bookkeeper. He was born in Binardo, near Naples, in 1859, and has lately lived in Brussels.

When examined by the police Rubino confessed that he intended to shoot King Leopold and said he held anarchistic beliefs.

Leopold II, king of Belgium, is known throughout Europe as "the royal reprobate." He succeeded his father in 1865, and has been in turns popular with the people for his democratic propensities and the butt of their enmity for his personal wickedness. He was first cousin to Queen Victoria, and is the father of the Princess Stephanie, the remarried widow of the late Prince Rudolph of Austria. The old king advocated the franchise for his subjects several years ago, and won for them against the nobility but since then has been himself ruled but the duly constituted authorities of his

realm.

Battle with Burglars

Marshal Henry Krohm was seriously shot and an unknown burglar had his head blown off in a bloody battle in Elyria, Ohio, Friday a.m. The shouting took place during a fight with four robbers, who completely terrorized the town.

The gang stole horses and rigs, entered several houses and shot recklessly in a wild charge down the main street of the town.

The burglars entered the home of Town Marshal Krohm, who opened fire on them. When he had shot three times, one of the robbers, who had jumped into a buggy, got out and began blazing away at the marshal. At the third shot the latter fell with a bullet through his hips. General shooting in the street was going on when the robbers drove away to the home of W.J. Hillier, when they were followed and the shooting kept up. The noise on the street aroused Hillier and he reached for his gun, loaded with quail shot. A burglar opened the door and Hillier blew his head off with the first discharge. The other robber turned and ran, but Hillier discharged the second barrel. The robber yelled and tottered, but did not fall. He ran into the street and disappeared.

Marshal Krohm is seriously and perhaps fatally wounded. It is not known how badly the other robber

is hurt.

The dead robber's linen is marked "Davis." He had in his pocket a mileage book sold at Oil City, Pa., to "Mr. Davis."

The Kaiser match making

One of the objects of Emperor William's visit to King Edward was to discuss the betrothal of Crown Prince Frederick William and Princess Alice of Albany, who is a charming girl, 19 years old. The duchess of Albany went to England on the imperial yacht and proceeded to Sandringham with the emperor.

Princess Alice and the crown prince are second cousins and are described as mutually sympathetic. She has been quite Prussianized by having lived in Germany the greater part of the last three years with her mother and has been under the close observation from time to time of the emperor and empress. A dynastic alliance such as this is regarded at the political side as bringing Great Britain and Germany closer together and would, from that standpoint, be unpopular in Germany.

Teddy, Jr. overworked

Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., the president's oldest son, arrived in Washington Saturday afternoon from Groton, Mass., where he is attending school. Mrs. Roosevelt received a telegram from the master of

the school, informing her that it will be best for her son to take a rest of a week or ten days for the benefit of his eyes, which have been affected by the strain of study. Mrs. Roosevelt was asked if she preferred to have him remain in Groton or come to Washington. One of the White House attaches met him at the train with a carriage and drove him to the White House.

"I am well," he said as he walked out of the station. "It is only my eyes that need rest." It was apparent that he was in good health.

route should be made—No. 4—taking part of his route and finishing up those east of town who are not now served.

An eagle is rarely seen in these parts, though in northern Michigan they are more numerous. The law protects the king of birds from the snare of the fowler, except for the purpose of taxidermy. A few days ago Harvey Raby of Norvell was successful in bringing down a noble specimen, Ed. Kief says, one of the finest he has ever seen in these parts. It measured seven feet from tip to tip of wings. Ed. Kief has mounted it.

Mrs. Chas. Dresselhouse and Mrs. Chas. Spraul came near having a serious accident last Saturday. In driving to Clinton one line broke and the horse cramped the buggy throwing the ladies out and in some way the harness broke, freeing the horse. The ladies were somewhat bruised but rejoice that they escaped more serious injuries.

Brief news items

H. Clark is building a large porch on two sides of Chas. Young's residence. It will be about 60 feet in length and seven feet wide and will add much to the appearance of the building.

Next Thursday being Thanksgiving the Enterprise expects to go to press on Wednesday, so those who have advertisements to change should get the copy to us one day earlier and correspondents will please send copy in early.

Mail carrier Farrell has to make a long circuit of about four miles on account of the bridge being down at Sharon Hollow. He already has too long a drive and too much work for one man. Another

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, December 7, 2 pm
"Meditations on Desire" with Poet Saleem Peeradina
A series of poems dealing with multiple traditions of love poetry, "Meditations on Desire" fascinates the reader. Enjoy a reading by Saleem Peeradina, regarded as among the best twenty or thirty Indian English language poets. Open Mike to follow.

Saturday, December 14, 2 pm
Holiday Gift Book Author Signings:
"Frontier Metropolis: Picturing Early Detroit 1701-1838"
with Author **Brian Dunnigan**
The curator of maps at the UM Clements Library presents his stunning pictorial history book of early Detroit. This coffee-table and reference book becomes a distinguished gift for all interested in a portrait of the Motor City in adolescence!

"Our Hometown" with Author Cynthia Furlong Reynolds
"Our Home Town: America's History as Seen Through the Eyes of a Midwestern Village" is a special view of Chelsea history. Cynthia Furlong Reynolds also will share her other books by Sleeping Bear Press like "S is for Star."

MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

Nellie Ackerson Middle School has announced its first quarter honor roll recipients for the 2002-03 school year

Fifth Grade

A Honors were awarded to fifth-graders Sarah Barnett, Megan Bossory, Logan Caszatt, Alexandria Chesney, Ryan Ernst, Taylor Evans, Jesse Forner, Carly Galaska, James Hamilton, Linsey Haynes, Taylor Heldt, Daniel Hone, Katelyn Horning, Emily Johnson, Matthew Johnson, Ross Kittel, Ryan Lenhart, Emily Lobbstaal, Ryan Paul, Jamie Payne, Roxanne Rickert, Jordan Ridenour, Tracy Schaible, Brent Schriber, Jennifer Stautz, Stephanie Steele, Carly Stein, Elizabeth Timoszyk, Brian Uhr, Sarah Wagner, Lukas Weber, Emily Werner, Emily Winalis and Logan Zigila.

Fifth-graders who earned B honors included: Phillip Adamus, Stephanie Ball, Siobhan Bamford, Lorelei Baron, Joseph Caballero, Robert Carver, Claire Davis, Jessie Dover, Brandon Dunny, Clayton Every, Brooke

Fuller, Heather Hieber, Mary Kastanis, Zachary Kessler, Dakota Ladouceur, Kari Litwin, Katelyn Lorcincz, Courtney Miatech, Kevin Mulcare, Heather Neu, James Noggle, Myra Sandford, Catherine Schultz, Stephen Sheler, Claire Simpson, Trevor Smith, Michael Sroufe, Eric Taepke, Holly Thorson and Jesse VonBroda.

Sixth Grade

Achieving the all-A honor roll were: Blake Bondy, Lacey Brevington, Myranda Catalano, Elizabeth Curby, Christopher Davis, Brian Fargher, Brook Fraley, Kelsey Gagneau, Oliver Gregerson, Jordan Guest, Samuel Hatt, Carrah Heilmann, James Heslip, William Heslip, Brian Kemeter, Stacy Kempher, Ellee Kladyk, Randy Kleinschmidt, Travis Knox, Samantha Krecklau, Chloe Miller, Caitlyne Odell, Joseph Powell, Coyle Render, Alexandra Rickelmann, Will Rickert, Logan Ross, Ryan Sannes, Devin Schaekel, Jessica Selover, Travis Tubbs, Katy Uphaus, Michelle Walter, John Wat-

son, Lynne Werner and Zachary Ysassi.

B honors were awarded to: Zachary Alexander, Araceli Alvarez, Crystal Alvarez, Christian Baird, Evan Bortmas, Calvin Briggs, Benjamin Bruursema, Danielle Burch, Caleb Burden, Joshua Caswell, Edward Click, Collin Coe, Samantha Creekmore, Sean Davis, Jacob Dorr, Jessica Driscoll, Tesia Dutko, Alan Eichenberg, Margareth Embach, Ryan Erkfriz, Andrew Fischer, Travis Fusilier, Holly Ganger, Victor Garcia, Teresa Gonzalez, Tricia Hammer, Trevor Hanewald, Presly Hone, Jeffrey Horodeczny, Grant Jobkar, Morgan Johnson, Alexandra Kalmbach, Ashley Karn, Beau Kingsbury, Matthew Layher, Alexandra Lobbstaal, Weston Maggetti, Jacob Mahan, Joshua Miller, Sienna Miller, Zachary Miller, Daniel Mulcare, Maria Paz, Carl Provey, Esmeralda Rubio, Andrew Rybarsyk, Laura Selecki, Sarah Snead, Anthony Trupiano, Philip Voegeding, Cevin Walker, Raven Webster, Candice Weidmayer

Seventh Grade

The all A honor roll consisted of: Jason Alber, Inga Bamford, Heather Black, Amanda Caldwell, Hannah Caszatt, Kimberly Deacons, Brian Dettling, John Edgerly, Julie Fielder, Michael Garrison, Kaitlan Greene, Breanne Haeussler, Emily Hassett, Jared Huber, Nathan Hyde, Amanda Kelly, George Kelly, Danielle Lee, Chelsey Luckas, Marissa McKee, Amanda Mutchler, Nicholas Ross, Danielle Schulze, Katelyn Spring, Danielle Stahley, Lucas Sweet, Kimberly Ticknor, Anne Tremblay, Megan Visger, Allyson Way, Justin Welton, Carl Wharam, Danielle Winalis, Jennifer Wootke and Ashley Zigila.

Members of the B honor roll were: Zachary Albert, Elizabeth Alegria, Alia Armstrong, Marlena Baker, Marc Baron, Jeremy Basset, Samuel Brown, Audrey Carey, William Cloke, Adam Colvia, Scott Conway, Sasha Coolbaugh, Jared Crawford, Bridget Delucia, Charles DeSautel, Lindsay Fielder, Robert Ford, Brittany

Fusilier, Jessica Gibbons, Matthew Girbach, Justin Green, Katherine Harrison, Katelyn Haynes, Nicole Helfrich, Joshua Henschke, James Hughes, Caleb Knapp, Krista Kornexl, Ryan Lannom, Ian Lee, Kristie Litwin, Nicole Mahony, Lindsay McMahon, Brian Neigebauer, Emily Noggle, Marissa Olmstead, Justine Owens, Stephanie Preston, Brian Ray, Gabrielle Roller, Jarod Sawyer, Zachary Seguin, Katelyn Sheler, Margaret Sikora, Megan Simmons, Joshua Taylor, Frances Trupiano, Gaebrial White-Ferguson and Alyssa Wiseman.

Eighth Grade

Eighth graders receiving all As included: Constance Achtenberg, Bradley Alber, Jamie Baird, David Ball, Nicholas Ball, Alexandra Brannock, John Crispin, Lauren Engle, Alexandra Fairbanks, Kevin Fielder, Brian Flahie, Kyle Gagneau, Hannah Gregerson, Clay Harvey, Amber Hubbard, Blake Jobkar, Sean Johnson, Alexander Kastanis, Jeremy Kratz, Laura Krecklau, Eliza-

beth Little, Jared Meeks, Crystal Poertner, Madison Schaeffer, Gregory Schaible, Jason Terreault, Andrew Tindall, Deanna Uhr, Zachary Vedlitz, Lara Wagner and Courtney White.

