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Tonight's citizen meeting focuses on bridge

Local residents band together to retain rural character.

By Nancy Hebb
Special Writer

An impromptu meeting on the Wilbur Road Bailey Bridge resulted in formation of a citizens group eager to preserve the rural character of their neighborhood bridge. The group's first meeting takes place at 7 p.m. tonight, at 11491 Hogan Road.

Ron Hodges, who worked for Great Lakes Steel for more than 20 years, is heading the citizens' group.

"The bridge could still hold more than three tons, I believe," he said. "I think it could be repaired. But I'm no expert. We're going to have an expert examine the bridge."

Wilbur Road stretches less than a mile between Clinton

and Hogan Roads. Curving and wooded near the river, Wilbur would be difficult to traverse at 55 mph under the best conditions. The proposed replacement bridge, according to the Washtenaw County Road Commission, must support 55 mph traffic (and more than 70 ton loads) because roads not posted with a speed limit in Michigan are assumed to be 55 mph roads.

However, according to the Michigan Department of Transportation, roads bearing traffic of less than 250 vehicles per day may be rated at 35 mph. In 1996, a daily traffic count for Wilbur Road was 170.

When contacted, Aaron Berkholz, engineer with the county road commission, admitted that another, more recent, count revealed 177 vehicles crossing the bridge in the 24-hour period from

July 24 to 25.

If the Road Commission's bridge plan is built, there would be no legal way to prevent large trucks, including gravel haulers, from using the north and east route of Hogan and Wilbur Roads. Several residents feared from the start that the true reason for wanting such a large bridge on Wilbur Road, capable of handling 77 tons, was to accommodate gravel haulers.

"We don't want that," stated Eve Williams, who for 30 years has lived immediately adjacent to the bridge. "It would ruin this neighborhood."

A Hogan Road landowner said, "We bought our property only after we were assured that gravel haulers could not go north past our place."

"I initially thought the



A group of Bridgewater Township residents gathered at Wilbur Road's Bailey bridge last week to discuss the future of the structure and potential plans for its replacement. A citizens' meeting will be held at 7 p.m. tonight at 11491 Hogan Road.

NEWS BRIEFS

Safety Town changes

After last week's press time, the Community Education department revised the dates and times for the safety town program.

The program, which will be held in the middle school cafeteria, will be held in morning sessions only from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Aug. 19-22. The cost remains at \$25 per session.

Contact the community education department at 428-7804 to register your child.

Ice cream social season continues

The Manchester United Methodist Church will hold its ice cream social beginning at 5 p.m. next Wednesday on the church grounds at 501 Ann Arbor Street.

Gazebo concert

features Saline Big Band

The Saline Big Band will take the gazebo stage at 7:30 tonight with its 17-musician big-band swing that also includes a wide repertoire of pop, rock and Latin music.

The band has played at a variety of large and small events and concerts across southeastern Michigan.

This activity is supported by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and Nonprofit Enterprise at Work.

Challenge Day

planning under way

The district's third Challenge Day will be held on Sept. 18 and once again will be hosted by The Comfort Inn of Chelsea.

The mentorship program will be continued with a fresh crop of leadership students and incoming freshmen this fall, with mentorship training day set for Sept. 17.

Parents and other adult community members are welcome and encouraged to participate in the Challenge Day program. Please contact John Easley at the high school, 428-7333, ext. 1102, to volunteer your time and talent to assure the success of this year's program.

Team USA hits Manchester!

Team USA will make its final stop before their performance in Japan in Manchester this week and will play an exhibition game from 5-7 p.m. Saturday at the MHS gymnasium.

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Chasing raindrops



Four-year-old Chris Tobias of Manchester was enjoying Monday afternoon's warm downpour as he splashed in the water along the curb in front of his Main Street home. A series of severe storms dumped an estimated two inches of rain on the Manchester area this past weekend.

Popular folk artist returns

Next week's concert will conclude season.

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Associate Editor

The Gazebo Concert series is drawing to a close with next week's finale featuring maritime history aficionado Dan Hall in a return performance to Manchester's gazebo.

Dan Hall is a true folk artist at heart. As a composer, singer, guitarist, maritime history presenter and humorist, he has delighted multi-age audiences from the Keweenaw to Kalamazoo.

Hall's historically accurate songs about the triumphs and tragedies of life aboard Great Lakes freighters are Michigan treasures. His renditions of songs—both originals and covers—draw from several genres, including folk, jazz, blues, country, and rock and roll.

The unique qualities that make him such an accomplished performer are his natural voice, his character voices, and his ability to craft simple lyrics using sophisticated rhyme and diction. He is never alone on stage or in



Folk artist Dan Hall often invites audience members to participate in his maritime performances.

front of a group, as he invites his listeners into the experience by having them participate in his performances.

Dan Hall has grown from the Minstrel of Flint (his home town) to become a

favorite with students and parents throughout Michigan and the Midwest. He has entertained and enchanted an eclectic group of audiences, ranging from mem-

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Riverfolk fest brings community together

Event draws interest and enthusiasm.

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Associate Editor

When Mark Palms thinks about what excites him most about this weekend's Riverfolk Festival, it's probably the outpouring of community support for this first annual event.

It's been a series of extraordinary events and coincidences that has kept Palms on his toes as the clock counts down to noon on Saturday, when the festival begins.

"In the last few weeks we've gained several more artists locally," he said. "Two of our 'discoveries' were a talented couple, Corey and Amy DiNardo, new residents of Manchester."

The DiNardos contacted Palms recently with an interest in becoming involved in the Riverfolk Festival, and their volunteer involvement has exceeded Palms' wildest dreams.

Corey, a professional architectural designer is building an iron gateway for the entrance at Carr Park and Amy, a talented quilter and ceramic artist, is creating a quilt to be raffled off to benefit the festival.

"We had just moved to Manchester," Corey DiNardo said. "We thought this sounded like a great thing to do to get out into the community."

"Next thing I know here I am—I talked my talk and now I'm building this thing."

"It's just the biggest thrill," Palms said. "After I attended the Celtic Festival in Saline a few weeks ago I noticed a nice gateway into the festival. I asked Corey if there were a way of constructing a similar entryway for the Riverfolk Festival."

DiNardo came up with a sketch, utilizing the Riverfolk name along with musical and artistic symbols. Two wings on the archway will allow it to be a freestanding construction. Creating it on the run as he works it in with other jobs, he expects to

have about 80 hours' worth of work into the gateway.

"I'll probably end up doing a marathon to get it completed in time," DiNardo said.

A donation from Alro Steel in Jackson for the materials was a pleasant surprise for the Riverfolk Committee. And in the midst of releasing the Raisin Pickers' latest CD, Palms encountered yet another surprise.

"I had been hoping to find a musical group that would be appreciated by the local migrant workers," he said. "While dropping off our CD at the pressing plant, I noticed a Latin group also submitting their recording."

"It didn't take long before I began to discuss the opportunity for them to drop in at the Riverfolk Festival and share some Latin music on the workshop pavilion."

The family Gonzales is from Estado, Mexico. Their group, titled Onda Latina ("Latin Wave"), will be performing at the Riverfolk festival at 3:30 p.m. Saturday.

Volunteer spirit is high, too, cheered on by coordi-

nators Susan Fielder, Jan Little, Marifran Brown and Connie Zimmer-Creech. Despite a sudden summer storm on July 22, more than half of the registered volunteers met at the park to tie-dye t-shirts, brainstorm as committees, and be treated to chocolate brownie sundaes.

"It was really rotten weather," Fielder said. "But 60 people came, and that's a tribute to the enthusiasm for this event."

"Mark has done a phenomenal job of organizing and tapping folks on the shoulder. Everyone's enthusiastic—it's the first time we've had an event like this in Manchester and everyone wants to be part of it. People are still calling to offer their help."

Because Fielder and her committee want to make sure that the volunteers know how much they are appreciated, a variety of door prizes were raffled off

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Aug. 1
Gazebo Concert featuring Saline Big Band at 7:30 p.m.
Manchester Village Parks Commission meets at 7:15 p.m. at the village hall.
American Legion Post 117 meets at 7:30 p.m. at the American Legion Home.
Manchester Township Planning Commission meets at 8 p.m. at the township hall.

Aug. 2
Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. in the Emanuel United Church of Christ kitchen.
Al-Anon meets at 7 p.m. in the Emanuel United Church of Christ 3-4 grade classroom. Contact 428-8786 for information.

Aug. 3
Manchester Kiwanis Club meets at 8 a.m. at the village hall. Call 428-8976 for membership information.
Riverfolk Festival begins at noon at Carr Park.

Aug. 5
Manchester Village Council meets at 7 p.m. at the village hall.
Masonic Lodge business meeting takes place at 7:30 p.m.

Aug. 6
Bootstompers meet at 7 p.m. at Emanuel United Church of Christ.
Story Time with Grandma Pat, 10:30 to 11 a.m. at the Manchester District Library, for children ages 3 to 6, accompanied by an adult.
Alzheimer's Family Caregiver Support Group meets from 1 to 3 p.m. at Turner Senior Resource Center, 2401 Plymouth Road, Suite C, Ann Arbor. Contact the Alzheimer's Association at (800) 337-3827 or (734) 677-3081.

Manchester Sportsman Club meets at 7 p.m. at the club house, 8501 Grossman Road.
Manchester Band Boosters meet at 7 p.m. in the high school band room.

Freedom Township Planning Commission meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Freedom Township Hall.

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Aug. 7
Manchester Community Brass Band meets at 7:30 p.m.
Manchester United Methodist Church ice cream social begins at 5 p.m. at the church.
Story Time with Grandma Pat, 10:30 to 11 a.m. at the Manchester District Library, for children ages 3 to 6, accompanied by an adult.

Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners meets at 7 p.m. at the County Administration Building.
Raisin Valley Land Trust meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Blacksmith Shop.

Veterans of Foreign Wars meets at 7:30 p.m. at the American Legion Home.
Aug. 8
Manchester Lamb Club will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the Michigan Livestock auction hall.

Gazebo Concert featuring Dan Hall at 7:30 p.m.

COMING EVENTS:
Emanuel United Church of Christ Ice Cream Social, Aug. 14 at the church, 324 E. Main St.

