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Absentee voter ballots for June 10 election

Absentee voter ballot applications are available at the Manchester Community Schools' Central Administration office located at Manchester High School, 710 East Main, for the annual school board election. Absentee ballots will be available beginning May 21 from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:20 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Saturday, June 8, the office will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for application and ballot pick-up/return.

May Food Gatherers set

Manchester Family Service's monthly Food Gatherers distribution will be from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, at St. Mary's Catholic Parish Center kitchen.

High School Groundbreaking set

The groundbreaking ceremony for the new high school has been scheduled for 4 p.m. Sunday, May 19. The ceremony will be held on at the site of the new high school on Gieske road. All members of the community are invited. The ceremony will include short presentations by State Rep. Gene DeRossett, Citizens for Education liaison Marlene Wagner and School Board President Ron Ellison. A model of the site layout and drawings of the building will be featured. The ceremony will be followed by light refreshments.

Historical Society features Riverfolk artists

The Riverfolk Festival organizers, who also sponsor the ongoing artist-in-residence project, will present the May program of the Manchester Area Historical Society. The meeting will take place in the basement meeting room at Village Hall at 7:30 p.m. on May 21. The artists and students who are involved will present information about the project and how it relates to area history. Refreshments will be served.

Take mom to breakfast

The Manchester Knights of Columbus Council 4354 is sponsoring a Mother's Day breakfast Sunday, from 8:30 a.m. to noon at St. Mary's Parish Center, 110 E. Madison. Menu items include eggs, toast, pancakes, bacon, sausage, hashbrowns, coffee and juice, and are available for what Grand Knight Bob Sharpnberg called a "free-will donation." Call 428-8811 for more information.

Countdown is starting for senior class

Activities abound as graduation approaches.

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Associate Editor

Excitement is building as Manchester High School seniors are spending their last two weeks in the familiar hallways where they've spent most of the past four years.

Graduation is looming nearer on the horizon and along with the many festivities surrounding that date, also come several responsibilities for the graduates.

Next Thursday, caps and gowns will be distributed during the A and B lunch hours. All caps and gowns must be picked up during this time.

May 22 will be the exam and final day

for seniors attending classes in the South and West Washtenaw Consortium. The following night at 6:30 p.m. will be Awards Night, held in the study auditorium. A family potluck has become a tradition of this event in the past few years, enjoyed by all who attend.

Friday, May 24 is the last day of class for seniors. The "farewell march" of the senior class is set for 9 a.m. as the senior class marches through the hallways one last time before departing for the class picnic. The administration reminds seniors that all lockers must be cleaned out before leaving that day, which is also the deadline for turning in a senior information sheet, available in the high school office.

Final examinations for seniors needing to complete exams will be held first,

third, fifth and seventh hours on May 28 in the media center. That evening, the alternative high school will hold its graduation at 7 p.m. at the Freedom Township Hall.

Second, fourth and sixth hour exams will be held on May 29 in the media center. Clearance sheets for bills owed to and books borrowed from the school are due no later than 3:05 p.m. to allow the student to graduate. The evening's agenda includes baccalaureate services at 7:30 p.m. at the Manchester United Methodist Church on Ann Arbor Hill. Students need to be at the church at 7 p.m., wearing their caps and gowns.

A mandatory graduation practice for all seniors will be held at 9 a.m. on May 30 at the athletic complex. Class composites will be handed out following the prac-

tice. Students not qualifying for graduation will be notified by May 31.

The excitement of commencement day is a long-awaited culmination of students' academic careers. By 10 a.m. on Sunday, June 2, a decision will be made on where the ceremonies will be held. In the event of inclement weather, contact the high school at 428-7333. An announcement will be left on the school's voice mail system to notify attendees of the location.

Senior speakers should report to the athletic complex by 1 p.m. and the remaining candidates for graduation should report to the concession area for photos, flowers and line up at 1:15 p.m. Graduation ceremony begins at 2 p.m.

Congratulations to all of the class of 2002 on their accomplishments!

County approves high school annexation

Approval effectively expands village boundaries.

By Sven Gustafson
Staff Writer

The new Manchester high school project cleared one of its last hurdles last Wednesday with the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners' approval to annex parcels cited for construction into the Village of Manchester property.

The move comes after approvals by the Manchester Township Board (Feb. 11), the Manchester Village Planning Commission (Feb. 12), and the village council (Feb. 18). The county equalization department then reviewed the legal property descriptions submitted by the village, and the county planning commission evaluated the proposal against long-term affairs of both the village and township.

After a public hearing took place April 17 during which no objections to annexation were reported, the commissioners adopted the resolution by a 13-0 vote at the May 1 meeting. There were two absences.

"No member of the public appeared to speak either for or against it," said Curtis Hedger, the county's attorney of last Wednesday's meeting. "It was pretty much a straightforward vote."

Hedger, who personally reviewed the legal descriptions of the property, said the commissioners approved the annexation of three separate parcels total-

ing 57.79 acres. He said the county received the final legal description from the village shortly after the April 17 public hearing.

With the approval, the annexation order will be entered into county records, and certified copies will be sent to both the village and the Michigan Secretary of State.

"Under the statute, what they have to do now is send it on to our clerk," Hedger said, adding that another copy would be sent to Manchester Village Clerk Julie Schaible. "What they did last night was the important decision, the rest is just getting it to the parties that need to see it."

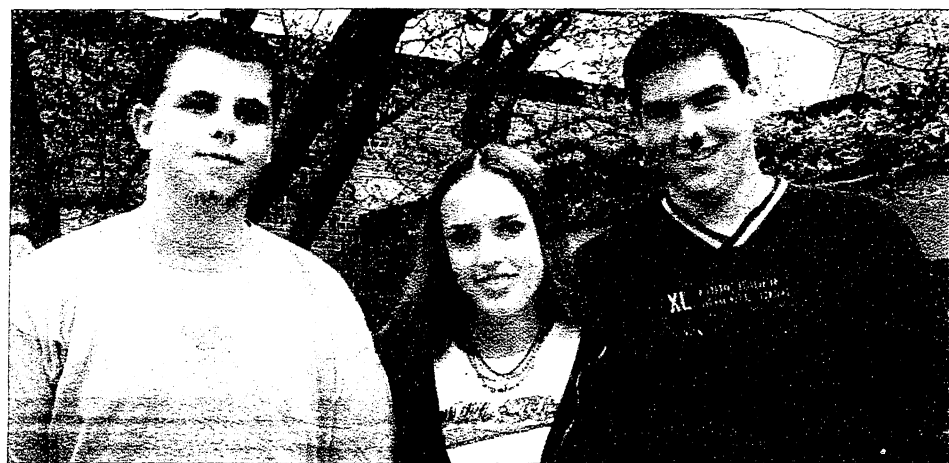
Manchester Community Schools Superintendent David Oegema said the school board was pleased with the county's action.

"This village assisted us a lot in this process and so did the townships," he said. "The county was just a formality and it was nice."

When contacted for this story on Monday, Oegema said the school board expected to complete the purchase of the 44.86-acre Beuerle property Wednesday.

Oegema added the school board has established a deadline of next Tuesday at 2 p.m. for official bids and for work at the new high school. The board will then award the bids at its May 20 meeting.

Official groundbreaking for the new high school has been set for May 19 at 4 p.m.



John Jameson (left), Lauren Engel and Andrew Mahony are credited with likely saving the lives of five Chelsea residents when they discovered a fire while following a detour through a residential area.

Teens use garden hose to stop spreading house fire

By Sven Gustafson
Staff Writer

Three Manchester teenagers following a detour may have saved the lives of five Chelsea residents Saturday night.

Andrew Mahony, 17, John Jameson and Lauren Engel, both 16, were in Chelsea and were on their way back to Manchester when they spotted flames creeping up the side of a home located at 757 Taylor Street.

"You could tell that it wasn't burning that long, but it was moving up the house pretty good, it was going up to the

roof," said Jameson, who drove in a separate car behind the two others.

The three reacted quickly. Mahony and John got out of their cars, and Engel stayed behind and placed a 911 call on a cell phone.

"I saw a trash can on the corner where the garage meets the house," said Mahony. The trashcan was filled with burning scraps of wood. "Me and John got out, he started to kick that trash can."

"I just saw the hose and reacted," said Mahony said.

While Mahony sprayed the flames with the hose, Jameson tried to rouse the inhabitants by knocking loudly on the doors and windows.

"We figured (there were peo-

ple inside) because there was two cars in the driveway," Mahony said. Still, no one responded.

It wasn't until the Chelsea Area Fire Authority arrived at 12:03 a.m. and managed to break through a door in the garage that the five inhabitants were found sleeping in their beds. The inhabitants included a grandfather, a married couple and twin toddlers. None were injured.

According to the police report, there were no longer flames visible when police arrived first on the scene. Mahony, the son of Washtenaw County Undersheriff Herb Mahony, went on spraying until firefighters arrived and

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Stu Evans shuts Manchester dealership

Chelsea dealer to acquire Manchester marketing area as part of Ford consolidation.

By Sven Gustafson
Staff Writer

The 19 employees of the Stu Evans Ford dealership in Manchester were the recipients of some unexpected news last week when it was announced that the dealership would be permanently closing its doors at 6 p.m. on Friday, May 3.

The closing of the dealership, which had been run as part of the Stu Evans Automotive Group since taking over Midwest Ford in September 1997, leaves Manchester without an automobile dealership. That leaves Chelsea-based Palmer Ford to pick up the slack.

"I absorb the market area, which means that I'm going to take care of the sales and marketing for the Manchester area from now on," said Biff Weber, who co-owns Palmer Ford with his wife Suzie, a third genera-

tion Palmer. "I am paying for it, but that's for the right to have that as a marketing area."

"There will be no Stu Evans (in Manchester) at all."

John Evans, chairman and president of the Stu Evans Automotive Group, made the decision to close the Manchester dealership.

"It's a market consolidation with Ford Motor Company," he said. "They approached me on it. I looked it over and it makes sense."

"I support any actions like that, and if they didn't have the right dealer taking over that dealer, it wouldn't be a good deal."

"My support Ford Motor Company's direction toward market consolidation in those areas."

Evans, the grandson of franchise founder Stu Evans, would not discuss the specifics of the agreement with Ford, saying that information was "proprietary." It is believed the move to close the Manchester operation involved a buy-out.

Evans claimed that sales at

the Manchester operation, which included a service garage, were double that of Midwest Ford, the previous tenant.

"The sales were good numbers, in excess of 600 cars per year," he said.

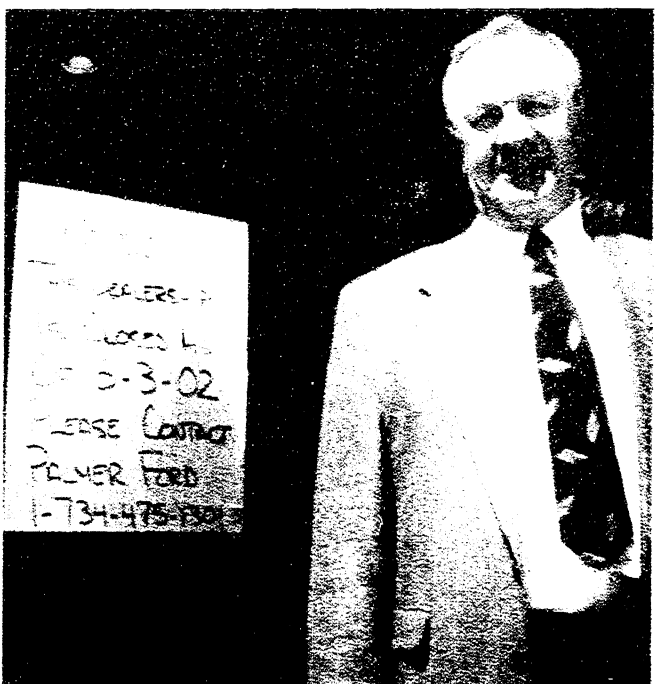
Evans said he has offered many of the 19 former Manchester employees positions at Stu Evans Lincoln Mercury dealerships in Garden City and Clinton Township, but added, "I couldn't tell you what's gonna happen with those people." Manchester was the lone Ford dealership in the Stu Evans Automotive Group, which also includes a Mazda and a luxury car operation in Utica.

"The big factor of the whole thing is that the Palmer organization is the right organization to handle this."

Ray Schilinske, a former general manager, turned representative of the Stu Evans group, was on hand Friday for the closing.

"Everybody's being terminated," he said. Asked what will

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Ray Schilinske, representative of the Stu Evans Automotive Group, announced the closing of Manchester's last auto dealership.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

May 9
Manchester Lamb Club will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the Michigan Livestock auction hall.
Male Caregiver Support Group for husbands, sons and partners of someone with Alzheimer's disease or related dementia meets from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Westside United Methodist Church, 900 S. Seventh St., Ann Arbor.

May 10
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.

May 12
Parkinson Education and Support Group meets at 1:30 p.m. Call 930-6335 for information.
Taize Worship 7 p.m. at the United Methodist Church.

May 13
Eucre Night at the American Legion, 7 p.m. All are welcome.
Manchester Optimist Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Emanuel United Church of Christ.
Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce Board meets at noon at Dan's River Grill. All chamber members may attend.

Manchester District Library Board meets at 7:00 p.m. at the new village hall, 912 City Road.
Bridgewater Township Planning Commission meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Bridgewater Township Hall.

Manchester Knights of Columbus meets at 8 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church Parish Center.
Manchester Community Fair Board meets at 8 p.m. at the village building.
Manchester Township Board meets at 8 p.m. at the Manchester Township Hall.

May 14
Bootstompers meet at 7 p.m. at Emanuel United Church of Christ.
Manchester Area Senior Citizens meet at 9:30 a.m. at the senior center.
Little League organizational meetings are held at 7 p.m. at the high school, room 104.
Manchester Village Planning Commission meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall.

20th Century Club meets at 7:30 p.m.
Freedom Township Board meets at 8 p.m. at the Freedom Township Hall.
Shakespeare Club meets at 1 p.m.
Ackerson Middle School PTA meets at 3:30 p.m. at the middle school.

May 15
Manchester Homeschool Club will tour the Jiffy Mix plant in Chelsea at 1:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Call 428-7595 to reserve a spot.
Awana Clubs meet at 6:30 p.m. at Community Bible Church.
Manchester Community Brass Band meets at 7:30 p.m.
Women and Infant Children program meets from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the senior center.
Bridgewater Township Board meets at 7:00 p.m. at the Bridgewater Township Hall.
Manchester Men's Club meets at 7:30 p.m.

Manchester Family Services Community Food Gatherers program takes place from 1 to 3 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church Parish Center kitchen.
May 16
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.
United Way Board meets at 12 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at St. Mary's Catholic Church Parish Hall.

COMING EVENTS:
Manchester District Library dedication and open house will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 18 at the library. The public is welcome to celebrate this special event with library board, staff, and guests of honor.
High school groundbreaking has been set for 4 p.m. Sunday.

May 19 at the new site on Gieske Road.
Volunteer training for Home Care/Hospice of Michigan will be held at the Ann Arbor office, 3003 Washtenaw, beginning May 18. To register call Sherry Wagenknecht at 971-0444.
Manchester Community Fair dates June 25 through 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.
United Way Board meets at 12 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at St. Mary's Catholic Church Parish Hall.
Community Resource Center Board meets at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month at the center.
King's Volunteers meet on the fourth Thursday of each month at 1 p.m. at the Manchester

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

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Local biodiesel retailer speaks in Lansing

■ G.E. Wacker among invited guests at DeRossett hearing on value-added agri-products.

By Sven Gustafson
Staff Writer

Kim Mahrle found herself in esteemed company last month while seated before a microphone at a long table in the state House of Representatives in Lansing.

Mahrle, a corporate officer of G.E. Wacker, Inc. in Sharon Township, was asked to speak alongside proponents of value-added agricultural products at a hearing with members of the House Agriculture and Resource Management Committee organized by Rep. Gene DeRossett, R-Manchester. The hearing was held Thursday, April 11 in Lansing.

On Jan. 31, Wacker Oil and Propane, located at the corner of M-52 and Pleasant Lake Road, became the state's first public pump - and one of the first 25 pumps nationwide - to offer a blend of petroleum and soybean oil known as biodiesel.

"What we wanted to do was have a hearing on products that are value-added," DeRossett said. "It's a way to add value-added agricultural products and at the same time take competition for land away."

"If there's profitability, then farmers are making money" and don't have to sell their land, he said.

Biodiesel fuel is made by mixing alcohol with an agricultural resource such as soybean or canola oil, or recycled cooking oil. It is touted as a more environmentally friendly diesel fuel that can be utilized by any diesel engine.

It is said to provide better engine performance, including increased gas mileage, cleaner emissions and longer intervals between oil changes due to higher cetane levels than petroleum diesel fuels. In its pure form, biodiesel is non-toxic and 100 percent biodegradable.

Biodiesel is also said to be the only alternative fuel submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency under the Clean Air Act, B100, or pure biodiesel, was found to emit 44 percent less carbon monoxide when burned than traditional diesel fuel. The ozone-forming

potential for hydrocarbon emissions in biodiesel was nearly 50 percent of that measured in regular diesel fuel.

Wacker sells a biodiesel blend called B20 - 20 percent biodiesel and 80 percent traditional diesel fuel. At press time, it cost \$1.509 per gallon compared to \$1.359 for regular diesel fuel.

Mahrle said Wacker also sells B100, or straight biodiesel, but not to individual motorists. Mahrle said B100 customers must purchase a whole drum, which must be shipped to the Manchester facility.

Wacker has also been selling to The University of Michigan and the City of Ann Arbor.

Approximately 30 people attended the hearing, according to a spokesman for DeRossett. Most were Lansing staffers and state representatives.

"It was very exciting to go up there and do that. I've never done anything like that," said Mahrle. "Hopefully I did some good."

Mahrle spoke after Joe Jobe, executive director of the National Biodiesel Board, and Keith Reinhold of the Michigan

Soybean Promotion Committee. Also present were Dale Sherwin from the Michigan Department of Agriculture, Dan Secord of C. Barron & Sons in Ida, and Manchester resident Jeff Bristle of Practical Soy Products LLC in Dexter.

C. Barron & Sons recently became the second retailer to sell biodiesel in Michigan. Practical Soy is a group of five Washtenaw farmers who have marketed a product called "Clean Green," a soy-based lawn and garden fertilizer that minimizes phosphorus and nitrate contamination from run-off.

"I filled in what they hadn't covered," said Mahrle, who claimed she was there, "as both a fleet owner that uses the biodiesel and a retailer that sells it. That's what my part was."

Mahrle said she touched on issues of the difficulties brought by the lack of regulation in the fledgling alternative fuels industry - biodiesel blenders such as Wacker must be licensed - as well as the prospect of tax breaks for biodiesel suppliers. Federal officials are looking at a

plan that would take one cent off the federal road tax levied against fuel retailers for every percentage point of biodiesel blended into diesel fuel up to 20 percent. Mahrle said that legislators must find additional ways to provide incentives for using biodiesel fuel.

Mahrle also discussed the cost for biodiesel fuel, which she said averages 15 cents more per gallon than traditional diesel. The cost, she said, reflects the labor-intensive nature of producing biodiesel.

"The more it's used, the more that they produce, and the price will come down," she said. Mahrle, whose parents own Wacker, also discussed her family's concern for truck drivers, farmers and children who ride school buses, all of whom breathe noxious diesel fumes.

"That's a good reason to use it in and of itself," she said.

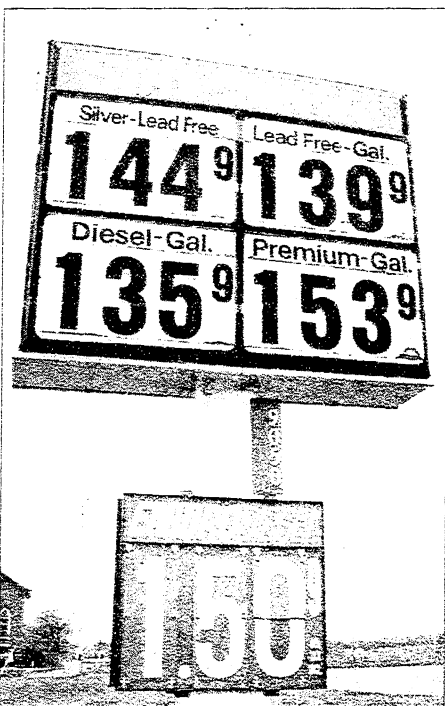
DeRossett said there is growing support for building a biodiesel refinery in Michigan, which could increase soybean revenues by about 17 cents per bushel.

"What we wanted to do was make the public aware that this product was there," he said. "It's a product that has already been

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Kim Mahrle, a corporate officer at G.E. Wacker, Inc. in Sharon Township, was asked to speak before the Agriculture and Resource Management Committee, chaired by State Rep. Gene DeRossett, last month.



Envirodiesel, the trade name for B20 biodiesel, costs about \$.15 more than traditional diesel fuel, but provides increased performance and gas mileage along with cleaner emissions.

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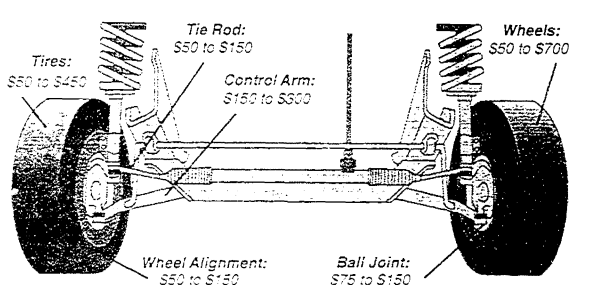
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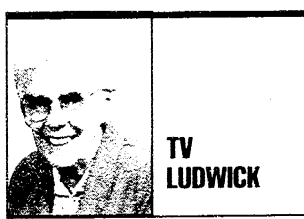


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SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS

It's been one of those days when I think I can lay my hands on what I wanted to share with you, and it's not to be found. I wanted to see if flowers were blooming so early on this date, or if something special happened five years ago. It will be a topic for later on, maybe. We wish to thank the kids from the high school who came and washed our windows... we energy on a gloomy day! We know there are more good kids than bad.

Thursday the 9th: Come join your council officers and board at the center at a 9:30 meeting. Pork chops and kraut are served at noon by cooks Sue Miller and Tod Armentrout. You may go back to the center for cards and/or bingo. All who are 55 or older in our area are urged to come join us on Tuesday and Thursday noon in Emanuel for a good meal at \$3.50 per plate (notice the price change). Be sure to get your reservation in before the meal you wish to eat! Call Kelly



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ahead at 428-8359 or Tod between 9 and 10 a.m. on meal day at 428-7630, then come and enjoy the food and fellowship.

Friday the 10th: Senior bus will leave the center at 10:30 to visit greenhouses. Call Tootie Armentrout at 428-7615 to place your name on the list (or, better yet, come to meals and sign the book). Bus pickup begins at 6 p.m. to join the Saline seniors for their card party. Call Mildred Stoll at 428-7828 to go.

