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NEWS BRIEFS

Raingutter regatta set for Saturday

The Cub Scouts' annual raingutter regatta will be held Saturday at Chi-Bro Park.

A noon potluck will be followed by boys and their families being able to assemble, decorate and race their boats.

All boys in first through fifth grades are invited to attend with their families.

Mark your calendars for CRC golf open

Mark your calendars for Sept. 15—the date of the 12th annual Community Resource Center Golf Open to be held at Pierce Lake Golf Course in Chelsea, sponsored by Palmer Ford.

Openings are available for individuals and teams. Along with 18 holes of golf, the open will provide a catered meal, prizes and golf contests that anyone can win! The cost is \$90 per individual or \$320 per team.

CROP Walk kick-off meeting set for Sunday

A kick-off meeting for the annual CROP Walk, set this year for Oct. 6, will be held at 4:30 p.m. Sunday at Emanuel United Church of Christ fellowship hall.

David Fowler, Michigan Director for Church World Service, will give an update on how CROP money is helping those in need—both in our community and around the world.

Legislature overrides Engler veto

Following a massive rally of local officials on Aug. 13, state lawmakers overwhelmingly rejected Gov. John Engler's veto of \$845 million in state funding for communities.

State Rep. Gene DeRossett, who joined legislators in the override vote, said he was supported overwhelmingly by the response from local officials in Washtenaw County.

"These funds are needed to provide essential protective services and had to be restored," DeRossett said.

School board holds goal-setting workshop

■ Long term financial plan tops list.

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Associate Editor

The Manchester Community Schools Board of Education held a special meeting on Aug. 7 to set short and long-term goals for the district. The meeting was facilitated by Kathleen Hayes, a representative of the Michigan Association of School Boards and a member of the Williamston school board.

"It was good to hear her talk about their board's concerns," board president Ron Ellison said. "Every school's got problems: Manchester's certainly not unique."

"It's the system—the way schools are financed and the rules that come from Lansing. It was kind of a relief to know we aren't crazy here."

Hayes' emphasis was on goal setting and on the role of the board, superintendent, administrators and staff in setting the goals. From understanding the basic roles each entity plays, the discussion evolved to asking the simple question of where each board member would like to see Manchester schools in five years.

The three major goals set by the board included a long-range financial plan, curriculum upgrades and improved communication between the board and the community.

Board vice-president Marlene Wagner said the process went well.

"Once it was all on the board, in general we realized we all were saying the same things," Wagner said. "We all feel it's very important to have a long-term financial plan for the district."

"Without that in place, it's hard to do any other goals."

The board agreed that curriculum improvement is an integral part of moving the district forward.

"Aligning the curriculum works together with the keys of communication and pride in the schools," Wagner said. "As we looked at it, everything began to flow together. The financial picture will help put things in place to plan improvements to the curriculum. The attitude toward the schools will improve as we further communicate our goals."

Wagner added that her impression of the meeting was that it wasn't a struggle to come to a consensus on three overall goals for the district.

"We all were looking in the same direction," she said.
Board secretary Monty Okey

agreed. "It was long overdue," Okey said. "I don't think the board has ever had one of these sessions, and I know we haven't during my three-year tenure."

Okey was pleased with the top priorities the board collectively agreed upon. He added that in years to come, he would like to see the district add a curriculum director to oversee the entire K-12 program.

"In my opinion, it's unfortunate we haven't been able to afford that kind of position up to now," he said. "If our revenues increase as we slowly grow, that would be wonderful."

"I'm also pleased that the focus of our school district remains on the overall education of our community and students, and not just the new physical plans."

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Launching a New Sport

■ Skateboarding-rollerblading ramps installed at Chi-Bro Park.

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Associate Editor

"It's been a long time coming," Pat DuRussel said with satisfaction as he watched the fruits of his labor come to life.

DuRussel, a member of the Manchester Village Council and representative to the parks commission spearheaded an effort this summer to construct skate park equipment for Chi-Bro Park. Although the commission had budgeted \$3,000 to build skate park equipment at the northeast corner of the park, underneath the water tower, DuRussel bought the blueprints and then rounded up volunteer labor and donated materials to defray the costs of the ramps, boxes, and rail for inline skating and skateboarding.

Donations came from Jeff's Auto Glass in Onsted, Manchester Automotive, Manchester Collision and from the Kiwanis of Manchester, who contributed the proceeds from the food concession held at the Riverfolk Festival on Aug. 3. Volunteer labor was provided by Marty Way, Dave Robert, Don DuRussel, Ed Barnard, Jim Miller, Rich Schaible, Dave Kemmer, Greg and Josh Clark, Dave and Jacob Bauer, Patrick DuRussel II, Kevin Turk, Mike Coutts, Jim Roberts and Greg

Bondy. "I told them it would only take an hour of their time," DuRussel said with a grin. "It was a little more than that, but it went together pretty quickly."

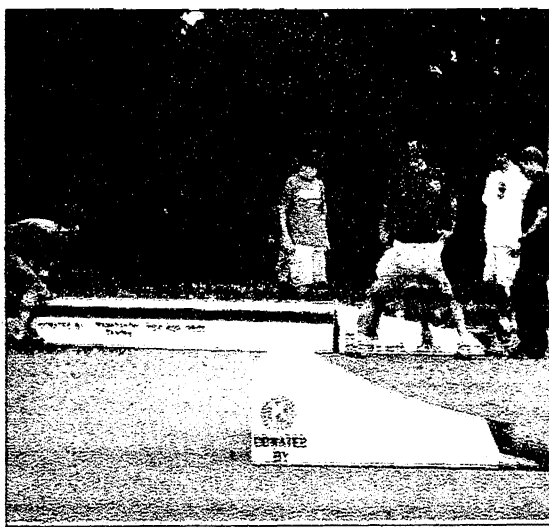
A couple of evenings' work at the village hall garage pulled everything together and the skate park apparatus was ready to place in the park without much fanfare.

But a large group of skaters was eager to test out the equipment as soon as it was placed on the asphalt surface donated two years ago by the Chicken Broil committee. Within a couple hours, more than a dozen skateboarders were in attendance and the equipment was in use consistently all weekend long by a growing number of skaters.

The volunteer labor saved the village a great deal of time and expense, but some of the workers joked that others didn't understand what they were doing.

"I was telling some guys at work about the project, and they looked at me and asked if I had to do community service," Don DuRussel said. "I told them no, it was just volunteering. I did it because I wanted to, not because I had to."

Village Manager Jeff Wallace was pleased with the outcome of the project. "It's something the park system has needed for quite a while," he said. "It's great that we had some people come forward and donate the materials and time so the kids have a place to go."



Photos by Marsha Johnson Chartrand
A large crew of workers helped set up the skate park equipment at Chi-Bro Park on Friday night, and it was soon being enjoyed by an equally large crew of skating enthusiasts.