Pleasant Lake Property Owners Association will meet 7 p.m. on Aug. 14 at the Freedom Township Hall. Martin Hilovski from EnviroScience will present an informational session on weevils.

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.

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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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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.

STRAIGHT FACTS

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

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Riverfolk kindles new interest in the arts

Visual and musical artistry in spotlight this weekend.

By Angela Cooper
Staff Writer

The Riverfolk Music and Arts Festival will make its big debut at noon Saturday in Carr Park.

Artists will display and sell their masterpieces as 10 musical groups provide the entertainment at the event, which lasts until 11:30 p.m.

Even the entrance to the festival will be artistic as local artist DiNardo designed a special gateway for Riverfolk.

"It's exquisite," says Susan Fielder, volunteer coordinator for the festival. "I don't know what the value might be. Corey is an architectural artist. He works on million-dollar homes. He's a true professional, architecturally as well as artistically."

DiNardo has created custom entrances for the Tel-12 Mall and Cobo Hall.

He focuses mainly on architecture, using glass, metal, and woodwork.

"Anything out of the ordinary, I pretty much do it," he says. "When I was growing up, my dad worked in the glass business and I helped him from when I was about 11 on."

"We just worked with glass at first. Then they needed arched windows built, so we had to learn to make the

wooden arch. We got a big wood shop, then a metal shop."

Mingling these skills allows DiNardo to create his unique artistic pieces, including his contribution to the Riverfolk Festival.

His wife, Amy Powers-DiNardo, also created a quilt for a raffle at the festival.

She donated the quilt as a fundraiser to the Community Resource Center for the Riverfolk festival.

"They are very time-consuming," she says. "It's a zigzag with satin stitch for most of the quilt. By adjusting that stitch, I get the trees, houses, different designs and patterns."

"The critters and flowers on the quilt are done by a computerized sewing machine, which has a program. Each leaf is applied individually."

"The trees take 25 to 40 hours apiece, depending on size."

The quilt for festival took about 82 hours. DiNardo, who raised her children in Manchester, has done other fund-raising quilts, including one for the Manchester Alternative School.

"Getting kids involved in the arts is really important," she said.

The artist-in-residence program through the Community Resource Center has helped to accomplish just that goal.

Jan Kaulins of Manitou

Beach was Manchester's artist-in-residence during the recent school year. Kaulins worked with a group of Manchester High School students to create a collection of hand-colored photographs of local landmarks for a silent auction at the Riverfolk festival.

"I got involved with the artist-in-residence project at the request of director Mark Palms," explained Kaulins. "He was familiar with my artwork and knew I specialized in hand-colored photographs of urban architecture."

"I did a major series of photos on the Miami Beach Art Deco District, Detroit, and New Orleans among other photo projects. I'd also done a couple of projects with my son's art classes, where students took photos and hand colored them."

He used the same idea to work with the Manchester students. During the 12-week project, the students chose their landmarks, took the pictures, and colored them as they wanted.

"The students learned about composition, lighting, cameras and other photographic techniques during this project and then about hand-coloring their finished photos," he said. "They also learned about the history of documentary photography, the history of their community, and the traditional hand-coloring of black and white photos used since the Civil War days."

Kaulins framed the students' finished 11-by-14 inch photos for a silent auction at the Riverfolk Festival.

The auction will benefit the Community Resource Center.

"The students were aware of this auction at the beginning and very willing to learn from this program and then donate their work for this cause," he said.

Another local photographer, Juli Edwards, also will sell her pictures at the festival, using a more concrete pricing system.

She specializes in black and white photography, although she also works with digital images.

"At this point, I am terming the work at Riverfolk as digi-

tal art," she says. "I manipulate it through the computer until it pleases my eye."

She focuses mainly on floral photography and each of her photos comes with a foam mat so it's ready to frame.

"I consider myself a consumer-friendly artist," Edwards says. "Being a person who likes and buys art, I have many pieces of artwork around my house that I haven't had a chance to frame."

"I put the foam mat right on my image so a person can buy an inexpensive frame for it and maybe sometime, down the road, they can afford to have it properly matted and framed."

She uses both local scenes and photographs from her travels to different areas of the world as the basis for her work.

Some of the images she merely touches up by computer, others she alters to the point of abstraction.

"I like the abstract," she says. "I do macrophotography and will crop the image to abstraction and through the computer change it so it's very abstract looking. I also like vivid colors."

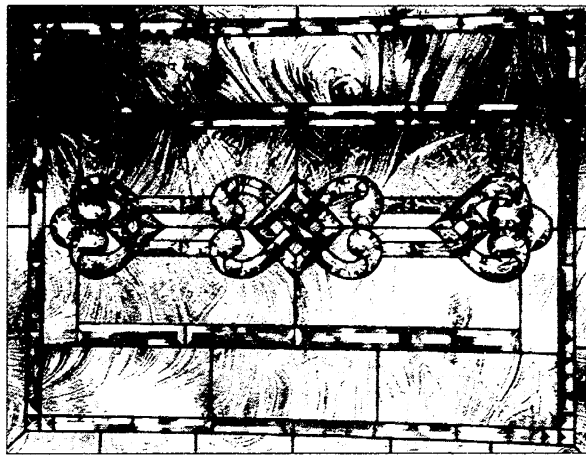
"A lot of the images are taken in my own garden. I have also traveled extensively through the Caribbean and the U.S., so I use some pictures from that as well."

Edwards has never entered her work in an art festival before, although she did find some local interest when she set up a booth during the recent garden walk.

As a Manchester resident, she thought the Riverfolk festival was the most appropriate forum for her artistic debut.

"I thought it would be a good place to get my feet wet, as long as I could get in," she says. "When I retire in a year, I will do more."

"I really have visions of Manchester becoming a little artists' community and I'd like to be involved in that."



Stained glass artists Bill and Marsi Darwin of Chelsea will join a host of Manchester area and other southeastern Michigan artists at Saturday's Riverfolk Festival. A highlight of the artists' booths will be the silent auction of the artist-in-residence projects done by Manchester High School students.



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Map by David Allen

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Drugs: An escape from world of reality?

As a youth pastor, I have developed relationships with many different teenagers. These teenagers have different personalities, different styles, different hang-ups, different issues. I have often spent time with these teens.

One of the most interesting times that I recall happened about four years ago. I picked up three teens from school and took them to McDonald's. It stands out in my mind because this particular group of tough teens called themselves "Scrubs." Why they called themselves by that name I don't know, but they had the outward appearance of having a tough shell. Two of them later turned their lives around and became Christians. One still is.

About a year ago I wrote a column about why some teens turn to drugs. A young 16-year-old who had turned away from her Christian faith gave me the insight from which I wrote that article.



SAM BELANGER

TEEN CHAT

She told me some teens do drugs in order to escape their reality. I'm not going to rewrite that article today—that wouldn't be fair.

I would like to challenge parents, though. Our nation's teens have a major drug problem. Parents would be shocked to know just how many of your family and friends are doing one or more drugs. Then again, I know of teens' parents smoking marijuana, so maybe it wouldn't surprise you.

All our national ad campaigns haven't worked. Nan-

cy Young's popular "Just Say No" campaign started long ago hasn't deterred teens from using.

Driving through most local school zones in the U.S., one would probably find a popular slogan that I find humorous. The signs read "Drug Free School Zone."

Drug Free School Zone?! Let me ask you a question. Who in the world do we think we are fooling? Who could honestly believe those silly signs? Are teens supposed to see those positive reinforcement signs, and suddenly feeling better about themselves, decide to not go out and buy ... or, worse yet, steal from loved ones to buy drugs? Let's quit kidding ourselves and get down to the business of doing what it will really take to get teens off drugs.

I'm sorry if I seem kinda cocky today, but I believe I have the answer to the teen drug problem. You see, I

tend to believe my friend who told me that a lot of teens do drugs in order to escape their reality. Parents and adults, we have done our teen generation a grave disservice. We have given them all the programs, but not real help. We have been there for them after the fact, but not enough before the fact. We have been reactive, not proactive.

Now, before you quit reading, allow me to explain. Parents—even Christian ones—are divorcing 50 percent of the time. One out of every two marriages are falling apart, spouses unwilling to work out their marriage. I thought the marriage vows included words like, "For richer, for poorer; in sickness and in health."

What kind of a support structure are we providing for our teens? Teens are growing up with problems and issues, and the presence of a loving father and mother

will help them understand that everything will still be all right. If we give our children an incredible family structure at home, then no matter what negativity they see and experience at school or away from home, they will be able to handle it.

Teens are dealing with a lot, and if we haven't equipped them with the capacity to handle life's challenges through a strong support structure, bad can go to worse.

Before I lose all my faithful, loving, forgiving, compassionate and understanding readers, let me encourage you. If your teens are addicted to heroin or ecstasy or over-the-counter pills, it is not your fault. God is still able to change your child's life. There is no doubt. He is still Almighty God. But, we should do everything we can to ensure that our teens never begin to take drugs in the first place.

Let's ask ourselves some questions. What can we, as parents and adults in the community, do to make sure our teens never start doing drugs? Teens will always make up their own minds, but why do some teens

choose to just say no, while some do not? There has to be a reason.

Be forewarned—hence Cometh Pastor Sam's own opinion! Many of these teens have received a strong support structure at home. They have mothers and fathers who spend quality time and a quantity of time with them. They know their parents are interested in them and in their activities.

They know they have parents who will be quick to discipline them (they have learned that fact just by growing up), and they have learned to stay away from wrongdoing. They have parents who have learned to continue loving each other, in spite of the difficult times. Long ago these parents had chosen not to divorce, so they figured they might as well enjoy life together.

Parents, staying together, staying faithful to each other says a lot to your children whether you realize it or not. Learn to live out a quality-filled life in front of your children, and they will stay away from drugs. They will not want to escape their reality because they will love it. Have a great week!

Klager construction is ongoing

■ Back-to-school will see many changes.

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Associate Editor

Students at Klager Elementary School will return to school at the end of this month seeing several changes in their familiar environment.

As school buses bring pupils to their first day of school, a new, paved bus loop will be the first big change they see. The buses will no longer drop off children at the west side of the building, but at the north side. A newly-paved route will separate bus traffic from incoming and outgoing parent vehicles, and extend out toward Gieske Road to connect with the new high school site.