Monday the 13th: A shopping trip to Adrian is planned, with bus pickup starting at 9:30. Bus is on request, call Tootie.

Tuesday the 14th: Meat loaf is served today, come try the best. Work Day is scheduled at the center at 12:30, come help.

Wednesday the 15th: If you are 65 or older, you will benefit from our weekly yoga class! We start at 9:30 with Donna Pointer giving us clues to how to feel better by this gentle twisting and stretching of our bodies. Come to the village hall lower room and see for yourself! We are standing taller these days! Senior rooms will host WIC and Food Gatherers.

Thursday the 16th: Teriyaki chicken is delicious, better come join us at Emanuel UCC at 12 noon (reserve your spot first). Cards and bingo at 12:30 at the center. Tonight's public card party, sponsored by the seniors, begins euchre play for all age groups at 7:30 p.m. Pickup for seniors for the ride to the village hall begins at 6:30, call Mildred Stoll. Come join this fun-loving bunch! There is light refreshment to follow.

"Apples of Gold" sent from Poulsbo, Washington, from lifelong friend June Spiess: "A friend is one with whom you dare to be yourself." "I married him because we have so many faults in common." "One reason a dog is such a lovable creature is that his tail wags instead of his tongue." "The best gifts are tied with heartstrings." "Diner: Do you serve crabs here? Waiter: We serve anyone, sit down." "The days that make us happy make us wise."

Happy Birthday Seniors



Seniors with May and June birthdays combined for their birthday party last Thursday, May 2. Celebrating their May birthdays were Mae Panches, Edward Haller, Bertha Briggs, Rufus Gillam, Karl Schnearle, Dorothy Mahrle, Eileen Disbrow, Mae Sellers, Vincent Ganzhorn, Edward Burkhart, Floyd Parr, Edward Steele, Jr. and Joan Berry. June celebrants were Viola Poley, Clayton Frinkel, Lou Vogel, Dean Trolz, Margaret Shankland, Gladys Gear, Ron Jenter, Alice Sawdey, Violet Halme, Myrtle Roberts, Erwin Halme, Marie Haab, Norman Halme and June Jenter.

Legion and auxiliary to celebrate poppy days

Original crepe paper poppy commemorates fallen soldiers.

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Associate Editor

For 82 years, the American Legion Auxiliary poppy has symbolized the sacrifices made by men and women in service to their country.

The American Legion Auxiliary was the first national organization to adopt the poppy as its memorial flower at its national convention held in Cleveland, Ohio in 1920.

Mary Smith, poppy chair for the Legion Auxiliary unit #117, stressed that the crepe paper poppy, made by hand by disabled veterans, is the original program to provide assistance for disabled veterans.

"One hundred percent of the profits from poppy distribution is pledged to welfare relief for servicemen and servicewomen and their families," Smith said.

The public is given an opportunity each year to help the American Legion and its auxiliary in the significant work of veterans rehabilitation. It is also an opportunity to pay tribute to all who have died in service to the Nation, by wearing a poppy on Poppy Day.

The American Legion Department of Michigan purchases the material for poppies and workers are paid for each poppy that is made. Volunteers, who receive no compensation, distribute more than 25 million poppies each year.

Through the American Legion Auxiliary poppy program, more than \$300,000 is paid annually to needy and disabled veterans for making the poppies.

"Proceeds from the distribution amounts to more than \$2,000 annually in Manchester and every penny is devoted to veter-

ans affairs and rehabilitation work by both the Legion and Auxiliary," Smith said.

"All poppy funds collected here in Manchester stay within the community."

Smith said all the money that is taken in is used for veterans' causes.

"We support the veterans at the Ann Arbor VA Hospital," she said. "We sponsor bingo parties and in December we buy gifts for the Christmas gift shop that can be distributed to the veterans' families. This benefits the families of the veterans in the hospital."

There is also a veteran's retirement home that is supported by poppy funds.

As for children and youth projects, Smith recalled a time when a Manchester veteran's daughter was involved in a serious auto accident. The Legion and Auxiliary provided hospital equipment, monetary contributions and other assistance to the family during the girl's lengthy recovery.

The ladies of the Emil Jacob Unit #117 visited the veteran's hospital in Grand Rapids last year to watch as the poppies are made.

"We always purchase our poppies from this same hospital and we thought it would be interesting to see them at work," Smith said.

Kliger third and fourth-grade students have created posters to help raise awareness of the poppy cause. The artists of the top three posters will each receive Dairy Queen gift certificates for their efforts, Smith said.

Each year, the Auxiliary selects a junior member to represent the local poppy program. This year's poppy girl is 13-year-old Alexandra Brannock, a seventh-grader at Nellie Ackerson Middle School.

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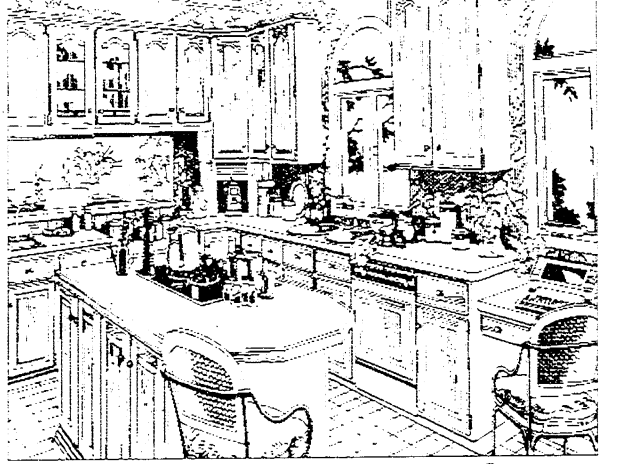


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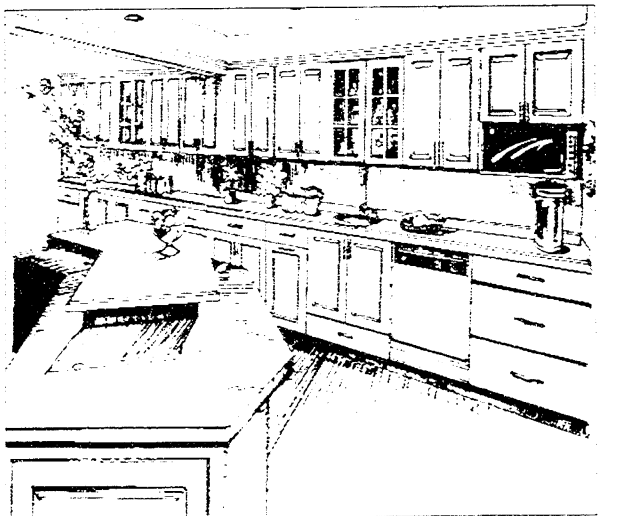
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By Becky Noggle

What are you most looking forward to after you graduate?



"Meeting my dream man in college."
Katie Keller



"Getting out of my house."
Seth LaRocque



"I'm looking forward to being successful in many areas of study, including economics and mathematics."
Justin Tinkle



"The freedom."
Sylvia Jones



"Meeting new people in college."
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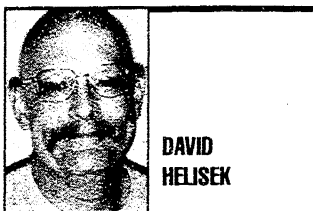


"Getting out of Manchester."
Jacob Geyer

The moving bug can be contagious

Well, it's moving time again. There must be a moving virus being passed around at the Enterprise what with myself, Nancy Hebb, and Sven all moving around the same time. The moving process cuts down on the time that has been set aside for writing articles so I have offered to cut my pay in half for the meantime - that's a little inside joke.

Anyway, I will soon be living within the confines of the lovely village of Manchester, right across from the Chicken Broil field. The very bald guy with glasses who has a black dog leading him around would be me. I don't know if I ever explained in my past articles that the chemo made my semibald head bald, but it did - so



DAVID HELISEK
THIS 'N' THAT

that's why the Kojak look. They did say that there was a chance for me to actually gain hair at the end of treatments, but no such luck there. I guess I'll just always have to be happy with just the little thing of being alive.

Back to moving. I guess pack-

ing up and moving is never easy. There always seems to be the need for one more box. My anal side has me boxed-up and ready for the first half of my move one week ahead of time. I'll move some things over the first week of May and then work on fixing up the house, with the final move to come at the end of May. It seems like a plan. Carpeting has been chosen, electricians and plumbers walked through, paint chips hanging from many walls, laminate floor samples cluttering my and my dog's footsteps. It's an exciting and scary time.

The one part of the fixing-up process that I guess hasn't changed in years is the return phone call rate from contractors that you're trying to give work to.

In order to get a couple of estimates, I actually had to call double the number of people I wanted to walk through. Even after talking to human beings and saying I would be at home for three days after a certain time, and a human guaranteeing that the estimator would call back, half the people never did. This meant a lot of sitting-around time, waiting for the phone to ring. To the contractors, I'm sure my time isn't as valuable as theirs, but the decency to say they were too busy for the work would be an honest and nice way to do business. I would be glad to share the names of the non-callers with you if you see me around town.

Well, with that off my chest, the rest of the process is going

well and may be a little fun, also. This is kind of like moving into my first house 25 years ago. The house is small, but very nice for me and Midget to settle into. The pup will have to get used to a new yard, but the field is just across the street, so there will be plenty of room for her to get a run in. I don't know how Midget will react to the "invisible fence" concept; I expect some very dirty looks from her. She's getting to be an old girl and probably expects more respect than an invisible fence will give her.

So I've got one more month of writing from the smallest house in the world. Then, if I can figure out how to get re-computerized in town, I'll be writing from my new location. Talk to you soon.

Cheers to the queen of class, mum!

A recent local radio show questioned the extended "playing time" their British counterparts bestowed on the death of the Queen Mother. The Yanks laughed at the Brits, saying "Enough already! What's with all this time lauding the passing of one old lady?"

Well, I once met that old lady. A lifetime ago. I was a resident at London's International Students' House. The Queen Mother served on its board and attended an annual gathering for all the benefactors and students.

Unlike here, where politicians and movie stars keep a bodyguard's length away from the public, the Queen Mother greeted students personally. As she inquired about our homelands and what we thought of London, her eyes and smile showed genuine interest in the



NANCY HEBB
SHEEP SHOTS

replies. Her attire was formal, but her eyes sparkled and laughed with the same excitement at meeting us that we felt when meeting her.

Saying she won our hearts isn't an exaggeration. We were a bunch of twenty-year-olds for whom cynicism is second nature. We arrived at the gathering prepared to roll our eyes at the outdated idea of "royalty,"

at the ridiculousness of aristocratic airs and British pomp.

Some individuals, regardless of origin, social status or wealth, just exude Class. True class isn't condescending, snobby or aloof. Class is generous, sports a sense of humor and genuine interest in not just humanity, but individual humans. You know it when you meet it.

Class dwells in all types of places. At age sixty-something, it can share a London "bed sit" flat with a couple students, two whippet-like dogs, and three cats. It fixes you tea and cocoa after its long day of working with the top museum officials in the British Isles. It possesses multiple doctorates and an aristocratic title, but uses a "simple" name in everyday life, leaving the hyphenated name preceded by "Lady," and followed by earned letters for publications.

Into a fifth decade, it might wear faded jeans and sweat-shirts with an energy and grace most of us (well, we women of a certain age, anyway) envy. It smiles in greeting, seemingly always. It might look equally at home hosting gatherings for millionaires or worming sheep or catching chickens. It is ageless. Class doesn't gossip. It doesn't complain. It meets all on a level that's neither beneath it nor above the rest of the population. Class does Good, without mentioning it. It asks no more of anybody else than it would of itself.

In a time and nation where status has more to do with labels than character or accomplishment, it's understandable that the extended mourning for a woman who epitomized not "a class" but Class, might be incomprehensible. The toll-free

number for the radio show asking "what's the up with that?" about the Queen Mum tempted me.

Instead, I thought about Class in its personifications I've met. It isn't common, at any income level. It's humorous without being snide, friendly without groveling, kind without thinking about doing good works. No matter how many its own troubles, it makes others happy just by being itself. Class doesn't work at being class.

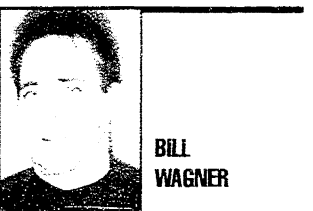
So here's a figurative toast to the Queen Mother, and other genuinely classy ladies and gentlemen. In today's society, those labels aren't common. I'm thankful there are a few gentlemen and true ladies around. In life or after death, they deserve all the admiration, credit, and appreciation we can muster.

Viruses, hackers and worms, oh my!

How do viruses get on your computer? How do you prevent them? To answer these questions, let's start by understanding exactly what a virus is. A virus is a program that can replicate itself, or attach itself to other programs so that it can move from computer to computer. A variation of a virus is a "worm", which lives in memory and copies itself to other computers via computer networks. Many modern attacks contain elements of both: they copy themselves to your computer using a network as a worm, and then modify programs on your computer, like a virus, so that it runs after you restart the machine.

A classic virus program can only replicate itself if you run an infected program. Then, the virus runs, and will attach itself to other programs on your machine. If you copy an infected program for a friend, you have given him the virus.

Worms spread far more quickly. They actively find ways to copy themselves to other computers: they mail themselves to every entry in your address book; they insert themselves onto web pages; they try to send themselves to other computers using ftp, or http,



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Some worms attach themselves to web pages, so that everyone that visits a popular site gets the worm. Most of the modern virus attacks are actually worms.

Hackers attempt to gain access to someone else's computer in order to use it for their own purposes. Hackers will probe internet-connected machines in order to see if they can find a way to see all the files on the disk, or use the computer for their own purposes.

Even if you are only connected to the Internet sporadically, you need to protect yourself from these attacks. Worms and hackers are constantly probing the Internet for machines that can be hijacked. If you are connected, you could be the one.

There are several things you

can do to protect yourself from viruses and worms. Obviously, you should be using an anti-virus program. The two most common are McAfee VShield, and Norton Antivirus. It is not enough to simply install these programs. You must keep them up to date. Both release new updates weekly. These weekly updates contain new information to track newly discovered viruses and worms. If there is a serious new threat, there are updates mid-week to stop them. I install new virus updates every week, and if I hear about new viruses in the news, I check for interim updates as well.

Secondly, you should be careful about your email. Never open attachments, especially programs that you did not expect, even if it is from someone you know. Remember that some worms send themselves to everyone in an address book. This has been effective because all the recipients are getting mail from someone they know. Some virus checkers even scan incoming mail for you.

Third, you should know what communications software you are running, simply by selecting the defaults. Windows NT,

and XP all install and run web servers in their default configuration. Internet users can see files on your machine when these programs are running.

Fourth, you should consider a firewall. A firewall is a piece of software that monitors all internet traffic to and from your computer. It alerts you of any unexpected traffic, such as a program trying to find any ways to write information onto your computer. Windows XP comes with its own firewall, which is very easy to use, but is by no means perfect. There is also a free software firewall called zone alarm, available at www.zonelabs.com.

Lastly, try and hack into your own computer. Bill Machrone, a contributor for PC magazine maintains a web page that contains links to some powerful security tools. These tools let

you see what hackers are trying to find out about your machine. They will even show you what hackers can learn about you, and your machine. Go to www.extremetech.com/syscheck to try for yourself. You will learn quite a bit about what your computer is telling the outside world about itself, and about you. Remember, if these sites tell you that your computer is not secure, some other site will try to hack into your computer and do some damage. Better to find out beforehand, and plug the holes.

With a few precautions, you can keep your home PC safe from viruses and worms. These tips are not enough for your machine at work, where it is constantly on a network, but it will keep you safe at home. You system administrator is doing quite a bit more to keep the entire network safe.

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Top 10 early summer festivals in Michigan

By Laura Merte Staff Writer

Have you ever tried asparagus cake or tasted traditional Scottish haggis? When is the last opportunity you had to stroll through lilac-filled gardens or tulip-lined streets? Well, you can do all of this and more during May and June, without even crossing the state line.

Choosing one of Michigan's many festivals as a weekend destination is a unique and exciting way to spend time with the family, play in the sun, and learn about Michigan's rich and varied culture.

1. Tulip Time May 4-11, Holland

Revelers tiptoe through more than six million red, yellow and pink tulips. The festivities begin with the Volkspareade, where thousands turn out to scrub the street. Townsfolk don traditional Dutch garb and wooden shoes for dancing in the streets to showcase the region's strong Dutch

heritage.

2. National Mushroom Festival May 17-19, Boyne City

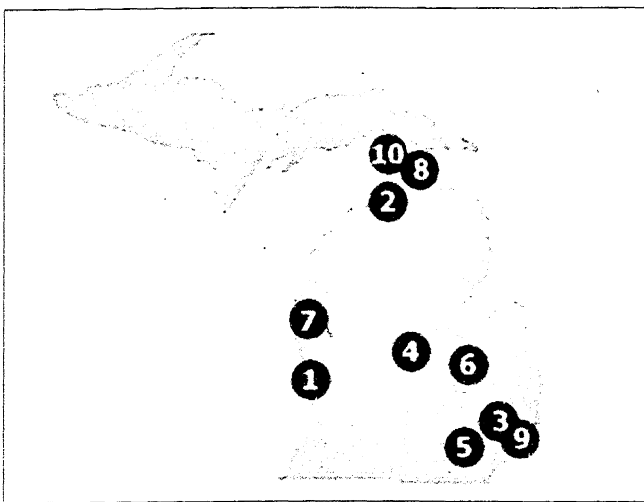
Buses take treasure hunters to the happy hunting grounds around this northwest Lower Peninsula resort area. No one goes away empty handed as area restaurants dish up mushroom specialties at the Taste of Boyne.

3. Flower Day—Eastern Market May 19, Detroit

At the nation's oldest (161st year) and largest outdoor farmers market, 150 growers and more than 100,000 avid gardeners converge for the 36th annual Flower Day.

4. Alma Highland Festival and Games May 25-26, Alma

Lads and lassies don kilts, eat haggis, blow bagpipes and trade Scotticisms at one of the country's largest Scottish fests. More than 600 bagpipers and drummers per-



form in the Grand Parade, crowds cheer the caber (heavy pole) toss and Border collies compete for best in show.

5. Orphan Car Show June 2, Ypsilanti

At Riverside Park in historic

Depot Town, vintage model cars and trucks that no longer are manufactured line up for a motorcade. Hudsons, Tuckers, Kaisers, Duesenbergs, Gottfred-Osons and many more classic vehicles slowly motor by while a car historian tells their stories.

6. Frankenmuth Bavarian Festival June 6-9, Frankenmuth

Eighty-five miles northwest of Detroit, "Michigan's Little Bavaria" rolls out the *wilkommen* mat with costumed dancers, the nation's top polka bands, brats, hometown brewed beer, apple strudel and other German delights.

7. National Asparagus Festival June 6-9, Hart

Michigan's Oceana County, north of Muskegon, grows more asparagus per capita than anywhere else in the world. Festival-goers work up an appetite at the 5K run, farm tours, art fair and parade, then feast on asparagus creations fixed every which way—from dip to cake.

8. Lilac Festival June 7-16, Mackinac Island

Some of the nation's oldest living lilacs bloom on Mackinac Island, dating to the late 17th century. Botany buffs sail on sunset cruises, amble through garden

walks, groove to Main Street line dancing, feast at the Taste of Mackinac and cheer more than 100 horse-drawn, flower-themed floats in the Grand Lilac Parade.

9. International Freedom Fest June 23-July 4, Detroit and Windsor, Ontario

Revelers enjoy an array of 100 events on both sides of the Detroit River as these two cities get together for a neighborly celebration of Independence Day and Canada Day. Highlights include tugboat races and North America's largest fireworks show on June 26.

10. Straits Area Antique Auto Show June 27-29, St. Ignace

T-Birds prow and Packards growl. More than 3,000 classic cars, hot rods and custom vehicles cruise to this village at the southeast Upper Peninsula's tip. For the kick-off, featured automobiles participate in the Mackinac Bridge Rally from Mackinaw City to St. Ignace.

Keep safe: Domestic violence victims have resources

By Paula LaRue Staff Writer

Dating violence is a social problem that has existed in our society for years. It's the physical, verbal and/or emotional abuse of one person by another in a current or former dating relationship. Abusive actions are aimed at having power over or controlling another person.

Violence in relationships can occur in casual and serious relationships. Male and females may experience dating violence, but females are more likely to be victims of abuse than males.

The motivation for violence by females is usually defensive in nature. Also, women suffer significantly more injuries than males.

Dating violence does not only happen to adults. According to the U.S. Department of Justice, "Young women between the ages of 16 and 24 experience the highest rates of violence by current or former intimate partners."

There are many examples of dating violence. An abuser may threaten his partner to get what he wants. He may also threaten suicide, which can be frightening, especially if he made attempts in the past. The abuser may call his girlfriend names or play on her fears that no one

else would date her.

In an attempt to control his dating partner, a young abuser may force his girlfriend to steal money from her family. He may also force her to alienate herself from family and friends, and spend all of her time with him.

Some violent boyfriends have forced their dating partner to deal drugs, shoplift and have gone so far as to threaten to expose her sexual behavior.

Contributing factors to dating violence involve attitudes about violence. Many young women and men consider possessiveness, jealousy and abuse as a normal part of relationships. Aggression and violence are perceived as an accepted way to express love and devotion.

Also, young men may associate aggressive behavior with being a man. Research indicates that some young men reported using violence to scare or intimidate their dating partner. In many cases, violent behavior is reinforced by peers, so violence is accepted.

It may be difficult for some teenagers to get out of a violent dating relationship. Young females may feel they need a boyfriend to have social identity. They may also feel that it is their responsibility to solve problems in the relationship. The girlfriend may not be able to avoid

the abuser if they go to the same school.

Also, teens are not always aware of resources available to them. They may be intimidated by the police, teachers or school counselors for fear that they may not be taken seriously. Teenagers may be afraid to tell their parents because their parents may want to more extensively control their lives and independence.

Many females may tell their friends what's happening. Their friends may lend support, but are equally inexperienced about the problem.

Sexual coercion and sexual assault contribute to feelings of shame and humiliation, making it difficult for young females to escape the relationship. Many people think that sexual assault between dating couples is less serious than rape by a stranger. However, being violated by someone the girl knows and trusts can have long-term consequences on her. Young females may doubt their ability to judge who they can trust.

If a female is raped by some-

one she knows, the question of consent is scrutinized. The effects of rape on young females include personality changes, eating disorders like anorexia and bulimia, and a decrease in school performance.

There are ways to help someone who is involved in a violent dating relationship. Young women may feel more comfortable talking about their relationships if they feel supported and are taken seriously.

Listening without judging her may keep the lines of communication open. Blaming or criticizing the victim will only make the victim feel that they are at fault when they are not the problem.

There is help for teens who are in violent dating relationships. They can call their local crisis line to get help. They can also take a self-defense course.