Bridgewater zoning board discusses setbacks

■ One variance approved, another denied.

By Nancy Hebb
Special Writer

Bridgewater Township's Zoning Board of Appeals met on Aug. 14 to consider two variance applications from Clinton Road residents. Both applications concerned placement of garages on the applicants' properties.

Due to the resignation of former Zoning Board of Appeals Chair Wade Peacock, Vice Chair Shirley Fraley, provided. Alternate members Glen Finkbeiner and Douglas Parr also attended, along with Zoning Administrator Janet Cowling and administrative assistant Wanda Fish.

Dick Wegner requested a variance in order to locate a new garage building 15 feet from an existing shed on rental property across Clinton Road from his home. His plan required a variance of five feet, making the distance between the buildings less than the required 20 feet.

Wegner explained that he initially intended merely to make substantial repairs to the garage, but found it in poor condition when he got into the project, due to poor design of the 50-year-old structure.

"It just didn't make sense to leave it standing in the shape it was in. It was poorly supported in the first place," Wegner explained.

Once the garage was ripped down, the Wegners realized it opened up a view for the house, and decided to put a window in the kitchen. To make the improved view possible, the garage would have to be reconstructed closer to the shed than the allowed 20 feet.

The board reviewed Wegner's site plan and agreed to the variance request. The house, shed, and original garage predated any zoning ordinance in the township, and according to the board, the building project made sense. The property is accessible from the main road, so Board members did not believe the placement of the garage would cause any difficulty for emergency vehicles needing access to the site.

Mary Spreeman and Peter

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Freedom Township clerk changes roles

■ Deputy clerk named to fulfill Schenk's term.

By Laura Merte
Staff Writer

After two years as a voting member on the Freedom Township board, Clerk Theresa Schenk announced at the Aug. 13 board meeting her decision to step down from her position. The board voted to appoint Sara Bassett, deputy clerk, to the position of clerk for the remaining two years of the term.

WORKING TWO jobs has become increasingly difficult for Schenk, who also is the finance director for Manchester Community Schools. The demands of

both positions have increased in the last year, says Schenk, which affected her ability to perform both jobs efficiently.

Elected in August 2000, Schenk was working for the Saline school district, but not as the chief financial officer.

"I had more of a regular job that didn't require night meetings," she said. "It was insulated from the district politics."

In April 2001 Schenk came to Manchester, where she took on more responsibility

as finance director.

"In September 2001 we passed our bond issue, so I knew I was going to get busier, but I didn't know exactly how much work it was going to create," Schenk said. "The bond issue has added a lot to this job."

"From construction meetings to selecting the architects and designer, in addition to regular school board meetings ... at the same time the township and police issue really heated up. At one point I had 15 meetings over a couple of weeks' time."

"I didn't think I could carry that responsibility for two more years."

AFTER SEVERAL months of deliberation, Schenk announced her resignation.

"I became concerned that the citizens were not getting the service they deserve," Schenk said. "I don't like to do a job if I can't do it well, and I would not be able to do it well, and wouldn't be fulfilling the promises I made when elected."

Schenk believes she is leaving the township in good hands with Bassett's appointment. "I'm fortunate to have had a very active and competent



Schenk



Bassett

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Aug. 22

Community Resource Center Board meets at 7:30 p.m. at the center.

King's Volunteers meet at 1 p.m. at the Manchester United Methodist Church.

Aug. 23

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. 24

Aug. 26

First Day of School

Aug. 27

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

Shakespeare Club meets at 1 p.m.

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

Klager Elementary School PTO meets at 6:30 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Call 428-8321 for location.

Aug. 28

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

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

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

Alzheimer's Association Transition/Placement Support Group meets from 7

to 9 p.m. at Home Care and Hospice of Michigan, 3003 Washtenaw Ave., Suite 5. Ann Arbor. Meetings are free and confidential.

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

Aug. 29

COMING EVENTS:

Manchester Homeschool Club will hold a Meeting/Gym Day from 1 to 3 p.m. on Sept. 6. Bring your own play equipment. On Sept. 11 the group will travel to Carousel Acres in South Lyon at 10 a.m. Call 428-7595 for more information.

Thursday

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Friday

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

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

Saturday

Manchester Kiwanis Club meets at 8 a.m. on the first

and third Saturday at the village hall. Call 428-8976 for membership information.

Sunday

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

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

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

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

Masonic Lodge business meeting takes place at 7:30 p.m. on the first Monday of each month.

Manchester Optimist Club meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday of each month at Emanuel United Church of Christ.

Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce Board meets on the second Monday of each month at noon at Dan's River Grill. All chamber members may attend.

Manchester District Library Board meets at 7:00 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at the new village hall, 912 City Road.

Bridgewater Township Planning Commission meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at the Bridgewater Township Hall.

Manchester Knights of Columbus meets at 8 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at St. Mary's Catholic Church Parish Center.

Manchester Community Fair Board meets at 8 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at the village building.

Manchester Township Board meets at 8 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at the Manchester Township Hall.

Manchester Board of Education meets at 7:00 p.m. on the third Monday of each month in the high school media center.

Tuesday

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

Story Time with Grandma Pat, 10:30 to 11 a.m. on the first and third Tuesday and Wednesdays of each month at the Manchester District Library, for children ages 3 to 6, accompanied by an adult.

Manchester Sportsman Club meets at 7p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the club house, 8501 Grossman Road.

Manchester Band Boosters meet at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the high school band room.

Freedom Township Planning Commission meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Freedom Township Hall.

Manchester Area Senior Citizens meet at 9:30 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at the senior center.

Little League organizational meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at the high school, room 104.

Manchester Village Planning Commission meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at the Village Hall.

20th Century Club meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month.

Freedom Township Board meets at 8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at the Freedom Township Hall.

Shakespeare Club meets at 1 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

Ackerson Middle School PTA meets at 3:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at the middle school.

Manchester Historical Society meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at the Blacksmith Shop.

La Leche League of Western Washtenaw County meets at 10 a.m. on the

fourth Tuesday of each month. Call 428-8831 or 475-2094 for location or information.

Klager Elementary School PTO meets at 6:30 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Call 428-8321 for location.

Wednesday

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

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

Story Time with Grandma Pat, 10:30 to 11 a.m. on the first and third Tuesday and Wednesdays of each month at the Manchester District Library, for children ages 3 to 6, accompanied by an adult.

Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners meets at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month at the County Administration Building.

Raisin Valley Land Trust meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month at the Blacksmith Shop.

Veterans of Foreign Wars meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month at the American Legion Home.

Athletic Boosters meet at 7:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month in the high school media center.

American Legion Auxiliary meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month at the American Legion Home.

Southwest Washtenaw Council of Governments meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month. Call (517) 456-4642

for information.