A new, separate cafeteria will allow gym time to continue throughout the day without the interruptions of food preparation and clean up. The cafeteria is at the west end of the building next to the kitchen.

A classroom addition that extends into the playground area on Klager's east side

will accommodate the new music room, a set of rest rooms and four classrooms, and is slated for completion within the next two months.

Two classrooms that were part of the old building will be relocated in the addition. Teachers Mary Fielder and Kathy Rose may end up sharing space during the first weeks of the school year as their classrooms are being renovated as part of the new addition.

The shell of the building will be totally enclosed by the time school begins in the fall to ensure student safety. Minor upgrades to the older classrooms in the original Klager structure, including



Photo by Marsha Johnson Chartrand

Work at Klager Elementary School is progressing with the cafeteria nearing completion. The classroom addition, to the east of the original building, will take a bit longer.

electrical updates and cabinetry all will be complete before the school year begins.

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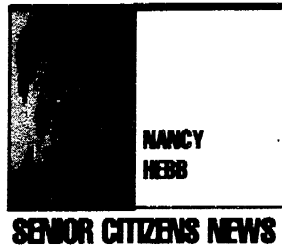
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SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS

The annual Senior Picnic, with bingo following the lunch catered by Tina from Frank's Place, took place last Tuesday at the Village Hall.



NANCY HEBB

SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS

I hope everyone now will feel completely comfortable contacting me with information and ideas for this column.

Proving that age is a matter of mind (if you don't mind, it doesn't matter), I hosted a "work party" at my farm recently.

It's a good thing we had as many years of combined life experience as possible, because our goal was to outfit a bunch of Border collies.

wise crew like ours could possess, we redesigned and re-constructed my kennel building.

What amazed me was that the two outside-the-family volunteers, who were roped in to help, actually offered to come back in a couple weeks and assist with other things that need doing around a farm.

So, I had to admit my prejudice: I thought anyone who reached retirement age would never willingly volunteer for the kind of work I do around here.

Thinking about it, I realized that the majority of "volunteers" in this country might well be seniors, moti-

ated by a myriad of forces.

I still shake my head in wonderment at anyone's willingly volunteering for farm labor of the messiest kind. I can only surmise that at any age it feels good to get out to the country, to work and be able to see what you've accomplished at the end of the day.

Here's wishing everyone a bit of something to do and friends to share it with!

Upcoming birthdays include Frances Prechmalo on Aug. 6, and Ernest Sweeney on Aug. 10. Happy birthday!

- Calendar ***
Thursday: Gazebo Concert, 7 p.m. pickup.
Saturday: Riverfolk Festival at Carr Park
Monday: Shopping in Jackson, 9:30 a.m. bus on request.
Tuesday: Lunch and Work Day, 11:30 a.m., pickup if needed
Wednesday: Manchester Methodist Ice Cream Social, 4 p.m. pickup
Thursday: Council Meeting at the Senior Room, Village Hall, 9:30 a.m. Last Gazebo Concert of the season, 7 p.m. bus pickup
Friday: Saline Senior Citizens Card Party, 6 p.m. pickup

Public programs at rec area

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand Associate Editor

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources invites western Washtenaw County residents to take part in August programs being held at the Eddy Discovery Center located on Bush Road between Pierce and McClure Roads in Chelsea.

A motor vehicle permit is required for entry. Permits are \$4 per day or \$20 for an annual which is valid at any state park. Advance registration is required for all programs, which will range from 1-1/2 to two hours in length.

Did you know what wildflower is the symbol for treasure and good fortune? Learn plant stories from around the world in "Plant Folklore" held at 2 p.m. this Saturday.

In the companion program, "Wildlife Folklore," set for 2 p.m. Aug. 31, learn fact and fancy about some of

the animals residing at Waterloo Recreation Area. Look for animals in their own habitat and use study skins in discussing the folklore and natural history.

The center is also hosting programs for kids beginning at 10 a.m. on Aug. 1, 2, 7, 8 and 9. The programs are free, but registration is required.

Today's program is "Insect Safari." Most insects are harmless, and in many cases beneficial. Participants will talk about some common insects and their importance.

Tomorrow's program contrasts "Pets vs. Wildlife." There are many differences between wildlife and pets, and only a few similarities.

Next Wednesday at 10 a.m.

kids will learn that snakes are not always appreciated for their important role in nature, as they discover the several species of snakes native to Michigan.

On next Thursday's "Habitat Hike," participants will find nature's treasures to observe as they look at three different wetlands and some non-wetland habitats.

"Michigan Mammals" will be explored in the Aug. 9 program at 10 a.m. Using study skins, participants will learn about some of the mammals that reside at Waterloo Recreation Area.

All programs are open to the public. Contact 475-3170 for more information.

Hidden Lake plans activities

On Aug. 9, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., children of all ages are invited to visit Hidden Lake Gardens, where a special day is planned just for them.

Stone Troughs

Container gardening is a popular activity for beginning and advanced gardeners alike, and offers flexibility to those who live in apartments or homes with small yards.

Barb Lippiens, owners of the Vine Haus, a floral and craft store in Blissfield, will guide participants in making their own hyper-tufa trough, for a program and materials fee of just \$35.

European Hand-tied Bouquets

The use of flowers in decoration dates back to ancient times, and was heightened during the Renaissance with highly stylized and elaborate arrangements.

flowers, however, can be equally beautiful and charming. The personality of a hand-made arrangement exudes friendship and affection.

Florist Helen Miller, owner of Flowers and Such in Adrian, will show the class how to create a striking arrangement using late summer flowers and roadside weeds.

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USA Team meets MHS Redistricting causes confusion



By Laura Merte Staff Writer

Why are we getting new voter registration cards in the mail?

Don't worry, the change isn't affecting you, although it may mean you vote for different candidates in the upcoming primary election.

The Secretary of State's office requires that an updated Voter Identification Card be issued to every voter affected by a voting district change or a precinct reassignment.

Manchester and its four surrounding townships were formerly part of the 55th district (portions of Lenawee, Monroe and Washtenaw Counties). District boundaries were redrawn for the 2002 elections to include the Village of Manchester and the Townships of Bridgewater, Freedom, Manchester and Sharon in the 52nd District.

Although the district lines have changed, not much else has—including the regular polling locations. Registered voters in Bridgewater, Freedom, Manchester and Sharon Townships will vote at their respective township halls.

This weekend, Manchester will once again have the privilege of hosting the Team USA wheelchair basketball. The team features some of the nation's top players, including Manchester native Paul Schulte.

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POLICE BLOTTER

Freedom Township

On June 15, shortly after midnight, state troopers were dispatched to a possible attempted suicide in the 6000 block of Esch Road.

When arriving on the scene troopers interviewed the suspect's girlfriend, a 32-year-old woman, who said that the suspect, a 56-year-old man, had discharged a gun outside and she believed he had shot himself. During the interview, the trooper noticed drug paraphernalia in the home and obtained consent to search the residence.

The search led to the seizure of about .25 pounds of marijuana, five plants and numerous paraphernalia.

A malicious destruction of property complaint was received on June 23 in the 11000 block of Pleasant Lake Road. The damage was reported to a mailbox. No suspects were located in the incident.

Sharon Township

On June 4, state troopers responded to an MDOP complaint for destruction of a mailbox in the 2000 block of Sharon Hollow Road. There are no suspects in the incident.

On June 6, troopers were dispatched to a rollover crash near the intersection of Sharon Hollow and Pleasant Lake Roads in Sharon Township.

Troopers found the unoccupied vehicle in a cornfield. A witness reported that the driver and three passengers had not been injured in the crash and had fled on foot at the mention of police.

Witnesses stated that the driver appeared intoxicated. Troopers were unable to

locate the driver at the address of the vehicle's registered owner. However, a 20-year-old female called the Sylvan detachment the following day and admitted to driving the vehicle at the time of the crash. She was cited for failure to stop at the scene of an accident and careless driving.

On June 10 troopers investigated the larceny of an ATV that had been stored in a barn in the 17000 block of Washburne Road. The owner of the vehicle had no idea when it was stolen. There are no suspects in the incident.

The 19000 block of Sharon Valley Road was the scene of a breaking and entering in a barn on June 23. This remains an open complaint with no suspects. The incident is still under investigation.

On the afternoon of June 30, troopers arrested a drunk driver on Sharon Valley Road near M-52 when they were dispatched to a report of a rolled-over vehicle.

There were no witnesses to the accident, but the driver, a 37-year-old woman, identified herself to troopers. Further investigation revealed the driver had been drinking. She was taken to the Washtenaw County Jail, where a breath test was administered. She was lodged in jail.

On July 8, a trooper was dispatched to an assault and battery complaint in the 6000 block of Peckins Road. The incident currently is under investigation.

Manchester Township

During a routine traffic stop in Manchester Town-

ship on June 4, a trooper noticed that the VIN plate was missing from the dashboard of the vehicle. Another VIN located within the engine compartment did not match the registration, so the vehicle was impounded as a possible stolen vehicle.

The Washtenaw County auto theft division investigated and determined that the vehicle was simply improperly titled. The car was returned to its owner.

Trooper Setla of the Sylvan detachment of the state police advises automobile buyers to be aware that sellers may have assembled components from different vehicles, and such a vehicle must be properly titled by the secretary of state.

On June 16, troopers apprehended a drunk driver on M-52 near Sharon Valley Road at about 5:50 p.m.

The trooper observed someone throwing a beer can out of the window of a car and stopped the vehicle for littering. Upon making contact, the driver was subsequently cited for operating under the influence of liquor and driving with a suspended license. Results of a preliminary breath test at the Saline Police Department determined that the driver, a 35-year-old male, was legally drunk. He was lodged at the Washtenaw County Jail.

Village of Manchester

On July 17 a Brooklyn man driving a vehicle east on Territorial Road disregarded a stop sign and struck a southbound vehicle driven by a Manchester woman. Although both cars incurred major damage, no injuries were sustained.

During a recent crackdown on drunk drivers, Washtenaw County law enforcement officials announced that eight motorists were arrested for alcohol-related offenses. Out of the 264 vehicles stopped, seven misdemeanor arrests were made. None were within the village of Manchester.

The crackdown was made with the contribution of \$27,000 from the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning in an effort to support increased police patrols on Michigan Roadways. The next round of increased enforcement will take place August 23-25.