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And the nominees are...

By Laura Merte
Staff Writer

MANETTE LONDON was nominated by the Riverfolk Festival for her work as chair of the artists' committee in last August's debut event.

While visiting friends nearly a year ago, London says she found herself seated near festival founder Mark Palms and his wife Carol, who were discussing the idea of a Riverfolk Festival.

Little did they know that London had recently committed herself to community involvement as a New Year's resolution, and was looking for a project with which she could become involved.

"Not all projects fit all people," London says, "but as I listened to the Riverfolk discussion, it sounded like a perfect fit.

"I spoke those three magic words, 'Can I help?' and the rest is history."

London has lived in Manchester for the past 17 years with her husband Dave and daughter Allison and works as a research administrator for the University of Michigan Medical School. Her experience with grants and finance was instrumental in getting the festival off the ground.

"I was lucky to be involved early on and watch the festival evolve into its final presentation," she says. "With many new friendships forged during the festival planning, on the day of the festival, you could see all the efforts pay off in the prideful faces of all the volunteers who had worked so hard."

London believes the path to success for the "first annual" festival was threefold:

"First, Mark's vision for the festival and his ability to bring people together in a common goal.

"Second, this community. There were so many people who gave of themselves in the spirit of the festival.

Without the strong support of the community, the festival could not have achieved the success it did."

And the third factor? Weather, says London.

"Mother Nature blessed the festival with the perfect day."

Next year, London will be the assistant project director for Riverfolk.

MARIFRAN BROWN was nominated by the Riverfolk Festival for her efforts in planning the first annual event, held Aug. 3.

Brown first heard the idea for Riverfolk more than a year ago when she ran into director Mark Palms at the post office, and when she read about the upcoming event in the Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce newsletter in the spring, she knew she wanted to help.

"I called Mark and presto—I was a volunteer," she said.

Brown had simple goals for her involvement in the festival.

"I wanted it to be a great success," she said. "I really enjoy folk music and thought it would be great to have a festival in my own community."

Brown, who has taught with Ann Arbor Public Schools for 16 years, currently teaching preschool, says she was looking for community involvement in an area different from her career, and Riverfolk promised to do just that.

Brown had never worked in the publicity world before, but as chair of the advertising and media committee, she feels she had good luck.

"Newspapers from all over picked up the story and several provided incredible coverage both pre and post," she said.

Brown even got her family involved in the event. Her husband, John Stahly and son William Stahly both



Photo by Marsha Johnson Chartrand

Marifran Brown (left) and Manette London receive their nomination award at the Community Resource Center banquet last Friday.

helped to construct the festival stage, while her daughter Kate Brown assisted during the festival setup.

"They also folded lots of flyers," says Brown, a tedious but necessary task.

The hard work of volunteers and festival coordinators was what really carried the event off, says Brown, in addition to "a dynamite lineup" and "super weather."

And it was a success. Mingling through the throng of festival-goers, Brown says she could see how much the crowd was enjoying their time at Carr Park.

"It meant that there would definitely be a second annual festival," she said.

And for the second annual festival, Brown will be the co-assistant project director.

Volunteer spirit stays alive

By Laura Merte
Staff Writer

Last Friday's annual banquet to benefit the Community Resource Center recognized a number of community volunteers for their efforts in various organizations. Many of those volunteers have been featured over the past several weeks. In

addition to those featured, Pat Du Russel, Bonnie Hertler, Diane Rieker and Stephanie Beuerle were recognized for their involvement with Knights of Columbus, Kiwanis and Boy Scouts. Kathy Donnellon was presented with the Lady Marilyn award for her work with the Manchester bands.

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mincemeat sold at the Christmas bazaar. She baked cookies and cherry tarts by the dozen.

Adds Parr: "She did all this from her home with her Ford and a dial phone. One wonders what she might have done with phone buttons to push, an answering machine and fax. Somehow I suspect she might not have wanted them. She couldn't have talked directly to those in need and sensed personally

the sincerity of their requests."

Parr summed up the purpose of the evening by saying, "Times are different, but the need for personal effort, friendly and caring service to those in need remains. Through it all we need always to be aware of the fine line between just enough help and so much help that it paralyzes initiative."

In closing Parr added, "May we pass this spirit on to new generations, keeping Claire's drive, friendliness, sincerity and compassionate concern."

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Pittsley recognized Margaret Goodrich's contributions as a volunteer in the historical room at the Manchester District Library.

"Margaret is always gracious and knowledgeable," Pittsley said. "She has helped many patrons."

Edith Myers, who started another new tradition this year, the Manchester Soccer Association, was introduced by soccer mom Jean Robert.

"Edith had a vision," Robert said. "She started out to donate a one-woman show."

The soccer program was wonderful: 224 kids—and their parents—loved it."

Shannon Fleck introduced Kathy Donnellon, recipient of the Lady Marilyn Award, named in memory of Marilyn

Knouase. "Marilyn had a huge impact on the children of this community," Fleck said. "Especially, the ones that she felt got shortchanged."

"Marilyn was a solution-oriented person who changed forever how the staff viewed students who learn differently."

Donnellon received the award for the work as a volunteer with the school's band programs.

CRC Board member Linda Muccio presented the Claire Reck Volunteer award to Jim Mann.

"I'm honored to be this year's recipient," Mann said.

Recalling Reck's involvement in so many aspects of the community, he quipped, "At 80, Claire was running circles around those of us in our 30s and 40s."

"I hope I can do as well."

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Senior quarterback is Dutch MVP

■ *Leadership, teamwork and competitive spirit keeps McCalla's drive alive.*

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Associate Editor

Although a summer basketball injury kept senior Josh McCalla away from the playing field for at least half of his junior year, he hasn't missed a beat—or a bounce—yet.

Named the Most Valuable Player for the 2002 varsity football squad, McCalla currently is practicing for his senior season of varsity basketball and expects to play baseball in the spring season.

"It's a relief to be back out on the court," he says. "I've been playing organized basketball since third grade, when my dad started the Youth Hoops League."

Josh's interest in basketball, along with that of many of his friends, was the spark for the highly successful youth hoops program that started in Manchester in 1993. Steve McCalla was the driving force for the program for eight of its ten seasons. The hard work the McCalla men invested in Josh's favorite sport paid off when he was named to the varsity squad his sophomore year.

"That year, my first year on varsity, was when the seniors were the first kids to have gone all the way through the program," McCalla says.

"The interest and the skills both have improved greatly over the years. The coaches are getting kids that are already talented, instead of needing to create talent."

And while McCalla made it back to the basketball court for the second half of his junior season, he missed out on the entire football season.

"I could tell I missed it

when I first started playing again," he said. "I really enjoyed it this year."

As the quarterback and defensive back for this year's varsity squad, McCalla's skills and talent on the field improved dramatically.

"Josh is a very heady player when it comes to athletics," varsity football coach Wes Gall said. "He is definitely an overachiever when you take a look at his size and his speed as an athlete."

"He works extremely hard to get the skills and techniques down that he needs for his game, and he knows how to use them."

"It felt good to be back," McCalla said. "I've been around that program since third grade, too—I started as a water boy that first year when they went to the dome. It felt especially good to be back after missing last year."

At 5-foot-6 and 160 pounds, Gall says that McCalla "plays bigger."

"He doesn't have the height that most athletes today have, but he competes very well and plays a lot bigger than his size and height."

The injury and subsequent surgery that kept McCalla on the sidelines last year was a bone chip and cartilage damage in the knee.

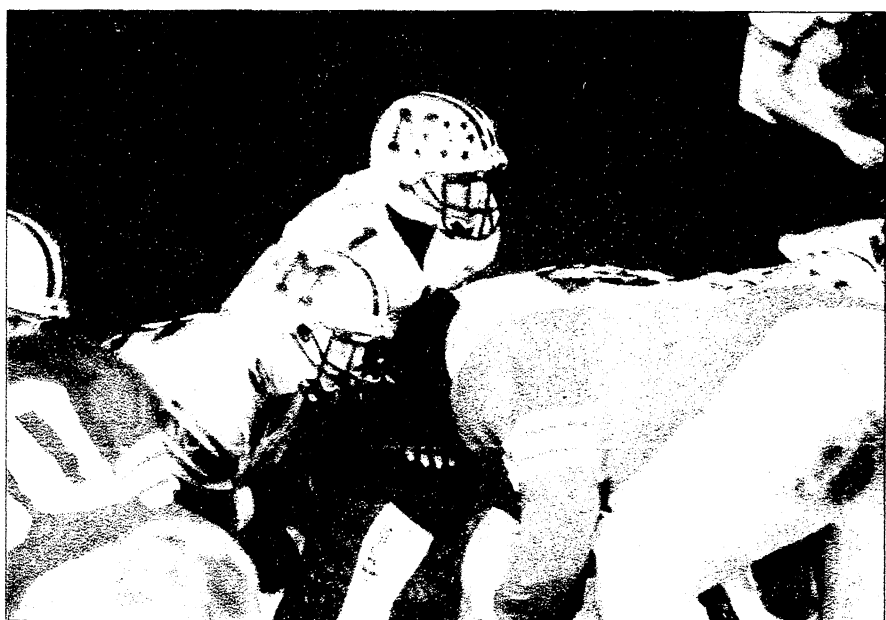
"It was a nagging injury that I had incurred during basketball season," he recalls. "and in June I finally hurt it badly enough that I needed to have surgery between my sophomore and junior years."

The disappointment of missing his first season of varsity football and making a late return to the varsity basketball squad was rivaled by the difficulty of going through the surgery and subsequent rehabilitation.

But all that is behind him now and McCalla looks forward to having a good season this year.

"We have a good chance to be a successful team," he says.

Other returning senior varsity players, particularly



Josh McCalla called the plays this season as the starting quarterback for the varsity Flying Dutchmen. For his contributions, he was named Most Valuable Player. McCalla looks forward to a future in coaching following studies at Central Michigan University.

Nate Smith and Nick Strobl, also have worked hard throughout the years to improve their skills on the court. They, along with the remaining members of this year's varsity squad will be a cohesive team, McCalla believes.

McCalla's competitive nature is evident on the court.

"I've got a lot of that," he says with a smile. "I got it from my dad—he taught me that when you do something you want to do your best; you want to succeed at it."

The senior McCalla has been his son's most influential coach.

"He's always encouraged me; he's always been there for me," Josh says of his dad. "My entire family has."

"But he's the one who's been willing to get up on Saturdays and go coach 8 a.m. games in Ann Arbor throughout the year. He has a lot of dedication."

McCalla remembers his first year of play when he and his classmates were in third grade.

"My dad stayed positive and kept with it," he says. "We'd get beat 7-6 because we were playing fifth graders. He kept us going."

McCalla has learned plenty of life lessons through his involvement in sports, not the least of them patience. But he's also learned the importance of communication, he says, and broadened his understanding of what's really important in life through the years he's been an athlete.