Parents, teachers, counselors, and police officers can all contribute in helping to stop

dating violence by stressing that violence under any circumstances is unacceptable. Prevention programs and workshops on acceptable dating behaviors may change attitudes and demonstrate that there are healthier ways to live.

Paula LaRue conducts seminars on safety topics for corporations and civic groups. She is the author of "Stalking: Surviving the Hidden Terror." She can be reached via e-mail at www.paulalarue.com.

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Local growers offer advice for eager gardeners

By Sven Gustafson
Staff Writer

With green slowly carpeting the bare fields, tulips poking through the soil, and creamy white flowers weighing down magnolia branches, Manchester green thumbs are yearning to dig through backyard beds.

To learn more about what to do to prepare for the growing season, the Manchester Enterprise visited Kathy and Michael Fusilier, owners of Fusilier Family Farm and Greenhouses at 16400 Herman Road in Manchester Township.

The Fuseliers, who have been farming in the area since 1985, say they opened the greenhouse in 1996 due to diminished farming profits and encroaching urban sprawl. In addition to running seven greenhouses, they raise crops like broccoli, onions, cabbage and sweet corn, which they sell alongside annuals, perennials, baskets, and vegetable plants such as tomatoes, squash, cucumbers and peppers.

The Manchester Enterprise: This was a fluky winter - there were buds on trees in December and a lot of plants never seemed to fully die back. What kind of effect is that going to have on plants?

Kathy Fusilier: I think probably the biggest problem you're going to see is pests. Because of the mild winter, you probably didn't get a good kill on the bug population.

Michael Fusilier: Fruit trees are going to have a hard time this year. They're talking especially on the western side of the state that a lot of buds were killed at that time we warmed up two weeks ago and then got real cold. The cherry tree is at

half-crop right now, apple crop is down, and peach crop is down because of that change in weather.

ME: So fruit production will be lower?

KF: It might be, but we didn't get hit as hard here as they did west and north. So if you have peaches in your backyard, you might be ok, but pests will be a big problem.

ME: So it's going to be important for people to try and get on top of their pest management?

KF: Especially if they have fruit trees, yeah.

MF: We're going to have troubles with a few more bugs this year on our fields, and vegetable gardens the same way.

ME: What kind of things do you recommend for managing pests?

MF: We don't sell pesticides, but we do buy pesticides for our own stuff. So we do tell (customers) that if you have aphids, go to a place and find something specific to aphids.

KF: Try to find out what the bug is.

MF: Bring the bug in, we can identify it.

ME: Do you ever use other bugs like ladybugs for pest control?

MF: That is a way you can get pest control, an integrated pest management type of thing, yeah. The problem is...the ladybugs you find in your house nowadays, they brought those in to Louisiana for a pest management system down there. Now they've moved north, and they've gotten into everybody's house. So you have to kind of watch sometimes. Ladybugs, wasps, some people use praying mantises - there are some things out there that you can use that can do a pretty good job with pests. Just watch what

you are using, and make sure you're not bringing in anything unusual. Because you can buy (bugs) in a catalog from all over.

ME: Is May 9 too early to be

MF: Or cover them (at night). You can get hot tops, or you can use milk jugs put on the top of them.

KF: Or you can use newspa-

pers. MF: Peppers, you don't want to be planting until your nighttime temperatures are pretty warm. They need to stay somewhat warm until you're getting into nights that are only dropping down to 50. That's the middle or end of May.

KF: The things like your squashes and cucumbers - those are things you don't want to freeze. You can plant or seed them when you're pretty sure the frost is over, which may be July this year (laughs).

MF: This time of year is really iffy. I've seen frost the end of May. You have to kind of watch what's going on.

ME: What about annuals and perennials?

KF: That depends. There are some plants like pansies and violas, they can freeze - they've been out there when it's 28 degrees, and it won't hurt them. There are some plants that like the cool weather like the Dusty Miller, the snap dragons, the dianthus, alysium - those plants can take it pretty cold and they're ok. Things like impatiens, begonias, marigolds, if it's gonna freeze, you've gotta cover 'em up or bring 'em inside.

ME: If you had to set a date when it would be safe to plant anything, what would that be?

KF: Well, it's Michigan (laughs). Usually, Mother's Day (May 12) is ok. Some years you've been safe by the first of May, but today's the first of May, and I wouldn't be in a hurry.

ME: What should gardeners be doing to their beds and their plants to get them ready for the growing season?

KF: If they're going to plant annuals, they can go ahead and clean it out, like raking leaves off and pulling stuff out. If it's perennials, I haven't taken the

leaves off of mine yet, because what hurts perennials is cold, hot, cold, hot. That's why they usually don't overwinter on you. So if it's a perennial bed, either leave the stuff on, or if you want to clean it out...you need to get about an inch-and-a-half of mulch on them immediately, right then that day. That will protect those roots from that freeze-thaw effect.

ME: What would you recommend for people interested in having colorful, long-blooming flowers throughout the growing season?

KF: Usually, if they can do a mixture of perennials and annuals, it works really nice. Your perennials, they bloom in the spring or the summer or the fall, they don't usually bloom the whole season. What you do is, you find those ones that you like, and you put it in your garden, and you take some annuals for that constant color while the other stuff comes and goes. And if you can get a nice combination, you can have quite a beautiful garden.

ME: What do you think are the most important factors to having a successful garden?

KF: Water. Knowing when to water and how much to water. I've seen people that have trouble with geraniums, that's because they water them every day with everything else. Geraniums like to get dry. Impatiens like to stay wet. We can have hot summers here, and you might not get a lot of rain.

ME: But it's a pretty wet spring to start with.

KF: Yeah, which is good, it gets it off to a good start. But then in July and August, it dries up, and you get an inch of rain in two months, and all your stuff is just not producing.



Photo by Sven Gustafson

Local greenhouse owner Kathy Fusilier offers tips for spring gardening.

planting food crops?

KF: Some, yes, and some you have to watch. We've already got onions, broccoli, cauliflower and cabbage in the ground, and lettuce - those kinds of things are fine. Tomatoes, you want to make sure that the frost is over for tomatoes and peppers.

pers or a sheet. You don't want to use plastic. Plastic, if it's directly on the plant it will hurt them.

MF: (Tomatoes) are a somewhat cold crop, but they can't get frozen.

KF: It's not going to hurt them if it's 36 degrees out, but if you get to 30, you've probably lost

SKY WATCH

By Laura Merte
Staff Writer

PLANETS IN ALIGNMENT

April found the five brightest planets in the sky moving toward one another above the western horizon to form an unusual sight that anyone can view from their backyard this weekend.

Tomorrow night, May 10, look westward just after sunset, to the right of the constellation Orion (which is now dipping below the horizon). Venus and Mars will appear about one-third of a degree apart in the sky, which means that they can both be observed at the same time through a telescope - however, you won't need one in order to see all the planets. Saturn will be just below the pair, and Mercury to the lower right. Jupiter will be to the upper left, centered in the constellation Gemini, about twice the distance from the Venus/Mars combination than Mercury.

The nights following May 10 will draw the planets further from each other, and the next time they congregate - without the sun's interference in the view from Earth - will be in the year 2060.



passes through the debris left in the path of the comet's orbit. Earth intersects this debris stream twice a year: in May (the Eta Aquarid meteor shower) and in October (the Orionid shower). May's shower is actually best when viewed from the southern hemisphere, and October in the northern hemisphere. So although this column comes after the peak of Eta Aquarid activity, the show wasn't all that spectacular from Michigan anyway.

PHOTOGRAPHING THE SKY

Surprisingly little equipment is needed to photograph the sky. The most important component of astrophotography is a cam-

era's ability to make a manual, timed exposure, which is often difficult or impossible with the common point-and-shoot cameras of today. Even electronic shutters that can be timed aren't adequate, as a long exposure can drain the battery, and cold temperatures often decrease the batteries performance, leading to shutter failure.

A digital camera is a good option for the amateur astrophotographer, as it produces instant results and can easily be adapted to take pictures through a telescope, called "piggyback" photography. Using a trial-and-error method for determining exposure is also facilitated by the camera's ability to store many pictures.

Secondary equipment for taking a photograph, whether film or digital, includes a tripod to keep the camera steady, and a shutter-release cable to minimize movement.

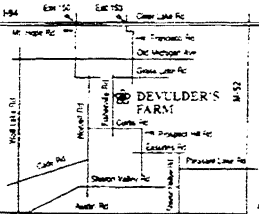
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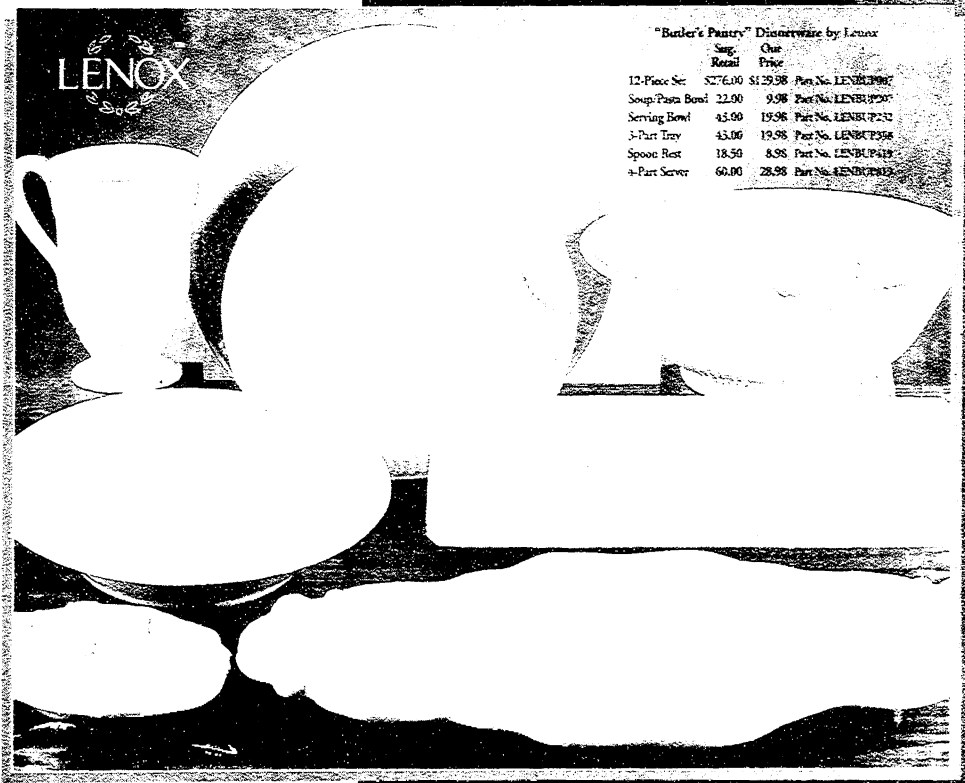
Hidden Lake Gardens is located on M-50, eight miles west of Tecumseh. Operated by Michigan State University, this botanical garden and arboretum offers beautiful natural scenery and attractive gardens in the heart of the Irish Hills. Visitors

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CALENDAR

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Saturday
Manchester Kiwanis Club meets at 8 a.m. on the first and third Saturday at the village hall. Call 428-8976 for membership information.
Sunday
American Legion breakfast is held from 8 a.m. to noon on the first Sunday of each month, October through June, at the American Legion Hall.
Parkinson Education and Support Group meets at 1:30 p.m. on the second Sunday of each month. Call 930-6335 for information.
Taize Worship on the second Sunday of each month, 7 p.m. at the United Methodist Church.
Boy Scouts host a monthly breakfast on the third Sunday of each month, September through May, at St. Mary's Catholic Church Parish Center.
Monday
Euchre Night at the American Legion, 7 p.m. each Monday from October through May. All are welcome.
Manchester Village Council meets at 7 p.m. on the first and third Monday of each month at the village hall.

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Preceptor Gamma Theta chapter of Beta Sigma Phi meets on the first and third Monday of each month. For more information call Diana Sloat at 428-7253.
Masonic Lodge business meeting takes place at 7:30 p.m. on the first Monday of each month.
Manchester Optimist Club meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday of each month at Emanuel United Church of Christ.
Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce Board meets on the second Monday of each month at noon at Dan's River Grill. All chamber members may attend.
Manchester District Library Board meets at 7:00 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at the new village hall, 912 City Road.
Bridgewater Township Planning Commission meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at the Bridgewater Township Hall.
Manchester Knights of Columbus meets at 8 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at St. Mary's Catholic Church Parish Center.
Manchester Community Fair Board meets at 8 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at the village building.

Manchester Township Board meets at 8 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at the Manchester Township Hall.
Manchester Board of Education meets at 7:00 p.m. on the third Monday of each month in the high school media center.
Tuesday
Bootstomper meet at 7 p.m. each Tuesday at Emanuel United Church of Christ.
Story Time with Grandma Pat, 10:30 to 11 a.m. on the first and third Tuesday and Wednesdays of each month at the Manchester District Library, for children ages 3 to 6, accompanied by an adult.
Manchester Band Boosters meet at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the high school band room.
Freedom Township Planning Commission meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Freedom Township Hall.
Manchester Area Senior Citizens meet at 9:30 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at the senior center.
Little League organizational meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at the high school, room 104.
Manchester Village Planning Commission meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at the Village Hall.
20th Century Club meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month.
Freedom Township Board meets at 8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at the Freedom Township Hall.
Shakespeare Club meets at 1 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month.
Ackerson Middle School PTA meets at 3:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at the middle school.
Manchester Historical Society meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at the Blacksith Shop.
La Leche League of Western Washtenaw County meets at 10 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Call 428-8831 or 475-2094 for location or information.
Klager Elementary School PTO meets at 6:30 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Call 428-8321 for location.

Wednesday
Awana Clubs meet at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday at Community Bible Church.
Manchester Community Brass Band meets at 7:30 p.m. each Wednesday.
Story Time with Grandma Pat, 10:30 to 11 a.m. on the first and third Tuesday and Wednesdays of each month at the Manchester District Library, for children ages 3 to 6, accompanied by an adult.
Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners meets at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month at the County Administration Building.
Raisin Valley Land Trust meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month at the Blacksith Shop.
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Athletic Boosters meet at 7:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month in the high school media center.
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Southwest Washtenaw Council of Governments meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month. Call (517) 456-4642 for information.
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Bridgewater Township Board meets at 7:00 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the Bridgewater Township Hall.
Manchester Men's Club meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month.
Manchester Family Services Community Food Gatherers program takes place from 1 to 3 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month at St. Mary's Catholic Church Parish Center kitchen.
Manchester Township Fire Department Board meets at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the fire hall.
Manchester Garden Club meets informally on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Gardeners of all levels of experience are welcome. Call JoAnn Okey at 428-9667 for details.

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

STU EVANS

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happen to the employees. Schilinske replied, "It's up to them. It's more or less of a termination. We'll do whatever we can to help these people."
 Schilinske said the Manchester dealership was working on what he called a "skeleton crew" for the past four to five months. He said he learned of the closing during the week of April 22, but believed the dealership would remain open for another 60 to 90 days.
 Schilinske verified that the Manchester dealership sold over 600 cars per year, but said that the entire Ford company had taken a beating from recent publicity over problems with roll-over accidents, tire blow-outs, and the overall blow to the economy after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11.
 He said the dealership has

spent thousands of dollars in recent years upgrading the display lot, signage and showroom.
 "We just anticipated that this was going to work out. It wasn't something that we wanted to do," he said. "John (Evans) ran it as long as he could."
 Although the 71-year-old Schilinske is technically retired, he will remain employed on a fill-in basis for vacationing employees in other locations. Schilinske, who lives in West Bloomfield, has worked for Stu Evans for 30 years.
 Parts manager John Dalton, who has worked at the Manchester dealership since 1991, when it was Midwest Ford, said he has been offered another job with the company, "tentatively, yes. But it's a 75-mile drive for me. I live in Jackson."
 Dalton said he learned the dealership would close on Wednesday at 4:10 p.m. while checking his e-mail.

Asked how he felt about it, the 59-year-old said, "Betrayed. Although I understand that in business today, that's how it happens. I've been in business all my life."
 Dalton said he held no grudges against his employer, but added, "I didn't like the way I found out."
 "I will prevail," he said. "Somewhere, I have to. But at my age?"
 Weber described the move as a way to concentrate distribution in more regionalized areas, explaining Evans resigned his franchise agreement.
 "I could not go back in there and build a new facility and put (new) cars there because Ford has determined it is not a distribution point," he said.
 "It will be good for me and I hope that it'll be good for the people of Manchester."
 Palmer, which has been in business at the same location for

90 years, employs nearly 70 people at four locations in Chelsea. Weber said he was currently interviewing one former employee from Manchester for a position. He said others were "welcome to call."
 "It's a difficult thing for the people of Manchester and I understand that. And I'm just going to try to do what they need," he said.
 "This thing has just happened so fast."
 Ford recently posted losses of \$800 million for the first quarter of 2002, its fourth straight money-losing quarter. In all, the world's second-largest automaker lost \$5.45 billion in 2001, a nearly \$8 billion turnaround from its 2000 net income of \$3.47 billion.
 As part of sweeping cost-cutting measures, Ford announced 35,000 job cuts in January.

BIODIESEL

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proven."
 The U.S. Department of Agriculture says that an increased demand of 200 million gallons of soybean oil from biodiesel manufacturers nationwide would increase the total crop cash receipts by \$5.2 billion by 2010, resulting in net farm income increases of \$300 million per year.
 Mahrle said Wacker sold 6,300 gallons of B20 in its first month on-line, over half of the 12,000 gallons of diesel fuel sold for the same period in February 2001. In March, the amount sold jumped to 6,400 gallons.
 She said Wacker is running B20 in its own fleet, and said other local fleets, such as Uniloy Milacron and Stein Electric, are also regular customers.

Mahrle said one customer regularly drives his Volkswagen Jetta an hour to buy biodiesel, which he brings home in cans. She said the man has discovered that biodiesel reduces the need to clean out his engine, and reports that B20 has bumped his fuel efficiency from 40 to 55 miles per gallon. Another customer is a diesel-powered boat owner from Grand Haven. He recently purchased a drum of B100 out of concern over polluting the water.
 "That's the whole reason we got into it, because we got so many requests," Mahrle said.
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Rural education day raises community awareness

■ Annual project educates youth about agriculture's importance.

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Associate Editor

A salute to Michigan's agricultural economy greeted third-grade students from across Washtenaw County as they met "Abe Lincoln" at the 12th annual Rural Education Days at the Farm Council Grounds in Saline on April 23-25.

Lincoln (otherwise known as Manchester's own Bill Ames) is always a popular presence at Rural Education Days. For a 193-year-old man, his boundless energy in expounding upon the prominence of Michigan farm products leaves a lasting memory on his youthful audience.

"Michigan is a very prominent agricultural state," Lincoln tells the pupils, many of whom live in the urban areas of the county. "There are 17 crops, or commodities, in which Michigan is the top producer in the United States."

Lincoln explains that the areas where agricultural crops are most prominent are due to the immigrants who settled in a particular area. The Dutch settled in southwestern Michigan and the primary crop in that area is flowers. Michigan is third in flower production in the nation.

"They brought what they understood how to grow," he says.

Farmers also learned how to

grow crops that are most amenable to the growing conditions of the areas in which they settled. Grapes and cherries in Leelanau County and beans in the thumb area are grown because of the cooling effect of the Great Lakes.

"I try to give kids an understanding, that we all need to work together," Ames told a slightly older audience of media representatives. "Consumers have to understand, too—we have to give and take. The farmers realize that we have 3,280 miles of shoreline ... and it's the farmers' responsibility to keep that water clean."

Ames, a former agricultural agent for the county extension agency, has a deep-seated concern for the viability of farmland and those who pursue farming as their vocation. He uses his Lincoln persona to draw attention to something that most elementary-school students wouldn't otherwise realize.

"One thing I tell them," he says, "is that there are only three areas in the state where there are deep, fertile lake bed soils."

He draws imaginary circles on three different areas of a huge Michigan map in the middle of the arena where he speaks to the students. One is the downriver area, another is near Bay City and another on the western shores of the state.

"One of these," he says, pointing to the downriver area, "can

be used no more for agriculture ... it's now covered with concrete and Wal-Marts."

The residential growth that is overtaking farm land is a huge concern to Ames personally but he says, "I try to be diplomatic when I'm talking about it ... I just want to whet their appetites, so maybe they want to learn more."

And with each station the students visit after meeting with

"Lincoln," there is more to learn. Baby chickens, ducks and quail are hatching as they watch. Young pigs and a huge gilt are there to be touched, and their owners are available for questions. A pair of llamas, newborn calves and other farm animals are all part of the scenery in the livestock barn.

At other stations, representatives from the soil and water conservation districts talk to

the pupils about how to preserve the natural resources of our earth.

Farmers talk about the high cost of doing business and the low prices they obtain for their crops—prices which are not always in sync with what is charged in the grocery aisles.

The classes finish their day with a visit to the commodity showcase—an opportunity to see how Michigan products are

used in the foods we eat every day and products used around the home. Samples of popcorn, dried fruits, ice cream and other agricultural products are offered.

It's just a two-hour visit, but perhaps it does "whet the appetite" for students to learn more about the importance—and the diversity—of the second-largest industry in their home state.

Springtime on the Farm slated

The fourth annual Springtime on the Farm will take place Saturday, May 11 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Rentschler Farm Museum, 1265 E. Michigan Ave.

Volunteers will guide visitors through 15 exhibit areas around the farm, which formerly was owned by Mr. and Mrs. Warren Rentschler. A petting farm, baby chicks, traditional crafts, historic vehicles, a miniature merry go round, planting of the farm garden, and tours of the farmhouse will highlight the day.

TED MICKA, otherwise known as "The Barn Doctor," will be on hand for the occasion and will repaint some of the fieldstone foundation of the barn, weather permitting on May 11.

A resident of Brooklyn, Micka specializes in barn restoration, often calling upon his engineering skills to bring back a building to its original condition.

"When asked to retain historic integrity, he uses his craft to retain the historic correctness

of a building while camouflaging the modern methods of structural safety," said Alice Dikeman of the Saline Area Historical Society. "As a volunteer, Micka restored the turn-of-the-century workshop at the Rentschler Farm. The back end had sunk three feet into the ground, the foundation and much of the siding had rotted away. This building is now authentically interpreted, with a craftsman demonstrating the old-time tools on special event days, like 'Springtime on the Farm.'"

Visitors will be able to view

the newly-furnished children's bedroom in the farmhouse, a project that was coordinated over the winter months. The 11-room Queen Anne style farmhouse was built in 1906.

The gift shop will feature patriotic bookmarks, photographic postcards by Doris Kraushaar, and the newly published book "Barns" by Randy Leffingwell. The book features the Rentschler barn on the cover.

Visitors are encouraged to park at the Visteon Plant or at the Sauk Trail Shopping Center and enter from pathways at the

back of the museum property. Food will be available for purchase from the Kiwanis wagon. Admission is free.