An accident on July 20 on City Road near the intersection with Division Road backed up traffic for approximately one-half hour in the late afternoon.

At approximately 4:30 p.m., a call alerted the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department to a vehicle that ran off the road, striking two telephone poles and one road sign. Witnesses at the scene reported that the car had been swerving prior to the accident. The vehicle was damaged on both sides from striking the telephone poles.

The driver, a man from Ann Arbor, sustained injuries and was transported to the University of Michigan hospital. There were no other passengers, and alcohol was not involved in the incident.

Compiled from reports filed at Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department Station 4, Village of Manchester and the Michigan State Police Sylvan Post.

Avid Readers



Rachael Beagle, 4, of Manchester, reached the 30-book mark in the Manchester District Library's summer reading program. She chose the book "Tarzan" as a reward for her accomplishment.



Rachel Allen, 3, of Manchester finished reading 30 books for the summer reading program at Manchester District Library. For her prize, Rachel picked out a "Clifford" book.

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Plenty of action for kids at Riverfolk Festival



There will be plenty of activities to entertain the youngest festival-goers this weekend at the Riverfolk Festival.

■ Opportunities abound at children's activity area.

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Associate Editor

"The children's area at Riverfolk will truly be a highlight of the festival for kids," said festival organizer Mark Palms.

With storytellers, parachute games, a water sprinkler contest, and a sandcastle contest, there will be plenty to keep the youngest Riverfolk crowd happy while their elders enjoy the musical and artistic offerings planned for the day-long event at Carr Park on Saturday.

The children's area will feature several artistic activities as well. The area will feature oshabana, a Japanese art form using pressed

flowers in 'rice cloth' stationery; face painting; an art table with paints and colored paper; specially designed bubble wands; and creative opportunities to make clay medallion necklaces, musical instruments and mardi-gras type masks.

The dinner hour intermission will conclude with the children's parade at 6 p.m.

Professional storyteller LaRon Williams will make a special appearance at the Riverfolk Festival, enchanting listeners 5 and up and helping to lead the children's parade, while the popular Grandma Pat, from Manchester District Library, will weave her stories for younger listeners.

Musical workshops for young and old begin at noon, with songs for kids by Kitty Donohoe, fiddling and clogging instruction and more.

Girl Scout troop #299 will be assisting in the children's area and the boy scouts also have expressed a willingness to assist, said Susan Fielder, who is helping coordinate the 120-plus volunteers for the Riverfolk Festival.

"One of the things we don't know is how many kids we will serve," Fielder said. "We're preparing as much as we can, to be able to work with up to 400 children that day."

An abundance of activities for children will keep everyone happy on Saturday at the first annual Riverfolk Festival. And if the hot weather holds, there may be more than children hoping to enter the water-sprinkler maze!

OBITUARIES

E. LOUISE BREITENWISCHER

E. Louise Breitenwischer, age 92 of Saline, formerly of Manchester, died on July 27, 2002 at Saline Community Hospital. She was born March 13, 1910 in Marshall, the daughter of John G. and Bertha E. (Hohl) Krauss. Mrs. Breitenwischer attended Marshall Public Schools and graduated from Lima (Ohio) High School and the University of Michigan School of Nursing, class of 1931. In Marshall, she attended Zion Lutheran Church where she was baptized, confirmed and married by the Rev. Christopher Heidenreich.

She began her career as an R.N. in general duty nursing at the University of Michigan hospital and later continued studies in nursing at Columbia University in New York City. She resigned April 1, 1939 as head nurse of the University of Michigan Hospital Ophthalmology Clinic. She was registered by the State of Michigan as a nurse for almost 70 years.

On April 29, 1939 she married Leroy O. Breitenwischer and settled into the life of farm wife and mother.

Through the years her memberships included the American Red Cross, University of Michi-

gan Medical Emeriti Society, University of Michigan Nursing History Society, Manchester Area Senior Citizens and the Rows Corners Home Economics Extension group. Since 1992, along with her daughters, Mrs. Breitenwischer was a member of the Michigan Centennial Farm Association. She also was a volunteer in numerous community activities.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and brother William G. Krauss. She is survived by two daughters, Ann L. Breitenwischer of Big Rapids and Rosalyn E. Breitenwischer of Manchester; a sister-in-law, Sadie M. Krauss of Corvallis, Ore.; a brother-in-law, Charles Kuhl of Racine, Wis.; and many nephews, nieces and cousins.

Visitation was held on Monday with funeral services at 11 a.m. on July 30, 2002 at the Jenter and Braun Funeral Home, Manchester Chapel. The Rev. Jeffrey Davis officiated. Burial was in Oak Grove Cemetery, Manchester. Memorial contributions may be made to the Evangelical Home in Saline or the Manchester Area Senior Citizens.

Please sign Mrs. Breitenwischer's guest book at www.JenterBraun.com

73 of Manchester, died on July 27, 2002.

He was born on Aug. 11, 1928 in Fayetteville N.C., the son of Marian Oliver and Emmie (Hewitt) Fillyaw. Mr. Fillyaw served in the U.S. Army. He was a member of the Victory Baptist Church in Manchester and owned and operated Fillyaw's Service Station in Manchester for more than 30 years.

He is survived by his wife, Gladys; two sons, Roger (Judy) and Larry (Norma) of Manchester; a daughter, Mary Anderson of Spring Hill, Tenn.; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a brother, Harold and two sisters, Jean and Pauline. He was preceded in death by one grandson, a brother and a sister.

Visitation was held on Monday and Tuesday at the Jenter & Braun Funeral Home, Manchester Chapel. Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. on July 31, 2002 at the Victory Baptist Church in Manchester, officiated by Pastor Freeman Wheatstone. Burial was in Oak Grove Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

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Step by Step

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Summer time means travel for many families. While you may take a vacation lasting several days, it is also likely that you will take your children on short outings during the warm summer months.

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If you are an experienced parent, however, you may have had outings that were less than successful when the carefully-planned day dissolved into tears and frus-

tration for both you and your child. What went wrong?

Here are some tips to keep in mind when planning outings that everyone will enjoy.

* When planning an outing, consider activities with your children's perspective.

* Take water and snacks to fuel energy.

* Keep your child's routine as constant as possible.

* Give your child time to explore new places.

* Avoid pushing your child into greeting new people; give her time to warm up and she will be friendly.

* Take a first-aid kit and emergency telephone numbers.

* Take the hurry out of out-

ings: slow down the pace and enjoy.

When you've considered these tips, you're on your way to a successful outing. Remember an outing doesn't have to take a lot of time or money. The destination doesn't have to be a fabulous theme park. Young children enjoy places near their home, even those they've visited before, and simple activities they can do with freedom and the attention of caring adults.

So pack the water bottles and the beach ball. You'll be giving your child an opportunity to gain new experiences and building a wealth of family memories.

Taken from the Born to Learn curriculum. Submitted by **Barb Bergner, Manchester First Steps/P.A.T. Coordinator.** Call 428-7804 for more information.

St. Mary's attends World Youth Day

By Angela Cooper
Staff Writer

St. Mary's Church sent a delegation to World Youth Day in Toronto, Ontario over the weekend.

Around 800,000 people attended the Catholic gathering, last held in Rome in 2000.

The highlight of the event was on Saturday when everyone gathered in Downsview Park.

"I found it interesting that it was very crowded, but there was no pushing and shoving," says Monica Horodeczny, who organized the Manchester delegation. "People were patient and took their time."

At 7:30 that evening, Pope John Paul II arrived by helicopter for the service.

The Saturday night service included prayer, song, meditation, and people speaking about their struggles as Catholics in different areas of the world.

The service lasted until 11 p.m. and then many people

camped in the park.

The next morning, the Pope returned and said the Mass.

"One thing I really liked about it was the cultural exchange we were involved in," Horodeczny says. "We sat by delegations from Uganda, Colorado, and France."

"We also talked to some folks from Paraguay. We discussed the struggles and successes of the Catholic Church in Uganda and France."

"The folks in Toronto said that World Youth Day had energized the city because of the influx of people. Even non-Catholics said this had done them a world of good. It was just a nice, positive kind of thing."

The next World Youth Day is scheduled for 2005 in Cologne, Germany.



The St. Mary's delegation for World Youth Day included (left to right): Ken Schwab, Joshua Tobias, Steven Harvey, and Joshua Clark. The group stayed in Toronto from July 26-28.

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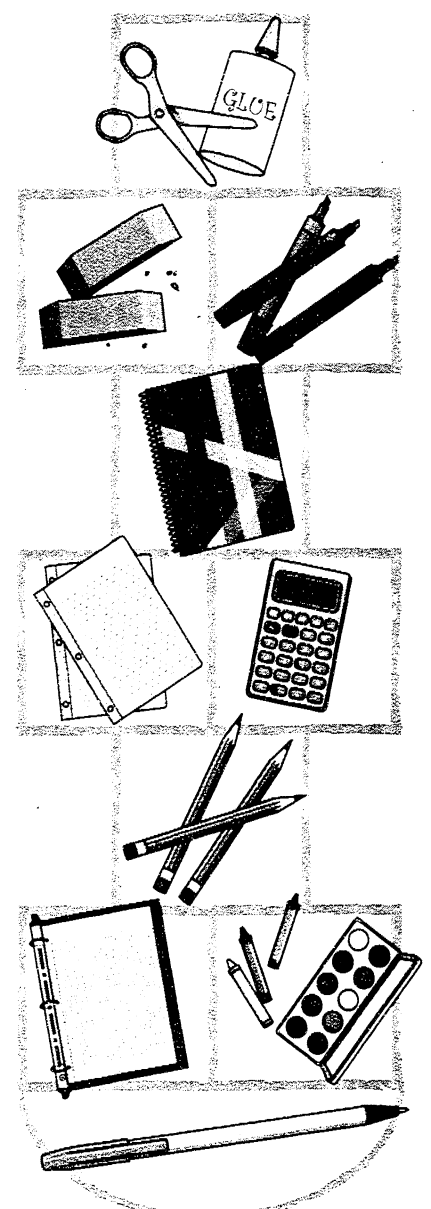


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at the volunteer orientation meeting. Amy Fielder and Jessica Coltre won Boston Pops holiday concert tickets donated by the University Musical Society. Ryan Holt walked away with a football signed by Coaches Lloyd Carr and Bo Schembechler tucked under his arm. Other prizes included two \$20 Longaberger Basket gift certificates, an Avon gift certificate, two framed Riverfolk Festival posters and a University of Michigan sweatshirt. All volunteers in attendance received a Monet poster donated by the University Of Michigan Museum Of Art.