Women and Infant Children program meets from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the senior center.

Bridgewater Township Board meets at 7:00 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the Bridgewater Township Hall.

Manchester Men's Club meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month.

Manchester Family Services Community Food Gatherers program takes place from 1 to 3 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month at St. Mary's Catholic Church Parish Center kitchen.

Manchester Township Fire Department Board meets at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the fire hall.

The Manchester Garden Club meets informally on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Gardeners of all levels of experience are welcome. Call JoAnn Okey at 428-9667 for details.

GETTING LISTED

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

SCHOOL MENU

LUNCH MENU

FOR WEEK OF AUG. 26

Monday: Half day, no lunch

Tuesday: Chicken nuggets,

potato and green beans

Wednesday: Papa Joe's

pizza, salad and fruit.

Thursday: Nacho supreme

with cheese, lettuce and

tomato; fruit.

Friday: Hot dogs, green

peas and applesauce.

STRAIGHT FACTS

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



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The emerald ash borer is a new pest to consider

Local nursery can help infestations.

By Laura Merte
Staff Writer

Healthy trees are suffering in many yards and nurseries in southeast Michigan, and finally scientists know why.

An exotic beetle known as the emerald ash borer was identified earlier this summer, infesting trees in Livingston, Macomb, Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne counties. No one knows how it arrived in the area, since the beetle's natural habitat lies in eastern Russia, northern China, Japan and Korea.

But it did. And it's killing off ash trees in a matter of years.

EXPERTS FEAR that the infestation could wreak more havoc than Dutch elm disease, because the aggressive beetle attacks both healthy and stressed trees, as well as both large and small trees. Dutch elm disease, which has destroyed more than half the elm trees

in North America, only affected weak or dying elm wood.

Emerald Ash Borer larvae hatch from eggs laid directly on the tree bark, then bore into the tree, chewing through the bark and outer sapwood until they reach the juicy phloem (the part that carries water and nutrients from the ground to other parts of the tree). They devour the tree's vascular system, creating trails and galleries that eventually girdle and kill branches and entire trees. In the spring, the adults emerge through small holes in the bark and continue the life cycle.

BECAUSE THE infestation is so problematic and comes from an unknown source, ash trees in southeast Michigan have been quarantined by the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA).

"Basically, ash tree sales have come to a screeching halt," says Gail Quaderer of McLennan Landscape.

nan's has dealt with a number of infested trees. The best way to determine if you have a problem, she says, is to look for yellowing of the leaves. But even if you do spot damaged foliage or holes where beetles have emerged, it may be too late.

"By the time you see the symptoms," says Quaderer, "you have a very limited chance of the tree being restored."

Entire trees can be killed after only two or three years of infestation, and many lose 30 to 50 percent of their leaf canopy in one year.

TO COMBAT the pest,

McLennan's uses a process called "micro-injection," where insecticide is injected at the base of the tree around the circumference, where it can be drawn up into the tree to kill the larvae within.

For younger trees with a diameter of four inches or less, spray insecticide is an adequate preventative measure to take.

As for researching ways to eradicate the pest, "the Michigan Department of Agriculture is definitely on it," Quaderer says. "They're actively trying to figure out how it got here and how it



Photo courtesy of Michigan Department of Agriculture, Pesticide and Plant Pest Management. This ash tree is in decline due to an infestation of the Emerald Ash Borer.

can be stopped." More information may be maintained by calling the MDA Ash Borer Hotline at 1-

866-325-0023 or by visiting online at www.michigan.gov/mda, keyword "ash borer."

Signs of ash borer infestation

- Yellowing leaves at the top of the tree
- Canopy dieback (substantial loss of leaves in the higher branches)
- Small (1/16-inch) D-shaped exit holes in the bark where the adult beetle emerges in the spring

- Vertical splits in the bark 2 to 4 inches long above larvae galleries
- Suckering (dense sprouting of shoots) from the trunk, roots or lower branches of the tree

Special ed levy may appear on ballot

WISD looks for support from area schools.

By Will Keeler
Staff Writer

The Washtenaw Intermediate School District is still considering a special tax levy to support special education programs in the county.

Voters across the county may be asked to support a millage increase as soon as next year, said Pat MacQuarrie, assistant superintendent of the WISD.

"We are at a planning stage and we want to know that we have the approval of

all 10 school districts in the county before we go to the voters," MacQuarrie said last week.

So far, MacQuarrie has talked to several local school districts, including Manchester, and has received full support, she said.

The Manchester Board of Education gave MacQuarrie a nod of support at its June 17 board meeting.

Rising costs in programming and an increase in special education enrollment are factors for additional revenue, MacQuarrie said.

Since 1998, special education enrollment in the county has increased from 4,400

students to 6,700 for the 2001-02 school year.

The current millage, passed in 1987, is for 3.5 mills and was reduced to 3 mills because of the Headlee rollback requirements.

Manchester superintendent David Oegema explained that money for special education goes to WISD and is funneled back to local districts, reimbursing about 62 percent of the costs incurred.

"What will happen is if they don't get an increase in millage, they will reduce it back so the local district has to pick up more of the cost," Oegema said.

"More money for special ed, means less

money for general education programs.

"It does impact our district directly. So our board supported the concept of them going for an increase, at a time when they determine the climate is right."

The millage issue must pass county-wide to be implemented.

MacQuarrie said that in the coming months all nine superintendents in the county, including the WISD superintendent, will continue to meet and discuss the possibility of requesting a millage increase.

Associate Editor Marsha Johnson Chartrand also contributed to this report.

VIDEO VOICE

"Lord of the Rings" tops the week's rentals.

"Lord of the Rings," after making \$320 million at the box office, was released to universal acclaim and hot demand on home video and DVD. It topped last week's rentals at the DVD Revolution in Manchester, followed by Dragonfly, Collateral Damage, Clockstoppers and Showtime.

"Clark" and "Audrey" at the DVD Revolution give top ratings to Lord of the Rings in this week's movie reviews.

"She Says..."

"I haven't read the book, but I did enjoy the movie," Audrey said. "I didn't know it would be so scary at times."

Audrey was impressed by the breathtaking scenery in the film, as well.

"It makes me wonder why we live in such plain housing!" she said, adding, "There are enough obstacles in the hero's path to compete with running errands on Main Street on a Saturday morning."

Audrey gave the film a 9 out of 10 rating, asking,

"Where is the ending? Will my memory hold until the next episode appears on video?"

"He Says..."

Clark rates Lord of the Rings a 9.5 out of 10, calling it, "an exquisite tale."

"It's the ultimate fantasy story, as any who are familiar with Tolkien will attest," he said.

This first installment of the trilogy holds fairly true to the book, with wonderful scenery and terrible creatures.

"Strict fans of the trilogy may be disappointed by a few deviations from the storyline to satisfy Hollywood, but even those completely unfamiliar with the books will enjoy this movie," Clark concluded.