After the May 11 event, the Rentschler Farm will be open Saturdays, except holiday weekends, until early October. Regular hours at the farm and the Depot Museum are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is free, but donations are welcome to help defray expenses incurred by the Saline Area Historical Society.

Call 944-0442 for updated information. Otherwise, call 769-2219 evenings.

OBITUARY

BROWNLOE GARRETT

Brownloe Garrett, age 84 of Manchester, formerly of Ypsilanti, died May 5, 2002 at his residence.

He was born June 10, 1917 in Kenmont, Ky., the son of Edward and Minnie (Harris) Garrett. On Dec. 13, 1945 he married Diola Johnson in Painstville, Ky., and she preceded him in death July 18, 1998.

Mr. Garrett served honorably in the U.S. Army in General Patton's 3rd Army during World War II. He worked for General Motors Spring and Bumper Plant in Livonia for more than 13 years.

Surviving are eight sons, Clarence (Janet) King and James (Sandy) Garrett, both of Ypsilanti, Albert (Diane) Garrett

of Salem Township, Calvin (Debbie) Garrett of Jasper, Ga., Ed (Linda) Garrett, Randy (Vickie) Garrett and Bobby Garrett, all of Manchester; and Donnie (Janice) Garrett of Canton, Ga.; 18 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; one brother, Jimmy (Mildred) Turner of Louisville, Ky.; sister-in-law, Pauline Garrett of Huntington, W.Va. He was preceded in death by six brothers and sisters.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Friday at Stark Funeral Service in Moore Memorial Chapel; burial will follow in Washtenong Memorial Park. Memorial contributions may be made to Individualized Home Nursing Care. Envelopes are available at the funeral home, where friends may call from 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. Thursday.

HONORS

Nellie Ackerson Middle School student Levi Clark has been named a United States National Award Winner in English.

Clark was nominated for this honor by Mary Nosbisch, his eighth grade teacher, and will appear in the annual publication "United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook."

The Academy selects USAA winners based on academic performance, leadership qualities, demonstration of good citizenship, and recommendation from a teacher, coach, counselor, or other qualified sponsor.

Clark is the son of Greg and Mary Clark of Manchester, and grandson of Don and Eleanor DuRussel and Bruce and Grace Clark, all of Manchester.

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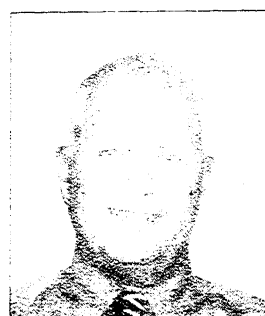
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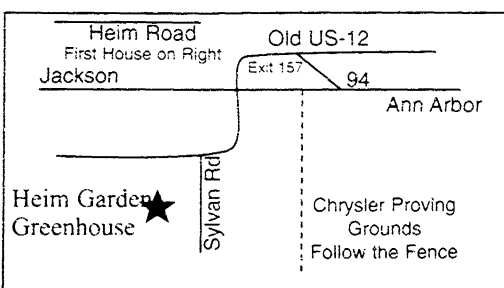
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Not just child's play:

Innovative autism program turns playtime into therapy

Autistic children can often seem like they're trapped in an invisible shell, unable to make contact with those around them. But an innovative program from the University of Michigan Health System aims to coax these children out of that shell early in life, using an intensive form of play-based therapy delivered by parents who have been trained by experts.

The name of the program—the PLAY Project—may sound lighthearted. But its goal is serious: to jump start the behavioral and social development of autistic toddlers while their young brains are still flexible, and to set them on a path for a more normal life. It does so by using autistic children's parents as therapists, training them to work with their kids in 20 or more hours of guided play a week, and providing regular visits and evaluations by specialists.

Already, U-M child behavior specialist Rick Solomon, M.D., says he has seen promising results from the first group of children to take part in PLAY, which stands for Play and Language for Autistic Youngsters. About half of the children in the initial test group made good or very good progress in before-and-after measurements of their ability to function and express emotion.

Now, Solomon is working to increase the number of early childhood professionals in Michigan who are equipped to train parents in PLAY techniques. And, he's working with local school districts across the state to help implement PLAY as part of their early intervention programs for children with disorders ranging from mild autism to severe forms of the disorder.

"Children with autism can learn, especially when they're younger, and that's why the PLAY Project was developed," says Solomon, chief of Behavioral and Developmental Pediatrics in the U-M Department of Pediatrics. "Essentially, we help parents work with their children in such a way that they can gain developmental skills, especially in language and socialization."

Dawn Ham-Kucharski, a Michigan mother whose three-year-old son Alex has been part of the PLAY Project for more than a year, says it has made a real difference. "It has given us hope and dreams that our son can be a child who isn't just sitting in a corner living a life inside his own mind. He's been given a social existence and a communicative existence that I never imagined."

Solomon based the PLAY Project on his own work over the past decade in Pittsburgh, and the developmental, individualized, relationship-based (DIR) principles of noted autism and child behavior expert Stanley Greenspan, M.D.

In essence, the approach emphasizes intensive one-on-one interaction between the autistic child and a specialist or trained parent. By meeting a child on his or her own developmental level, and engaging in playful but structured activities that can draw the child out, the approach seeks to help the child advance up a ladder of development that normal children climb naturally.

The approach is designed to help children with any sort of autism, which is not one diagnosis but rather a range of disorders linked by the term "autism", which means "to oneself." Affecting as many as one in 250 children, the disorders range from the mild Asperger's

syndrome to deep, severe forms in which affected children have no language skills. No matter where a child falls on the autistic spectrum, Solomon believes, he or she should be able to make or progress in behavioral development — but only if intervention is started early.

"It's a sad fact about autism that the brain's plasticity, or ability to grow and change and absorb new information, is highest between the ages of one-and-a-half and five," he says. "When that window of plasticity closes, when the little neurons become more solidified, the opportunities for intervention aren't as great."

Early diagnosis followed by intensive intervention works best: a recent National Academy of Sciences report endorsed all types of interventions that take place over 25 or more hours a week, engage the autistic child and have a strategic direction. But parents can't always find, access or afford such services from specialists.

That's where the PLAY Project comes in, offering parents the information and assistance they need to try DIR approaches at home, and supporting them with expert help. Parents who enroll begin by seeing Solomon in an office visit. Then, a trained specialist visits the family at home and begins the observation and training process that will give the parents the skills they need.

"Specifically what we do is teach the parents to read their child's cues," says Solomon, referring to the subtle signs that a child is engaging or learning. "Young children with autism want to keep the world the same — they block out the world — so the parents have to get a totally different view of the world, as their child sees it. We help the parent interpret the autistic child's world view, so the parents know how to engage the child."

Since autistic children often have the most interest in activities that use their senses or their movement, or motor skills, Solomon's specialists teach parents to start with jumping, opening and closing doors, turning on and off light switches, and swinging. "We build play around the child's own particular interests so that the

child loves to interact with the adult," he says.

Then, parents can slowly work toward getting the child to initiate play or conversation about it. Though it still looks like play, the parent is actually structuring their child's activity in a way that responds to the child's lead, but gently guides them forward.

The highly trained specialists who visit the parents at home periodically are key to the PLAY Project, Solomon notes. He's now holding information sessions in schools and communities around Michigan, giving more early childhood and recreation therapists information about the training required to become a PLAY Project home consultant. Seven Michigan school districts have already signed on to have Solomon train their staff to become home consultants.

One who is already taking part is Shari Pollicchio, a certified therapeutic recreation specialist and PLAY supervisor, who has worked with Alex. She notes the importance of training parents not to try to "teach" their child but to follow their child's lead and join them to bring them along.

"When I first started working with Alex, he was able to communicate in a non-verbal way, making a lot of repetitive sounds." But now, she says, "He's coming up to us and asking us to play. We're telling him what we want to do, and he's responding appropriately. It's really wonderful to be able to communicate with a child and see the different levels that he's reached."

Alex's mother has noticed other improvements, too. "When Alex was diagnosed with autism, my reaction was fear, and I felt we had no hope at all," she says. Now, she says, "He goes up to children at a park and says, 'My name is Alex' and they play together and run around. He's learned to say 500 words. We have love and interaction from him, and hugs and kisses, things that I never imagined." Last fall, Alex was re-diagnosed with a milder form of autism.

Solomon notes that not all children have as much success as Alex, especially those with severe genetic-based autistic

disorders. And he still doesn't know if the parent-centered approach will prove as successful as ones that use paid specialists for 20 or more hours a week — not all parents may be able to keep up with the number of hours, or the training and reporting.

To assess how well the PLAY approach works, Solomon hopes to launch a controlled clinical study with the help of one of the school districts already involved in the PLAY Project. Meanwhile, new contracts to train specialists in other school districts, and seminars for parents and specialists, are building a network to

help give more families a chance to take part in PLAY.

Facts about autism, autistic spectrum disorders and the PLAY Project:

As many as one in every 250 children may have some kind of autistic spectrum disorder. Autism, which means "to oneself," is marked by various behaviors and developmental delays. Children may not make eye contact or speak, or may repeat sounds or actions. Diagnosis can be made when children are as young as 18 months, though the typical age at which autistic children are diagnosed and begin treatment is often later, around 3 years.

Because children's brains are the most "plastic," or able to learn new skills and information, in the first 5 years of life, autism therapies are most effective when begun early.

The National Academy of Sciences recently endorsed autism interventions that are intensive (more than 25 hours a week), engage the child and are directed toward a strategic goal.

The U-M PLAY Project trains specialists to train parents to interact with their children for at least 20 hours a week, guiding their play and taking cues from them to shape the interaction.



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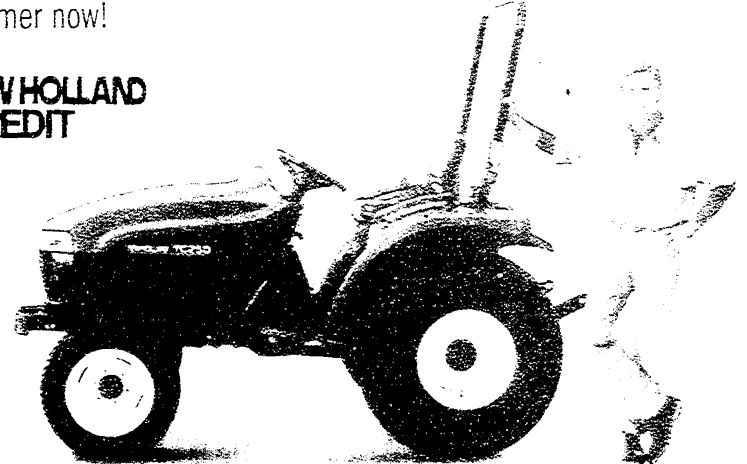
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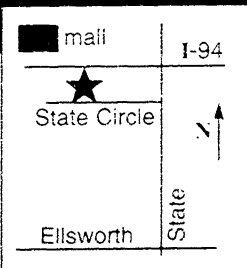


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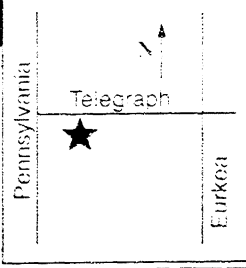
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LIBRARY NEWS

Dedication and open house planned

Public is welcome to attend special event.

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Associate Editor

The Manchester District Library is celebrating its first six months in its new home at 912 City Road.

"It will be an exciting time in the history of the new library as benefactors and their families will be honored for their generosity and support of the library," outgoing library board president Char Major said. "The entire community is invited to this event to help us recognize these individuals on behalf of the library."

The library will be open for touring, a children's program will be held featuring Pat

Padala and Betsy Baier telling stories for children, a guide will assist patrons in the historical room and music will fill the air from 2 to 4 p.m. on May 18.

Guests of honor will include Linda Head and Sarah Wakefield, daughters of Franklin and Claire Reck; Fran Adler; Ethel Wheeler and April Smith. The library has benefited through legacies and bequests from these families over the years and will express its deep appreciation at the dedication, at which library board vice president Laura Sutton will be the mistress of ceremonies.

Also honored will be former directors, former library board members who were involved in the transition from township to district library and municipal and government officials.

Major will give the dedication speech and library director Kate Pittsley will read a poem. Library staffers Sarah Luckhardt and Peggy Garrigues-Cortelyou will present musical offerings and the Manchester Chamber Orchestra also will perform.

The Friends of the Library will be hosting the refreshment table.

"It will be a very full two hours," Major commented.

The Manchester District Library has three new board members this month, who also are being featured in the pages of the Manchester Enterprise. Board members are appointed by the township board of the municipalities they represent, for four-year terms.

Resident appointed to board

New appointee sees growth in library's future

By Laura Merte
Staff Writer

With his own children starting to use the Manchester District Library, newly-appointed Board of Directors member Todd Fegan felt obligated to start giving back to the community.

And give back he will, combining his professional expertise with the needs of the community to serve as Manchester Township's new representative on the library board.

Fegan has lived in the area for nearly four years with his wife and two children. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in electrical engineering from GMI (now Kettering University), and his Master of Business Administration from Eastern Michigan University.

Fegan is Vice President of Publishing at ProQuest, an Ann Arbor-based information service that provides access to thousands of newspapers and periodicals online, and is available to individuals as well as institutions such as libraries and schools.

"I'm in the vendor side of the (library) business," says Fegan. A professional member of the American Library Association (ALA), he attends conferences and works with libraries and librarians day in day out.

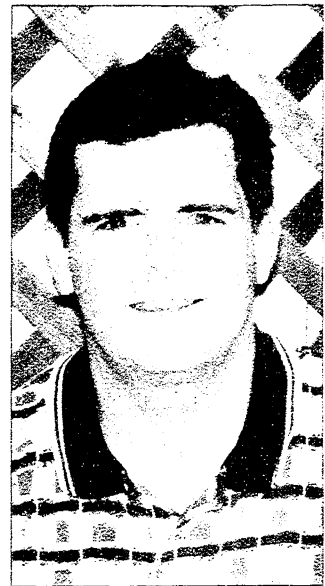
In serving on the library board, Fegan hopes to "offer some of my own professional expertise, as well as provide some contribution back to the community."

Fegan is looking toward growth and expansion as a major goal for the library. "Ultimately I hope that it's more than just a place where people come and check out books," he says. "Not only is it an educational place, but also a place where people can actually interact."

"Libraries tend to be viewed as places where you take a book off the shelf and walk out," he says. "There are a lot more resources and programs available to people."

Fegan was appointed at the March 11 meeting of the Manchester Township Board of Trustees. He is looking forward to helping the library succeed in the coming years.

"As a relatively new district



Fegan

library, there will be new challenges on how to fund as we move forward," says Fegan. "The success of the library will depend on how valuable the community thinks it is. Our job is to make sure they recognize the value of the library."

New nonfiction titles at the library

It is said that truth can be stranger than fiction – and that is certainly true of some of the non-fiction available at Manchester District Library. New titles include:

American Scoundrel: The Life of the Notorious Civil War General Dan Sickles by Thomas Keneally: Interesting biography of a Tammany Hall politician and womanizer, who literally gets away with murder and then rises to the rank of a Union Army general.

Bias by Bernard Goldberg: A CBS insider exposes how the media distorts the news.

Complications: A Surgeon's Notes on an Imperfect Science by Atul Gawande: Described as "refreshingly honest," this

author describes how mistakes in medicine can happen and how doctors must make decisions in uncertain situations.

Driver #8 by Dale Earnhardt, Jr.: Earnhardt give readers an inside look at NASCAR with this description of his rookie year.

The Ice Chronicles: The Quest to Understand Climate Change by Andrew Mayewski and Frank White: This book gives solid information on climate history and what a future unstable climate could mean, while also telling the adventure story of scientists collecting core samples in Antarctica, Greenland, and the Himalayas.

A Mind at a Time by Mel Levine, M.D.: An education expert and pediatrician

describes individual learning styles and recommends a corresponding change in how we approach education.

The Short Sweet Dream of Eduardo Gutierrez by Jimmy Breslin: A powerful story of the life of an illegal immigrant and the forces that lead to his accidental death.

Other books in high demand at the library include: **2nd Chance** by James Patterson. **Atonement** by Ian McEwan. **A Beautiful Mind** by Sylvia Nasar. **Corrections** by Jonathan Franzen. **The Cottage** by Danielle Steel. **Daddy's Little Girl** by Mary Higgins Clark. **Hunting Season** by Nevada Barr. **Nanny Diaries** by Emma McLaughlin. **Stupid White Men** by Michael Moore. **The Summons** by John Grisham and **Up Country** by Nelson Demille.

Patrons are welcome to call the library at 428-8045 to reserve books.

BeeFreeway offers business solutions

By Laura Merte
Staff Writer

Free employee training? Sounds too good to be true, but many small businesses are unaware that they are eligible for online training courses that will increase their employees' skills and value to the company.

"This is a wonderful service for somebody who has a small company and needs extra support services," says Chris Kanta, director of the Community Resource Center. Kanta learned about the program through a conference she attended last week in Lansing.

"There is so much available," she says. "Business law, finance, strategic planning, human resources, computers ... there are literally hundreds of things to help businesses improve."

The Business e-education Freeway (BeeFreeway) offers more than 1,300 training modules in areas such as management techniques, office skills, even more advanced computer skills. BeeFreeway is a self-paced program, which means that advanced trainees can move

quickly to challenging material, while novice co-workers can become confident in a basic skill.

The program is extremely flexible, and because it is accessible from any internet connection, employees can set up a training schedule suitable to their needs. The short modules can be completed during the employees' regularly scheduled hours without taking up large blocks of time.

Each module follows a similar structure: first, a pre-assessment exercise evaluates the trainee's skill level; next, learning material is presented in an interactive format, utilizing sound, graphics and video; finally, a mastery test measures the trainee's progress.

BeeFreeway is pre-paid through May 2004 by the Michigan Department of Career Development, and both businesses and nonprofit organizations with 25 or fewer employees are eligible for the program.

"It's something that a lot of people don't know about," Kanta says. "But if the word gets out, this could be a great resource for the next few years."

VIDEO VOICE

The top five rentals for last week at the DVD Revolution in Manchester included "Not Another Teen Movie," "Domestic Disturbance," "Ali," "Behind Enemy Lines" and "Bandits."

This week, "Clark" and "Audrey" from the DVD Revolution give high marks to "Behind Enemy Lines."

"She Says... 9 out of 10."

"Riveting! I haven't been so captivated in an action film since 'The Fugitive.' Contrary to Clark's opinion, I thought the role casting was perfect. The

soldier on the run was actually quite a realistic portrayal of a boy in the military. This movie calls to mind the possible occurrences in other countries involving not only inhumane actions that may go unnoticed, but also questions the wisdom of our own military decisions being made for political reasons.

He Says... 7 out of 10.

"I don't think that Gene Hackman should have been cast in this role since it doesn't seem to 'fit.' I also do not care for the actor that played Burnett, the soldier. I thought the graphics in the beginning made the plane being shot down appear not so realistic. But, with all of these complaints, I still think the movie is a 7.

As of May 7, "Oceans Eleven," starring Andy Garcia, Julia Roberts, George Clooney, Brad Pitt and Matt Damon, is available at the DVD Revolution.

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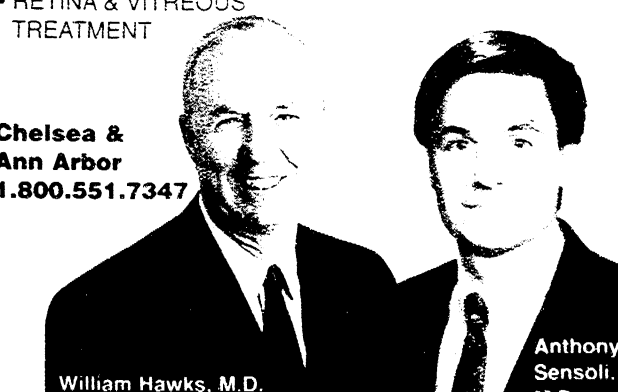
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FIRE KIDS

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took over and contained the fire several minutes later.

"We didn't really think, we never stopped to think," he said. "We're just glad everyone got out OK."

"I was shocked," said Michaela Stribe, who was asleep when the firefighters broke in. "I didn't have much time to think of anything."

Stribe said officials believe a cigarette may have started the fire in the trash bin. Assistant Fire Chief Steve Askot said the fire investigation report was not yet complete. Investigators do not believe the cause was suspicious.

The three teens say they were hanging out in a Chelsea park, and were trying to get back to M-52 when water main construction routed them onto adjacent Taylor Street.

"It felt good to just know that if we hadn't drove by there and seen what was happening and done something about it, something could've happened," said Jameson.

"The owner was very appreciative, he thanked me numerous times," Mahony said.

Stribe credited the three teens for saving her family's lives.

"They're the heroes in this," she said.

"I'm just so glad that we got there when we did because the fire almost got through the first wall in the house," said Ewel. "I'm just so thankful that nobody got hurt."

Ironically, Stribe noted that the same wall charred by Saturday night's flames had recently been replaced after being struck by a truck three years ago.

"This side of the house is just jinxed, I think," she said.



The Chelsea fire may have been the result of a live cigarette ash in the Stribe's trash can, which was located along side the house on Taylor Street.

Photo by Sven Gustafson

High School holds annual award night

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand Associate Editor

At 6:30 p.m. on May 23, in the high school auditorium, students will be recognized for outstanding academic and other achievements during the course of the 2001-02 school year. During the evening, the valedictorian, salutatorian and honor graduates will be identified. In addition, teachers will present departmental and club awards.

The evening will start with a potluck dinner. Please bring a dish to pass. The main dish, along with tableware and beverage, will be provided.

The public is encouraged to attend as the school recognizes the accomplishments of its stu-

dents during the current school year.

John Easley, principal of Manchester High School, notes, "It is one of my favorite events of the school year, because I have the opportunity to thank and recognize our students."

"All young people want to be successful and whenever possible, we need to exercise the opportunity to express our appreciation for that. These students have made the decision to achieve personal excellence through commitment and hard work."

Please mark your calendars now and plan to join the high school staff, students and administration at awards night.

High School accreditation renewed

Manchester High School principal John Easley of Manchester High School announced this week that the school's North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA) accreditation has been extended through the 2001-2002 school year. This action was taken on NCA's annual meeting in Chicago on April 9.

"Along with hosting periodic on-site evaluations by a visiting team of educators, each NCA school is accredited on the basis of an annual report on conditions in the

school and on such supplementary information as the Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement requests," Easley explained.

"Continued accreditation means that the conditions for effective education exist in the school. NCA membership assures the public at large that the school has met standards which high quality schools in the NCA region consider to be imperative for effective education and that it is working to improve performance for all stu-

dents."

The North Central Association is the largest of the country's regional accrediting agencies. It is a voluntary coalition of more than 9,000 schools and more than 1,000 colleges and universities in the 19-state region of the central United States. The Association works with schools to improve the quality of education through a continuous process of accreditation and school improvement. NCA currently accredits 1,790 schools in Michigan.

POLICE BLOTTER

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\$500 worth of money and personal property was discovered missing from an unsecured locker in the Manchester High School gymnasium on April 19. The case is currently inactive due to lack of information, evidence and leads.