Gall calls McCalla "a pleasure to coach, because he attacks the game from that position."

"He's trying to get the best out of every person on the team," Gall said. "I see a lot of real fine qualities in Josh."

Perhaps one of the reasons McCalla is so coachable is because he is banking on a career in coaching. With plans to attend Central Michigan University next fall, he's been encouraged by baseball coach Corey Fether, a CMU alum, who has provided assistance and

information about the program there.

McCalla also hopes to play on the Central Michigan baseball team.

"I'm planning to major in sports management for a career in coaching," McCalla says. "And even if I don't make the baseball team, I would try to be an assistant to coach Jay Smith at Central."

The rewards of Josh McCalla's involvement in sports have been in the friendships he's made through the years.

"I have so many friends; many from other towns," he says. "It's just that competitive spirit that keeps us going."

McCalla's relationships with other players help everyone, Gall said.

"Josh has a great vision of either the football field or basketball court while he's playing, so he can involve the other athletes," he concluded. "He has great leadership skills on the field or the court."

Athlete understands many facets of teamwork

■ *Junior achieves in traditional and non-traditional sports.*

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Associate Editor

Andrew Coutts has played football for three years and this year had a successful season as running back and defensive back in his first year on the varsity squad.

But a varsity letter is not new to Coutts. He earned a varsity letter in his freshman year of track, running in the 400 meter and the mile relay while also pole vaulting.

And he also earned a varsity letter for cheerleading in his sophomore year.

In a controversial and highly-publicized decision last winter, Coutts challenged the Michigan High School Athletic Association to be able to participate in the Cascades Conference cheerleading competition, allowing him to compete on the varsity cheer squad alongside female cheerleaders.

"I was trying to figure out why I wasn't allowed to be in it and they told me because I was a boy, and I didn't think that was right," he said.

Coutts, a quiet shy 16-year-old, made the decision to fight for the right to cheer in competitive contests. He says his main concern was to be part of the team.

When he was given the go ahead to cheer, he turned down opportunities to appear on talk shows and in follow up interviews

because. "I got what I wanted, the ability to cheer with my team," he said. "I didn't want anything else."

"I fought so I could do it. It made me feel good."

Encouraged by two older sisters who had enjoyed varsity cheerleading, Coutts was asked by his sister Megan, a senior co-captain of the squad last year, to do some back-spotting and gymnastic tumble runs.



Coutts

Although he had little experience with gymnastics, he gave it a try and found out he could do it.

"My sister would spot me and I just did it," he said. "It was fun and I liked doing it."

But overall, Coutts says he has learned more life skills and had more influence through his involvement in football, mostly because "it's a team sport."

In this year's season, Coutts earned the recognition of his teammates as the most improved player, finishing the season starting at tailback and in the defensive secondary.

"I learned to trust people," he said. "Team work is a skill that will probably help me to work with other people, on a job. It's good to not have to do everything myself."

Along with the importance of teamwork, the thing he

has learned in every sport in which he's participated is to "do your best." And he says he does that every time he goes out to participate.

"Andrew has always enjoyed team sports," says his mother, Elizabeth Coutts. "He believes he has to always be there and be his best, for the team."

Always there for his team, Coutts has been in school and at practice each day this year, despite any injuries he might suffer in a game.

Manchester varsity football coach Wes Gall describes Coutts as "a hard-working young man."

"He has an air of quiet confidence," Gall said. "He doesn't go out and boast about what he can do."

"He's very coachable on the field—he works hard at the things we ask him to do."

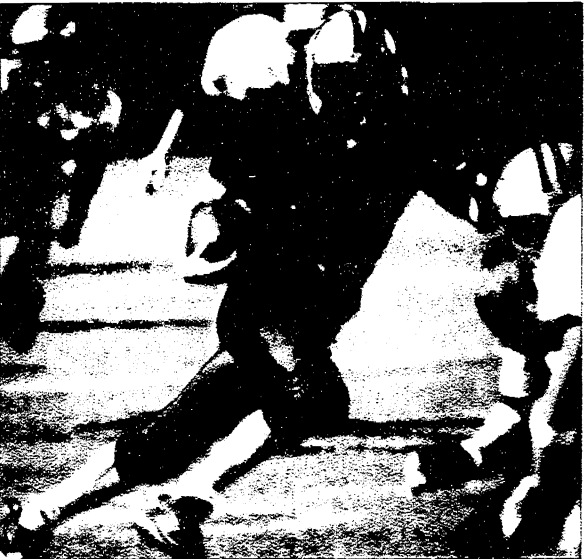
Coutts says that assistant football coach Pete Sykes has been most influential to him as an athlete.

"He was the new running back and d-back coach this year," Coutts said. "He helped me out a lot—every time I had a problem I'd tell him and he'd help get it fixed."

He smoothed the way; he made it fun."

Gall added that Coutts is a team player in every way.

"His concern is more about the team than about himself," he said. "That itself in today's world is a very important asset. When he gets out in the working community, those are skills



Andrew Coutts played running back and defensive back on this year's varsity football squad, and was named Most Improved Player at the recent sports recognition banquet.

he can take with him."

While he hasn't given a lot of thought to post-graduation plans, Coutts knows he'll go to college and then get a job.

"I want to make money; lots of money," he says with a sly grin.

He's interested in geology and automotive technology and hasn't decided which direction he'll take for the lucrative career he has planned.

"I've always liked rocks, and I like cars," he said.

Science teacher Ryan Rowe has kept Coutts interested in geology and participating in auto tech through

the South and West Washtenaw Consortium has provided the opportunity to pursue another favorite pastime.

Varsity football coach Wes Gall says that Coutts is turning into a "pretty good athlete."

"We saw quite an improvement in his abilities and running style," Gall said. "He's quick—on defense, he gave us a little more strength at the line of scrimmage and he's working on defensive pass coverage."

Skill development for next year will be a key factor in Coutt's continued success on



Girls progress in district play

The varsity basketball team posted a 41-34 victory over Plymouth High School in the first round of district play on Monday night.

"It was a well-played game," Manchester coach John Wilkins said.

The team faced Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard in last night's second-round districts at Clinton High School.

Golf holds awards night

The 2002 Manchester High School golf team, the first team in 25 years to reach state-level competition, recently held its awards banquet.

Coach's award was granted to Nick Strobl. Most Improved Player was Jon Schaible and Jeff Galaska and Nate Smith shared the Most Valuable Player award.

"They were so close all year," Coach Dan Galaska said. "It had to be both of them."

Galaska, too, recently learned that he has been named Coach of the Year for the region, as voted by the Michigan Interscholastic Golf Coaches' Association.

Football team names awards

Quarterback Josh McCalla was named Most Valuable Player for the 2002 football season at Sunday's recognition night.

Most Improved player was Andrew Coutts while Tyler Harvey earned the Coach's Award.

Todd Canter was named to all conference first team, while McCalla, Harvey and Jeff Miller all were named honorable mention in the Cascades Conference.

Gatorade players of the year included Harvey on Defense; Miller on Special Teams and McCalla as player of the year. The Gatorade Will-to-win player was Canter while Austin Scott was named Rookie of the Year. Gatorade offensive player of the year was Jamie Powers.

Volleyball exchange to Europe set for March

Sports For Youth Foundation inc. is currently accepting applications for the 2003 Volleyball Exchange to Europe. Players 21 years old and over, who are accomplished volleyball players who want to sight-see, play volleyball and meet new people are encouraged to enroll. For additional information Contact the Sports For Youth Foundation at info@sportsforyouth.com or visit the Web site at http://www.volleyball-tours.com

For additional tour information, contact the Sports For Youth office at 435-255-8102 or email info@sportsforyouth.com

Seeking player profile nominees

The Manchester Enterprise will again profile student athletes this year. A coach, teacher, parent or commissioner who wish to nominate a player contact Marsha Johnson at mchartrand@enterprise.com

Manchester Woods' petition request denied

■ Spur eventually will link Gieske to Main Street.

By Scott Brockett
Special Writer

On Monday the Manchester Village Council denied a petition by residents of Manchester Woods to prevent the construction of a road linking their development with the road that will eventually service the new high school.

Woodland Way currently begins at Main Street at the south end of the development and ends in a loop just south of Gieske Road. Now that Gieske Road is being converted from a private gravel road to a paved public road, the current Manchester Woods Planned Unit Development (PUD) stipulates the construction of a spur connecting Woodland Way and Gieske Road.

Residents of the development fear that this connection would encourage vehicles from both the north and south to cut through Manchester Woods to avoid the four-way stop at M-52 and Main Street. Consequently,

48 of the 51 residents signed a petition requesting that the council amend the PUD to eliminate the requirement that Woodland Way and Gieske Road be connected.

The long and occasionally tense deliberations Monday evening were a continuation of discussions during the last council meeting on Nov. 4. At that meeting, the council deferred action on the residents' petition, pending further input from the sheriff's office, fire department and school.

The Woodshenaw County Sheriff's Department subsequently submitted a memo supporting the construction of the spur, which would be "a resource not only for Manchester Woods residents but also the entire Village of Manchester."

To address the additional traffic flow, the sheriff's department suggested that two stop signs be placed at the intersection of Woodland Way and the north end of Wildwood Drive; and the speed limit of 25 mph be posted on the south and north ends of Woodland Way. During Monday's meeting, Sgt. Jim Anuszkiewicz

emphasized that his department's comments were offered solely from the perspective of providing police services.

Also speaking in favor of the road was Village Planner John Enos, who pointed out that Manchester Woods is technically a Planned Unit Development, not a subdivision. The distinction is important, Enos explained, because a PUD develops the design and developer more design flexibility to meet the needs of both the development's residents and the village.

According to Enos, one of the village's pressing needs is for "multiple routes." In contrast, a subdivision must adhere closely to the requirements of local zoning and the State Plat Act.

Further support was provided by Karl Racenis, a resident of the village but not the development, who stated that the disputed spur is needed to relieve the burden on Hibbard and Duncan streets as well as the four corners. Finally, the chair of the Planning Commission, Laura Sutton, echoed Enos' contention that Manchester Woods was envisioned

developed as an integrated part of the village, not as an isolated subdivision.

For the second consecutive meeting Ken Rogge and Kris Paul served as spokespersons for the residents of Manchester Woods. But several other residents also voiced opposition to the road, reiterating concerns about the increased traffic flow through the development. While conceding that the spur was part of the PUD when they moved to Manchester Woods, the residents stressed that they did not know a new high school would be built so close to their development.

The future location of the high school is driving the decision to pave Gieske Road and connect it, via Woodland Way, to Main Street. The residents explained that they are worried about traffic from the high school, not from the rest of the community.

Opponents also noted that Manchester Woods currently includes few sidewalks, particularly in the back portion of the development. The speakers suggested that the spur and lack of sidewalks could impair the safety of

residents, which would render the development unattractive to families and slow the construction of additional homes.

After hearing these varied perspectives, trustee Connie Schaffer moved to deny the residents' request to amend the PUD, but work with residents and others affected parties to mitigate the impacts of any additional traffic. The council unanimously approved her motion. Measures to calm traffic could include many potential initiatives, including the stop signs and posted speed limits suggested by Anuszkiewicz.