Movies released this week and available for rental include Mel Gibson in "We Were Soldiers," Disney's "Return to Never Land," "Joe Somebody," featuring Tim Allen, "Iris," "The Sweetest Thing," starring Cameron Diaz and the comedic "National Lampoon's Van Wilder."

HONORS

BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Boston University awarded academic degrees to 5,174 students this spring. Among the graduates was Manchester resident Angela N. Cooper, who received a bachelor of science in journalism.

completed the requirements for associate, bachelor's, master's or doctorate degrees or certificates at Ferris State University during the Winter 2002 semester. Eric VanBogelen of Manchester received an associate's degree in applied science in the HVACR technology program.

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Healthy student body is important to food services

■ School lunch program tries to accommodate kids' tastes.

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Associate Editor

After facing a severe budget deficit last year, the Manchester Community Schools' food services department is working even harder to earn the loyalty of its clientele.

Starting this fall, Food Services director Karen Tobias will be serving hot meals at all three schools each day, all prepared locally. Currently, Klager Elementary School is the only school that has full kitchen facilities. All food will be prepared on-site at Klager's kitchen, then delivered to the middle and high schools, where it will be heated before serving.

"I'm trying to cater the meals to the individual schools," Tobias said. "Elementary kids like one thing, high school kids like something else. We'd like to get an even mix, and give everyone a hot meal, not just a cold sandwich."

"We're looking forward to when we can do some real cooking, when the new facilities are available," she added.

With the new cafeteria at the elementary school, the

kitchen staff will have greater latitude in its set-up once the classroom wing is completed at Klager and the two second-grade classrooms can move from the cafeteria back to their original sites.

"It will automatically be set up," Tobias said. "We won't have to wait for the gym classes to get done to set up for lunch. It will be our own room, and we will be able to leave things out, do some decorating and hopefully make it more appealing to the kids."

At the high school and middle school, the students still "share" cafeteria space with other activities.

"The middle school's cafeteria is used for other events in the evening," Tobias said. "And when the kids are in there, it's so small and packed. When they move up here (to the current high school site), it will be better for them. We'll also have our own kitchen up here, and keep the kitchen equipment outside of the cafeteria."

"I'm looking forward to being able to have all the stuff set up and not have to tear it down every day. I think my girls are too."

Currently, Tobias has two servers on staff at each site in addition to a cook who works at the Klager kitchen. She hopes that menu

improvements and listening to what the kids want will help the program to rebound this year.

"We're in a tight year already," she said. "My prices have stayed the same—\$2.25 per meal. I'm trying to do everything to keep it so I don't have to raise prices."

"But if these changes don't work, prices may have to go up again. We hope not."

Tobias said that last year the number of kids served was "way down" from prior years.

"We don't know if the problems were logistics, if the kids didn't like the food, or if it was the slower economy," she said. "It's hard to say."

"The older kids wanted more hot meals, but with the elementary kids our numbers were just down."

Tobias speculates that changing cooks in the middle of the school year may have been a good move, since numbers started to swing upwards again.

"We think we have things stable now," she said. "We'd like the kids to participate a little bit more, let us know what they want."

With changing tastes from year to year, she said that it can be difficult to predict what meals will be "hot" sellers based on past per-



Teachers Kay Miller and Yvonne Henry enjoy lunch this week at tables that will soon be filled with high school students. The food service program is looking forward to a good year after last year's challenges.

Photo by Angela Cooper

formance.

"Someone told us all kids like chicken nuggets," she said. "So last year, we planned menus with chicken nuggets once a week."

"That didn't go over so well."

Other options for the students include daily offerings of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches or bagels and cream cheese. Milk is served with every meal.

Peanut butter sandwiches are made off-site to avoid kids with life-threatening allergies inadvertently getting in contact with the substance.

"Sometimes it's hard," Tobias added. "You've not only got to offer things that the kids like, but you have to

have the state's approval, meeting all their requirements, too."

"Then you have to keep it within your budget."

It's a balancing act for Tobias and her staff—offering more variety while keeping costs in line.

One way of saving money, Tobias says, is to invite different vendors to bring their foods into the district.

"Some vendors will bring in the product, and we'll prepare and sell it as a regular lunch," she said. "Usually, the vendor will then do something special to promote his product."

This doesn't cost the district anything and can provide valuable feedback from the students as they do "taste-testing" during lunch hours.

The district also has received a grant for enrolling the middle school in a program called Teen Nutrition, working together with the United States Department of Agriculture and the Department of Education.

"We're working together to teach kids better nutrition," Tobias said. "We'll run some activities to promote not only good nutrition but the value of a healthy lifestyle."

The program will kick off at the middle school in September, with a team of parents, teachers and administrators helping to focus on nutrition and healthy lifestyle choices.

Some new menu items this year will feature Papa Joe's pizza for the elementary school, cooked on site. Middle and high school students will continue to buy Ollie's Pizza.

"We're also trying open faced cheese sandwiches and cinnamon toast as new items," Tobias said. "We'll try some more things as the year goes on and see if the kids like them better. We're starting out the year with the simple things because we felt that would be easiest."

"Maybe we'll add a new item each month. Right now, we just want to get things under way."

OBITUARIES

VIRGINIA LOUISE "GINI" FLEURY-PATAK

"Gini" Fleury-Patak, age 52 of Manchester, died suddenly on Aug. 12, 2002. She was born on June 26, 1950 in Detroit, the daughter of Jack and Virginia (Denne) Fleury. She married George Patak on Oct. 11, 1975 in Farmington Hills and he survives.

Mrs. Fleury-Patak was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Manchester, the Detroit Chapter of Women in Communication and the Society of Technical Communication.

In addition to her husband, two daughters, Sarah and Megan, both of Manchester, also survive her. She was preceded in death by her parents.

A funeral Mass was held on Aug. 20 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Manchester. Memorial contributions are suggested to Trailblazers of Washtenaw County. Envelopes are available at the Jenter & Braun Funeral Home, Manchester Chapel.

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RUSSELL SMITH II

Russell C. Smith II, 57, of Montpelier, Vt. died on Aug. 11, 2002, at his home. He was born Oct. 26, 1944, in Ann Arbor, the son of Russell C. and Mildred (Shupe) Smith.

He attended Manchester High School and Eastern Michigan University. He served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam from 1967 to 1969. He married Barbara Maher in 1983 in Barre, Vt., where he worked at the Department of Human Services as director of information and education.

He was a member of the Montpelier Theatre Guild where he was a founder of its Theatre Arts for Youth, the Barre Players, the New England Collegiate Baseball League and the International Association Approved Baseball Officials. He served on the Montpelier school board in 1998.

Survivors include his wife of

Montpelier: two daughters, Katherine and Megan of Montpelier; and two sisters, Victoria Smith of Ann Arbor and Millie April Smith of Manchester.