VIOLENCE

Deputies in the evening of April 27, late in the evening of the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department responded to a residence in the

Village of Manchester for a report of an out-of-control child. A 12-year-old male with a history of violence was wielding a butcher knife and attempting to harm himself. Deputies on the scene calmed the child down; upon arrival of Huron Valley Ambulance, he refused to go to the hospital and the use of soft restraints was necessary. The child was transported to the University of Michigan hospital for psychiatric evaluation.

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No matter what the age of your children, it's a good idea to talk to them about money and teach them financial responsibility.

"Whether you realize it or no," your kids are learning about money from the way you handle yours," Kidwell says. "If your children are under 10 years old, sit down with them and explain a few basics like how an ATM machine doesn't just magically give you cash or that when you swipe your card at the supermarket you really are paying for the groceries."

Once your child reaches elementary school age, Kidwell recommends you should start your child's financial education by giving him/her an allowance.

"For younger kids, start off by giving them a dollar or two a week. Try to instill the importance of saving money by requiring them to set aside a small amount for the future," Kidwell says. "Also help them to learn the importance of short-term savings by saving up for a big purchase."

"As your children get older, increase their allowance

accordingly. When they reach their teenage years, encourage them to get a job or do yard work for the neighbors to earn their own spending money. Consider getting a high school

student a pre-paid debit card or help them open a checking account. This will teach them how credit works so they are prepared when they go out on their own."

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Parents seeking answers to Pleasant Lake closing

Parents want answers and options for their students.

By Laura Merte
Staff Writer

A small gathering of frustrated parents convened last Thursday, looking for answers to their questions about the future of the alternative education program. High school principal John Eislely and teacher Sandra Theissen also were present.

Seeking reasons for the school board's recent closure of Pleasant Lake School, where the alternative education program currently is located, attendees voiced their displeasure at the Board of Education's proposed relocation of the program to a portable classroom on the lawn of the high school.

Many of the parents' concerns could easily have been quelled if they had been allowed more involvement from the beginning, said parent Chris Kanta, whose daughter attends the alternative program.

"We have some concerns that were never even addressed,"

she said, adding that many of the parents and students feel stranded. "We're feeling like they pushed the decision right through without giving people any time to make preparations."

THOUGH UNABLE to answer most of the participants' questions, referring parents to the school board or Superintendent David Oegema, Eislely reiterated the decision made by board members at the March school board meeting to close Pleasant Lake School.

"We are not shutting down alternative ed," Eislely said, citing Oegema's upcoming recommendation to pare the program down to one teacher, one paraprofessional and 18 students. "The location just has not been determined."

Eislely explained the advantages to locating the program on the current high school campus, including the ability to provide a wider variety of elective courses and drawing on the abilities of teachers outside the program.

He also reminded parents that relocating the program is

only temporary. When the new high school is completed in two years, the middle school will move out of its current building, providing a new space for the alternative education program.

OEGEMA SAYS he continues to be supportive of the program, which provides a learning environment for those who may not succeed in a traditional setting. "But I want to make sure it's a good program," he said. "It needs some fine tuning, and we do expect to expand when we move into the school in two years."

"The board has been talking about closing Pleasant Lake for several years," echoed the district's financial officer Theresa Schenk, who made the initial recommendation to close the school during the board's budget planning meeting. "Closing the school to save \$10,000 in utilities is not the only reason."

"It's mostly a program decision. It's difficult to run and manage a good program given its geographic distance," she said. "We want to be able to provide the services and oppor-

tunities that students at the high school have as well."

THEISSEN IS currently exploring site options for the interim period. Renting space in the new village hall building and at the former Manchester

Township Library are two current possibilities, as well as at Klager Elementary School.

"Basically, we're looking at any possible empty buildings in Manchester," she said. Theissen will present the program's options at the May 20

meeting of the Board of Education.

"Hopefully (the options) will be carefully thought over, and the parents will be listened to," Theissen said. "And hopefully the board doesn't already have their minds made up."

An afternoon with Custer

The Waterloo Farm Museum will present "An Afternoon with General Custer," 2 p.m. May 19 at the museum, located 3 miles north of the Village of Waterloo on Waterloo-Munith Road in Waterloo Township.

In the years since his death at the Battle of Little Big Horn, the image of George Armstrong Custer, "The Boy General" of the American Civil War, has been

molded by detractors, supporters and by Hollywood.

Steve Alexander, declared by both the Michigan and Ohio legislatures to be the foremost Custer historian, will present

the real story of Custer.

There is no charge for the program, and all are welcome. Light refreshments will be served.

For further information, call (517) 596-2254.

"Spring Fling" set

The Iron Creek Community Church will be hosting a ladies tea on Saturday, May 11, 2002 at 11 a.m. The event will feature a stamping demonstration and fashion show. Linda Brown, a counselor from Christian Mission in Adrian, will speak on "Becoming a Women of Beauty." The church is located at 17046 English Road. For more information or to make reservations, please call the church at (734) 428-9343. All ages are welcome.

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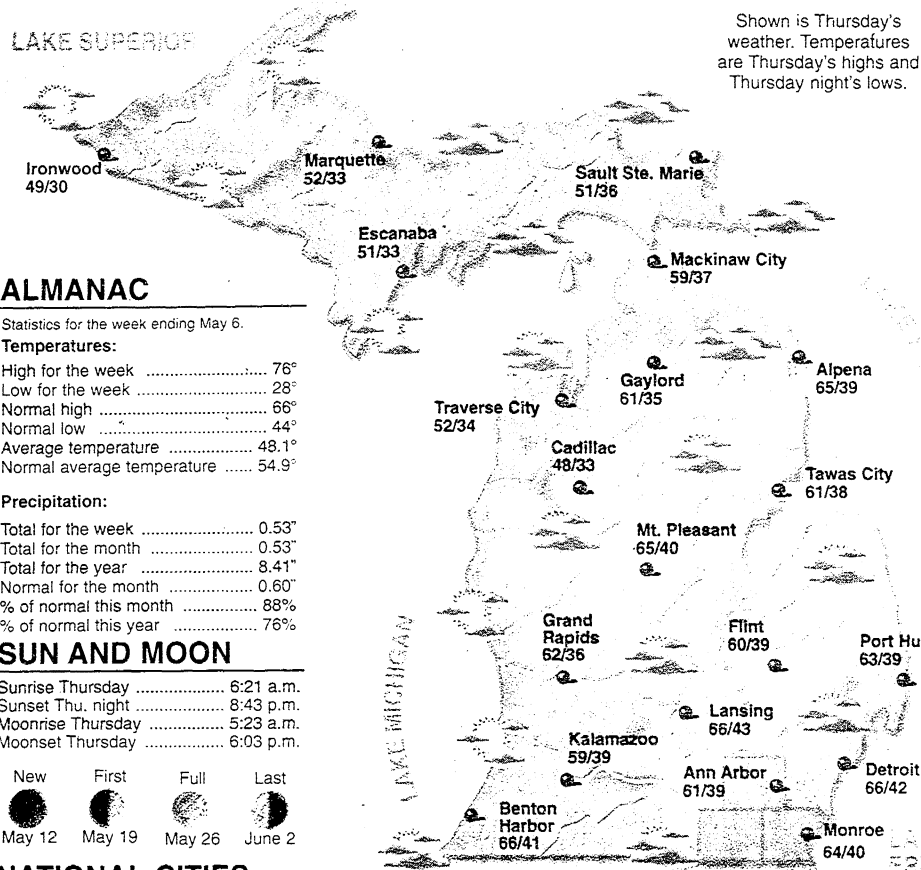
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|--|--|--|--|---|--|
| HIGH: 62°-66° A shower early, then some sunshine. | LOW: 38°-42° Clearing and cold; breezy early. | HIGH: 60°-64° Plenty of sunshine; cool, breezy. LOW: 36°-40° | HIGH: 64°-68° Partly to mostly sunny. LOW: 46°-50° | HIGH: 66°-70° Cloudy, a few showers later. LOW: 45°-49° | HIGH: 66°-70° Clouds and sun. LOW: 48°-52° |

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| Manchester 64/40 | Saline 65/41 |
| Tecumseh 66/42 | Milan 65/40 |
| Adrian 66/41 | Dundee 66/42 |
| | Monroe 64/40 |

AGRICULTURE

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A few showers early will yield no more than a 0.25 of an inch of rain to the area Thursday. Dry weather is expected Friday with a strong west wind at 12-22 mph.

SOLUNAR TABLE

Four-day forecast indicates peak feeding times for fish and game.
Major Minor
Thu: 10:16 a.m. 4:06 a.m. 10:36 p.m. 4:26 p.m.
Fri: 10:53 a.m. 4:42 a.m. 11:14 p.m. 5:03 p.m.
Sat: 11:33 a.m. 5:22 a.m. 11:56 p.m. 5:44 p.m.
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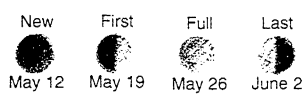
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| Temperatures: | |
| High for the week | 76° |
| Low for the week | 28° |
| Normal high | 66° |
| Normal low | 44° |
| Average temperature | 48.1° |
| Normal average temperature | 54.9° |
| Precipitation: | |
| Total for the week | 0.53" |
| Total for the month | 0.53" |
| Total for the year | 8.41" |
| Normal for this month | 0.60" |
| % of normal this month | 88% |
| % of normal this year | 76% |

SUN AND MOON

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| Sunrise Thursday | 6:21 a.m. |
| Sunset Thu. night | 8:43 p.m. |
| Moonrise Thursday | 5:23 a.m. |
| Moonset Thursday | 6:03 p.m. |



MICHIGAN CITIES

| City | Thur. Hi/Lo/W | Fri. Hi/Lo/W |
|------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Ann Arbor | 64/40/pc | 62/38/s |
| Battle Creek | 61/38/c | 61/42/s |
| Bay City | 63/39/c | 60/41/s |
| Coldwater | 64/42/c | 62/44/s |
| Dearborn | 66/43/c | 62/44/s |
| Detroit | 66/43/c | 62/43/s |
| Grand Rapids | 60/39/pc | 62/41/s |
| Holland | 59/39/c | 61/42/s |
| Jackson | 62/38/c | 62/40/s |
| Kalamazoo | 61/39/pc | 62/41/s |
| Lansing | 62/36/c | 62/40/s |
| Livonia | 66/42/c | 64/43/s |
| Midland | 63/39/c | 61/40/s |
| Monroe | 66/42/c | 62/44/s |
| Muskegon | 58/38/c | 58/41/s |
| Pontiac | 63/40/c | 62/43/s |
| Port Huron | 65/40/c | 62/40/s |
| Saginaw | 64/39/c | 60/41/s |
| Saline | 64/40/pc | 62/38/s |
| Sault Ste. Marie | 51/33/c | 56/36/pc |
| Sturgis | 62/42/c | 62/43/s |
| Toronto | 68/37/c | 55/31/pc |
| Traverse City | 59/37/pc | 59/39/pc |
| Warren | 67/44/c | 62/43/s |

WORLD CITIES

| City | Thur. Hi/Lo/W | Fri. Hi/Lo/W |
|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| Acapulco | 92/75/pc | 92/75/c |
| Algiers | 72/48/s | 70/49/pc |
| Amsterdam | 60/41/s | 70/53/pc |
| Athens | 76/57/pc | 74/57/pc |
| Auckland | 62/54/pc | 63/53/pc |
| Bangkok | 92/79/r | 93/79/pc |
| Barbados | 83/78/r | 85/79/c |
| Beijing | 71/64/r | 75/61/pc |
| Beirut | 75/63/s | 77/64/pc |
| Belgrade | 79/52/s | 78/51/c |
| Berlin | 76/57/pc | 78/59/c |
| Bogota | 69/52/r | 67/51/c |
| Buenos Aires | 62/48/pc | 66/55/pc |
| Cairo | 96/65/pc | 99/62/s |
| Calgary | 44/29/c | 44/26/c |
| Capetown | 64/44/s | 69/47/c |
| Copenhagen | 66/49/pc | 76/54/c |
| Dublin | 63/49/pc | 60/41/pc |
| Frankfurt | 76/52/s | 74/55/pc |
| Geneva | 66/48/c | 60/50/sh |
| Hong Kong | 83/75/s | 83/75/c |
| Istanbul | 70/48/s | 65/43/s |
| Jakarta | 86/79/sh | 87/76/c |
| Jerusalem | 78/51/s | 79/52/s |
| Johannesburg | 73/44/s | 74/43/s |
| Karachi | 99/80/s | 102/79/s |

| City | Thur. Hi/Lo/W | Fri. Hi/Lo/W |
|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| Kiev | 74/55/pc | 75/53/pc |
| Lima | 79/66/s | 80/67/s |
| Lisbon | 62/54/r | 64/52/c |
| London | 66/54/pc | 61/50/sh |
| Madrid | 56/53/r | 63/46/c |
| Manila | 93/75/pc | 92/75/pc |
| Mexico City | 76/59/sh | 75/53/c |
| Montreal | 59/52/r | 53/31/s |
| Moscow | 72/45/s | 64/40/pc |
| Nairobi | 78/63/r | 79/62/sh |
| New Delhi | 114/78/s | 116/78/s |
| Panama | 90/77/c | 90/77/c |
| Paris | 71/55/c | 67/56/c |
| Rio de Janeiro | 76/69/r | 74/55/c |
| Rome | 70/53/pc | 68/51/pc |
| San Juan | 84/72/s | 86/74/pc |
| Santiago | 75/45/s | 73/44/s |
| Seoul | 73/55/pc | 72/64/c |
| Singapore | 86/79/r | 83/78/r |
| Stockholm | 58/39/c | 60/53/r |
| Sydney | 76/55/pc | 74/52/pc |
| Tehran | 78/60/c | 77/61/pc |
| Tokyo | 71/55/s | 70/60/pc |
| Vancouver | 60/42/c | 61/40/pc |
| Vienna | 75/53/s | 69/56/r |
| Warsaw | 78/55/pc | 80/56/c |

NATIONAL CITIES

| City | Thur. Hi/Lo/W | Fri. Hi/Lo/W |
|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| Akron | 70/46/t | 64/42/pc |
| Albany | 70/48/sh | 68/42/pc |
| Albuquerque | 78/50/s | 80/52/pc |
| Anchorage | 52/38/sh | 52/38/s |
| Atlanta | 86/64/t | 80/62/t |
| Atlanta City | 64/58/c | 68/50/pc |
| Austin | 94/64/pc | 86/66/pc |
| Baltimore | 84/60/r | 72/48/s |
| Baton Rouge | 94/69/pc | 88/67/pc |
| Billings | 52/35/pc | 56/37/pc |
| Birmingham | 86/60/t | 80/62/pc |
| Bismarck | 52/32/pc | 62/39/pc |
| Bloomington | 67/43/r | 69/46/pc |
| Boise | 64/42/c | 66/42/c |
| Boston | 62/54/sh | 66/50/pc |
| Brownsville | 94/76/s | 92/74/pc |

| City | Thur. Hi/Lo/W | Fri. Hi/Lo/W |
|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| Buffalo | 68/42/t | 59/40/pc |
| Burlington, IA | 64/40/s | 66/46/s |
| Burlington, VT | 60/48/r | 66/42/pc |
| Casper | 54/30/s | 62/36/pc |
| Cedar Rapids | 60/37/s | 64/44/s |
| Charleston, SC | 90/68/pc | 86/66/c |
| Charleston, WV | 80/57/c | 75/52/pc |
| Charlotte | 88/64/pc | 82/46/pc |
| Cheyenne | 54/34/s | 64/40/pc |
| Chicago | 64/40/pc | 62/44/s |
| Cincinnati | 72/50/c | 70/48/pc |
| Cleveland | 70/46/sh | 62/40/s |
| Columbia, MO | 70/46/s | 66/44/pc |
| Columbus, OH | 72/54/sh | 66/44/pc |
| Dallas | 86/60/pc | 84/66/pc |
| Davenport | 60/41/s | 65/45/s |

| City | Thur. Hi/Lo/W | Fri. Hi/Lo/W |
|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| Denver | 58/38/pc | 70/42/pc |
| Des Moines | 60/38/pc | 66/45/s |
| Duluth | 50/34/pc | 56/38/s |
| El Paso | 86/56/s | 88/62/s |
| Fairbanks | 53/34/c | 50/34/c |
| Fargo | 55/34/pc | 60/40/s |
| Flagstaff | 66/34/s | 70/33/s |
| Fort Wayne | 68/44/pc | 66/46/s |
| Gary | 64/40/pc | 62/44/s |
| Green Bay | 61/34/s | 61/39/s |
| Helena | 54/33/c | 56/37/c |
| Honolulu | 84/71/sh | 85/72/pc |
| Houston | 92/76/c | 90/74/pc |
| Indianapolis | 70/43/t | 70/46/pc |
| Juneau | 49/39/sh | 51/39/c |
| Kansas City | 68/42/pc | 72/50/s |

| City | Thur. Hi/Lo/W | Fri. Hi/Lo/W |
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| Knoxville | 84/59/t | 76/55/c |
| Las Vegas | 86/69/s | 90/64/s |
| Lexington, KY | 75/48/sh | 71/49/pc |
| Lincoln | 64/35/s | 73/46/pc |
| Little Rock | 78/54/pc | 74/58/pc |
| Los Angeles | 71/53/pc | 71/53/pc |
| Louisville | 72/50/sh | 70/48/pc |
| Madison | 57/36/s | 62/42/s |
| Memphis | 78/58/t | 76/60/pc |
| Miami | 88/76/s | 88/76/s |
| Milwaukee | 56/40/s | 60/44/s |
| Minneapolis | 56/38/pc | 64/42/s |
| Mobile | 90/70/pc | 86/68/pc |
| Nashville | 80/53/t | 73/53/c |
| New Orleans | 90/72/s | 90/70/pc |
| New York | 74/58/sh | 65/50/s |

| City | Thur. Hi/Lo/W | Fri. Hi/Lo/W |
|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| Norfolk | 84/64/c | 74/54/c |
| Oklahoma City | 74/52/s | 78/60/pc |
| Omaha | 60/38/s | 68/44/pc |
| Orlando | 94/72/s | 92/72/s |
| Palm Springs | 93/60/s | 92/62/s |
| Peoria | 64/41/pc | 66/47/s |
| Philadelphia | 82/58/r | 70/50/s |
| Phoenix | 94/68/s | 95/66/s |
| Pittsburgh | 72/42/t | 64/40/s |
| Portland, ME | 58/52/sh | 66/46/pc |
| Portland, OR | 58/44/c | 60/44/pc |
| Providence | 60/54/sh | 66/46/pc |
| Raleigh | 88/60/pc | 82/54/pc |
| Rapid City | 54/30/s | 61/38/pc |
| Reno | 67/41/s | 73/40/s |
| Richmond | 82/60/t | 75/52/pc |

| City | Thur. Hi/Lo/W | Fri. Hi/Lo/W |
|-----------------|---------------|--------------|
| Sacramento | 76/46/s | 72/48/pc |
| St. Louis | 68/46/s | 72/53/s |
| Salt Lake City | 64/42/pc | 58/36/sh |
| San Antonio | 92/70/pc | 90/68/pc |
| San Diego | 67/54/pc | 67/54/pc |
| San Francisco | 62/50/s | 60/48/pc |
| Santa Fe | 70/59/pc | 73/41/pc |
| Seattle | 54/42/c | 56/44/pc |
| South Bend | 60/38/pc | 63/42/s |
| Springfield, IL | 68/40/pc | 66/48/s |
| Tampa | 92/72/s | 90/72/s |
| Toledo | 64/42/pc | 65/42/s |
| Topeka | 69/41/s | 72/51/s |
| Tucson | 94/56/s | 94/56/s |
| Washington, DC | 84/60/r | 74/52/s |
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Looking Back

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Local News

Burglars entered VanTuyle & Silvers' exchange bank at Clinton about 3 o'clock this morning. With two explosions of dynamite tried to blow the safe open but failed. Got nothing. Harry Calhoun was awakened and saw one man. Thinks they drove west. No clue.

Carrie Nation, the saloon smasher, did not receive a very cordial reception at Ann Arbor. She spoke at the opera house to about 300 people, also from a hack, to the students on the campus, and they hooted so that she was disgusted. Doc Rose, the saloon keeper, locked his place and would not meet her. She visited several places but did no smashing.

News from the Philippines to the effect that Colonel Frank

Baldwin of Michigan and a regiment of American soldiers made a gallant assault on a Moro fort and captured it, killing a large number of Moros and taking 84 prisoners. Gen. Davis says he has never witnessed a performance excelling the capture of the Moro fort, in gallantry and grit. Col. Baldwin was a Manchester boy.

In conversation with some of the leading citizens, we learn that the idea expressed by the Enterprise two years ago, that the village ought to purchase what is known as the "marsh," drain it and put it in shape for a public park or playground, is endorsed by many. The land can be bought at a small price and there is nothing we know of in the way of public improvement that would pay a better return for the outlay.

We sincerely hope that the street committee of the village will take up the subject of lowering the grade of Boyne Street between Clinton and Railroad Streets this spring. That hill ought to be cut down at least three feet and the roadway widened. There is a great amount of travel on that street and there would be much more if the grade was lowered. School children would go to and from school by that street instead of by Exchange Place, which is out of the way, and

people residing in the eastern part of the village would go to and from the depot by that street, which is nearer than by Exchange Place. As a public improvement the lowering of the grade of Boyne Street would be one of the most important undertaken in several years.

An Unfortunate Act

While temporarily insane, Wednesday morning, Mrs. Byron Hill of Jackson and formerly of this village, and daughter of the late Amos Dickerson, made an effort to take her life. Her many friends here will rejoice to learn that the attempt may prove unsuccessful, as she is still alive though unconscious. The Patriot says:

Yesterday morning about 5 o'clock her husband arose and went to the store. He left his wife in the best of spirits over the prospect of a visit to her brother in the country. About 6 o'clock Miss Jessie, the daughter, arose to get breakfast. Not hearing her mother moving about, she went to her room and found her bleeding from a wound in the throat, inflicted with a pocket-knife. Mrs. Hill had also closed the window and turned on the gas apparently to asphyxiate herself.

The dreadful act was unquestionably the result of an insane

impulse, induced by poor health common to a critical period of life. She is about 50 years of age and has been ill for about a year. Last Sunday she had a fainting attack and her husband then expressed a fear concerning her mental condition if she did not regain her health. There are few women in the city more loved and respected. There was no possible cause for distress or unhappiness except ill health, and she and her afflicted family have the sympathy of a wide circle of friends. While she is in a very precarious condition, the doctors entertain some hopes of her recovery.

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SHARE DAY

Saturday, May 11, 2002

What is Share Day?

- Saturday, May 11, 2002
- Eat in or take out at 22 participating local eateries (look for the red and white checkered flags!)
- They all donate a share of the day's proceeds to the Saline Area Social Service's Direct Aid Fund
- Every penny donated goes to help people in the Saline area.