After the meeting, Schaffer conceded that the controversial road was her toughest issue since joining the council, but defended the council's process and decision.

"I believe we gathered all the information we needed," she said. "We asked a lot of questions. Safety is my major concern—particularly the needs of emergency services."

Schaffer said that while she sympathizes with residents' concerns about increased traffic, she is uncon-

vinced that this feared increase will ever materialize.

In other business, the council approved approximately \$17,000 for the purchase of a new half-ton, four-wheel drive truck and up to \$1,800 for a computer and related software for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. After purchasing this new vehicle the village will retire its 1979 Chevrolet truck, thereby maintaining a fleet of three trucks.

The council also approved the appointment of Karl Racenis and Margene Dunsmore to the Planning Commission. They will attend the commission's next meeting Dec. 10.

Ed Sharkey, a district representative from Representative Nick Smith's office, attended the meeting and spoke during the public participation segment. He summarized Smith's views on several pressing issues currently before Congress. He also urged residents to contact Rep. Smith's office if they have any questions or comments on national or state issues.

Murder can be 'habit-forming'

Murder Can Be Habit-Forming is the fall production of the Manchester High School Drama Club at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Produced and directed by June Weiland, the play features 16 high school students: Brenda Bancroft, Amy Hough, Melissa Luckhardt, Christina Vecchioni, Andrea Evans, Jessica Hochstetler, Charlie Sears, James Murray, Rebecca Noggle, Sean Crawford, Katie Sucha, Travis Church, Levi Clark, Jackie Vigilanti, Krista Strong, Brennan Crispin and Marie Anthor.

The mystery comedy tells of a busload of passengers stranded by a blizzard in upstate New York where they find their way to an old mansion in the woods, now

occupied by St. Mary's Convent. The Mother Superior soon realizes that one of her guests may be a killer known as "The Mary Murderer," causing her alarm since she and the other nuns are all named Mary. In addition, several of the passengers are named Mary. Is the killer the flamboyant actress, the newspaper columnist, the college professor or perhaps the rock star?

Providing as many laughs as chills, Murder Can Be Habit-forming is a light-hearted mystery comedy that reveals the very human side of the nuns as they attempt to stay one step ahead of the killer. Tickets are \$5, available at the door at 7:30 p.m. each evening for this family show.



The Manchester High School Drama Club is ready to perform in the mystery-comedy, "Murder Can Be Habit Forming" this weekend.

Purple Rose adds performances

■ Across the Way extended due to popular demand

The Purple Rose Theater Company is pleased to announce a three-week performance extension of Jeff Daniels' Across the Way. Originally scheduled to close on Dec. 1, it now will run through Dec. 21. Performances will be at 8 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday with Saturday matinees at 2 p.m.

Also, The Purple Rose Theater Company is scheduling additional 3 p.m. performances on Wednesday

afternoons Nov. 13, Dec. 4 and Dec. 18 and at 7 p.m. Sunday evenings, Nov. 10, Nov. 24 and Dec. 15. All performances are at the Purple Rose Theater, 137 Park St., in Chelsea.

Across the Way is a story about loss and love that transcends time. This world premiere production, which opened on Oct. 4, was well received by audiences and area critics. Across the Way contains nudity and is recommended for mature audiences.

Ticket prices are \$22.50 for Wednesday and Thursday performances, \$27.50 for Saturday and Sunday

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MEAP test is a challenging experience

School districts throughout Washtenaw County are giving parents the chance to take a sample version of the Michigan Educational Assessment Program test. I had the opportunity to take the test in Dexter last week and walked in with that same combination of excitement and anxiety that accompanied me when I took the SAT test so many years ago.



LISA CAROLIN

MARCHING TO A DIFFERENT BEAT

Unlike the SAT, the MEAP is aimed at a variety of grades — fourth, fifth, seventh, eighth and 11th. Questions representing all five grade levels were part of the sample test, and it

wasn't that easy to tell what question belonged to what grade.

There was a question about the probability of finding a prize in a box of

cereal as part of the 11th-grade math portion. There was a question about interpreting a government budget, part of the eighth-grade social studies test. There were also questions about rocks (eighth-grade science), rectangles and triangles (fourth-grade math), as well as a list of reading comprehension questions (fourth grade).

What all of the questions had in common was that they forced you to think. I don't just mean think of the answer, but you also had to think about how to figure out the answer — in some cases, how to word it and in

other cases, to make inferences.

Not only are the MEAPs an excellent way to get students accustomed to being tested, they are also a meaningful test of what students have learned. Unlike the SAT test, the MEAPs are not limited to math and English. Social studies and science skills are also measured.

There always will be students who excel in their test taking and those who have the knowledge but just can't quite deduce the answers. The purpose is to help teachers pinpoint students' challenges, and to

ensure that school districts are adequately teaching the required curriculum.

The down side to tests like the MEAP is that they force a certain rigidity on what teachers can teach, thus allowing less time for more creative tangents. The other down side is that for students with various learning disabilities, the tests may prove daunting.

I think that overall the MEAP provides a good monitor of how effectively students are learning important subjects and how well the students use their deductive reasoning skills, as well as their ability to

express their thoughts. Allowing parents to have a crack at the MEAP is a positive step in letting parents and administrators share thoughts about the tests and giving parents a realistic sense of what their children are expected to know.

For many of us adults, having the opportunity to sit down with a No. 2 pencil and a test booklet is a good reminder of the challenge of marching to a different beat.

Lisa Carolin is a free-lance writer. She can be reached via e-mail at LWCarolin@aol.com.

Community Education takes a new direction

■ *New director and location for community program.*

By Laura Merte
Staff Writer

The new director of Manchester Community Education may be short on free time, but has no shortage of ideas for the program.

After former director Vickie Bolan resigned effective Nov. 1, Sue Colvia was recommended for the position of interim director of Manchester Community Education, an enormous—but welcome—change for her.

Colvia had been an at-home mom for many years, teaching various classes through community education and recently working part-time in the office. Her familiarity with Manchester's program made her an excellent choice as the new director.

"I wasn't really prepared to go to work full time," says Colvia, "but I was just absolutely delighted with

the idea and I hope that I can make a difference.

"My family is supporting me 100 percent."

With the change in leadership also came a change in location. When the decision was made to move the alternative education program from the former agricultural education building to a portable at the high school, community education needed to find a place to relocate.

Luckily, the move coincided with the completion of construction at Klager. First and second-grade classes were moved to the new addition, and community ed settled into now-vacated rooms.

"The plan always has been that we were moving

to Klager," Colvia said.

Any more changes will only be improvements on what is already a great program, says Colvia.

"We're going to do a lot more with communication," she says. "We'll also be having an open house when they hold one in the addition (to Klager).



Sue Colvia

"There are all kinds of things to finish up and get ready for the new year."

Currently in the midst of its autumn season, the staff at Manchester Community Education is working on new class offerings for winter. Colvia says she is busy, but the staff is making her feel very welcome.

"It's going well," she says. "I'm truly enjoying it and

the response has been overwhelming. I couldn't ask for anything more."

On Saturday, Community Education will host Lunch with Santa in conjunction with the Home Business Trade Show during the

Christmas in the Village festivities. From noon to 2 p.m. in the Klager gym, Santa will join children ages 5 through 12 for lunch. Tickets cost \$5 per person and may be purchased in advance through the com-

munity education office or at the door.

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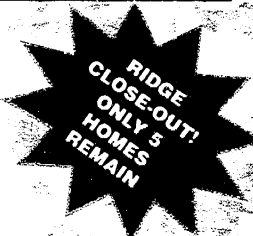
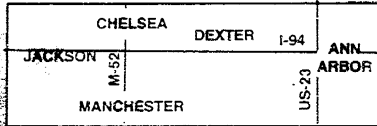
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Avoiding early entrepreneurial surrender

By Mike Score

Agricultural Extension Agent
Working toward change in the agricultural community is just like promoting change in other parts of the community: it's a real battle.
The first shot from opponents to suggestions for changing the way we market agricultural goods is the comment, "Once we start selling our commodities in a new way, everyone else will copy our idea. Then our niche market won't be a niche anymore."
Amazingly, this comment has been persuasive

enough to reduce many good entrepreneurial ideas to a single-shot battle. Once that special phrase is uttered, many would-be entrepreneurs hang their heads, sigh in disappointment, and surrender their innovative thoughts to the scrap heap.
The truth is, most people will not copy your good idea if you act on it. This is because most people, whether farmer or non-farmer, are not entrepreneurs. An entrepreneur is someone who "sees an opportunity, sizes up its value, and finds the resources to make the most

of it."
Entrepreneurs must work to develop skills that are needed to succeed in the marketplace. They must be committed to working hard at the service of others, and must be willing to work longer and harder than friends and neighbors who possess good work skills but who prefer working in the employment of others.
For many people in the marketplace, new business opportunities have to be a sure thing before action is merited. They prefer working from a task list when they carry out their work. They rarely depart from the

familiar, and they are easily set in a negative frame of mind when business conditions are tough.
In fact, these are the people who most often speculate that new ideas are doomed to failure. They would have said that fast food would never catch on, that people would never spend hundreds of dollars to buy a computer for their home use, and that people would never buy DVD players as long as 8-tracks, cassettes, and VCRs were available at low prices.
A little bit of training on running your business as an entrepreneur will help you

develop the skills needed to side-step the simple, shallow arguments that keep most people with innovative approaches to business from testing their good ideas.
MSU Extension is still welcoming would-be agricultural entrepreneurs to enroll for participation in our 10-week training program. Participants will meet from 1 to 4 p.m. on Tuesday afternoons from January through March. There is room for 10 participants. Two people have definitely enrolled. Another four people have tentatively signed up.
The course is not only for people who have developed a new widget and are looking for a plan for introducing it to the marketplace. Established agricultural businesses, including

farms, that have not been working from a business plan will benefit from participation in this course. My prediction is that this course will prove to be one of the best investments participants will make over the next five years. The course will use a curriculum developed by the University of Colorado and will benefit from the experience of several guest speakers who will improve participants' understanding of marketing and legal issues related to entrepreneurship.
For more information about this course, please call my cell phone at 517-403-1025. The course is specially designed for people who want to develop winning strategies for business ideas.

SADD members attend state conference

With excitement looming, it was time for the 17th Annual SADD-MI Statewide Leadership Conference, held Nov. 9-11 at the Shanty Creek Resort in Bellaire.
Nearly 550 high school students and advisors representing 75 chapters of Students Against Drunk Driving/Destructive Decisions-Michigan (SADD-MI) throughout Michigan's upper and lower peninsula arrived ready to have fun building leadership skills. SADD leaders from across the state hosted this conference.
With generous support and conference sponsorship from the Ford Motor Co. fund and the AAA Michigan Foundation as well as scholarships and grants from Citizens Insurance, the conference was made possible.
Speaker Cara Johnston from Canada draws from personal experience to motivate audiences to raise their awareness of traffic safety issues. Motivational Productions presented positive lessons on living, caring, consequences and making good decisions using an



Photo by David Jose
Manchester SADD members attending the statewide leadership conference included Craig Lane (left), David Kunzelman, Katie Fielder, Daisha DeLawter and Ashely Brannock.

imaginative 3-screen multimedia presentation.
Highlights of the conference included a drunk driving simulator where students can experience firsthand the dangers of driving drunk. Student-led workshops concentrated on

building leadership skills, diversity, networking and esteem building. With peers teaching peers, students were more likely to take with them the "Instant Message of SADD."
Five Manchester High School students attended

the SADD-MI Leadership Conference along with adviser Donna Clark. Students in attendance included seniors Ashley Brannock, Craig Lane, Daisha DeLawter, David Kunzelman and junior Katie Fielder.