A private graveside service was held at the convenience of the family in the Green Mount Cemetery in Montpelier. A public memorial service will be

held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to Theater Arts Fund For Youth (TAFFY), P.O. Box 465, Montpelier, VT 05601 or Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice, 600 Granger Road, Barre, VT 05641.

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Street Talk

By Becky Noggle

What is your favorite movie of all time?



"Lord of the Rings." Israel Clouse



"The Breakfast Club." Robin Lee



"Meet the Parents." Wade Goodell



"The Tigger Movie." Tracey Aldridge



"The Sandlot." Abby LaRock

Say farewell to summer at the State Fair

The temperatures tell another tale, but when the State Fair arrives each year, I know the end is near.

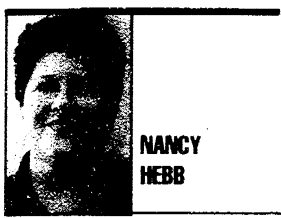
The fair signals memories of those final free days before school starts. As the radio in my truck advertises the event, I note an influx of campers and RVs headed home from Up North and reluctantly think about falling leaves.

The Michigan State Fair signals more than the close of a season, however. Housed in the heart of Detroit for the past 97 years (with a break during World War II), it brings two diverse cultures together, offering each a glimpse of the other that might lead to better understanding.

From my years working at Greenfield Village's living history farm, I know some inner-city kids often don't know the difference between a milk cow and a buffalo. They don't know where milk and eggs originate.

The fact that a hog must be butchered to make sausage—whether links cranked out in an 1880s kitchen or patties for a Sausage McMuffin—fascinates them. Some aren't sure whether to believe what their eyes see and their ears hear, or not.

Their teachers and par-



NANCY HEBB

SHEEP SHOTS

ents sometimes possess barely more informed ideas about where food and fiber actually originate. I dare say that not because I've witnessed several instances, but because I saw and heard daily examples during my tenure tending the Village's livestock.

I remember a teacher shrilly announcing, "Look! She's shearing a sheep! She's taking the shoes off!" to a bunch of fourth-graders who stopped to watch me trim ewes' feet. The poor woman really thought I was relieving the shod beasts of their old shoes in preparation for getting new ones.

The saddest sight I witnessed regularly was the fear of a calm milk cow, or a little lamb, or a chicken scratching in the dust. And it wasn't just the children whose faces sometimes looked paralytic with apprehension.

When a politician proposed a venue change for

the State Fair, my first thought was, "Great. Take away the only view of agriculture ever seen by hundreds of thousands of people from Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb counties. That will do a lot to advance the understanding between rural and urban residents. Not."

In a time when environmentalist scream against run-off from agricultural fertilizers, overlooking the fact that 70 percent of the fertilizer used in the United States is applied on urban and suburban yards and greens, the last thing the world needs is anything to further the gulf of ignorance between agriculture and those who consume its products.

The Michigan Agriculture Society established the State Fair in Detroit in 1849, just 11 years after Michigan achieved statehood. According to the Michigan Department of Agriculture, about \$800 in premiums were awarded for "articles, productions, and improvements ... best calculated to promote the agricultural and household manufacturing interest of the state."

The site of the fair jumped here and there until 1905 when Joseph L. Hudson (founder of

Hudson's department store) engineered the sale, for \$1, of 135 acres to the State Agricultural Society. An additional 32 acres were purchased then, and in the 1980s and 90s, the Michigan Land Trust Fund purchased more land to bring the fairgrounds to its present 207-acre spread. It was designated a State Historic Site way back in 1958.

Yes, the fair moved around for its first 50 years, and originally the current site was farmland outside the city's sprawl. But the purpose of the fair remains principally unchanged 153 years after its inception. There's no better place to achieve that purpose than in Detroit.

In the last few years, the Michigan Department of Agriculture along with Michigan State University and the Department of Natural Resources, have introduced areas to not only promote Michigan agriculture and recreation, but to inform, educate, and indoctrinate youth and adults alike that food—whether organic or not, fresh or processed—doesn't originate in the grocery aisles.

The fair isn't a quaint, nostalgic view of past lifestyles. The times changed it, and although in many ways current times make it more difficult to meet the Fair's goals than in centuries past, it does an admirable job.

In the brief time it runs, our State Fair is a great state fair. It was the first, and might be the finest, in the nation.

Relatively speaking, everything is fine

My mother pointed out to me recently that 2002 has been the summer of the relatives. Until she mentioned it, I really hadn't noticed, but looking back over the past three months it was startlingly evident: there have been a lot of long-lost relatives flitting in and out our lives since early May.

I am fortunate that not only has my immediate family stayed all in the Washtenaw County area but we're able to see each other frequently and without much rancor over the years. We've all heard the adage that since you can't choose your relatives, you should choose your friends wisely; but I've been lucky in both, it seems.

My grandfather's old adage was that relatives and dead fish have something in common—both start to stink after a couple of days. After a summer filled with family gatherings, I'm actually starting to disagree with Grandpa.

There is nothing like a wedding to bring relatives out of the woodwork. My daughter's relatively small



MARSHA JOHNSON CHARTRAND

AFTER THOUGHTS

and simple wedding gathered members of my family from across Michigan, my husband's from the U.P., Illinois and Wisconsin and assorted new in-laws from Idaho to Texas to Pennsylvania and Ohio. Throwing together an eclectic mix of company from newborns to those in their 90s turned out pretty well and perhaps set the stage for the summer's activities.

A few short weeks later was my niece's graduation party. Here, at least, we remained in our home territory, surrounded by mostly familiar and local faces. So far, we were doing well.

The next week we drove to western Wisconsin to a nephew's wedding. That

weekend, we were the visiting team. It was a good opportunity to have a chance to visit with many people I'd talked to only fleetingly in my role as mother-of-the-bride the month before. It was fun but exhausting, with four out of the five days of our trip taken up with travel. Still, we enjoyed having some time to spend with family members we see all too infrequently—mostly, in fact, at weddings or funerals.

If it had been just those three events in the first five weeks of summer, I probably could have handled it just fine. But we weren't done. Not by a long shot.

July brought a distant cousin to Traverse City from Iowa. My mom and I drove to Clare, a convenient halfway point, to meet a small group of family members for lunch on a Saturday. It was another pleasant but full day. Driving a little more than two hours for a luncheon date may have seemed excessive but the following Wednesday, my uncle did us one better. He and his son-

in-law drove up from Cincinnati to have lunch with my mom and a cousin in Dearborn, returning home the same day.

The next weekend we attended the third wedding of the summer. My 47-year-old, never-married cousin finally found the right woman—a real cause for celebration. We traveled through blinding rain to Livonia, wondering how they'd pull off an outdoor wedding. Fortunately, the sun broke through just in time to wipe off the chairs and start the ceremony a half-hour late.