What is S.A.S.S.?

- Saline Area Social Service
- is a non-profit, non-governmental organization dedicated to giving aid and comfort to those in need in our community
- is dependent on donations for direct aid needs
- receives a yearly allocation from United Way through the Saline Area Resource Council, which helps pay for office expenses and salaries
- receives no government funding

How is Direct Aid Fund money used?

- Here are a few examples:
- Family medical emergencies
 - Food and grocery items
 - Limited assistance for utility payments to avert shutoffs
 - Special clothing needs, e.g., uniform or shoes for starting a job
 - Gas or parking money for job interviews or medical appointments

How does S.A.S.S. help people?

- Its goal is to get people back on their feet and able to help themselves, by:
- Counseling and referrals
 - Assistance filling out job applications or medical assistance forms
 - Providing staples from the food cupboard for those who qualify
 - Finding inexpensive housing or childcare
 - Approximately 50 families are helped each month, many are elderly on fixed incomes, others are struggling to make ends meet
 - The number of people helped and the amount of help given is a direct result of the donations received

How Else Can I Help?

Donations can be mailed to:

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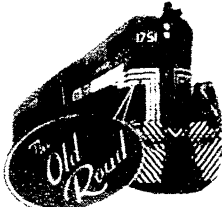
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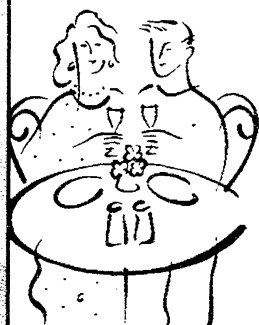
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Views from the Appalachian Trail are breathtaking

EDITOR'S NOTE: Dexter Township resident Felicia Hermosillo, a graduate of Chelsea High School, is hiking the 2,168-mile Appalachian Trail to help raise money for The Breast Cancer Fund.

By Felicia Hermosillo
Special Writer

I have now hiked 314.3 miles of the trail, 45 miles past Hot Springs, N.C.

The first few days of hiking were a bit trying. I was feeling very out of shape and inexperienced. In addition to that, some of my equipment decided to stop working the first day.

I was feeling a little discouraged after those first few days, and then I met a group of people who I enjoy hiking with. Most people here are so great. It really is a good time.

I was fortunate that my parents decided to stick around after dropping me off. They met me and my new friends four days later at Kneel's Gap, where we had a pizza party and I was able to take a shower and wash my

clothes.

I feel as though I've been through everything already — I've been rained on, soaked, starving, sick, suffered through blisters, too cold, too hot — the list goes on. But I've also seen some beautiful scenery.

The last half of the Smoky Mountains was so beautiful. The trail goes mostly along the ridge of the mountains and beautiful weather allowed for some excellent views and scenery.

The trail between the Smokies and Hot Springs was also an inspiring hike. The beauty in the outdoors is at times overwhelming.

When we reached Hot Springs, my buddies and I celebrated with good food, a few beers and an hour-long soak in the Hot Springs. I thought my whole body would feel miserable after my first 20-mile hike, but I felt so good that we headed out again pretty soon for a short five- to six-mile hike.

Just a week ago, I heard coy-

otes outside of my tent — at first sniffling around, then barking and howling. It's not frightening, since coyotes are actually afraid of people, but it just felt so incredible to be in the middle of the animal kingdom.

I've also seen deer, snakes, rabbits, and a host of beautiful butterflies and brightly colored beetles.

Animal life is definitely not the only scenery on the trail. Although most of the trees still don't have leaves, spring is trying its hardest to catch up with us.

The grass is so green and fragrant and the hills are covered with spring beauties, trillium and other spring flowers.

It's such a privilege to be able to stop for lunch on a rock amidst all these delicate flowers and bask in the sun and scenery.

The views are all so beautiful. I get to the top of one mountain and look around at all the surrounding ranges, and I feel a flood of emotions. I feel grateful to be here. I feel inspired by the

greatness of it all, and I feel, most of the time, like the luckiest girl in the world.

I'm blessed by having met such wonderful people here and having tremendous support from home, too. Meeting people on the trail is so easy — everyone has similar goals. We all support each other; we encourage each other; we tease each other.

The trail names are the best part — when you meet people, you don't give your real name, just your trail name. Mine is "Boats." Others I have met are "The Virginian," "Thumper," "Cantore," "Skib," "Tottie," "Heavy D," "The Wedding Singer," "MacGyver" — the list goes on and on. Everyone has a trail name and everyone has a story.

Despite all of our differences, we stick together and we have used our trail sense to get us out of many tough situations. A few hikers had to rig a splint out of hiking poles for a fellow hiker. "Two-Step," who broke his ankle

in the Smokies. They also built a stretcher out of a tarp and a log and hauled him three miles to a shelter.

Even some of the neophytes have suffered through the first few weeks and now they appear to be experienced hikers.

Five of us were able to camp on the summit of Standing Indian Mountain, N.C. It was so beautiful — the most inspiring and breathtaking view I have seen so far.

On the summit there was a grassy area just large enough for three very small tents. We set up camp and ate dinner just as the sun set across the mountain range. It also happened to be the evening of a full moon. The stars put on a great show for us and the moon was so bright and beautiful. What a special treat — it was the best.

On the other hand, when I climbed Clingman's Dome, the highest point on the trail, it was miserable. Unfortunately, gusty winds, rain and fog made the

summit a bit pointless. I couldn't see a thing from up there.

All in all, I love it out here. I've been here a little more than a month, and I've had very few days where I felt like I was not "on top of the world," as one of my trail friends always says.

I feel so privileged to be able to do this and am grateful for all the support that I am receiving from home.

A friend who teaches at a middle school in Texas presented my walk as a project for the students. Their school has raised more than \$600 for The Breast Cancer Fund. Aside from the positive effect the money will have, the students talked about breast cancer so now all those kids are a bit more aware.

To donate, go online to www.breastcancerfund.org or send a check, payable to The Breast Cancer Fund, to The Breast Cancer Fund, 2107 O'Farrell, San Francisco, CA 94115-3419.

Tips on how to keep that old dog feeling young

By Helen Kay Polaski
Special Writer

Dogs, just like people, grow old.

As Fido ages, it may take him a little longer to respond when called, and his snap-to attitude may slide a bit, but that doesn't mean he's not paying attention, it just means he's feeling the symptoms of old age.

In order to combat the onset of old age, pet owners are cautioned to keep their pets active and healthy.

According to experts in the field, grooming, exercise and diet can keep a dog feeling younger longer. The number one item on your aging pet's list should be a regular veterinarian routine. Wellness exams help in

the identification of disease and disorder and should include: evaluation of the teeth, heart and lungs, feeling the abdomen and inspection of the ears and eyes.

Additionally, weight should be monitored, a fecal exam conducted, and, as often as needed, routine blood and urine tests performed.

"Mental stimulation throughout a dog's life is very important," explained Cindy Rushbrook, DVM. "Dogs are very intelligent and can become bored if the proper mental and physical activities are not available. Boredom can lead to conditions such as separation anxiety, self mutilation, destroying household items. Teaching your dog new 'tricks' throughout his life will help prevent these

conditions/situations."

The biggest concerns dogs face as they age include proper nutrition, dental disease, arthritis, eye problems, kidney disease and bladder stones, heart disease, diabetes, skin tumors, urinary incontinence, prostate tumors, cancer and behavioral and cognitive dysfunction.

"Large breed dogs are prone to arthritic conditions such as hip dysplasia," said Rushbrook. "If they are subjected to too much exercise (especially forced running on pavement) as a growing puppy, they may be more likely to have hip problems as an older dog. Obesity is a common problem that can shorten a dog's life — increased stress on joints, heart and lungs. A regular exercise and feeding program are one

of the best ways to keep your dog lean and his muscles and joints strong."

Obesity, a common and extremely serious problem with older dogs, is directly connected to decreased longevity and may contribute to other health problems.

Obesity can easily be controlled through diet and exercise. Contact your veterinarian and discuss what kind of food your dog should eat, and how much.

ANOTHER COMMON problem in the aging dog is gingivitis. If left untreated, gingivitis, an inflammation of the gums, can lead to tooth loss and constant infection. The bacteria can then travel into other parts of the ani-

mal's body system, causing unnecessary pain and misery. And, like their human counterparts, elderly dogs are susceptible to arthritis. This degenerative joint disease is very common in older dogs. Signs of arthritis in dogs includes difficulty rising, falling on slippery floors, difficulty climbing stairs or jumping, and restless sleeping patterns. Your vet can prescribe anti-inflammatory medications that will reduce joint swelling and greatly improve your pets comfort level.

"Unspayed female dogs can get ovarian cancer, mammary gland cancer and pyometra," she explained.

Pyometra is probably the most common and is a life threatening infection of the uterus. Spaying is

the treatment of choice. Intact male dogs are prone to prostatic and testicular cancers."

Prior to visiting your vet, record any and all ailments you may have noticed in your pet's behavior or habits. Be specific. Collect a stool sample, and bring previous medical records if visiting a new vet for the first time. If your pet is already on medication, bring the bottle along for identification purposes. Finally, when in the waiting room, restrict your animal's socialization. Other pets visiting the veterinarian may be there with transmittable illnesses. Your pet may rebel at the time, but in the long run he'll thank you with happy healthy dog kisses for many years to come.

Mother's Day Messages

To our dear Mother and Grandma, We are so thankful for your love. There is no one else like you.
Love, Pauline, Renee, Grace

Mom, Thanks for all the love and support you have given me. I love you.
Bonnie

Mom, I love you with all my heart. You're a great mom.
Thanks Love, Zach & Alli

Mimi, We love you with all our hearts.
Zachary & Allison

Dear Grandma Mary Martin, Happy Mother's Day to the greatest grandma & great grandma in all of Milan!
Love, Kevin, Jennifer & Ashley

Mom, I love you!
Love, Marty

Nana, Happy Mother's Day!
Love, Noah xo

Grandma, I love you a super, super bunch. You're the best.
Love, Becky

Mommy, Happy Mother's Day. We love you.
Cole & Brock

Mommy, We love you more than words can describe. You are our hero.
Love, Sarah & Anthony

I love you Mom! Happy Mother's Day.
Love, Whitney Lynn (WLO)

Mom, I love you alot.
Love, Lauren

To our wonderful Mom, Happy Mother's Day. You have stayed strong and true- we are proud of you and love you.
Love, Dawn & Connie

I love you so much mom!
-Kirstin

It takes a very special woman to be a wonderful mom, grandma, & great grandma. You have been a special woman in all our lives and will be for many years to come!
Love, "The Snay Bunch"

Mom, My best friend & mother. Thanks for all your love!
Love, Helen

Mommy, I feel so loved because you stay home to raise me-today I thank God for having you as my mommy.
Love, Jacob

Happy Mother's Day I love you alot.
Brandon (Man) I love you very very much!

You are warmth, comfort, wisdom and love.
Love, Joan, Will & Patrick

Momma Bear, Thanks for making us smile!
Love, Laura & Christen



SPORTS IN BRIEF

Manchester Canoe Race set

The 36th annual Manchester Canoe Race will take place Sunday, May 19 at noon at Fellow's Bridge on Sharon Valley Road. The race features eight classes, with trophies awarded to the first three finishers in each class.

Fees are \$10 per person before May 16 at 4 p.m., or \$12 beginning Sunday the morning of the race at 10 a.m. Entry applications are available at Manchester Floors, Manchester Pharmacy, Village Gas & Mart and Video World or by calling 428-8976.

Wrestling Club recognizes individuals

The Manchester Wrestling Club would like to congratulate the following wrestlers for their accomplishments in recent weeks:

Michael Garrison, first place April 27 at Manchester.

Cody Sroufe, third place March 30 at Dexter and second place April 27 at Manchester.

Chamber of Commerce golf outing set

The Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its second annual golf outing Tuesday, June 4 at 10 a.m. at Hickory Sticks Golf Course, 9140 Textile Road in Freedom Township. There is a \$90 entry fee for individuals, \$320 for the four-person scramble event.

The package includes a hot dog and a steak dinner. First-place finishers will receive trophies, and awards will be given for the longest drive and longest putt, and "unique hole awards" are promised.

Contact Steve Anderson at 428-8370 or sanderson@ubat.com for more information.

Manchester Metrics

The Manchester Metrics invitational is looking for workers for the May 11 event. Athletic Director Wes Gall asks any former track team members who would like to come down for a day of sun at the Manchester Athletic Complex to work on scoring and judging.

If you want to work, call Gall at 428-9711 ex. 1138, or track coaches Denny Steele, at 428-8908 or Cory Cox, (517) 605-8883.

Schools to hold athletic physicals

Physicals for all Manchester students wishing to compete in sports next year will be held at Manchester High on Thursday, May 30 between 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$20. Forms for physicals will be available to all students grade six and up from their teachers, or they can be picked up at the schools by parents.

Athlete profiles sought

The Manchester Enterprise would like to profile one student each week.

A coach, teacher, parent or counselor may nominate a player who exemplifies the spirit of athletics both on and off the field by contacting Marsha Johnson Chartrand at 428-8173 or mchartrand@heritage.com

Varsity sports agree with this senior

■ *Exceptional athlete looks ahead to great opportunities.*

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand

Associate Editor

Everything Jeff Punches has needed to know, he's learned from his family.

The most important example he says he has learned is not to let adversity stop you from getting what you want.

So when a shoulder injury sidelined him at the end of his senior football season last year, Punches put that lesson to work.

By early January, Punches was back at his second sport of the year—basketball.

"I was determined," he says simply. "I wanted to play my senior year, especially where we left off last year, losing in regionals; I wanted to get back there to play."

And this spring, while not on the pitcher's mound to avoid aggravating his shoulder, he is



Jeff Punches

well on his way to equaling or bettering his last year's personal offensive record of nine home runs and 31 RBIs.

"Baseball is my favorite sport," he says, "because that's the one I've played the longest."

There are many Manchester High School students who participate in three sports each year, although not many can say

that they have lettered for four years in each sport.

But Jeff Punches has 12 varsity letters to his credit. Four years of varsity football, four years of varsity basketball and four years of varsity baseball are evidence of the determination he shows in every sport in which he is involved.

He credits his family's support and involvement for keeping him motivated.

"My dad has coached or done something for every team I've played on," he said. "He and my brother really influenced me."

Ron and Evelyn Punches have brought up their youngest son with sports surrounding him.

"Ever since I was little, I've always had a glove or bat in my hand," he says. "I was always at my brother's or sister's baseball games, in the summer time so it always seemed fun."

"My dad and my mom, whatever sport I've wanted to play, they would take me there, pay the money, do whatever it took. I've

been very lucky in that aspect."

Punches says he participates in sports "for fun," but with a record like his, you know it is serious business.

"Being in sports keeps your mind off other things in life," he says. "It's a time where you don't have to think about anything else but what's going on right now."

"If you get a bad grade or someone is mad at you, you don't think about it. You have people counting on you."

He says that he has made good friends through participating in sports, too.

"If I wasn't in sports I think it'd be tough to make friends," he says. "You hang out with (your teammates); you have inside jokes."

"In Manchester, all your friends play sports with you from the beginning of school until it ends."

And now, facing the end of his school career in Manchester, Punches looks forward to

attending Adrian College where he was recruited to play football this coming fall. He'll also play baseball, at least for his first year.

"I don't want to give it up yet," he says.

While there, the National Honor Society member will study business.

"I took marketing at Saline last year and that was one of the best classes I've taken through my high school career," he says. "It's kind of unique."

He's interested in passing it on, perhaps majoring in business education so he can teach a similar class to high school or college-level students.

He'd also like to coach kids playing sports themselves some day.

"I don't think I can get away from sports," he says. "I don't want to."

He credits his dad with having the most influence over his sports career.

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Dan Schulte was among the many individual track participants whose outstanding performances helped propel the Dutch to a 77-60 win over East Jackson last week. Schulte was a member of the winning 1,600 relay team and was first in the 400 meter run.

Photo by David Jose

Dutch batters finish week with two wins

■ *Varsity rallies against East Jackson with seven-run inning.*

By Laura Merte

Staff Writer

Last week's baseball action found Manchester's varsity ending with a 10-7 win against Addison and 12-5 victory against East Jackson. The team started the week on a lesser note, however, losing 4-3 to Napoleon.

"WE WEREN'T real aggressive at the plate," said coach Corey Fether of Monday's game. "We didn't take advantage of Napoleon's pitching, and ended up stranding nine runners on base during the game."

Derek Dwyer had two hits, including a double, and Karl Schaible hit a single, resulting in an RBI. Adam Little had two singles and an RBI, while Jeff Punches and Josh McCalla had one single apiece.

"We're having a hard time getting the runners in," Fether said of the low-point game.

McCalla was the losing pitcher, leaving his record at 3-1. He gave up eight hits and one walk, with four strike-outs.

WEDNESDAY'S GAME against Addison picked up more runs for the team.

"Offensively this was a much better game than on Monday," Fether said, "although defensively we were a little worse."

Brent Leverett hit a single and contributed two RBIs. Karl Schaible had three hits including a double and an RBI, scoring three runs in the process.

Punches batted two doubles with four RBIs, and scored twice. Kevin Waiter had a single and an RBI. Beau Bergner hit a single. Jon Schaible hit a double, and Chris Loud hit a single and scored two runs.

Leverett pitched the win, improving his record to 4-1, striking out four and giving up six hits and four walks.

THE TEAM rallied at the end of Friday's game to clobber East Jackson after running 4-4 until the sixth inning, when they scored seven runs.

During that sixth inning four consecutive batters bunted successfully.

"Three were squeeze bunts to score runs," said Fether. "East Jackson just couldn't get anybody out."

Jon Schaible came out of the game with four hits, including a double, RBI, and scored three runs. Karl Schaible also did well, with three hits including a home run, a triple, and 5 RBIs. Punches hit a two-run double. Nate Smith hit a single and RBI. Loud had two hits and an RBI, and McCalla hit a single.

McCalla pitched the entire game, improving his record to 4-1 with the win. Striking out seven players, he walked three and gave up six hits.

MONDAY THE varsity Dutch traveled to Michigan Center, with a Wednesday home game against Grass Lake.

Friday they will face conference leaders Vandercook Lake on home turf, and will play Saturday in the Britton tournament; their games, however, will be played in Milan.

Individuals shine at meets

By Sven Gustafson

Staff Writer

The Manchester varsity track team competed in three events last week.

The Dutch placed fifth out of eight teams at the East Jackson Dome Classic Relays on Saturday, April 27.

Despite the finish, head coach Cory Cox said the meet was notable for its individual performances.

Dyon Evans won the individual pole vault event with a vault of 12 feet.

Jacob Sawyer, Casey Preuninger and Mike Graham took second-place honors in the long jump relay. Sawyer and Preuninger also tied for third in the high jump relay.

The co-ed 800-meter relay team of Sawyer, Natalie Weidmeyer, Mike Graham and Dara Jose took second place. Evans, Jose, Graham and Katie Sharp finished third in the co-ed sprint medley.

The buffalo relay team, comprised of Austin Scott, Brennan Crispin, Jason Lindemann and Ben Wojtas landed a first-place finish. The buffalo relay is for athletes who throw shot or discus, and is a non-scoring event.

The Manchester Flying Dutch also squared off Tuesday, May 30 in a dual meet against East Jackson and Hanover-Horton, with the Dutch posting a 77-60 victory over East Jackson.

First place finishers included Wojtas in the discus event with a

throw of 103 feet, 5 inches. Sawyer in the high jump with a jump of 6 feet, and Graham in the long jump with a leap of 18-8".

In the 3,200-meter relay, Lindemann, Mikayl Losee, Chris Maly and Will Aldrich won in 9:30. Graham, Sawyer, Brett Kingsbury and Dan Schulte were victorious in the 800 relay with a time of 1:39.4. In the 1,600 relay, Graham, Lindemann, Maly and Schulte won in 3:45.6.

In individual events, Preuninger won the high hurdles in 16.4. Sawyer won the 100-yard dash in 11.9. Schulte the 400 in 54.3, and Losee the 800 in 2:19.6. Sawyer finished first in the 200 in 24.6.

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Varsity softball goes 2-1 in this week's games

■ *Team heading into second round of conference play.*

By Sven Gustafson

Staff Writer

The Manchester varsity softball team salvaged a week-opening loss with a pair of victories later in the week to improve their record to 3-5 in conference play and 6-10 overall.

The Lady Dutch began week play Monday with a visit to Cascade Conference rival Napoleon, where they suffered an 11-4 loss to the Pirates.

Sheila Staffeld, the team's lone senior, had two runs for Manchester, with one apiece coming from juniors Christine Fairbanks and Julia Steinaway.

Three of those runs came in the first inning. Staffeld was the first to reach base on a fielder's choice. Fairbanks then reached base on what was ruled a catch-

er's error, when with two outs, the Napoleon catcher threw to second base in an attempt to tag Staffeld, who was called safe. The bases became loaded when Steinaway drew a walk. Michelle Dicks then belted an RBI single, and Rebecca Alber got an RBI hit.

Junior Trisha Miller hit an RBI double to score Staffeld in the fifth inning.

Manchester head coach Wes Gall said his team suffered Monday from poor fielding.

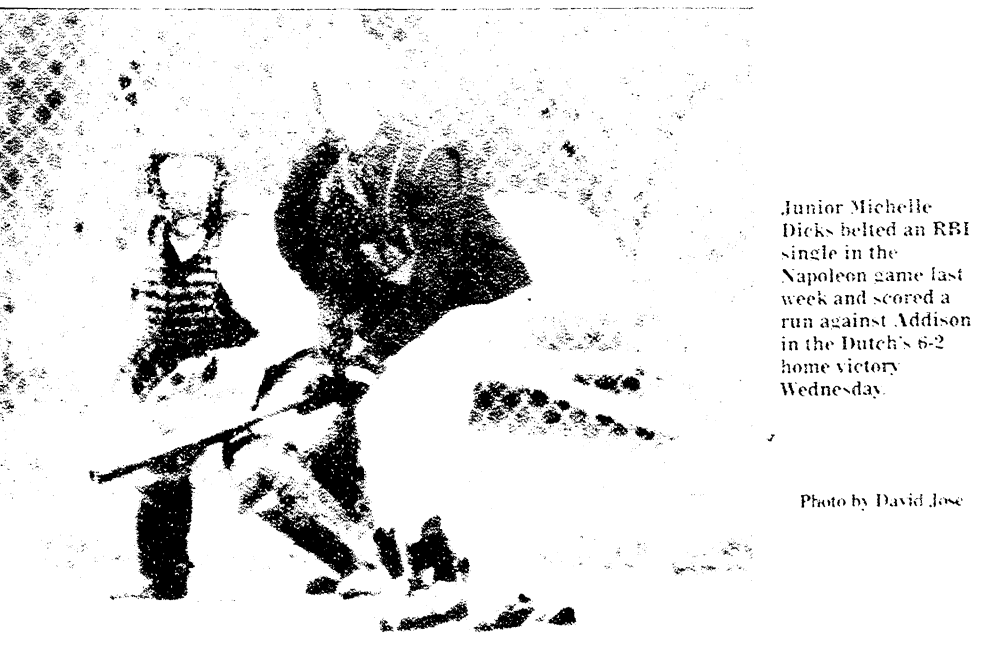
"It was a combination of errors," he said. "Of the 11 runs that they got, only two of them were earned."