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Experts offer advice for smokers to quit

You've tried quitting cold turkey, chewing gum or even wearing a nicotine patch. But no matter how hard you try, you just can't seem to quit smoking—and you're not alone.

At least 70 percent of smokers in the United States tried to quit at one time or another in the past year, but less than five percent were actually able to permanently kick what is considered to be a nicotine "habit" on their own.

However, according to specialists at the University of Michigan Chelsea Arbor Addiction Treatment Center, a national leader in cessation and addiction research, smoking is much more than just a bad habit, it's a powerful addiction, making it difficult to quit. That's why addiction specialists at the center suggest smokers follow a few cessation tips and seek professional help when giving up cigarettes, especially if they suffer from depression, anxiety, alcohol/substance abuse disorders or insomnia.

Nicotine is a highly addictive substance in tobacco smoke. When tobacco is smoked, it produces 4,000 substances, among which 40 are cancer-causing. This is one reason smoking is responsible for about 450,000 deaths in the U.S. each year.

And although smoking is the number-one cause of preventable death in the country, nearly 60 million Americans continue to smoke because as many as 90 percent of them are dependent on nicotine, says Maher Karam-Hage, M.D., an addic-

tion specialist at the Chelsea Arbor Addiction Treatment Center.

"There's definitely a difference between a bad habit and an addiction when it comes to smoking," Karam-Hage says. "A bad habit you can change, but an addiction overrides your sense of judgment. An addiction tells you that no matter what, you need this substance."

BETH, A smoker for 40 years, knows about the addictive power of nicotine. She has tried unsuccessfully to quit several times despite having chronic bronchitis and emphysema. Although these smoking-related diseases limit her mobility and force her to use an oxygen tank, she still continues to smoke.

"Make no mistake about it, nicotine is definitely an addictive drug," she says. "Every time I try to quit, I end up wanting one so badly that I will find any excuse to go back to it. But I'm beginning to learn that I'm not a complete failure when I can't quit completely."

To help Beth and other smokers become non-smokers, the specialists at the Chelsea Arbor Addiction Treatment Center provide them not only with support, but also tips to help them quit smoking for good.

Tips for quitting

Set a "quit date" and mark it on your calendar. Karam-Hage says that it's best to select a date that is close to a birthday, anniversary or holiday to provide yourself with activities to distract you from smoking. Sometimes it may take

weeks or even months to really prepare for a quit date.

Start mentally and physically preparing for your quit date. A good step to take about one to two weeks before your quit date is to start taking medications like Zyban. An alternative is to try other nicotine replacement therapies like the patch starting on your quit day, says Karam-Hage.

Stop buying cigarettes. Clear the air of smoke. Anything that smells like tobacco or the smoke from tobacco—house, car, clothes—should be cleaned before your quit date. Having these distinct smells around you can make it very difficult to quit.

Find your own cessation cheerleader. It's extremely important to have a friend or family member be your support person while you're in the process of quitting. This person can help motivate you and be there for you when you feel the urge to smoke.

Talk with your health care provider. Most physicians are equipped to help smokers at least make a first attempt at quitting or provide a referral to an addiction specialist or counselor when needed. Also, those suffering from depression, anxiety, alcohol and substance abuse disorders or insomnia should seek professional help to prevent their conditions from worsening and to make sure they use the most effective treatment modalities.

Don't quit quitting. Often, people relapse if they smoke one cigarette or an entire pack while they're

trying to quit. If this happens to you, you have not failed. The best thing to do is to try again to quit again as soon as possible. After so much mental and physical preparation, it's much easier to try again soon after a relapse, then to try to quit several weeks or months later.

WHEN FOLLOWING these steps, it's important to not put too much pressure on yourself. The first few days after you quit, you may temporarily feel tired, irritable,

and develop headaches or a cough. But keep in mind that when you quit, you're taking the first step toward better health. Quitting smoking improves your circulation, stamina, skin, and greatly reduces your risk of cancer and other smoking-related diseases.

"If you quit today and you smoke one or two cigarettes tomorrow or the next week, it's okay as long as you're really committed to quit," Karam-Hage says. "Never quit quitting, that's what I always tell people."

U-M Tobacco Consultation Service also provides eight-week group cessation classes and flexible individual counseling for those who want to quit smoking. To learn more about this program, visit <http://www.med.umich.edu/mfit/tobacco/>.

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Rate hike will increase safety

A gas rate increase approved by the Michigan Public Service Commission will support Consumers Energy's customer service and improve pipeline safety, the head of the utility's natural gas operations said last week.

Part of the MPSC's order makes permanent an interim rate increase approved last December. Before that, the last gas service rate increase for the utility came in 1984, followed by cuts in Consumers Energy's gas rates in 1987, 1989, and 1996. The increase will take effect immediately.

The president and chief executive officer of Consumers Energy's gas operations, Carl L. English, said even with the increase, the average monthly bills for the utility's residential customers still will rank in the bottom 10 percent nationwide.

The average residential bill will go up about \$3 a month with the rate increase. The order also provides for increases in the various commercial and industrial rates.

Consumers Energy has about 1.5 million residential gas customers and about 100,000 commercial and industrial gas customers.

English said the MPSC action recognizes financial realities.

"We've been paying 2002 bills on a 1984 income, with a couple slices taken off the top," he said. "We've focused on boosting efficiency and productivity, but inflation has chewed up much of the


gains we've made.

English added that much of Consumers Energy's system is more than 30 years old and requires more maintenance and more frequent inspections.

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Farmer finds new market for a traditional crop

By Lisa Carolin
Special Writer

Bur Oaks Farm in Webster Township was a hog farm until three years ago. Today it's a soybean farm providing a niche product.

When the hog industry got tough for small- and medium-size hog farmers, and prices began falling below levels of the Great Depression, Tom Bloomer saw no future in the business.

Bloomer had owned the farm since 1982 and also grew corn, wheat and soybeans.

Because development was happening all around his 160-acre farm, there was no room for expansion.

So, that's when Bloomer and his wife, Roseanne, began investigating the possibilities of soybeans.

Roseanne read about roasted soybeans as a healthy food that's hard to find and she asked her husband why they couldn't tap into the market. After three years of research and experimentation, the Bloomers started soybean production this past spring.

"We launched an entirely new business," Tom said.

"All farmers grow something and sell it. We grow, process, package and market our soybean product."

The product is called Rosie's Roasters, dry-roasted soybeans that come in three varieties, plain, honey-ginger and citrus.

The Bloomers put up a new building where the soybeans are

roasted and flavored using their own special process. Instead of roasting the beans in oil, they are dry roasted, which produces a healthier, lower-fat, lower-calorie product.

The soybeans are harvested in October. A cleaning plant and storage facilities are located on site.

Tom does a lot of the production and packaging work himself, while Roseanne helps in the office. She also works as a commercial loan officer outside of the home.

Both believe strongly in the product. Tom said there are many health benefits to soybeans.

"The Isoflavones in soybeans act as an estrogen replacement and help alleviate estrogen imbalances like

in women going through menopause," he said. "We keep the temperatures low enough when processing the soybeans so that we don't destroy the Isoflavones."

Tom said the American Heart Association considers soybeans a "heart-healthy" food. They are low in sodium and high in dietary fiber.

In addition to Rosie's Roasters, the Bloomers also market Rosie's Corn, a red-colored popcorn seed that pops white. Tom said it has to be popped the old-fashioned way on a skillet, not in a microwave.

"A lot of people tell us that Rosie's Corn tastes better and it's tender," he said.

The big challenge now for the Bloomers is getting Rosie's products into the retail food market. There is a lot of competition, Tom said.

"We'd like to see roasted soybeans get as common as salted peanuts and chips," Tom said.

Rosie's Roasters are sold in Chelsea at the Chelsea Market, and in Dexter at the Dexter Mill and the Dexter Cider Mill. They are also available at a number of specialty stores in Ann Arbor.

"We're in the middle of a really big learning experience," Tom said. "Our goal is to build this into a thriving



Photo by Lisa Carolin

Tom Bloomer has come up with a bloomin' idea, selling roasted soybeans as a health snack. Bloomer used to raise hogs on his Webster Township Farm.

TOWNSHIP OF SHARON ORDINANCE NO. 32 NUISANCE AND JUNK ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXERCISE OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL POWERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SHARON TO PROMOTE THE HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY IN THE TOWNSHIP AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THE PROVISIONS THEREOF.

THE TOWNSHIP OF SHARON HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. NUISANCE DEFINED AND PROHIBITED

Whatever injures or endangers the safety, health, comfort or repose of the public; offends public decency; interferes with, obstructs or renders dangerous any street, highway or stream; or in any way renders the public insecure in life and property is hereby declared to be a public nuisance. Public nuisances shall include, but not be limited to, whatever is forbidden by a provision in this Ordinance. No person shall commit, create or maintain any public nuisance.

Section 2. LITTERING AND ACCUMULATION OF GARBAGE, RUBBISH AND OTHER MATERIAL

No person shall place, deposit, throw, scatter or leave in any street, alley or public place, or on the private property of another, any refuse, waste, garbage, dead animal, rubbish, wash water or other noxious or unsightly material which interferes with the operation and use of motor vehicles in streets, alleys or public places. It shall be the duty of every occupant of property and the owner of unoccupied property at all times to maintain the premises occupied or owned by him, in a clean and orderly condition, permitting no deposit or accumulation of garbage or rubbish upon such premises, unless stored or accumulated as hereinafter provided. It shall be the duty of every occupant of property and the owner of unoccupied property to place any rubbish and/or garbage accumulated or stored outside of a dwelling or building of any premises in containers which shall be placed at the rear or side of buildings in a place which is reasonable inconspicuous and away from street and places occupied by other persons. Such containers, when used for the storage or accumulation of garbage or rubbish which is contaminated by garbage shall be constructed of non-absorbent materials, shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition and shall be covered. Such containers used for the accumulation and storage of rubbish shall be covered if there is a likelihood that rubbish will be carried therefrom by wind or other natural causes. Garbage and rubbish accumulated as aforesaid must be disposed of within a reasonable period of time in a manner not inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance.

Section 3. ABANDONED OR INOPERABLE MOTOR VEHICLES AND APPLIANCES

It shall be the duty of the occupant of every premises and the owner of unoccupied premises to keep dismantled, partially dismantled or inoperable motor vehicles or appliances which shall be stored, placed or permitted to be stored or placed on premises owned or occupied by him, in a wholly enclosed garage or other wholly enclosed structure. Provided, however, that the owner of such motor vehicles or appliances may store on the premises of which he is owner, co-owner, or tenant, any such vehicles that are properly licensed that are not deemed excessive in number. Provided further, that the occupant of every premises and the owner of unoccupied premises shall not leave in any place accessible to children any abandoned, unattended or discarded icebox, refrigerator or any other container of any kind which has an air tight door, or lock which may not be released or opened from the inside of said icebox or refrigerator or container unless the said lock or door has been removed therefrom.