It had been a very long time since we'd seen a couple of these cousins, but in some ways it was like no time had passed. The same kids we played with 30 years ago have just grown a little taller, a little grayer and perhaps an ounce or two heavier. No matter. We enjoyed reaffirming the family ties that were established so long ago.

I've had a lifelong fascination with genealogy, cultivated during my kids' childhood when I was a stay-at-

home mom. My books, charts and graphs have lain mostly fallow over the past 10 years, as my family and my job have kept me busy enough. Every once in a while, though, I get another chance to delve into it. Last week was one of those times as some relatives I'd never met (or never remember meeting) gathered at my mom's house. It was amazing how well we meshed: brought together mostly by a common interest in our family's distant past, we found out we had much more in common than a shared ancestry.

With all the conflict in the world today, with all the horror stories you hear about family feuds and boorish relatives, I've learned at least one thing from this summer's activities—I'm lucky. I've survived all of these close encounters with the members of my far-flung family tree and come out smiling. I've made new connections, reaffirmed old ones and I'm looking forward to more.

Relatively speaking, all is well.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sharon Township has unique distinction.

To the Editor:

It was with a great deal of community pride that I learned from the Aug. 15th article (Emotional ties to library are strong) that Sharon Township has the distinction of being unique among the 1,242 townships in the State of Michigan. In that article, Kate Pittsley, Manchester Library Director, stated that "only 10 of the total 1,242 townships in Michigan are not part of some library. A township that doesn't support a library is rare."

Sharon Township is one of those rare 10 non-library affiliated townships. And we have our farsighted Township Supervisor, Mr. Gary Blades to thank for his courageous resistance to the Library District plea to join the district. He stated at the township meeting considering the question: "only those people who use the library

should have to pay to use the library. Those who do not use it shouldn't have to pay." In other words, a user's fee.

We salute Mr. Blades and hope that he will continue to deny support to those institutions that do not provide services for "all township residents." And may I suggest to Mr. Blades and the township board members that there is another institution that each township property owner pays thousands of dollars a year

in taxes to support that which only a very small number of township citizens currently use.

I am talking about the Manchester and Chelsea School districts. Perhaps Mr. Blades can come up with some ways to ease this tax burden to the overwhelming majority of township residents who do not use these facilities. May I suggest a user's fee?

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Board questions construction management firm

■ Klager nearing completion; site work on schedule.

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Associate Editor

A facilities committee meeting last Wednesday set the stage for Monday's board meeting and helped clear the air between the school board and the construction manager, Wolgast Corporation, over frustrations resulting from an unexpectedly large invoice for high school site work.

Tim Johnson of Wolgast explained the change orders for the new high school construction site work, which had jumped from original estimates of about \$70,000 to a whopping \$211,333.

"After our last facilities meeting, where we had informed the committee that the price for site work would likely increase to \$110,000, we found additional soil problems," Johnson said. "We over-excavated out front for the driveway; this was necessary but we didn't inform John (Hinkley) or

David (Oegema) of this as we were doing it."

Board president Ron Ellison controlled his obvious disappointment with the construction manager's lack of communication with the school.

"I'm frustrated," he said. "We've got sticker shock here. I can understand why we had to excavate the building pad and the driveways, but I'm questioning why we spent money to over-excavate a practice football field. We should have been notified."

"In my world, this just doesn't happen."

FELLOW BOARD members Lyndon Uphaus and Tim McConnell, sitting on the committee, agreed with Ellison's assessment.

"Didn't that raise any alarm bells?" McConnell said of the discovery of bad soils, resulting in excavation as deep as 15 feet in some spots. "You sold us on your experience and communication—and now the communication is the first thing to break down."

As a new board member

last year, McConnell sat on the original committee that chose Wolgast as the district's construction manager.

"I think you made a mistake," Ellison said. "I'd like to know what Wolgast is going to do other than to say it'll be better in the future. We would have liked the opportunity to ask if we had other options, particularly on the practice field."

"I may have to live with everything else, but not this."

Johnson said he couldn't answer for the company Wednesday night, but at Monday's school board meeting, he indicated that he would be bringing a proposal to the facilities committee at its Sept. 9 meeting.

THE FINANCIAL picture on the site excavation remains in good shape, even with price increases, because the first estimates came in nearly \$500,000 under the initial budget. Currently, site work also remains on schedule with storm sewer construction completed last week and sanitary sewer work begun on Tuesday. A pre-bid meet-

ing for the steel structure will be held Sept. 17, with bids due on Sept. 26 and decided at the Oct. 1 meeting of the facility committee. A special meeting of the board will be held Oct. 7 to officially award the bid. Final drawings on the building enclosure are due Oct. 15 and drawings for building finish by Nov. 30.

MIKE VANWIENEN of Wolgast told the facilities committee and the school board that summer work has gone well at Klager Elementary.

"We've had 43 working days," he said Wednesday. "We've gotten a lot done."

The cafeteria is nearing completion and will be turned over to the school today or Friday. A weekend marathon by the maintenance crew will get the room ready to house two classrooms for the first day of school on Monday. The music room is expected to be turned over this week as well, but final maintenance and preparation work may delay its use for a couple of weeks.

At Monday's meeting, board member Marlene Wagner asked whether the blacktop play area would be ready for students by the opening day of school. VanWieren assured her that the area would be graded Tuesday and was expected to be completed before next Monday.

Ellison summed up his feelings at the Wednesday meeting, and reiterated them in front of the public at Monday night's board meeting.

"If someone came to us right now and asked for a recommendation for Wolgast, it wouldn't be a very favorable one," he said. "But I hope, when this project is completed, that we'll be able to say, 'We had a small glitch in the beginning but overall it was an excellent relationship.'"

IN OTHER business, the board approved the hiring of Jeff Knasiak as transportation coordinator, Eileen Bingham as the middle school migrant teacher and Jean Billitier as the alternative education paraprofessional. It also accepted the resignations of Cindy Maggetti as technology assistant, Sharon Fischer-DeConick as kitchen paraprofessional, Jill Hawald as elementary special education teacher, and Liz Reumann as middle school English and theatrics teacher.

Brief reviews of the nepotism policy and two additional sections of the policy manual were conducted. Wagner introduced a discussion of a parental involvement policy that would encompass the entire district.

Middle school sixth and seventh-graders will have outdoor and leadership camp experiences this year, thanks to the board's support. Joanna VanRaden was given the nod for a "Schedule B" position as adviser to the camp program.

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS included the information that Klager has topped the 500-student mark for the first time ever, with 123 students registered for this year's kindergarten classes. A tentative total of 503 students will attend Klager Elementary School this fall.

"It looks like those new classrooms will be done just in time," principal John McGuire said with a smile. The new five-classroom wing at Klager is expected to be completed by late fall.