"We want our volunteers to have a fun time," Fielder said. "They're doing a lot of work, but we hope they'll also have a lot of fun. We simply want to recognize their contribution to the success of this event."

And the pleasant surprises don't stop there. Several of the exhibiting artists have been incredibly generous with their talent in donating a piece of art work to the festival. Any adult passing through the Riverfolk archway will receive a wrist band



allowing entry and exit to the festival gates until midnight. Each wristband also has a raffle stub entering the bearer in the festival raffle at no extra charge. A huge variety of prizes will be given away throughout the day, ranging from festival t-shirts to highly valued art pieces.

This is an event where everyone wins, says Palms.

"The Community Resource Center has gained resources," he said. "The art community has been generous and that will be an enormous asset to the CRC and the community at large."

"In the future, it will provide a great balance."

Ypsilanti home tour set

The 25th Annual Ypsilanti Historic Homes Tour will be sponsored by the Ypsilanti Heritage Foundation from noon to 5 p.m. on Aug. 18.

A self-guided tour of seven properties in the city includes an 1840s Gothic Revival transformed before the turn of the last century into a Queen Anne, two wonderfully restored 1850s Italianates, a sparkling 1925 Period Tudor, a delightful 1930s Cape Cod, several apartments for seniors in the 1917 neoclassical Old Ypsilanti High School (now Cross Street Village), and Henrietta Fahrenheit, a new women's fashion and gift store on the ground floor of an 1850s high Victorian downtown commercial building.

Tickets are \$8 in advance and are available in downtown Ypsilanti at Haab's Restaurant, Materials Un-

limited, and Henrietta Fahrenheit; at Norton-Durant Florists & Gifts on Wash- tenaw Avenue in Ypsilanti; and in Ypsilanti's Depot Town at Me "N" My Sisters and Quinn's Essentials.

Tickets are available for \$10 the day of the tour at a booth in front of the Ypsilanti Historical Museum, 220 N. Huron or at Haab's Restaurant, 18 W. Michigan Ave. For more information call Jane Van Bolt, 453-6525, or Penny Schreiber, 483-5688 (h); 769-3175 (w).

The tour takes place on the last day of the annual three-day Ypsilanti Heritage Festival.

County enhances web portal

The official e-Government portal for Washtenaw County, e-Washtenaw, continues to release new applications and provide enhancements for citizens and businesses.

Recently, Washtenaw County launched the Washtenaw County MapStore, which allows for the online ordering of customized Geographic Information System maps from the GIS Program and pre-published reports from the county's planning department.

"Washtenaw County's Geographic Information System can help our constituents make better informed decisions with the help of maps enhanced with features such as aerial photography, census data and parcel information," said Kimberly Wright, Washtenaw County GIS coordinator.

"The online MapStore provides another option for citizens and businesses to access this powerful data."

The clerk-register of deeds office also recently released a new service to the public. In addition to being able to order certified copies of birth certificates, marriage licenses and death certificates, residents can now search against Washtenaw County's Death and Marriage Record databases.

People can search and locate available death records from 1969 to present and marriage records from 1970 to present online. The capability is particularly useful to people interested in conducting genealogy research. Once a record is located and verified, they have the option of purchasing a certified copy.

Since the launch of the certified vital records online application in April, customers from around the world have taken advantage of the service. Online orders currently account for 7.7 percent of all requests received

at the Washtenaw County Clerk-Register of Deeds for certified copies of vital records.

"This shows the true demand for this service and we are committed to continuously look for innovative ways to reach our customers," notes Peggy Haines, county clerk.

Many additional e-Government services, including property tax and parcel lookup, as well as e-Permitting, are in development and will be added to the portal by the end of this year.

"These additional services exemplify our commitment to continuously improve upon the world-class customer service we provide citizens," said Robert Guenzel, Washtenaw County administrator.

The e-Government Web site can be found at www.eWashtenaw.org.

BRIDGE

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Road Commission wanted to build this mammoth bridge simply because they had the money from the Critical Bridge program," Hodges said. "But now I'm beginning to wonder."

"I think there must be a reason they want a bridge like the one on Allen Road that can handle large loads, like gravel trucks."

Hodges encourages anyone interested in preserving the rural character of Bridgewater to attend tonight's meeting. The informal group is looking at the draft environmental assessment, options for repairing and preserving the existing historic Bailey bridge, replacement options more in keeping with the size and function of the current bridge, and enlisting the help of other historical and environmental groups.

For information about the meeting or the group in general, people may call (517) 456-6627.

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A restful place

Freedom Township is home to 10 cemeteries

By Laura Merte
Staff Writer

Boasting more cemeteries than any other rural area in Washtenaw County, Freedom Township is a gold mine for local history. Many of the earliest settlers in the township are buried there today, though the weather has rendered their grave markers unreadable over the years.

While the first settlers in Freedom were Americans, many coming from New York, the majority of residents in the 1800s were German. In fact, by 1881 the community was almost exclusively German, as evident in the family names and

German text found on many grave stones.

Due to the worn stones of the 1830s and 1840s, it is unclear which of Freedom's many cemeteries is the oldest.

THE WATERS Road Cemetery is the most likely candidate. Located on the south side of the road just east of Rentz Road, it has stones marking burials as early as 1836 and 1837. Often called "the cemetery of the unchurched," it is probable that those buried there were members of a short-lived Methodist society which met in private homes near

Rogers' Corners.

The lack of a church building nearby would have led other settlers to assume that the deceased were, in fact, "unchurched."

This and the Fletcher Road Cemetery, a neighborhood burying ground south of Ellsworth, which was used by both German and America families, are the only two township-owned cemeteries in Freedom. The rest owe their existence to the German immigrants and their missionaries.

The first cemetery founded by German immigrants, Freedom Catholic, lies at the corner of Schneider and Hieber Roads, where a church was built in 1839. A second Catholic cemetery, St. Francis de Borgia Cemetery, at Bethel Church and Koebbe Roads, has only a cross and cornerstone as a reminder of a church that was built in 1858 and destroyed in 1933. Its brick rectory still stands, now a private home.

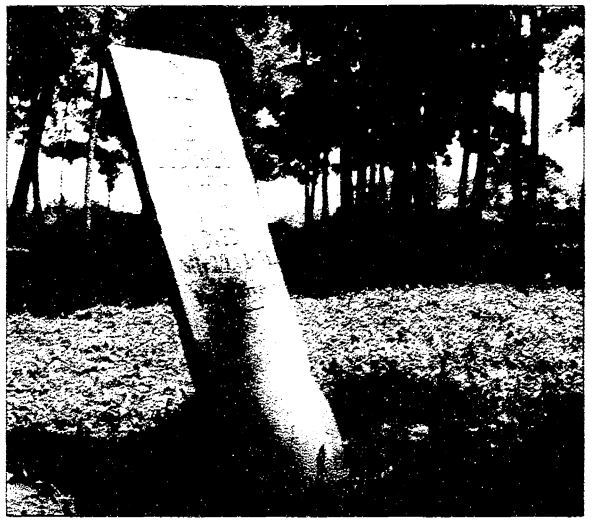
THROUGHOUT THE next decade, more churches and, consequently, church-yards, were formed to serve the growing community of Freedom. In 1833 the Rev. Friedrich Schmid, the Swiss founder of more than 20 churches in Michigan, began ministering to residents, and established the Evangelical German Bethel Congrega-

tion, now known as Bethel United Church of Christ. The church building was not completed until 1841, making that the approximate time the Bethel Cemetery was established.

Two other churches that were founded as a result of the Rev. Schmid's mission include St. Thomas Lutheran and Freedom Emmanuel Evangelical Church. The cemetery at St. Thomas Lutheran records deaths as far back as 1844, with the oldest visible grave marker in 1846. What is unique about the St. Thomas cemetery is that there are no family plots; rather, all the graves are in rows ordered by the date of death. The original Zion Lutheran Church cemetery, located next to the old brick church at the corner of Waters and Fletcher Roads, also is ordered by date.

"More than one hundred graves date from the nineteenth century and are marked with decorative vertical headstones," says the text of the Michigan Historical Marker at St. Thomas Cemetery. "German funerary art—weeping willows, clasped hands and parted curtains coupled with German script and plant motifs—prevails here."

Freedom Emmanuel Evangelical Cemetery is more commonly called Koebbe Cemetery, as a number of members of the Koebbe fam-



Photos by Laura Merte

One of the few standing stones in the old Freedom Catholic cemetery at Schneider and Hieber Road, this remembers Dorethy, wife of James Dunn, who died July 29, 1851 at 35 years of age.

ily are buried there.

THE TWO newest cemeteries in Freedom Township, both well over 100 years old, were formed when Lutheran parishioners formed their own congregations. Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church at Rogers' Corners split from St. Thomas in 1865 to better serve members to the west. It now has two cemeteries, one located adjacent to the church on Waters Road, and the expansion area less than a half-

mile to the west.

Mt. Hope Cemetery, on Ellsworth Road, was established shortly after some congregants of the Zion church formed their own congregation. St. John's Evangelical, in 1890 and built a new church in 1892. Now located on Waters Road and called St. John's United Church of Christ, the church chose to locate the cemetery a mile away because the sandy area in the church yard was unsuitable for burial.



St. Francis de Borgia cemetery is serene and quiet, despite its location alongside Bethel Church Road.

Solving the world's problems...

One patient at a time

■ Area counselor looks forward to "giving back" process.

By Angela Cooper
Staff Writer

When Kathleen DeGrazia met local therapist Barb Shumard, she found an opportunity to give back to a community.

The two met at a conference and Shumard offered DeGrazia a part-time position in her counseling practice.

"We sat next to each other and we were drawn to each other," she says. "We have similar professional ethics and we're very family-oriented."

"She told me she had an opening in her practice and that's how I got here."

DeGrazia accepted the position and now works in Shumard's Main Street office each Tuesday. But this new job was just another in a long series of transitions in her life.