Gall pointed out that in the second inning, with two outs, the team committed two errors, leading to six runs.

"That's been our plague of the year," he said.

The Dutch rebounded Wednesday with a 6-2 home vic-

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Junior Michelle Dicks belted an RBI single in the Napoleon game last week and scored a run against Addison in the Dutch's 6-2 home victory Wednesday.

Photo by David Jose

Junior Dutch win two, lose one mid-season

■ *Coach Amburgey wants to see fewer "mental errors."*

By **Sven Gustafson**
Staff Writer

The Manchester junior varsity baseball squad continues to roll, posting victories last week against Napoleon and Addison and losing a tough game to East Jackson.

The week's 2-1 record boosted the JV Dutch's record to 8-1 in the Cascades Conference and 9-2 overall. Friday's 8-7 loss to the East Jackson Trojans was the team's first conference setback.

The team began the week with a 5-3 victory over visiting Napoleon. Eric Strong pitched his second complete game of the season for Manchester, giving up five hits, three runs and six strikeouts in the win.

"Eric continues his strong performance in the pitching rotation this year," said head coach Tim Amburgey. "Eric has really improved his ball-to-strike rotation this season and is getting stronger and stronger as the season goes on."

"Defensively, the team supported Eric very, very well, only giving up one error in the game,

which I thought was key, because Napoleon was putting the ball in play."

On the offensive side, Tom Breilein notched a game-winning, two-run homer.

Lance Aiken hit an RBI double, and Jeff Miller continued his strong hitting from the third position with two RBIs.

"All in all, the team had a very solid defensive and offensive game against a good team," said Amburgey.

The JV Dutch next traveled to Addison on Wednesday, where they eked out an 11-10 victory against the Panthers.

Pitcher Jeff Miller came up big in the bottom of the seventh inning, when he retired the side on seven pitches.

Rodney Posky had two hits, including a game-winning triple in the top of the seventh inning for Manchester. Posky's hit drove home Craig VanBogelen, who stole second base. VanBogelen had one single Wednesday.

Andrew Little broke out of his recent slump, going 2-for-4 with one RBI. Miller was 3-for-4 at the plate with a double and two RBIs.

"But the game was riddled with mental mistakes on the

defensive side of the ball," Amburgey said. The team committed nine errors for the game, and Amburgey said his team cannot continue to tweek out wins in the seventh inning.

"I think the team learned a valuable lesson that we can not continue the mental errors.

"I felt we were not mentally prepared for Addison in that particular game," Amburgey said. Mental aspects of the game have been frequent discussion points for his young team, which features only three sophomores.

Friday's home game against the East Jackson Trojans result-

ed in the first conference loss for the JV Dutch.

Although saddled with the loss, Amburgey said Posky pitched five strong innings, striking out five batters. Miller was solid in two innings of relief, giving up no runs.

"East Jackson played a very

very good game," Amburgey said. "My hat is off to East Jackson. They played with a lot of emotion and a lot of heart."

Leadoff hitter Brett Melcher went 3-for-3 from the plate and had three stolen bases. Lance Aiken also had three steals.

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PUNCHES

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"My dad never lifts the hammer up—it's always down," he says. "I don't know if I would have done as much if he wasn't always there telling me it wasn't enough or I could do better."

"I could always hear him—out of all the people watching me, I could always hear him, telling me to keep your head in there."

Punches' grandparents, parents, brother Tony and sister Heather have always been his greatest supporters.

"I wouldn't have been as successful, or such a good kid, if it wasn't for their influence," he says.

He also has taken his sister's example of facing adversity and turning it into a positive influence.

"Since my sister had her two kids, they're the two greatest things in my life," he says. "They're so much fun—they don't have any preconceived ideas. They just have a smile on their face; they don't judge you."

"My sister has gone through a lot to get to where she is right now; there's been some adversity and she's made choices—it's been a real example to me."

A quarterback on the football team, as Punches grew to his fall height of 6 feet, 5 inches and 210 pounds, he has been a formidable force on the field.

"Jeff has been an outstanding athlete for us," varsity football coach Wes Gall said. "It's not too often that you get a person who has 12 varsity letters; that's an exceptional career for him."

"And he was a major contributor on all three sports in those

four years, more his junior and senior years as he matured as an athlete. I think he has an excellent opportunity to play college ball with his skills, and I wish him all the luck to make it at the next level."

In basketball, Punches was the team's leading rebounder after his return to action in January. As the season progressed, he was also a force to be reckoned with on the offensive side, regularly scoring in double digits toward the end of the season.

Punches recalls that his class was among the first to have Saturday night youth hoops games and participate in Ann Arbor league basketball.

"I love basketball but I'm probably not going to go any further with it," he says. "Maybe I'll coach it when I have kids."

Baseball coach Corey Fether says, "Jeff is an excellent hitter, and he's always working to improve his hitting."

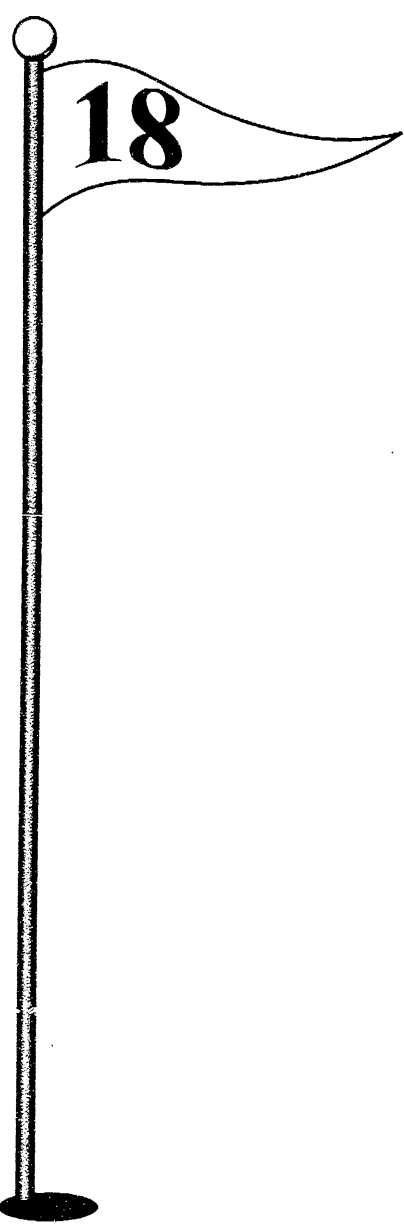
Fether said he could tell early in the season that Punches was feeling the pressure of trying to duplicate last year's numbers on the baseball diamond. Although he got a slow start, "he's definitely picked it up in the past couple of weeks," Fether said.

Punches currently is leading the team with a .581 batting average, leading in runs scored with 19, in home runs with six and RBIs with 22. And the season is still young.

"He was frustrated but worked his way out of his slump and now he's hitting the ball real well," Fether said.

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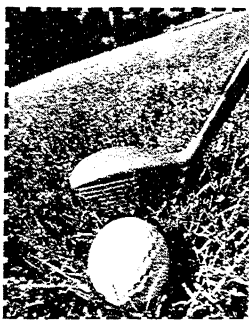
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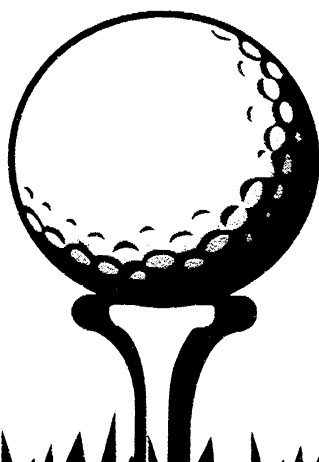
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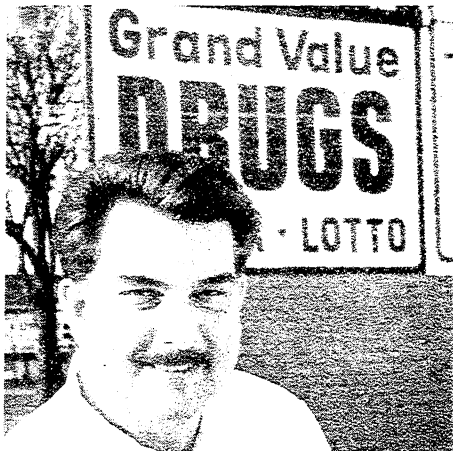
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JV softball loses heartbreaker to Addison

Team grabs its second win against Napoleon, goes 1-3 for the week.

By Sven Gustafson
Staff Writer

Fresh from a confidence-boosting April 29 win against Napoleon, the Manchester junior varsity softball team swallowed a tough 14-13 loss last Wednesday at Addison.

Manchester coach Amy Gall said the team put in a strong performance. "Our girls had a lot of hits and they played pretty well," she said.

The JV Dutch were led by Emilee Sweet, who posted three hits — a single, double and the team's first inside-the-park home run.

"She was speedy, she was flying around the bases," said Gall. Cori Steele and Shelley Schulze each logged four singles in the game, the latter driving home two runs. Brandi Walter and Megan Kanta had two sin-

gles apiece, and Brie King added a double.

The Dutch scored six runs in the first inning.

"But we started playing to the level of our competition and fell behind," Gall said. "When you fall behind it's much harder to come back than to get ahead early and stay ahead."

The JV Dutch logged its second win of the season at home April 29 against Napoleon, winning 16-11.

"We played extremely well," Gall said. "Napoleon is a very hard team to beat."

"This was kind of like one of those vengeful things, everyone of them came out with the attitude of 'we can beat them.'"

Kelly Schaible had two RBI doubles and a single. Sweet and Abby LaRock each had a pair of singles. Brie King was the winning pitcher.

"She pitched extremely well for us," said Gall. "In the game, we couldn't have fought harder."

"We knew that not just ten runs was gonna do it. They truly

deserved that win that they got because they fought for it."

On Friday, however, the team hosted a tough East Jackson squad and lost 11-1.

"Friday was a rough game against East Jackson," she said. "We didn't play as well as I expected them to, but East Jackson is a good team."

Gall heaped praise on Ashley Waldo, the winning pitcher for East Jackson. Waldo, who tossed 12 strikeouts, "can throw some heat," she said.

"They'd get their bat on the ball, but we'd either hit it to somebody" or strike out. Gall said. "They tried hard, which I can't fault them for."

Lindsay Ellison scored the lone run for Manchester.

Gall noted her team was done with East Jackson for the season.

"Next year, our girls will know what to expect."

The JV Dutch are now 2-10.

Monday's scheduled home game against Michigan Center was rained out and must be

rescheduled. Gall noted the team lost 11-6 in snow and hail during their first meeting with the Cardinals earlier this season.

"We'll come again to beat them," she said.

Gall was also looking ahead to Wednesday's game at Grass Lake. The Dutch lost their previous game to the Warriors 12-10 after leading 10-9 entering the seventh inning.

"I think what got to us was the fear of making a mistake," Gall said. "It was just almost like you get so scared, you don't want to make a mistake."

The team travels to Vandercook Friday to try and avenge an earlier 17-1 loss.

"We're hoping to go to their field and return the favor," Gall said.

Gall added that her team is remaining positive.

"They're trying hard. I'm hoping that we're going to come back," she said. "They understand that they are good players."

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tory against Addison.

"That was a good performance," Gall said. "We did a nice job of picking the ball up, and we cut down on our errors for the day."

Starting pitcher Fairbanks "did a nice job pitching," giving up just two earned runs on four hits, with nine strikeouts and six walks.

The fourth inning proved to be the biggest for Manchester on the offensive side. Dicks got on base on an Addison error, and Alber followed with a single. Cori Chrestensen walked to load the bases, and a single by junior Michelle Slocum scored Dicks and Alber. Fairbanks scored Dicks an RBI single, part of a five-run inning. Alber also hit a double, and scored on a single.

Friday saw the Dutch travel to East Jackson, where Manchester slugged out an exciting 10-6 win over the Trojans.

"That was sort of a back-forth type of game," said Gall.

Manchester jumped out to a 3-0 lead behind starting pitcher

Fairbanks. But East Jackson responded with two runs of their own in the third inning to cut the score to 3-2. The Dutch got a pair of runs in both the fourth and fifth innings, but the Trojans hung around with two-run assaults in both the fifth and sixth innings to cut Manchester's lead to 7-6.

The Dutch then added three runs to seal the 10-6 victory.

Gall said although the team never trailed, "it just felt like it because we kept leaving so many people on base."

Manchester stranded a total of 14 base runners for the game.

"We left people in scoring positions but didn't get enough hits," Gall explained. "It just didn't seem like we were going to have enough runs."

Fairbanks recorded the win to improve her record to 4-6, with the save going to sophomore Megan Eisenhower (2-4).

The Dutch finished the week with a 6-10 overall record, and enter the second round of conference play with a 3-5 mark.

Gall said the team needs to stop stranding so many runners on base, but added they "made a lot of improvements as a team."



Photo by David Jose

Girls' runners Briana Clark (left), Mandy Carey, Chelsea Render and Natalie Weidmayer take a practice run at one of last week's meets.

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Second place finishers at Hanover-Horton were Wojtas in the shot put at 40-8 and Preuninger in the high jump with 5-10 and in the long jump with 17-1.

Losee nabbed second in the 1,600-meter in 5:34. Graham in the 400-yard dash in 56.0, and Preuninger in the 300 hurdles with a 46.1 finish. Third-place honors went to Matt Callaway, with a 5:36 finish in the 1,600-meter run. Aldrich in the 300-yard hurdles in 47.4. Schulte in the 200 in 25.0, and Losee in the 3,200-meter run in 12:07.15.

Overall, Sawyer had a huge day against East Jackson by taking four first-place finishes while Graham contributed three first-place and one second-place finish. Schulte registered three victories and a third-place finish.

The Dutch were less fortunate in the second meet, falling to Hanover-Horton 76-60.

First-place finishes went to Wojtas in the shot put. Preuninger in the 110 and 300 hurdles. Schulte in the 400, and Sawyer in the 200-yard dash.

Kingsbury, Schulte, Graham and Sawyer also nabbed first in the 800 relay, as did Graham, Lindemann, Maly and Schulte in the 1,600 relay.

Second-place finishes went to Wojtas in the discus. Sawyer in the high jump and 100-yard dash. Graham in the long jump and 400. Aldrich in the 300 hurdles, and Losee in the 800.

Preuninger finished third in the high jump. Aldrich in the 110

hurdles (19.3). Losee in the 1,600, and Schulte in the 200.

"It was a very close meet," said Cox. "(The) kids ran really well (we) just didn't have the depth in the field events, and it is hard playing catch up with a team that has great talent in the distance events like they have."

The Dutch fell to 2-4 in the conference and 2-5 overall.

Finally, the Dutch traveled to Stockbridge Friday night, finishing 10th out of 14 teams.

"Due to injuries, we were limited on the events we participated in, though the guys that did had personal bests," Cox said.

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7:30 P.M. AT MANCHESTER VILLAGE HALL

AGENDA:

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

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Village Council of the Village of Manchester, Washtenaw County, Michigan, has petitioned the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners to annex to the Village of Manchester, Washtenaw County, Michigan, the following described lands located in the Township of Manchester, Washtenaw County, Michigan, to-wit:
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This notice shall be published in the Manchester Enterprise, a newspaper published in said Village of Manchester, one time each week for three weeks immediately preceding the hearing on said petition.

The hearing on said petition will be a public hearing and all persons for or against said proposed annexation may be heard. The hearing will be held in the Board Room, Administration Building in the City of Ann Arbor, on the 16th day of May 2002, at 6:15 p.m., EST.
Dated: April 25, 2002

Julie A. Schatle
Village Clerk
Village of Manchester
Washtenaw County, Michigan

SHARON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Sharon Township Board of Appeals will meet for the purpose of conducting such business as may come before it at 7:30 P.M. on **Thursday, May 23, 2002** at the Sharon Township Hall, 18010 Pleasant Lake Road, Manchester, MI.

Following the business meeting, a public hearing, commencing at 8:00 P.M. will be held to consider an application for a variance from the Sharon Township Zoning Ordinance to permit spitting an 18.83-acre parcel, which would create two non-conforming parcels.

The address of the subject property is 17501 Bethel Church Road. The tax parcel is #15-28-300-001.

Please direct written comments before May 22, 2002 to:
Sharon Township Board of Appeals
Charlotte Anderson Chair
14689 Waldo Road
Chelsea, Michigan 48118

SHARON TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS OF BOARD MEETING MARCH 7, 2002

Supervisor Blades called the meeting to order at 8:07 P.M. with the following Board members present: Chizmar, Kappler and Lavender. Aiuto arrived at 8:10 P.M. There were ten (10) attendees.

There were some public comments and/or questions.

Jim Mann asked the Board to reconsider rejoining the Raisin River Watershed. He stated that the Watershed has provided a lot of services for the township. Motion made by Kappler, supported by Chizmar to rejoin the Raisin River Watershed and pay the \$156.91 dues. Motion carried.

The 37.02 minutes were read and approved.

The Treasurer's reports for January and February were approved. The Clerk presented bills for payment totaling \$3,065.36. Board approved payment.

The Board discussed the Soil Erosion ordinance. A resolution was made by Kappler, supported by Aiuto to adopt the Soil Erosion ordinance. Roll Call Vote: Yes, all. The resolution was adopted.

The Board discussed the Construction Code ordinance. A resolution was made by Kappler, supported by Chizmar to adopt the Construction Code ordinance. Roll Call Vote: Yes, all. The resolution was adopted.

Blades reported that the Township computer needed to be replaced or repaired. Motion by Lavender, supported by Kappler to allow \$700.00 for computer repairs or replacement. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the Washtenaw County Road Commission's proposal for dust control. Motion made by Kappler, supported by Chizmar that the first application be a solid coat of chloride to all Township roads and the second application be a 3/4 coat. Motion carried.

Blades distributed to the Board the ballot wording for the fire millage proposal drafted by Fred Lucas. A resolution was made by Kappler, supported by Chizmar not to place this wording on the ballot. Yes: Lavender, Aiuto, Blades and Kappler. Nays: Chizmar. The resolution was adopted.

Blades reported that John Kozminski had been asked to pay a \$500.00 fee for a special P.C. meeting to distribute materials. Blades stated that Kozminski didn't call the meeting and asked the Board to consider reimbursing the fee. Motion made by Lavender, supported by Aiuto to reimburse the fee. Motion carried.

Lavender reported that he had received a bid of \$1,230.00 from Manchester Electric to install the new electrical service for the Town Hall. Motion by Kappler, supported by Chizmar to accept the bid. Motion carried.

The Board adjourned at 10:32 P.M.

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

BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING APRIL 17, 2002

Supervisor opened the regular meeting with all board members present. The agenda for the evening was approved. Board approved the minutes of March 18. Special meeting March 20th and 25th as presented. The board also approved the minutes with one correction to the April 9th meeting.

Supervisor reported that the grant agreement has been signed by the state. It was agreed that the timetable will be modified for the proper dates.

Board reviewed the rototisk option. It was discussed with board members and audience again the options of this system. After discussion, a motion was made and passed, to send a survey out to the sewer district residents asking for a recommendation for what kind of system, mechanical or lagoon would they like for the treatment facility.

Board reviewed the draft contract for additional connections to the sewer system. Corrections were made to the draft.

Board approved the road improvement for 2002.

Board appointed Dave Faust as the road improvement inspector for the road projects.

It was approved to use the audit firm of Robertson, Eaton and Owen, P.C. for this year's audit.

Board heard the Washtenaw County Sheriff's report by Sgt. Dieter Heren. He announced that his replacement will be Sgt. Jim Anuszewicz for the Manchester unit.

Board reviewed discussion on the Fire Works display application. Trustee Spallier will present an application form at the next meeting.

Board considered the proposed zoning fees. Board tabled amending the budget pertaining to planning and zoning.

Board approved the land lease agreement with Verzhum Farms.

Board discussed the plaque and flag pole for the township hall.

Other Business included, Clean-Up Day Saturday, May 11th from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon, discussion on the River Raisin Watershed Council five year plan. Purchase of Development Rights ordinance and update on the wireless master plan.

Board accepted the treasurer's report and paid bills for the month.

Reports from Planning Commission, Zoning Administrator, Ordinance Enforcement Officer and Assessor were reviewed.

The next regular meeting will be May 15, 2002 at 7:00 a.m.

Karen Weidmayer,
Bridgewater Township Clerk

Pass it on



Seventh-grader Stuart Chartrand (left) passes the baton to teammate Kyle Clark as the two competed in the 400-800-1,200-1,600 meter run at the Michigan Center Relays on Saturday. Both middle school track teams participated in the weekend relay. Results of the meet will be published in next week's issue.

Photo by David Jose

We're talking turkey

By Jim Barta
Heritage Newspapers

For the past two weeks, Michigan's woods and fields have sounded much like a poultry-style love-in.

Breeding turkeys and those hunters trying to sound like lovesick birds have been filling the air with chirps, cackles, purrs, and crowing throughout the state.

"We're pretty optimistic about each hunter's chances at harvesting a tom this spring," said Al Stewart, Upland Game Specialist for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

"If the individual did any amount of scouting at all, he or she should see plenty of birds. Getting them to come in close enough for a shot is another story, but then that's up to the hunter."

According to Stewart, our state's turkey population has grown well beyond its initial expectations.

"We believe that Michigan has

more birds this year than at any time in its history," said Stewart.

"Every county in the state now has a decent population of turkeys. Where at one time it was rare to see a wild turkey in Michigan, today it's unusual to travel in the northern or agricultural counties of the state without seeing them crossing the road or feeding in fields."

Today, it's not uncommon to walk into the woods while deer or squirrel hunting and see a flock of wild turkeys running together that may number as high as 50 birds.

Last bow season, for example, I had a large flock of turkeys begin roosting in trees that surrounded the one I was hunting deer off of.

One bird decided that my tree looked good and flew to a perch directly over my head. Being a little concerned that the turkey hadn't used the ground-level bathroom facilities before sitting over my head, I chose to ask it to find another hunter to drop in on.

Turkeys aren't exactly the most graceful birds to perch in a tree for the night.

The best way I can describe what it sounds like is to imagine throwing basketballs from the

ground to the highest point in a large tree.

If, as you throw each ball, you hit every branch on the way up, you'll come close to understanding the racket turkeys make while flying to roost.

Although DNR officials and hunters are glad to see the turkey population growing at such a fast rate, there are those who aren't very happy about it.

"Yeah, just what we need," said Jim Douglas, a farmer in Albion. "Another critter to eat our crops."

"As if the deer and raccoons aren't bad enough, now we have to put up with turkeys eating everything in their path."

According to Douglas, he loses approximately six acres of corn to the animals each season.