Middle school enrollment currently is estimated at 398, including migrant students. The high school population also is anticipated to reach 400 students this year, according to John Eislew, with 391 students currently registered and new school-of-choice and move-in students coming in daily.

USDA streamlines conservation programs

The United States Department of Agriculture plans to streamline and simplify administrative processes for the Conservation Reserve Program and the Environmental Quality Incentive Program.

Dave Conklin, state executive director for Michigan's Farm Service Agency, announced the changes in June.

The USDA's Farm Service Agency and Natural Resources Conservation Service, which administer the CRP and EQIP respectively, worked together to make the administrative changes.

The new, streamlined processes will save time at the county level and reduce duplicative efforts, allowing the NRCS or FSA to proceed without the formal approval of the other agency.

This change removes a time-consuming step in the implementation process and will allow the agencies to operate more efficiently, which is important as both agencies are working to implement the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002.

This act includes a number of new programs and benefits under the Conservation Title, providing more than \$17 billion in funding for conservation. It also increases the acreage that can be enrolled in CRP from 36.4 million to 39.2 million acres and increases EQIP funding

to \$6.1 billion.

The act also changed farm commodity loan rates, effective June 10, marking the first comprehensive adjustment of crop loan rates in more than 15 years. In the past, most crop loan rates, with the exception of soybeans, remained fixed despite changing market price patterns and the resulting geographic price differences.

Secretary of Agriculture Ann Veneman used the new crop loan rate to provide more equitable loan rates for differing crops in various areas.

One of the more significant changes in the new loan rate includes differentiating wheat by class. The new loan rate structure recognizes five types of wheat, used to process different foods and with distinctly different values.

The CRP is a voluntary USDA conservation program that encourages farmers to plant long-term resource-conserving covers to

improve soil, water and wildlife resources. The USDA's Commodity Credit Corporation, administered by the FSAA, makes available cost-share assistance in an amount equal to and not more than 50 percent of costs of establishing the approved practices for each participant.

The NRCS, Cooperative State Research and Extension Service, state forestry agencies, and local soil and water conservation districts provide technical support for the CRP.

EQIP is also a voluntary conservation program, allowing farmers and ranchers to treat identified soil, water, and related natural resource concerns on eligible land. It provides technical and financial assistance to eligible producers.

Along with administrative changes in these agencies, James Little, FSA administrator, has authorized the hiring of 1000 temporary

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Sandy soils set back Manchester yields

By Mike Score
Extension Agricultural Agent

Every once in a while sandy soils provide a production advantage to local farmers. The Manchester area has more sandy fields than other Washtenaw County communities.

In very wet growing seasons sandy fields drain quickly, allowing plant roots to recover from heavy down pours. Under wet growing conditions clay soils remain saturated. A lack of oxygen under flooded conditions prevents plant growth and nutrient uptake.

This year has not been one of those growing seasons where sand is a preferred soil type for farming.

As you drive around the Manchester area you will see some corn fields that look better than others. There have been spots throughout the area that have received a higher percentage of our scattered showers. There are also

pockets of finer textured soils, and a few irrigated fields that are doing quite well in terms of crop production and potential yield. However, for the most part the 2002 corn crop will be a disappointment to families that are farming to generate income.

In early July when corn ear size was determined by plant growth rates, we had very hot weather with little rainfall. The hot, dry weather persisted through the rest of July, resulting in shorter plants with less leaf area available for photosynthesis.

The final blow to local corn production was continued high temperatures during the corn pollination period. This is the period when the number of kernels per ear is determined. The end result of this year's weather package is short corn plants with small short ears on sandier soils.

The same weather patterns that brought about

slow corn development hampered local hay production. Hay crops like alfalfa are the backbone of our strong local livestock industry.

Even though alfalfa is deep-rooted, this summer's high temperatures stressed alfalfa plants. Combined with dry weather, conditions were perfect for development of insect populations that feed on alfalfa. The result has been poor hay crop development.

There has been good news for local farmers. While summer crops are suffering, winter wheat yielded very well on local farms. It was not uncommon to hear of 60 bushel per acre wheat yields this spring. Wheat is planted in October. The crop develops during the cool spring months and moisture was more than adequate this year. The hot dry weather that held back corn and hay development made for ideal harvest conditions when wheat was taken off in July.

There is also potential for a good soybean harvest this year. Cooler weather with normal rainfall throughout August can lead to respectable soybean yields on the sandier ground in the southwest corner of Washtenaw County.

Soybeans continue to flower long past the end of corn pollination season. A recent leap in grain prices will allow local farmers to offset disappointing yields with higher-than-expected prices. The price leap has come about as a result of a nation-wide drought that has damaged yield potential throughout the corn belt and the eastern United States.

Farmers will have to act quickly by working with grain brokers to take advantage of the price rally. It is likely that the recent sharp rise in grain prices will reverse itself as we move into the fall harvest season.

SENIOR CITIZENS

The senior meals on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Emanuel United Church of Christ on Main Street resume again at noon on Tuesday, Sept. 3. Reservations must be made before 10:00 a.m. on the day of the meal by calling Kelly Blaine at the church office, 428-8259.

For the first meal only on Sept. 3, you also may call Marion Ahrens to reserve a meal at 428-7865.

The meal program last year started out with a significant deficit of \$1,821.46. Thanks to the help of the United Way, CROP Walk, Foodgatherers, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Kiwanis, memorial funds, and private donations, the Senior Council is able to begin serving meals this year at only \$27.08 in the red. Increasing the meal cost to \$3.50 for seniors and \$4.00 for others also helped the program come close to breaking even.

Because funds are tight, birthday dinners are now the same price as all others, without any discount.

One way the Council reciprocates for all the help received by the Manchester community is to provide the use of its bus during special events. The senior bus has transported hundreds of people from parking lots to special locations during Christmas in the Village.



NANCY HEBB
SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS

the Chicken Broil, and the Riverfolk Festival.

"Many thanks to everyone," says Ahrens, the Council's president. "This is a much needed program, and we are fortunate to have all of your support."

Scheduled for delivery in September, the new seniors' bus already has been sighted in and around town, delivered ahead of schedule. A dedication celebration is being planned.

Also starting in September, the Council's newsletter "The Trumpeter" and its calendar will be printed monthly, rather than every two months.

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Step by Step

Back to Sleep: Position Your Baby to Sleep Safely

When you tuck your little one in for the night, you want to know you have done everything possible to keep her safe.

Parents and doctors are concerned about Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), a leading cause of death among infants. When SIDS occurs, a healthy infant dies during its sleep.

No one cause can be identified to explain the baby's death. The condition is rare during the first month of life, peaks in children between two and four months of age, and then declines.

The cause of SIDS is unknown.

Doctors don't know the exact cause of SIDS, but they have identified factors that increase the risk of SIDS occurring.