She was drawn, too, to Manchester's rural setting. Although she grew up in the Detroit area, spent three years in Beijing, and now lives in Ann Arbor, she spent much of her adult life in a small town in the thumb called Harbor Beach.

She and her first husband, Clement Kubik, moved there shortly after they were married.

"We said we'd give it a year and we ended up staying there for 28 years," she laughs. "My daughter once said to me, 'We don't live in the country and we don't live in the city. Where do we live?' I told her, 'In the woods.'"

WHILE KUBIK worked as

a dentist near their home, DeGrazia often made long commutes as she held positions at various hospitals in nursing and teaching.

She also continued to pursue an education. In 1963, she earned a three-year diploma from the St. Lawrence School of Nursing in Lansing.

She returned to school through an outreach program at the University of Michigan and received her bachelor's degree in nursing in 1987.

"It took seven years," she says. "I graduated at the same time as my second child was graduating from high school."

"I taught for a while and decided counseling was where I wanted to focus."

So she returned to school at Oakland University to work on her master's degree. Just as she made that decision, Kubik was diagnosed with lymphoma.

"My life went on at first," she says. "Then in the final year and a half, it was becoming clear that things were changing. He was in and out of the hospital quite a bit getting treatments in Detroit."

He died before she completed her master's degree. Despite the loss, she continued with her courses and was nearing completion when she found herself on a different path.

A YEAR after her husband died, she heard that an old friend's wife had also passed away.

"I sent him a sympathy note and it sort of evolved," she says, smiling. "I was finishing my coursework when Tom proposed. Then he



Photo by Angela Cooper

Kathleen DeGrazia recently joined the Manchester office of therapist Barb Shumard. She will provide counseling services one day a week.

asked me how moving to China would fit into my life."

Tom DeGrazia, now retired, was head of human resources for Ford Motor Company in China.

She accepted his proposal and moved to Detroit with her youngest daughter, who was 16 at the time.

She went to Oakland University to find out if she could do her counseling internship, necessary to complete her degree, in China.

"I asked them, 'If I could create the program, would you let me do it?'" she says. "And I pulled it off. It took me a year longer than if I was to do it here, but I was able to have a practice of my own."

"I used my experiences in teaching and worked in a Chinese environment and

with medical people in a psychiatric setting.

"Many people didn't have that opportunity. I was also in an international community, dealing with people from all over the world."

She found that her nursing experience also made her better able to deal with patients, giving her a more holistic view.

BECAUSE SHE worked with people from all over the world in China, she had to learn about cultural differences.

"There were more similarities than differences, but you had to be in tune with the differences," she says. "In Eastern cultures, people are often reluctant to discuss their personal lives. You

have to work the ground for it to be okay."

"We were guests in their country. We may not have agreed with everything, but we had to abide by it. You can't take an attitude like, 'this is how it is where I come from.'"

Limited understanding and a different understanding of mental health services also presented a challenge to her. She also had to work through an interpreter.

THE HOSPITALIZATION there is more like what we would see here in the 1950s and 1960s," DeGrazia says. "They used a lot of long-term hospitalization and relied heavily on medications, which they knew very well."

"Therapy and dealing with the illness were not part of the format. People would watch me interview patients, talking and communicating. They could see what I was doing and were very interested in it."

The Chinese government also restricted mental health services, but because DeGrazia was completing her education, she had more independence.

"I was able to see people outside of the clinic," she says. "I'd go to their homes, or they'd come to my apartment. We'd meet at the Dunkin' Donuts, wherever they were comfortable."

To cope with these challenges, the international medical community in China had created an informal network.

They would meet for luncheons and lectures. Some of them were practicing and some were not.

The network drew in anyone with a medical background, from physicians to

nurses to veterinarians.

Within that network, the mental health workers also had a separate network.

THE NETWORKING was absolutely fantastic," DeGrazia says. "If I needed help, I could talk to a doctor from England or Indonesia. It provided a wealth of expertise."

"Our mental health network helped with schools, especially international schools. We found that the issues were the same."

"You had normal growth and development issues within families that were compounded by being in another country with limited help compared to what you might find in western countries."

The counselors would work with the newcomers' organization to help people who had recently relocated or moved frequently adjust to the change.

One element she focused on was third culture kids, known as TCKs or "ticks."

"They are children of parents who are from one culture or two cultures, which creates a new culture, and they are being raised in a third culture," she explains. "Now that we're a mobile, traveling society, it's much more common. It used to be mainly military kids."

The counselors in the network also assisted people whose families were divided by relocation, where one spouse is in one place and the family is somewhere else.

They worked with college students, who had to adjust for a relatively short amount of time.

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Meteor showers will highlight August sky

By Laura Merte
Staff Writer

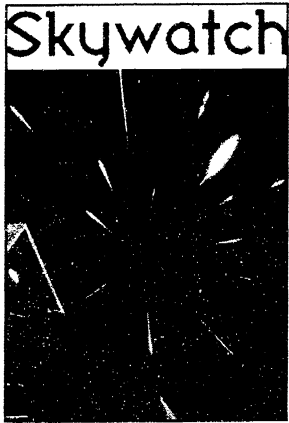
METEOR SHOWER

Most astronomers agree that the Perseid meteor shower is the most famous of all showers, and the evening of Aug. 12 is the time to watch the 2002 show.

Watching after sunset will result in quite a few meteors, but "the best show picks up after midnight and continues until dawn," says meteorologist Gary W. Kronk.

To best observe the shower, Kronk says, lay on a reclining lawn chair with your feet pointing south or east, and look straight up.

Aug. 12 is the peak date of the shower, when the most meteors will be passing by



the planet. If, however, you're not inclined to late-night stargazing during the week, it's still very possible

to enjoy the meteor shower any night between now and Aug. 22.

Kronk maintains a website at <http://comets.amsmeteors.org/>.

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Friday evenings at Ritter this month will offer two astronomical productions. The popular "Summer Skies Over Toledo," showing at 8:30 p.m. Aug. 2 and 9 takes the audience on a tour of the currently visible stars and constellation while discussing ancient sky myths and scientific discoveries. "Skywatchers of Ancient Mexico" explores the history, astronomy and cultures of the native Mexicans like the

Olmechs, Mayans and Aztecs. An observation session, weather permitting, is held at Brooks Observatory after the evening shows.

Admission to the public shows is \$3 for adults and \$2 for seniors and children aged 4-12.

Ritter planetarium and Brooks Observatory are located on the campus of the University of Toledo. For more information, call (419) 530-4037 or visit on the web at www.rpbp.toledo.edu.

SOLVING

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"IT HELPED to look back on the transitions I'd made in the past, the ebb and flow of it," DeGrazia says. "There are stages and it's not black and white. The change could be as simple as a job change or a new baby, a marriage, or a major move or loss.

"Even retirement or a promotion will cause changes. We just have a need to put a name on it to identify it, to make it real."

Two years ago, she and Tom returned from China to a new home and a large and growing family.

Between the two of them, the couple had nine children and they now have 17 grandchildren.

Tom retired upon their return and they decided to wait for a year before they made any more major adjustments or decisions.

"Tom decided to focus his efforts toward the Red Cross, applying his years of experience in human resources and business management," she says. "I started thinking about where I wanted to go and what I wanted to do and that's when I met Barb."

"Mine is more of a giving back. I am fortunate that I don't have to go back to work, but I feel the need to do something."

"ONE THING we have learned about retirement is that we now have our own to-do list, not someone else's."

Besides working in Manchester, she also spends a lot of time with her family.

Her grandchildren range in age from eight months to 14 years old. Her children are all grown.

Three of them live in Michigan and another lives in New Jersey, where he works with a narcotics dog and was part of the first group to graduate from the Port Authority training program after Sept. 11.

Her son and daughter-in-law are in the air force and were gone immediately after the attacks. Both returned, but one was sent out again.

"I have my daughter and two sons-in-law, who are chefs," she laughs. "We like to eat and they like to make food. It works well."

HER YOUNGEST daughter,

who made the moves first to Detroit and then to China, attended Johnson and Wales University in Rhode Island, known for its culinary arts and hospitality programs.

She chose to return to China for an internship at the Sheraton Hotel.

"These opportunities came and we made use of them," DeGrazia says.

She uses a shard box to show how her life has changed through the years. Shard boxes are products of the Chinese cultural revolution, small boxes decorated with pieces of broken vases.

"It's gone from a vase to a box," she explains. "That's how I see the transitions in my life. It's become something different, but it's beautiful as it is."

She credits the transitions she has made throughout her life with making it easier to understand what others are dealing with.

"You don't necessarily have to experience the same things," she says. "If you've experienced change, certain things remain the same. There's familiarity in that."

"If I can't help people, I look to someone who can. I want to help people help themselves. If things are not going the best in their lives, hope does come. The bottom

line is that you have to work for it."

DEGRAZIA USES her limited license in professional counseling to help clients "work for it." She is working toward board certification, which would have fewer limitations.

"I think I can be effective at this level," she says. "I work actively with other counselors."

Her focus now is on the community service aspect of counseling, as she works to improve people's lives in a small community that reminds her of Harbor Beach.