Section 4. DEFINITIONS

Unless the context indicates otherwise, the meaning of terms used in this Ordinance shall be as follows:

- "Appliance" shall mean any mechanism which is operated by gas, electric current or motor, including, but not limited to, an ice box, refrigerator, or stove.
- "Garbage" shall mean all putrescible wastes, except sewage and body wastes, including vegetable and animal offal and carcasses of dead animals, but excluding recognizable industrial by-products, and shall include all such substances from all public and private establishments and from all residences.
- "Motor Vehicles" are hereby defined as any wheeled vehicles which are self-propelled or intended to be self-propelled.
 - "Inoperable Motor Vehicles" are defined as motor vehicles which by reason of dismantling, lack of repair, or other cause are incapable of being propelled under their own power.
 - "Dismantled or Partially Dismantled Motor Vehicles" are defined as motor vehicles from which some part or parts which are ordinarily a component of such motor vehicle has been removed or is missing.
- "Person" shall mean and include persons, corporations, partnerships, associations, joint stock companies, societies and all other entities of any kind capable of being sued.
- "Rubbish" shall mean dirt, leaves, grass trimming, tin cans, wastepaper, ashes, straw, shavings, junk and in general, non-putrescible wastes, normally incident to the lawful use of the premises on which accumulated.

Section 5. DUTY OF OWNER, LESSEE OR OCCUPANT

It shall be the duty of any owner, lessee or occupant of any land within the Township to abate any nuisance existing on property located within the township under the owner's, lessee's or occupant's control. This includes the removal of all forbidden items as set forth above and the cutting and removing by lawful means all such brush, weeds, grass or other poisonous or harmful vegetation as often as may be necessary to comply with the provisions of this ordinance.

Section 6. TOWNSHIP TO DO WORK

If any owner, lessee or occupant of any land within the Township fails to comply with the provisions of ordinance, the Township Board shall serve either personally, or by certified or regular mail, written notice upon the owner, lessee, or occupant or any person having the care or control of any such land to comply with the provisions of this Ordinance. If the person upon whom the notice is served fails to abate the nuisance within five (5) days after receipt of such notice, or if no owner can be found of such land, the Township Board shall cause the nuisance to be abated and the actual cost doing so shall be certified by the Township Board and shall become and be a lien upon the land where the nuisance was located and shall be assessed and collected in the same manner provided by law for collection of taxes.

Section 7. PENALTY

Every person convicted of a violation of any provision of this Ordinance or any rule or regulation adopted or issued in pursuance thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars and costs of prosecution or imprisonment for not more than Ninety (90) days or by both such fine and imprisonment. Each act of violation and every day upon which any such violation shall occur shall constitute a separate offense. The imposition of any such sentence shall not exempt the offender from compliance with the Ordinance.

Section 8. SEVERABILITY

If any court of law of equity within the State of Michigan determines that any provision within this Ordinance is unconstitutional, void, voidable, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions of the same Section and other Sections of this Ordinance shall be deemed separate, distinct and valid in all respects from said provision.

Section 9. ENFORCEABILITY OR MANDATORY INJUNCTION

As a cumulative remedy to Section 7 above entitled PENALTY any person who violates any provision of this Ordinance or any rule or regulation adopted or issued in pursuance thereof, may be made a Party Defendant in a suit in the Circuit Court for the County of Washtenaw, the Township of Sharon shall have the power, through its attorneys to request that said Circuit Court issue a Mandatory Injunction compelling the said Party Defendant in violation of this Ordinance to forthwith comply with said Ordinance.

Section 10. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after its adoption.

Teri L. Aiuto
Sharon Township Clerk

Road crews get ready for winter

The Washtenaw County Road Commission crews are ready for winter maintenance activities according to chairman Fred Veigel.

"We have just completed our annual Dry Run program in which drivers are given time to prepare their vehicles for winter maintenance," Veigel said. "All vehicles are then inspected by supervisory personnel and current snow removal procedures are reviewed with all crews."

The road commission has 45 trucks and 10 graders for use in winter maintenance.

In addition, Veigel added, "This year we purchased several one-ton trucks with snow blades, which should allow us to maneuver more easily in subdivisions."

The road commission operates under a priority system with freeways and heavily traveled roads as a top priority with subdivision and gravel roads being the lowest priority.

"In most major storms we are able to be in subdivision and gravel roads the day after the storm ends," Veigel said. "We also have a list of contractors available to assist in unusual conditions."

Homeowners are reminded that it is illegal to push snow from their driveways onto the roadway. Veigel indicated that there have been problems with people pushing snow onto the road

and the commission has occasionally had to contact the sheriff for assistance. Homeowners also should make certain that their trash containers are not placed too close to the edge of the road before snow removal has taken place.

One of the major problems each year is damage to rural mailboxes. If the mailbox or post is damaged by snow thrown by the snow removal vehicles, it is the homeowner's responsibility to replace the box and post.

"We need to be able to push the snow off the road within our right-of-way and if the mailbox and post are in good condition, it shouldn't be damaged," Veigel said.

If the box or post is actually struck by a road commission vehicle, the road commission will provide a replacement mailbox and/or post.

Last year the road commission responded to winter maintenance on 48 occasions and used 10,405 tons of salt and 2,593 tons of sand. Typically, the road commission uses about 20,000 tons of salt per year.

"We have 20,700 tons of salt on hand at this time," Veigel said. "We hope that we have another mild winter so that we can use our funds to increase the road rehabilitation program next summer."

SHARON TOWNSHIP BOARD & PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING SYNOPSIS OCTOBER 3, 2002

Supervisor Blades called the meeting to order at 8:00 P.M. with the following Board members present: Fleck, Chizmar, Kappler and Lavender. Planning Commission members: Fleck, Cole, Lewis, Guysky and Simons. Yordanich was absent. There were eight (8) attendees.

There were some public comments and/or questions.

Mark Eidelson from LandPlan, Inc. discussed how to prepare the draft of the new zoning ordinance and the procedure to do it. He stated that the Board would address the administrative structure and would follow the outline in his 9/20/02 memo.

The Board scheduled the next meetings for 11/7/02 and 12/5/02. The 9/5/02 minutes were amended and approved.

The Treasurer's report for August was approved. The Clerk presented bills for payment totaling \$7,471.56. Board approved payment.

The Board discussed a dumping ordinance. A resolution was made by Chizmar, supported by Lavender to adopt the dumping ordinance. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: all. The dumping ordinance was adopted.

Blades distributed to the Board a PDR, nuisance and junk ordinance. The Board reviewed the nuisance and junk ordinance and decided to delete section 4 and get the ordinance redrafted.

The Board discussed the preservation of the Civil War monument. Motion by Kappler, supported by Chizmar to grant permission to the Manchester Historical Society to preserve the monument and attach a bronze plaque to it. Motion carried.

The Board adjourned at 11:30 P.M.

Teri L. Aiuto, Sharon Township Clerk
Approved by Gary Blades, Supervisor

MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 50 ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT RESIDENTIAL CLUSTER OPTION

The Manchester Township Board of Trustees adopted ordinance number 50 at its meeting on November 11, 2002. The ordinance amends Manchester Township Zoning Ordinance by amending section 16.14. The amendment adds open space preservation requirements in conformance with the new State statute.

The ordinance shall take effect thirty days after this publication of the notice of adoption unless referendum procedures are initiated under MCL 125.282. If referendum procedures are initiated, the ordinance shall take effect in accordance with MCL 125.282.

A copy of the complete text of ordinance number 50 may be obtained at the Manchester Township Offices, 275 South Macomb Street, Manchester, Michigan 48158. The office hours are 8:30 until noon Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

Kathleen M. Hakes
Manchester Township Clerk

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

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. with all Board members present. Fire Chief Scully and Mike Rybka, from *The Manchester Enterprise*.

Minutes of the Board's 10/14/02 regular meeting and 10/21/02 special meeting were given as presented. The Treasurer's report was accepted. Approval was given for payment of bills that have been paid and for outstanding bills.

Fire Department activity for the month included four fires, fourteen medical, ten personal injuries, four miscellaneous and two mutual aids, for a total of thirty-four runs for October. There have been 319 runs so far this year.

Zoning Administrator Macomber reported permits for three new residences and six barns/garages. Trustee Widmayer discussed Planning Commission activities. After discussing the resignation of Don Pennington as planning consultant, the Board approved revised timelines to the contract with the new planning consultant, Carlisle/Wortman beginning November 1 and authorized the Supervisor to sign. The Board adopted Ordinance #50. An Ordinance to Amend the Manchester Township Zoning Ordinance (Residential Cluster Option).

The Supervisor's report was accepted, along with the Facilities/Building/ Grounds and Election Results reports. Clerk Hakes reported that voters approved the proposal to add two more trustees to the Township Board, bring total Board membership from five to seven, including supervisor, clerk, treasurer and four trustees. The trustee positions will appear on the ballot in 2004.

Under New Business, the Board discussed a letter on file from Township Clerk Hakes, submitting her resignation, effective February 28, 2003. The Board will be accepting letters of interest at any time for possible future appointment. The Board also authorized the Clerk and Treasurer to put together a display ad.