With his entire income depending on how well his crops do each year, it's understandable why he may be a bit upset at now having turkeys to contend with.

Do they want to remove some of the problem animals or not?

In any event, the increased number of turkeys in Michigan should account for a good harvest of birds this spring and another great time in the outdoors.

AAA gives bicycle safety tips

As a rite of spring, bicycles and motor vehicles start sharing the road more frequently. And while cyclists are responsible for following the proper rules of the road, drivers should be cautious around these vulnerable road "partners" to help keep cyclists safe. AAA Michigan advises.

"Crashes often occur because drivers are not looking for cyclists and not seeing them because of blind spots and lighting conditions," says Richard Miller, AAA Michigan community safety services manager.

Some common cyclist errors that motorists should also watch for include wrong-way riding, riding out of a driveway without stopping, failing to yield to crossing traffic, and failing to yield when changing lanes.

In 2000, there were more than 2,271 bicycle/vehicle crashes in Michigan, 29 of which were killed and another 1,860 were injured.

Here are some tips for drivers:

- Visibility is a primary concern. Before heading into traffic, look down the road 12-15 seconds to see if any cyclists are ahead of you.
- Look for bikes when driving in a residential area. Youngsters

could come shooting out of driveways without looking or be riding the wrong way against traffic. Children on bicycles are often unpredictable in their actions. Expect the unexpected.

- When sharing the road with cyclists, change lanes, if you have room. If not, move as far left as you can to give the cyclist extra space.
- Reduce your speed when passing a cyclist, especially if the roadway is narrow.
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• When turning left at an intersection, yield to oncoming cyclists just as you would yield to oncoming motorists.

- After passing a cyclist on your right, check over your shoulder to make sure you have allowed adequate distance before merging back in. Experienced cyclists often ride 25-30 mph and may be closer than you think.
- In inclement weather, give cyclists more room, just as you would other motorists.

• Learn to recognize situations and obstacles, which may be hazardous to cyclists, such as potholes, debris, and glass. Then, allow the cyclists adequate space to maneuver.

- Look for approaching cyclists before opening your car door.

Tips to help cyclists stay safe on the road include:

- Obey traffic signs and signals.
- Use hand signals when turning and stopping.
- Ride with the flow of traffic on the right hand side of the street. Be cautious going through intersections, pulling out of a driveway or changing directions. Most drivers aren't looking for cyclists.
- Always wear a helmet—they reduce the risk of serious head injury by 85 percent. Research concerning known helmet use in Michigan reveals that most people killed in the year 2000 chose not to wear them. Wearing helmets might have saved many of those lives.
- Attach a rearview mirror to your bike or bike helmet. You'll be able to see cars as they approach.
- Give cars and pedestrians the right of way.
- Wear light or bright colored clothing and use safety flags to

make yourself more noticeable.

"Children often engage in thrill-seeking and risky behavior on bikes," says Miller. "Parents must teach youngsters not to risk their safety. In 2000, some 14 cyclists under 16 years of age died in crashes with motor vehicles, 48 percent of the 29 total bicycle fatalities in Michigan. Nearly 970 children in that age group were hurt, which represents 52 percent of total injuries."

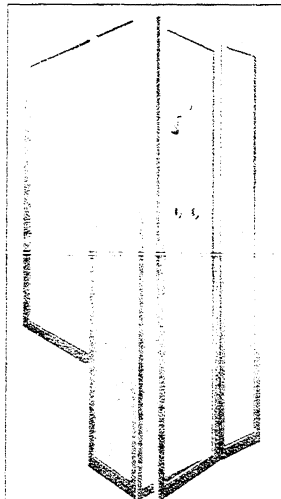
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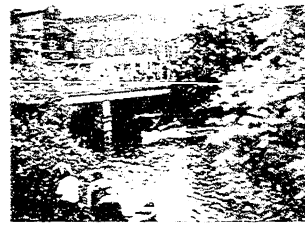
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BASEBALL

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Posky complemented his pitching performance with his first home run of the year, a solo shot.

"Rodney has really broken out of his batting slump, he's worked very hard on his swing, and the results are showing," Amburgey said.

Amburgey made a gamble late in the game when he called for a double-steal for base runners on first and third with two outs and Poske at the plate awaiting the pitch. Unfortunately for the Dutch, the gamble backfired when the East Jackson pitcher threw them out at second base by for the game's final out.

"We had a beautiful situation," Amburgey said. "We play an aggressive style of baseball on this team."

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Chelsea resident's book offers competitive business edge

By Sheila Pursglove

Heritage Newspapers

John Daly says there are three things that can happen in pricing.

And two of them are bad.

"An overpriced product is a lost sale," he says. "An underpriced product is worse because the company makes a sale but loses money. Only when a product is priced appropriately can a company hope to both make a sale and make a profit."

Daly, a management consultant with years of financial expertise, has just released his first book, "Pricing for Profitability: Activity-Based Pricing for Competitive Advantage."

The book explains the complex interrelationships between price and sales volume, as well as between sales volume and unit costs.

"Understanding both customer demand and how unit costs change with sales volumes gives a company with this knowledge a competitive advantage," Daly says.

The Sylvan Township resident toyed with other ideas for books before writing "Pricing for Profitability." He even

wrote a short novel as a college project, but never attempted to get it published.

"Picking that book up recently, I can see that I'm a much better writer today," he says.

The numbers-cruncher-turned-wordsmith bucked a family trend when he headed into the business world. The product of five generations of physicians, he originally followed in his family's footsteps by taking pre-med classes at Denison University in Ohio.

"A 4.0 GPA in economics and a 2.5 in biology, chemistry and physics showed where my real interests were," he said. "No one in my family had been a business person since the 19th century."

After spending a year working in quality control for the Hayes-Albion foundry in Albion, Daly headed to the University of Michigan for an MBA with a focus on accounting. After graduating in 1978 he started with the management consulting division of Arthur Anderson & Co., now known as Accenture.

Daly specialized in information systems consulting at Andersen and at BDO Seidman, another large accounting and

consulting firm, before making a radical career change. He took a job as controller of a small company, Edgewood Tool & Manufacturing in Taylor.

When his new business strategy made a significant contribution to the company's dynamic growth, Daly was promoted to vice president of finance. The company, whose revenue grew six fold in less than a decade, merged with a similar company and went public as Tower Automotive.

Daly served as chief financial officer for a few other companies before heading back to the Ann Arbor area in 1995 to work at ReCellular, Inc. in Dexter. He moved to Sylvan Township in 1996 and opened a management consulting practice the following year.

"My clients tend to be in medium-size companies in the \$5 to \$50 million sales range," he says. "While I would like to do more consulting in pricing strategy, much of my work is what I call 'early stage turnaround,' helping companies get their finances on track."

"Smaller companies that are struggling often need someone with very high-level financial skills, but can't afford the kind

of person they need full time. I often act as a part-time chief financial officer for my clients."

Daly also teaches continuing professional education seminars for accountants, and will do about 40 full-day seminars in 12 states this year. This year, he consolidated both his seminar and consulting businesses under the name Executive Education.

In the early 1980s, with the introduction of such electronic spreadsheets as Lotus 1-2-3, Daly — and other accountants across America — began experimenting with techniques that later became known as activity-based costing.

"Specifically, I applied these techniques to understanding the cost of products that we were quoting to make for our customers, Ford, Chrysler (DaimlerChrysler AG) and Mazda," Daly says. "People using ABC quickly discovered that it was far superior to traditional cost accounting methods."

"Many books were written on ABC in the 1990s but none of the other authors spent much time marrying ABC techniques with the business strategy, marketing, economics and engi-

neering issues necessary to completely and effectively use it for pricing."

During a lull between consulting projects in May 2000, Daly sent an e-mail query to John Wiley & Sons, a New York-based publisher with a large portfolio of business books.

"An editor sent me a response that included a request that I send them a proposal along with a template that my proposal was to follow," Daly says. "I gave him what I thought was a very well-written 10 to 15 page response."

The pair also had what Daly calls "a very encouraging phone conversation."

After getting his hopes up, Daly then suffered through the three-month silence that followed and turned his mind to other things.

"At the beginning of September, I sent him a follow-up e-mail to put closure to the issue because I figured that they had decided not to do the book," Dalys says.

"The next day, there was a message on my machine saying that he was sending me a book contract."

Daly is happy to have avoided the massive accumulation of

rejection letters that first-time authors usually collect.

With seven months to prepare 12 chapters, he worked almost every available minute, turning in a very mature final draft on deadline.

The book became a family affair, Daly's wife, Nancy, who also holds a master's degree in business administration, edited every chapter at least twice, before the Wiley editors had their review.

The end result is a 280-page hardcover book available from major on-line booksellers for about \$60. It has sold about 500 copies in its first six months, which Daly says is right on target for a book of this type.

Daly has also written much lighter fare for the Players Club, a historic Detroit men's theater club. A member for 24 years, he has made about 60 stage appearances and written several "afterglow" skits and two one-act plays, "Thunderbird" and "Frontier Accountant."

He also recently directed Chelsea Area Players' performance of "The Seven Year Itch." He is also heavily involved in Scouting with his two sons, James and Joe.

Salute to Our Local



Thanks to increased awareness and the combined efforts of communities and law-enforcement officials, crime has reached record lows in recent years, according to FBI statistics. However, there is still far to go. From violence in schools to hate crimes to more random attacks, predators are still out there in numerous supply. Women are at risk for becoming a victim of a violent crime particularly because of their generally smaller stature and physical strength which often doesn't match that of a male, says Pat Malone, a former FBI agent, self-defense expert and international licensed police self-defense instructor.

In honor of National Crime Prevention Month, here are some tips to help you stay safe in your community.

AROUND THE CAR

An attack can happen right in the parking lot of your favorite store. Women have a tendency to get into their cars after shopping and just sit as they balance their checkbooks or cross something off of a list. Don't do this; a predator could be watching, assessing the perfect opportunity to attack you. As soon as you get into your car, lock the doors and leave. Here are a few other tips for around the car:

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Sharon Hollow canoeists to start 10th season

■ *Livery opening dependant upon weather, tree damage.*

By Sven Gustafson
Staff Writer

Tina Maly is waiting on a little help from Mother Nature to get her seasonal business venture off the ground this year.

"We were supposed to open this weekend, but the weather's been so yucky," said Maly, who runs the Sharon Hollow Acres Canoe Livery on Bethel Church Road with her husband Phil during the spring, summer and fall months.

Maly said that neither she nor Phil had yet been down the Raisin to see if it is navigable.

"It may not be open for a couple weeks, depending on how many trees are down," she said. "What we have to do is take a trip down the river first."

THE MALYS bought the property on Bethel Church Road in Sharon Township in 1990 and opened the canoe livery two years later. They own a fleet of 40 canoes and 10 sit-on-top kayaks.

They offer two different trips

- a four-hour, 12-mile venture and a 2½-hour, 6.5-mile trip. The 12-mile leg, which begins upstream of the livery, takes paddlers through hardwood forests and the Sharon Hollow Nature Preserve, and includes one portage around a dam. The shorter trip starts at the canoe livery and winds through private property and leafy forests into the Village of Manchester. The Malys call the Raisin "the world's most crooked river" on their Web site, www.canoe kayak.net.

"IT'S VERY rustic. What you see by the park (Sharon Hollow)...the photos on the Web site, that's the whole river," she said. Maly said the Sharon Mills Park is the only civilization paddlers will see along the river. Other than that, it's "lots of trees and very winding," Maly said.

With the exception of a few deep holes suitable for swimming, Maly said the Raisin ranges from one to three feet deep and has no dangerous rapids or currents.

When not renting canoes, Tina Maly works as a technology director for Manchester Community Schools. Her hus-

band Phil works for an engineering firm in Ann Arbor. In the summer, the two have help from their son Christopher, who will graduate from Manchester High this spring, and daughter Lianne. Tina said they also field help from a handful of high-school students each summer.

TINA MALY said she and her husband, who live near the Raisin in Manchester Township, started the canoe livery from nothing.

"My husband has always wanted to do something like that," she said. Then they took a trip down the river and realized just how much work it would take to make it navigable.

"It took my husband about 2-1/2 years just to clear out the trees for the short section that we do," she said. Phil and Christopher use on chainsaws and a portable wench to clear deadfall from the water. Tina also credited local Boy Scout troops and the Men's Club for their efforts in clearing debris from the river.

THE MALYS began offering



Phil and Tina Maly bought this bus in 1996 from a charter bus company in Grass Lake for use transporting paddlers at their canoe livery. The bus was formerly used for passengers and school children in Detroit. "It's got the little buzzers and everything," said Tina Maly. "People love the bus."

the 12-mile trip in 1994.

The Malys, who initially used the property for picnics, had to put a dirt road into "what was basically just cornfields," she said.

"We were gonna build a house there, actually, but after

starting the business, we thought, people are going to hunt us down in the middle of the night," wanting to rent canoes, she said.

Despite lacking a firm opening date, Tina said she is excited to begin the busy canoeing season, which lasts through the

fall colors in mid-October.

"(PEOPLE) DON'T have to go too far, and they can have a safe and enjoyable trip," she said. "We have a good clientele out there."

"I just like to see people having fun."

Police Departments

alone in the seat nearest your car, you may want to find a guard/police officer to walk you to your car. It's always better to be safe than sorry. If you are parked next to a big van, enter your car from the passenger door. Most serial killers attack their victims by pulling them into a van.


- Sympathy ploy — Don't be too quick to offer help to a stranger — as harsh as that may seem. That "handicapped" individual or well-dressed man who asks for help may actually be a predator. After all, Ted Bundy was a charming, attractive man who played on the sympathies of dozens of women.

SELF-DEFENSE TACTICS

If you do find yourself under attack, here are some strategies from Malone:

- If the predator has a gun and you are not under his control, always run! The predator statistically can only hit a running target four in 100 times. And even then, he most likely will not hit a vital organ.
- Aim for weak points on the body. The eyes and the knees are weak areas on everyone — even a burly attacker. Gouging the eyes or kicking the knees may bide you enough time to run.
- Find an obstacle and put it between you and the predator. Or, run around the object like "Ring Around the Rosie." This may sound silly, but over the years Malone says this technique saved several lives.
- Scream "Fire!" People usually don't want to get involved when someone yells "help," but "fire" draws attention because people are generally nosy.

For more tips, contact your local Neighborhood Crime Prevention Unit or police precinct. You can also visit www.weprevent.org or www.ncpc.org.





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14 Carbon-hydroxyl blend
15 "The - on the Floss"
16 Amigo
18 Lack of ruddiness
20 Human beings
21 October stone
23 Calendar abbr.
24 Apple product
28 Missis-sippi transport
31 Raw rock
32 Hit, on a 45-rpm record
34 Cravat
35 Nasty stinger
37 Intact
39 Press for payment
41 Set for finalization, in law
42 Ogles
45 At hand
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51 Driller
52 Hurler
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53 Larry's pal
54 Bank transaction

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1 Pack tightly
2 Sills solo
3 Jodie Foster film
4 Rapid gait
5 Like a philosopher's method
6 Spanish year
7 Taj Mahal, essentially
8 Maestro

9 Point to
10 Oliver Twist's request
11 Pub orders
17 Spacecraft compartment
19 Piece of work
22 Tried to fool
24 Bovine
25 Man-mouse link
26 Address for Frenchwomen
27 String around your finger, e.g.
29 In good condition

30 Unisex shirt
33 Church section
36 Royal color
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40 Reagent (Pref.)
42 Garbage vessel
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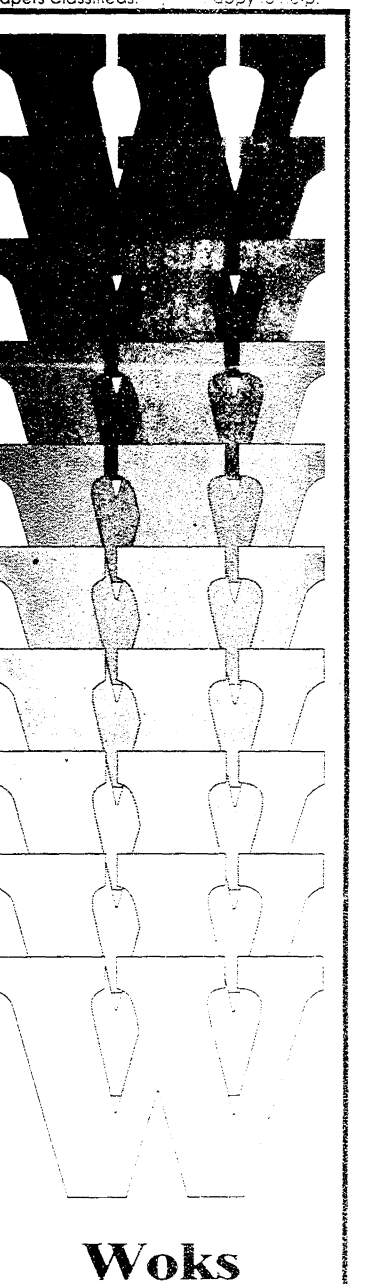
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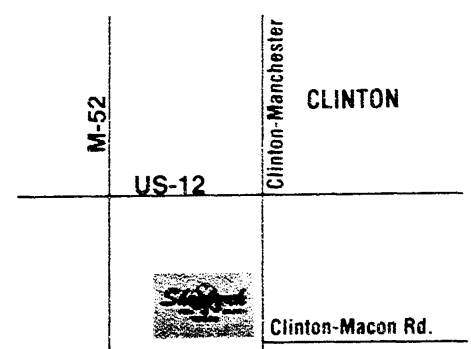
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Sandy has been married to Billy Bowman and the couple has 4 grown children and 10 grandchildren. But being a grandmother doesn't slow her down one bit. Sandy owns a 1971 Nova race car that she races frequently at Milan Dragway.

Sandy worked at GM for 23 years before coming to Jim Bradley.

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RON MARECLE lives in Manchester and has worked at Jim Bradley for 2 years.

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Ron earned an associates degree in auto-diesel business from Lima North Western College in 1995 and has worked as an auto mechanic.

"I know a lot about cars because of my background and I use it in my work. I really like my job," Ron said.

BRAD NELSON is an alumnus of Saline High School who lived in Saline for many years before moving to Ypsilanti.

Brad said that he enjoys working at Jim Bradley because every day is different.

"It's a fun job," he said. "Everything is constantly changing—new product—new customers—there is never a stale moment."

In his spare time Brad enjoys watching movies and playing video games.



Customers can expect honesty from Brad because, as he puts it, "I'm a straight shooter. I'm honest with the customers. I'm here to help and I tend to be a good listener."

SHAWN HALL has worked for Bradley Pontiac, Buick, GMC for upward of 7 years. He lived in Milan for two years and recently moved to Whittaker with his wife, Dallas and their three children.

Shawn said that there is a great deal to enjoy about his work as a salesperson at Jim Bradley Pontiac, Buick, GMC.

"I enjoy what I do for customers," said Shawn. "I like working with our great team—from service to management—to help fill the customers' needs. The dealership allows me to do what I need to in order to take care of my customers. We are like a family here."

TONIA KELLEY lives in Saline and has been a salesperson at Bradley Pontiac, Buick, GMC for five years.

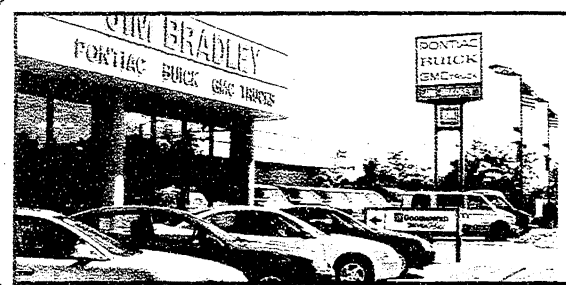
Tonia said that it is the variety that makes working at Jim Bradley so enjoyable.



like something new—and I get that here. I like the freedom I have here to make my work my own little part of the world. But what I like best is the openness of the management because I can go to them with anything. We are like family."

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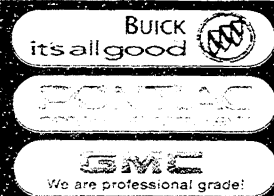
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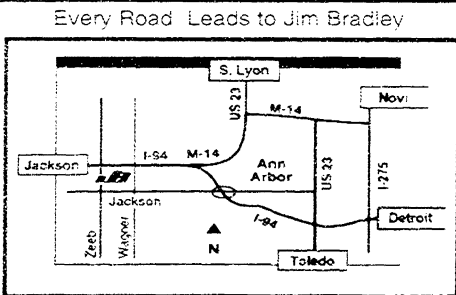
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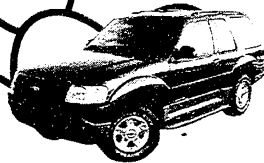
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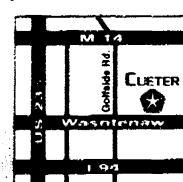
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- Check the owner's manual for your vehicle to make sure you understand what the airbag light on the instrument panel is telling you. Generally, if the airbag light is ON (other than briefly when you first start the vehicle), there's a problem with the system that should be

checked right away.

- Although 1998 and newer vehicles have redesigned airbags that reduce the chance of injuries from airbag deployment, it is always best not to sit too close to an airbag. Drivers should move their seat rearward as far as they can without impeding their ability to see the road ahead and to reach the steering wheel and pedals. (Try to ensure there is at least 10 inches between the steering wheel and the driver's chest.) Don't lean forward as you drive. If your vehicle has a tilt steering wheel, tilt it downward so the airbag will deploy toward the driver's chest, not the head.

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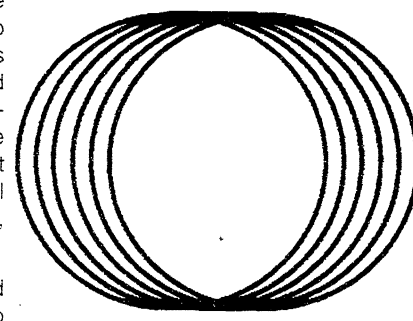
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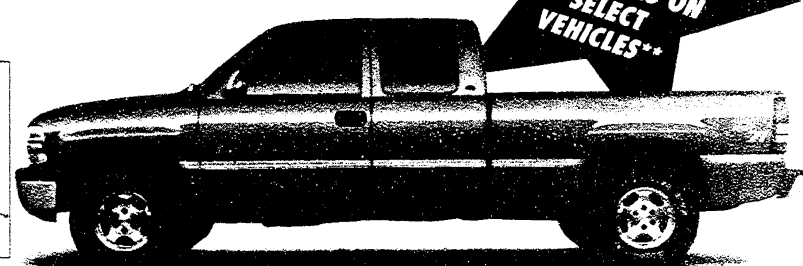
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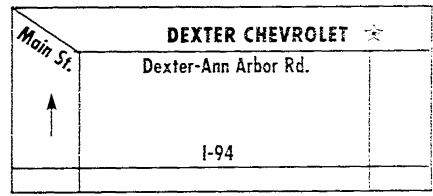
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