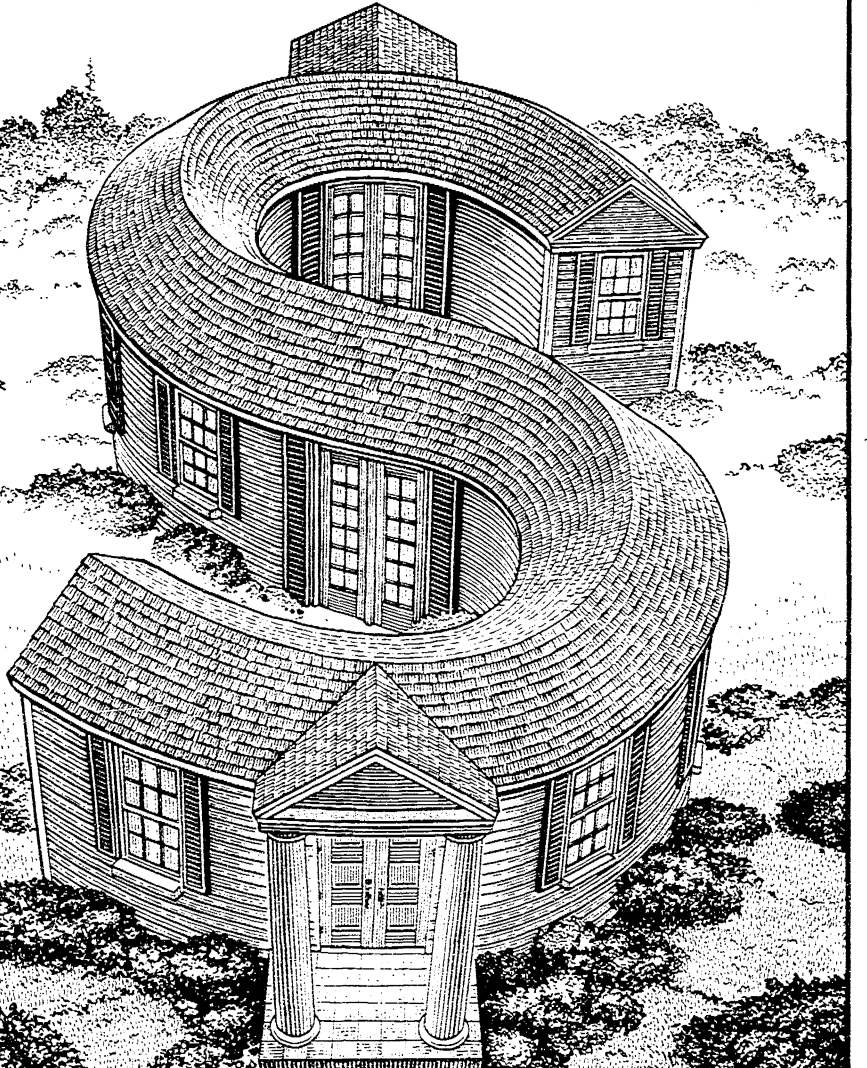
"I've led a very diverse life," she says. "Even living in a small community, we were involved. You don't wait for people to do for you. You have to be willing to go out and do."

"TOM AND I call ourselves adventurous explorers. We have a family of newness and oldness together and there are many experiences we're willing to see and do and try, as a couple and as a family."

DeGrazia laughs. "If you keep waiting for the invitation to dinner, you may never get one," she says. "But if you invite someone to dinner, if you're lucky, maybe you'll get an invitation home."

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SHARON TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS OF BOARD MEETING JUNE 27, 2002

Supervisor Blades called the meeting to order at 8:06 P.M. with the following Board members present: Chizmar, Kappler and Lavender. Aiuto was absent.

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

SHARON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING AND MEETING

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

8-1-02

VILLAGE OF MANCHESTER NOTICE

The Manchester Village Council wishes to remind residents of the following excerpts of Village Code, Chapter 113 (as amended by Ordinance 224 of 1995):

- ◆ The owner of an animal shall not permit or enable his animal to run at large. Such action is declared to be a nuisance and dangerous to the public health and safety.

SHARON TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS OF BOARD BUDGET MEETING JUNE 6, 2002

Supervisor Blades called the meeting to order at 8:12 P.M. with the following board members present: Aiuto, Chizmar, Kappler and Lavender. There were four attendees.

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

SHARON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A public accuracy test for the August 6, 2002 primary election will be conducted at 9:00 A.M. on Friday, August 2, 2002 at the Sharon Township Hall, 18010 Pleasant Lake Rd. Manchester, MI.

MANCHESTER VILLAGE COUNCIL AGENDA

- Monday, August 5, 2002 7:00 P.M. AGENDA: 1. Call meeting to order 2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING JULY 9, 2002, 8:00 P.M. AT FREEDOM TOWN HALL

- 1. The Regular Board Meeting of Freedom Township was called to order by Supervisor Little, with Clerk Schenk, Treasurer Bossory, and Trustees Horning and Weidmayer present as well as approximately 35 residents at 8:00 P.M.

VILLAGE OF MANCHESTER APPROVED COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS JULY 1, 2002

President Vaillencourt called the regular meeting of the Manchester Village Council to order at 7:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Council members present: Conaway, DuRussel, Dzangeleski, Petsch, Schaffer, Way and Vaillencourt.

Respectfully submitted, Julie A. Schaible, Clerk

ELECTION NOTICE TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF BRIDGEWATER, FREEDOM, MANCHESTER AND SHARON TOWNSHIPS

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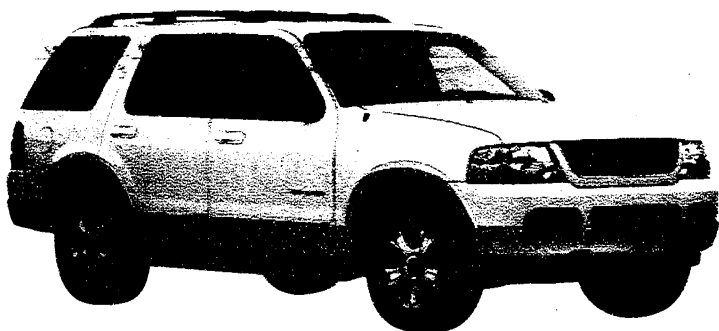
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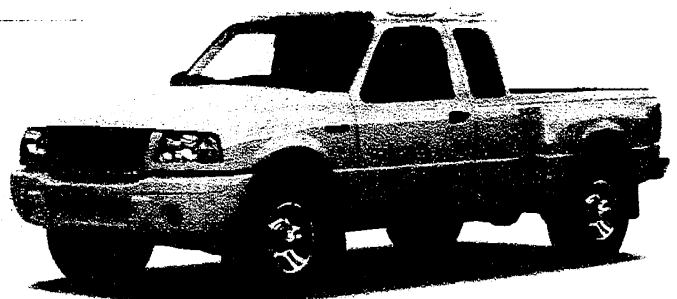
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RULES

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once this," he said. "We could be setting them up for failure. But if the rule is important, if it's worth enforcing, we should enforce it with everyone."

"Am I protecting an athlete? I like to think of it as protecting a student. Rules are tough—but I think our rules are pretty good."

The rules for athletes caught drinking, smoking or using illegal drugs are strong. The offender is banned from participating on the team for the remainder of the current athletic season. If the offense is reported between sports seasons, the athlete is ineligible for the first 20 days of the beginning of the next season.

Other schools in the conference vary in their policies. Some schools have a two-week benching policy; others are for a certain number of events; still others are more similar to Manchester's in that the athlete is suspended for the remainder of the sports season.

"There is always a penalty," Gall said. "But it's not always the same as ours. My feeling is, we have to do what fits our program."

"Our policy has remained the same since 1985. What has changed, are the consequences. I'm comfortable with the policy as it stands. We need to have some consistency in discipline. Kids need to see that the rules are fairly enforced."

When Gall discovers an infraction, only rarely is it something he witnesses himself. The information is more often transmitted via the grapevine or an anonymous informant. In those cases, without a written complaint he can only confront the athlete and ask if the charges are true.

"I have to ask the question," he says. "They can say, 'I screwed up' and I can accept that. But when they

hide the truth, it is hard to take."

Often the student's athletic status is so important to them that they deny the charges, even when the truth is evident. Without any further proof, the athletic director has to drop the issue. And that troubles Gall.

"The kids all know what happened by this time," he said. "Often, they aren't comfortable having that athlete on the team. It creates rifts that are hard to heal."

One quirk in the rules that has created a problem is that when an athlete reaches the age of 18, he or she can legally smoke cigarettes. And yet, the school's rules will continue to prohibit that student from participating in athletic events.

"Athletes know the consequences," Gall said. "They're making a choice."

Gall simply hopes all of his athletes this season will make the right choice.

Car enthusiast wins award

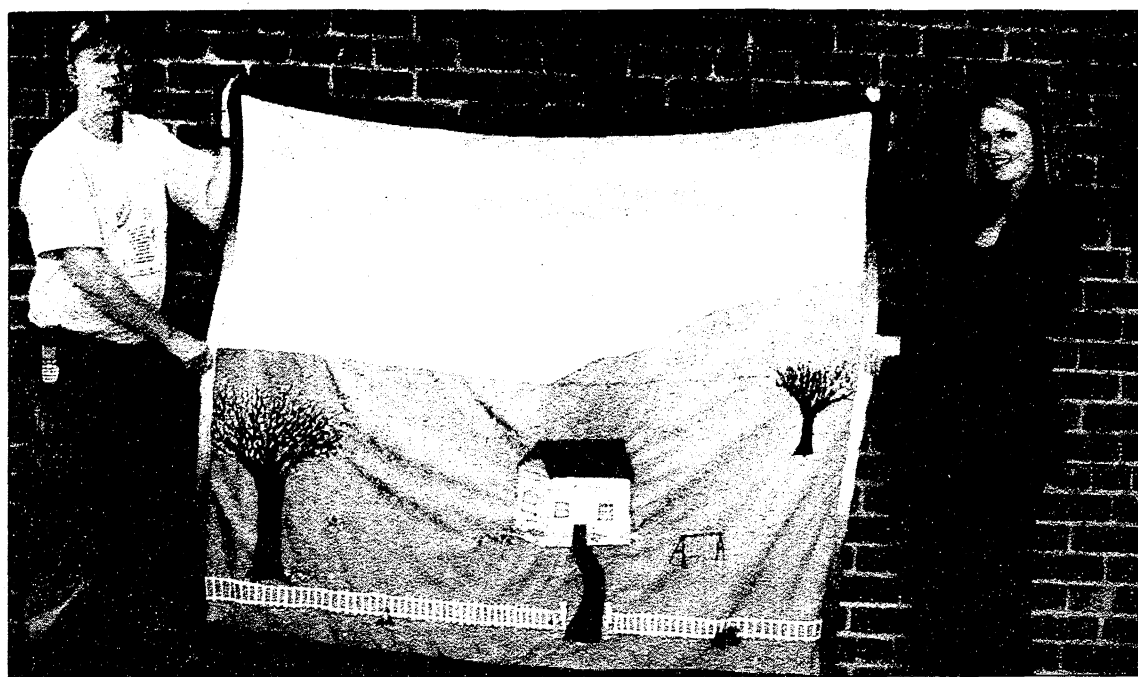
Mark Evans of Chelsea, a 1982 graduate of Manchester High School, entered his 1967 Pontiac Firebird in the 2002 Carlisle All-GM National competition last month and won first place in its class.