No other business required action from the Board, and after review of correspondence, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

A complete copy of these minutes may be obtained during office hours, which are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to noon. The next regular meeting of the Manchester Township Board is Monday, December 9, 2002 at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by Kathleen M. Hakes, Clerk
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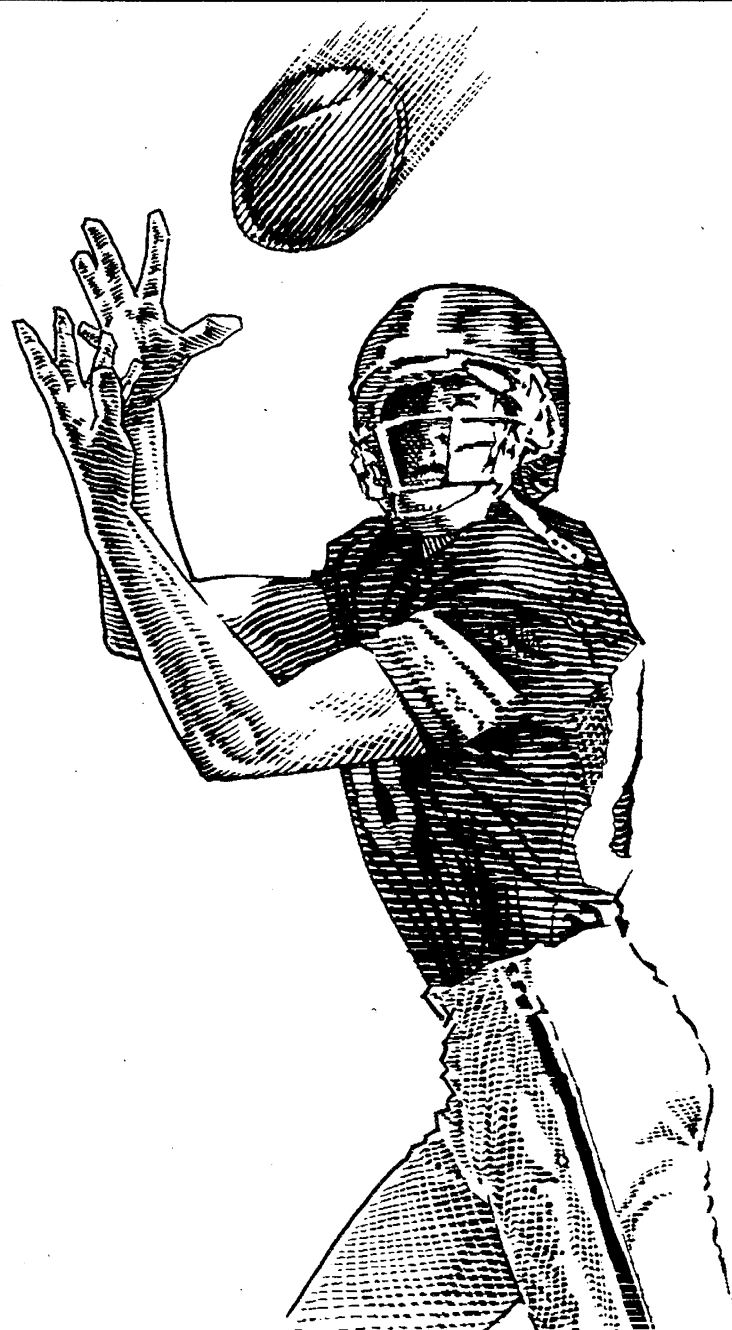
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Most under-grad degrees (Abbr.)
 - 4 TV revenue source
 - 7 Hand warmer
 - 11 Right angles
 - 13 Furrow
 - 14 Sutherland solo
 - 15 Unadulterated
 - 16 Scratch
 - 17 Benevolent
 - 18 "Horse in striped pajamas"
 - 20 Gas-station job
 - 22 Under the weather
 - 24 Hoboes
 - 28 Might they tie up loose ends?
 - 32 Ongoing
 - 33 Reed instrument
 - 34 Computer acronym
 - 36 - podrida
 - 37 Dutch bloom
 - 39 With frugality
 - 41 Puts into words
 - 43 illustrations
 - 44 Engrossed
 - 46 Claim
 - 50 Singer Mitchell
 - 53 Prior to
 - 55 Totorburg of NPR
 - 56 Opposite of
- DOWN**
- 1 Mercedes partner
 - 2 Sheltered
 - 3 Thick chunk
 - 4 Get ready to rumble
 - 5 Two-way
 - 6 Walk proudly
 - 7 Hit the jackpot
 - 8 Spoon-bender
 - 9 Half a saw-buck
 - 10 Craze
 - 12 Hit the jackpot
 - 19 Every last crumb
 - 21 Monokini's lack
 - 23 Got the ball rolling
 - 25 Double agent
 - 26 Survey
 - 27 Command to Rover
 - 28 Nursery denizens
 - 29 Touch
 - 30 Soft-drink flavor
 - 31 Brillo rival
 - 35 Hot tub
 - 38 Pod dweller
 - 40 Clumsy boat
 - 42 Bullock/Reeves movie
 - 45 Genealogy chart
 - 47 "- M for Murder"
 - 48 Aware of
 - 49 Back talk
 - 50 Pugilistic play
 - 51 Eggs
 - 52 Bottom line
 - 54 Toy-shop staffer?

Answers To This Week's King Crossword

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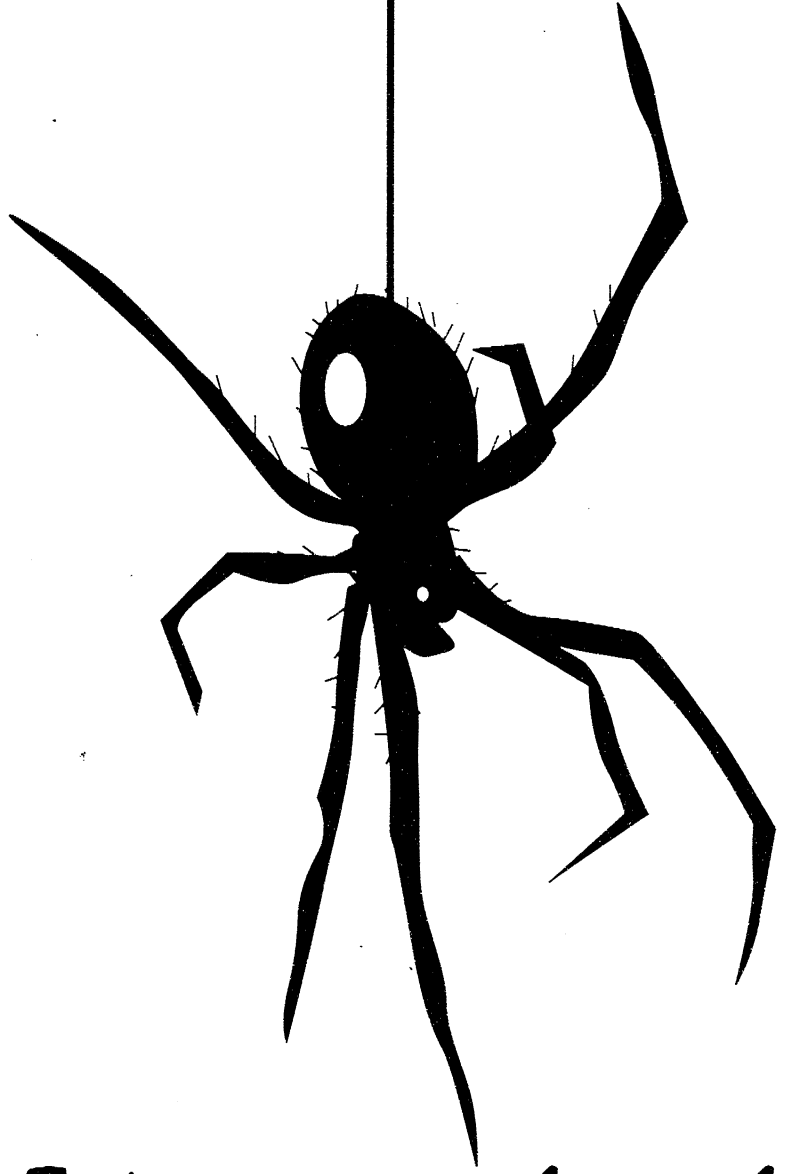
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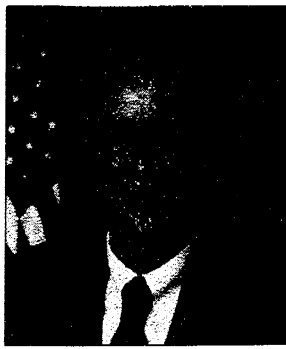
Local politicians seek caucus leadership

By Brian Cox
Staff Writer

Think of it as batting .500. Both of the area's recently elected state legislators, Sen. Bev Hammerstrom (R-Temperance) and Rep. Gene DeRossett (R-Manchester), sought positions as Majority Floor Leaders in their respective caucuses.

Hammerstrom was successful. DeRossett was not.

Hammerstrom's unanimous election to the post of Senate Majority Floor Leader last week makes her only the second woman to serve in the role. She will be replacing the first woman



Gene DeRossett

to have done so, Sen. Joanne Emmons, who was unable to seek re-election because of term limits.

"I am delighted to have this honor not only to serve the constituents of my district, but also to serve my colleagues in this leadership capacity," said Hammerstrom at the press conference announcing her election. "Having learned much from my predecessor, Senator Emmons, I will do my best to live up to the responsibilities and expectations that come with this position."

As Majority Floor Leader, Hammerstrom will be responsible for facilitating the flow of legislation on the floor, according to Amy

Zaagman, a spokesperson for the senator.

"This is advantageous to the district in two ways," said Zaagman. "First, Senator Hammerstrom will be able to control bills that are maybe helpful or harmful to the district. Second, it puts her in a negotiating position and gives her 'hammer power,' in a way, which will help her get things done."

Hammerstrom represents the 17th Senate District, which is comprised of Monroe County, portions of Jackson County, and a large swath of Washtenaw County, including Bridgewater and Manchester Townships and the village of Manchester. The day following his re-



Bev Hammerstrom

election to a third term in the House, Rep. DeRossett indicated his intent to pursue election as the Majority Floor Leader.

The job fell instead to a representative out of the 56th District, Randy

Richardville.

"Mr. DeRossett would prefer not to comment on the caucus's internal selection process," said a DeRossett staff member.

According to the staff member, DeRossett remains interested in chairing the House Transportation Committee and sitting on the Agricultural and Resource Management Committee and/or the Land-Use Committee. Committee appointments should take place in the next few weeks, the staff member said.

State Sen. Bev Hammerstrom was elected Senate Majority Floor Leader last week.

Taxpayers may be owed refunds

The Internal Revenue Service is looking for 1,696 Michigan taxpayers who are owed \$1.5 million in undelivered tax refund checks. The IRS can reissue the checks after taxpayers update their addresses.

"This year, a new Internet feature makes it easier for taxpayers to track down whether they have an undelivered refund," said IRS Michigan spokesperson Sarah Wreford. "The service, which lets people check on the status of refunds online at any time, is available through the 'Where's My Refund?' section on the IRS home page at www.irs.gov.

"With this new Internet feature, it's easier than ever for taxpayers to track down an undelivered refund check," Wreford added.

To use the site, taxpayers must enter their Social Security number, their filing status and the amount of the refund shown on their 2001 tax return. When this information is submitted online, taxpayers see a Web site that shows the status of their refund check. Taxpayers also get instructions to resolve problems, whether it's an undelivered refund check or some other refund-related issue.

Taxpayers without access to the Internet who think they may be missing a refund check should first check their records or contact their tax preparer, then call the IRS toll-free assistance line at 1-800-829-1040 to update their address.

"We want to get this money back to where it belongs," Wreford said. "It's a simple process. As soon as taxpayers get us their correct addresses, we can reissue the checks."

Taxpayers can avoid undelivered checks by choosing to have their refunds deposited directly into a personal checking or savings account. Direct deposit also guards against theft or lost refund checks. The option is available on both paper returns and electronically filed returns. More than 39.7 million taxpayers chose direct deposit this filing season, up 17.5 percent from last year.

"Refund checks go astray for reasons that can vary with each taxpayer," said Wreford. "Often, it's because a life change causes an address change. If taxpayers move or change their address and fail to notify

the IRS or the U.S. Postal Service, a check sent to their last known address is returned to the IRS. The Postal Service says 17 percent of the nation's population moves each year, and it processed more than 44 million change-of-address cards in 2001," she said.