Evans displayed the Firebird among more than 1,500 cars on the Carlisle Fun Field participant ballot competition. He has owned the car since 1985 and this is the first year that it has competed in this prestigious national competition.

More than 35,000 enthusiasts attended the three-day event held in Carlisle, Pa.



Quilt to be raffled



Riverfolk Festival director Mark Palms and Angela Cooper show off Amy Powers-DiNardo's handmade quilt that will be part of the raffle this weekend. DiNardo, a Manchester native who has recently moved back to her home town, wanted to volunteer some time to the local arts community and hooked up with Chris Kanta, director at the Community Resource Center. The result was this machine-embroidered quilt.

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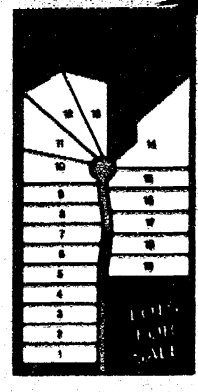
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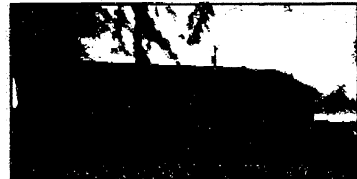
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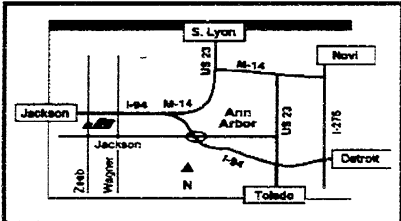
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Dexter Daze

Dexter Daze promises to sizzle next weekend

By Andrea Blythe

Staff Writer

What do bingo, Celtic pipes and fine art have in common?

Not much, except that they are all part of the 2002 Dexter Daze festival.

Dexter Village will play host Aug. 9 and 10 to the annual event, which will feature live entertainment for the entire family from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Aug. 9 and 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Aug. 10 at Monument Park in downtown Dexter.

Activities will include art and crafts booths, a parade, the Knights of Columbus bingo tent, Dexter library book sale on the second day, a fire safety trailer and social tent.

The Dexter Kiwanis Club will hold its annual raffle the festival's second day for a 2002 Chevrolet Cavalier Sedan or a 2002 Chevrolet S-10 pick-up truck.

For those who find themselves hungry, there will be a variety of food vendors available. In addition, the American Legion will host its annual Steak Fry Aug. 9 and, on Aug. 10, the Knights of Columbus will hold a break-



Children will be delighted with the antics of Colors the Clown. Colors will be at the Dexter Daze festivities from 3 to 5 p.m. Friday and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday. Her performance will be on the lawn.

fast. St. James' Episcopal Church in Dexter will host a chicken barbecue later in the day.

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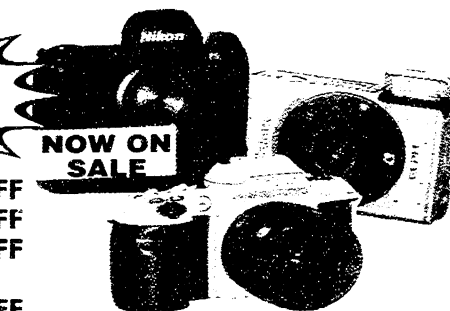
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SIZZLING

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The entertainment lineup is guaranteed to delight the youngest, as well as the oldest, of audiences, festival organizers say. There will be storytelling, magic and musical performances ranging from blues to Celtic pipes to oldies.

The parade will begin at 10 a.m. Aug. 10 and runs for about an hour. The audience will be treated to the sounds of The Celtic Pipe and Drums Corps, which is under the direction of George Kate.

The Dexter High School marching band also will be featured in the parade. There will be fire trucks and antique cars. The Girl Scouts and the Boy Scouts will participate, as well as many other representatives of the community.

The entertainment schedule is as follows:

■ **Jeff Wawrzaszek, 11 a.m. to noon Aug. 9**, will perform a magic show.

■ **Zeemo, 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Aug. 9**, will share yo-yo tricks.

■ **Adam Mellema, 2 to 3 p.m. Aug. 9**, will share stories in the finest form.

■ **Toppermost, 3:30 to 5 p.m. Aug. 9**, will perform "British invasion" rock music.

■ **Colors the Clown, 3 to 5 p.m. Aug. 9**, will bring her furry friends and bag of tricks.

■ **Big Pinky, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Aug. 9**, will play music from the classic oldies era.

■ **Al Hill, 8 to 11 p.m. Aug. 9**, will perform blues sounds with a rock 'n' roll twist.

■ **Dexter Orchestra, 9 to 10 a.m. Aug. 10**, will feature Dexter residents at their musical best.

■ **Dexter Daze Parade, 10 to 11 a.m. Aug. 10**, will make its way down Main Street.

■ **Celtic Pipe and Drum Corps, 11 a.m. Aug. 10**, will perform in concert at the Monument Park gazebo.

■ **Colors the Clown, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Aug. 10**, returns with her children's show.

■ **Julie Austin, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Aug. 10**, will perform children's music accompanied with movement and dance.

■ **Kevin Devine, 2 to 3 p.m. Aug. 10**, will provide family entertainment.

■ **The Herrold-Gordan Small Band, 3:30 to 5 p.m. Aug. 10**, will offer jazzy entertainment.

■ **RFD Boys, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Aug. 10**, will play bluegrass.

■ **George Bedard & the King Pins, 8 to 11 p.m. Aug. 10**, will perform rock, blues and oldies to finish off the weekend.

All entertainment will take place in the gazebo, with the exception of the parade and Colors the Clown. Colors will be on the lawn in Monument Park.

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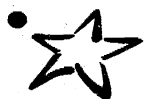
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Toppermost to invade Dexter Daze

By Andrea Blythe
Staff Writer

Look out Dexter! The British invasion is about to hit again.

Toppermost, a "British invasion" rock band, is coming to Dexter Daze Aug. 9.

The band is comprised mainly of Tom Diab and Dave Stanton, both of Dexter. Diab is a high school teacher in Saline and has lived in Dexter for five years. Stanton, a Dexter-area piano tuner, has been a resident of Dexter for 10 years.

Todd Brown, a drummer from Chelsea and Jean Jones, a keyboardist from Ypsilanti, will accompany them at the festival.

"I know there are a lot of rock, blues and classic rock bands out there," Diab said. "We discovered that there is a great niche for Beatles-style music."

Toppermost has been together for three years. Members consider themselves the Beatles' biggest fans. They have performed at the last two Apple Daze festivals in Dexter, but wanted to try out the crowds at Dexter Daze this year.

The family-friendly band emphasizes vocal harmonies and performs

feel-good, happy music. The musicians make regular appearances at venues from Northville to Saline and also perform at private parties.

Toppermost is working on its second album and is looking to become better known locally.

"We perform because we love the

music," Diab said.

The band's Web site, www.geocities.com/toppermost64, has a schedule of performances.

Toppermost will perform from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Aug. 9 at the Monument Park gazebo on Main Street in Dexter.



The British invasion-style talents of the band Toppermost will take the stage at Dexter Daze this year, performing from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Aug. 9.

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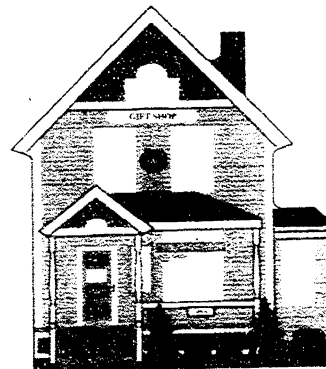
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Rollicking Fun

Kevin Devine performs for kids

By Andrea Blythe

Staff Writer

Kids, put on your dancing shoes and creative caps.

Kevin Devine is promising to put on a participatory, rollicking children's concert at Dexter Daze next weekend.

Devine began his children's music career in Boston. He had been playing music professionally since he was 18 years old and performed in solo appearances at bars, singing rock, blues and country music, but wasn't making enough money at it.

So, Devine took a job as a news reporter and volunteered on Fridays to direct a choral group made up of senior citizens. A preschool teacher attended one of his concerts and asked him to sing for her class.

Having never sung for children before, Devine says he was nervous. But he didn't need to be. He was a hit with the kids and the teacher.

Devine was asked back, and was paid \$10 for the second show. He then promoted his act at 10 schools and seven hired him sight unseen.

The rest, as they say, is history.

Devine has performed children's music full time for the last 12 years, putting on about 30 shows a month. Now that his two children are nearly school-age, he has decided it's too difficult to travel around so much.

Currently, Devine is the director of Eastern Michigan University's Student Media and performs five children's concerts a month.

"I guess you could say that I am semi-retired," he said.

Usually performing alone, Devine puts on a silly, action-packed show for kids. His target age group is ages 3 to 7, but he said that kids of all ages enjoy the show.

"I perform as though it's not just a children's concert, but a real concert," he said. "My music is sincere. Kids can tell when you aren't sincere."

Devine says he strives to be a "facilitator of the audience's participation."

He says he doesn't want to be the star on stage and tries to find an entry point for each audience, even if it means beginning with the song "B-I-N-G-O." Then he moves into more songs that require audience participation, where the audience might sing, dance, clap, echo or do anything that adds to the song.

Devine has written more than 1,000 songs, several of which are in different languages such as Spanish, French and Swahili. His songs cover all types of genres, including folk and cowboy.

Some of Devine's songs have been used on TV shows, including "Barney and Friends," "General Hospital" and "Jag." His songs are also featured on some made-for-TV movies.

When not singing, Devine is working his way through graduate school at Wayne State University. He said he also enjoys every moment he spends at home with his wife and children.

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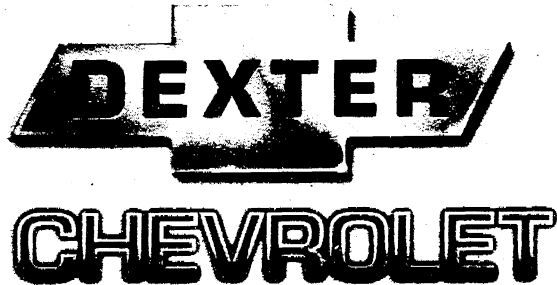


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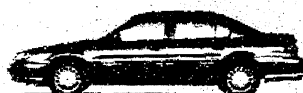
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