Taxpayers who have moved since filing their last tax return can ensure the IRS has their correct address by filing Form 8822, "Change of Address" with the IRS. Download the form at www.irs.gov or request it by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

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Couple creates foundation to aid children a world away

By Debra Talcott
Special Writer

"If we build it, they will learn." This easily could have been the thinking of Andrew Hetletvedt and Amy Potter, the husband-and-wife team who started *Two Fishes*, a foundation that is raising funds to build an orphanage school on the property of the Alpha Children's Home near Bangalore, India.

"The name for our foundation came from the biblical teachings of Mark, who told how Jesus fed the masses with just five loaves of bread and two fishes," says Amy.

Andrew and Amy explain that their organization is a natural outgrowth of their marriage partnership and their belief that God magnifies the talents of those He sets on a path together. The idea for the foundation came while the two were working on their master of architecture degrees at the University of Washington in Seattle.

AMY HAD spent a semester in India completing a design project for practice—something she calls a "training wheel project."

"I met the director of the orphanage, Abraham, and his wife, Lydia, both Indian nationals who grew up in Christian orphanages themselves. I developed plans for a school for them, but I really didn't know if anything would come of it," says Amy. "That's because architects often do projects that never get beyond the paper stage," she explains.

Once the couple learned Amy's design would, indeed, be built, they agreed to start raising funds for the project. With some of the generous monetary gifts they had received when they married in September of 2000, the two were the first contributors to the fund. Next, they formed the board of directors of *Two Fishes*, shortly before Sept. 11 of last year.

"Our board members are mostly young people like us," says Andrew. "We asked people we knew would have skills that would be helpful to us—the way you form any board," he explains.

IN SEPTEMBER, the couple left their jobs in the Seattle area to spend a month in India before moving back to Michigan, where both were raised.

"We thought it would be nice to get the project started and get the impetus to raise the funds that would be needed," says Amy.

"A lot of logistical issues needed to be resolved before we were ready to seek funds on a broader scale than just our family and friends," adds Andrew, explaining why he and Amy felt it was important to be on site.

While in India, the pair met with contractors, then stayed to see the excavation that preceded installation of footings.

"A team of 25 people stayed on site and moved the dirt by hand very efficiently in only 5 days," Amy marvels.

The brick and concrete school will serve the 60 children who reside at the Alpha Children's Home, a Christian

orphanage for youngsters between the ages of 5 and 17. Many of these children, like other orphans in India, are sponsored by people in the United States.

WHILE 75 percent of the children at the orphanage do have some living relative, they are there because no one is able to take them in.

"There is not really a tradition of adoption in India," explains Amy, "so they come to the orphanage and are raised there until they are old enough to go out into the world and live on their own," she adds.

"Because the practice of arranged marriage is still the norm, the problem for the young girls is that they have no dowry to offer," says Andrew. "That is why providing these children with an education and marketable skills is so important" he adds.

The children currently attend a nearby village school, one of several schools that conduct classes in the various native languages of their respective villages.

What will make the Alpha School special is that it will be what is called an "English-medium school," where classes are conducted in English. Because English is a requirement of most colleges, and because our language is spoken for international business, these students will have a definite advantage when they set out to live independently.

"As an English-medium school, the Alpha School will also attract students from outside the orphanage," explains Andrew. "The tuition these students pay will help defray the costs of running the school."

THROUGH *Two Fishes*, Amy and Andrew gather design, construction, and financial resources for their community development projects. Their current mission is to raise \$67,000 to pay for the first phase of construction of the Alpha School.

"The first floor of the school will include six classrooms, an administration office, and a library in approximately 9,000 square feet," says Amy. "This comes in at less than \$8 a square foot," she points out.

Amy Potter and Andrew Hetletvedt met as students in the University of Michigan architecture program. They are bright and compassionate people who clearly support each other and work well together. Both are firm believers in taking whatever small resources you have and working together to accomplish more than any one person alone could achieve.

"We use Christ's model of addressing physical needs as a bridge to spiritual needs," they say to explain their decision to devote their energy to building needed structures in disadvantaged communities.

Amy, who grew up in Ann Arbor, and Andrew, who hails from Battle Creek, currently reside with Amy's parents, Jill and Ron Potter of Pittsfield Township, while

they look for jobs in the Detroit area. In the future, the pair intend to expand their charitable works to stateside projects.

"Amy and I firmly believe that the relationships that are formed and the exchanges that are made during the design and construction phases of projects in disadvantaged communities give rise to hope, empowerment, and a greater understanding of the love of Christ," says Andrew.

Anyone who would like to read more about *Two Fishes* and the work Amy Potter and Andrew Hetletvedt are doing may visit their Web site at www.two-fishes.org. They welcome your interest and are grateful for your financial support.



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Amy Potter and Andrew Hetletvedt, founders of Two Fishes, are eager to raise \$67,000 to cover the first phase of construction for the orphanage school Amy designed.

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I obviously follow current trends and speculation, but that doesn't necessarily mean I have to buy into all the doom and gloom. My philosophy hasn't changed since I opened my doors in 1996, and that is to build my business one customer at a time. By doing so, we've transformed ourselves from one of the smallest dealerships in the state to Washtenaw county's largest volume GM dealer in just six years. To me it's like being caught in a storm while sailing. If you have the right equipment, knowledge, and crew, you can stay on course.

How do you feel about GM's current products?

GM is hot, and we're fortunate to carry Chevrolet, Pontiac, Oldsmobile and Buick- the largest selection of GM products in Washtenaw County. But don't listen to all of the rave magazine reviews, or the J.D. Power quality accolades.

or even to me for that matter. Just drive a new Buick Rendezvous or Pontiac Vibe. Check out the redesigned Chevy Silverado, and get ready to be swept away by Chevy's new sport truck, the SSR. These are just a few of our great products.

What about all of these incentives?

There is no better time to buy a vehicle. GM, once again, is taking the industry lead by offering fantastic lease options on new model-year vehicles. Take for instance the new 2003 Grand Am, Pontiac's sporty, yet practical midsize car. It's unbelievable that we have customers driving away from our lot in 2003 Grand Ams. at \$139 per month! To top it off GM is now offering, *No* first payment, *No* security deposit, and *No* down payment. The current incentives are the most aggressive the industry has ever seen, and quite possibly may ever see again.

Why do you think you are now Washtenaw County's largest volume GM dealer?

I believe that our team really has a pulse on the buying public. This carries right over into the types of vehicles we stock, and how our

customers are treated. Let's face it, anyone can talk about service-- I'd rather show people. All a customer has to do is add us to their list of potential dealerships, and 9 times out of 10 he or she will end up driving a new vehicle off our lot. It's a people thing. Call us or walk in the door, and you will be greeted warmly. You will see that people here really care. My vision was to create a large enough dealership to offer a great selection, but small enough to offer great service.

You draw customers from all over the metro area as well as Ann Arbor. How?

For awhile we were one of "Washtenaw county's best kept secrets" but that isn't the case anymore. People know we are here, and once they get to know us, they tell their friends and family. We've found that customers will travel a little further when they know they'll receive excellent value and treatment. Plus, I hear all the time from people that Phillips is a lot closer than they originally thought. Being located directly on US 23 at the Carpenter Rd. exit helps. We're only 7 minutes south of I-94, which like our slogan says, is "just down the road from high prices."

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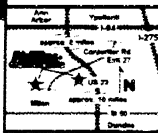
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2001 Ford Focus 2TS

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2000 Ford Contour SE Sport V-6

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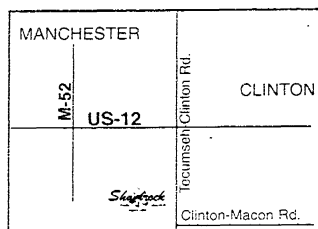
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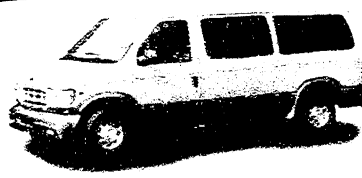
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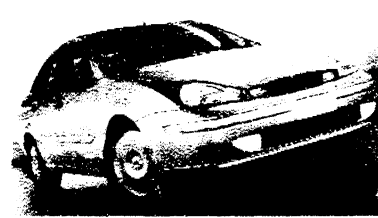
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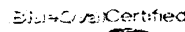
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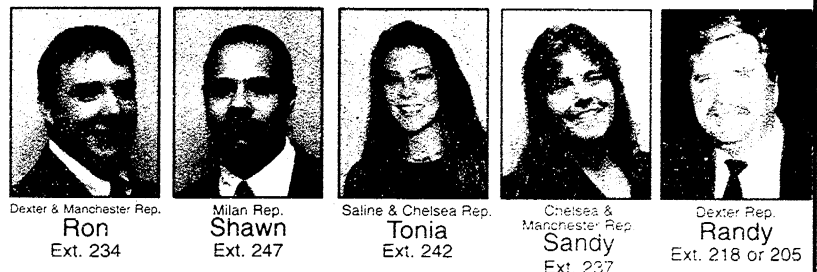
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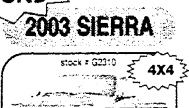


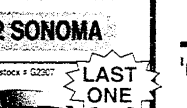
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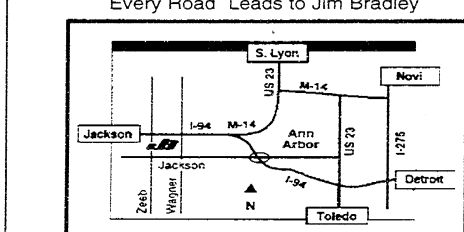
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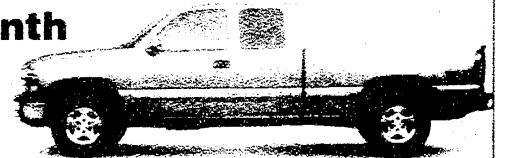


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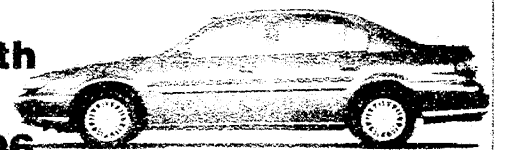
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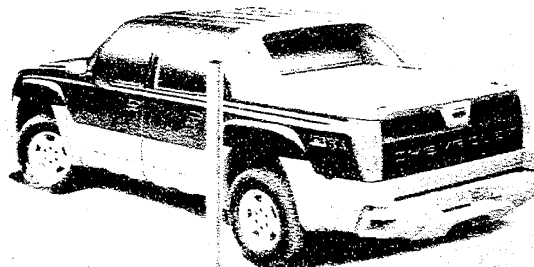
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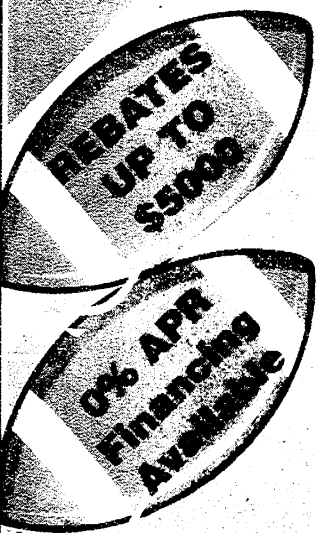
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