Research shows that some

babies who die of SIDS are born with brain abnormalities in the part of the brain that controls breathing and waking during sleep.

Scientists believe that the existence of a brain abnormality may not be enough to cause SIDS, but combined with lack of oxygen, repeated exposure to tobacco smoke, increased carbon dioxide levels, or an infection, SIDS is triggered.

What can you do?

By making sure that nothing interferes with your baby's breathing or access to oxygen, you can help prevent SIDS.

The Academy of Pediatrics recommends the following for

- healthy infants:
- * Put your baby to sleep on her back. Do not prop her on her side using pillows, rolled blankets, or commercial devices such as foam wedges.
- * Put your baby to sleep on a firm surface. Avoid waterbeds, sofas, soft mattresses, or other soft surfaces. Don't put your baby to sleep on a sheepskin.
- * Keep pillows, quilts, comforters, and stuffed animals away from your baby while she sleeps. Such soft objects can obstruct an infant's airway—even if she is lying on her back.
- * Give your baby plenty of "tummy time" while she is awake. Time on her tummy will help your baby exercise her back and arm muscles so she can hold her head up. It also helps reduce flat spots on the back of the head. Doctors recommend that babies sleep on their backs,

but playing on her tummy while she is awake is good for your child. Be sure to play with her and supervise "tummy time" play.

Always check with your doctor about which sleep position is best for your child.

Based on individual circumstances, infants with certain medical conditions may need to be placed in various positions to sleep.

Recommendations for sleep positions may change as doctors learn more about SIDS. For up-to-date information, check with your baby's health care provider, especially if you have concerns about your child's health.

Submitted by Barb Bergner, Manchester FSW/P.A.T. coordinator, 428-7804. Article taken from Born to Learn Curriculum.

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MCAT is keeping busy

By Laura Merte
Staff Writer

The first major event of the newly-founded Man-chester Creative Arts Trust will take place this weekend. A mega yard sale, open to MCAT members tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the public on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., will raise funds to support the center's commitment to spreading the arts through the community.

In addition to the sale, the debut of "The Killer Skink that Attacked Manchester," an original short film by nine Manchester/Clinton area MCAT students, will be shown Friday at dusk. The students wrote the script, acted in the film, shot footage, edited the movie, and added special effects with the guidance of Steve Eberle, MCAT member and

program leader.

Both the yard sale and film viewing will take place at 121 West Main Street, at the corner of Main and Washington.

Fall brings a variety of programs for area students to explore. After-school programs offered through MCAT will introduce participants to archeology, sculpture, animation, painting and photography. Students can create artifacts and solve an archeological mystery, learn to think in 3-D, explore animation techniques, experiment with color through painting and collage, or take and develop black-and-white photographs.

Each of the five classes meets one day a week. The session will end with an exhibit and party on Halloween. Space is limited, so call early to register at



Carolyn Meader and Jeremiah Garrigues-Cortelyou work on their film with MCAT member and program leader Steve Eberle. Kim and Austin Deacons, Kristen Brogdon, Jacy Lancaster, Sam McClure, Nathan Weber and Nicole Mahoney also participated in the project.

428-1644.

The Manchester Creative Arts Trust is a non-profit initiative to promote creativity through engaging educational program-

ming for the public and business support services for members pursuing the fine and applied arts. For more information, call 428-1644.

Community Ties



Photo by Marsha Johnson Chartrand

Realtor Patti Burton (right) presents a check for \$400 to Chris Kanta, director of the Community Resource Center. Burton, a Sharon Township resident, designates part of her commission on each sale to non-profit organizations.

On a Mission



Seven young people from St. John's Lutheran Church in Bridgewater recently returned from a week-long mission trip to Tipton, Ind. Through yard sales, Easter breakfasts and gen-

erous donations, the teens collected nearly \$3,000 needed for the privilege of joining about 250 others from six states at a TeenServe Work camp. There, they painted and

repaired homes for the elderly and disadvantaged in Tipton County, Ind.

TeenServe, a non-profit youth mission from Maple Grove, Minn., operates four such work camps each summer in the Midwest, in conjunction with local Habitat for Humanity volunteers.

The residents of Tipton County met the work-campers with gratitude, and the youths' response was just as grateful. The most

often heard remark on the way home was, "It was awesome!"

Teens participating in the project were Nick Wahl of Clinton, Kristin and Erin Ringel and Kelsey Hoelzer of Saline and Kyle and Jaime Rymanowicz of Ypsilanti. They were joined by chaperones Wendy Kruger of Saline and Gary and Jill Rymanowicz of Ypsilanti.

2003 fair theme set

The Manchester Community Fair Board is pleased to announce that the theme for the 2003 Manchester Community Fair will be "Fair Time Fantasy."

Winner of the Fair Theme Contest for 2003 is Bridgewater Township resident Erin Glavin. She will be awarded a season pass to next year's fair.

Honorable mentions go to Lou Ann Hamilton (first runner-up) and Jimmy

Hamilton (second runner-up) for their entries. They will each be awarded a one-day pass for the 2003 fair.

There were 29 entries submitted in this year's contest and we hope to increase that number substantially in the 2004 Fair Theme Contest.

The board would like to thank all participants for their entries and ideas, and look forward to seeing the community at the 2003 fair!

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POLICE BLOTTER

ABANDONED PROPERTY

Two bicycles and bike helmets were found abandoned on private property in the village on July 19. According to the property owner, it appeared a make-shift campsite had been set up. The bicycles were taken to the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department to be checked against lost/stolen bike reports. The bicycles were later found to be property of two runaway girls from Ann Arbor.

ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO MURDER

On August 5 a village resident called 911 to report a domestic assault. The victim was at a neighbor's house when she called, and expressed her fear that the suspect would return with a gun and kill her. She had bruising and redness on her face, arms and legs. The

result of an argument with her ex-boyfriend.

The suspect was reached by cell phone and agreed to meet with the sheriff's deputy regarding the incident. At that time he was arrested and transported to the Washtenaw County Jail. The suspect has several prior complaints of domestic assault on record. The case is currently open pending review and/or prosecution.

DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY

A village employee walking through Carr Park on the afternoon of Aug. 9 observed damage to the roof of the small back pavilion. It appeared that a number of shingles had been torn off and the felt paper damaged underneath.

What appeared to be human waste was observed on top of the picnic tables.

The case is inactive due to lack of evidence and leads.

Deputy Marcus Kirby reports, however, that because this was "such a grotesque action" the park gates will be closed at dusk and reopened at dawn for the next week.

HIT AND RUN

On July 20, a vehicle near the intersection of Burmeister and Kies Road in Bridgewater Township drove over a hill and was sideswiped by a maroon, late model vehicle driving left of the center line. The vehicle caused minor damage to the driver's side and fled the scene.

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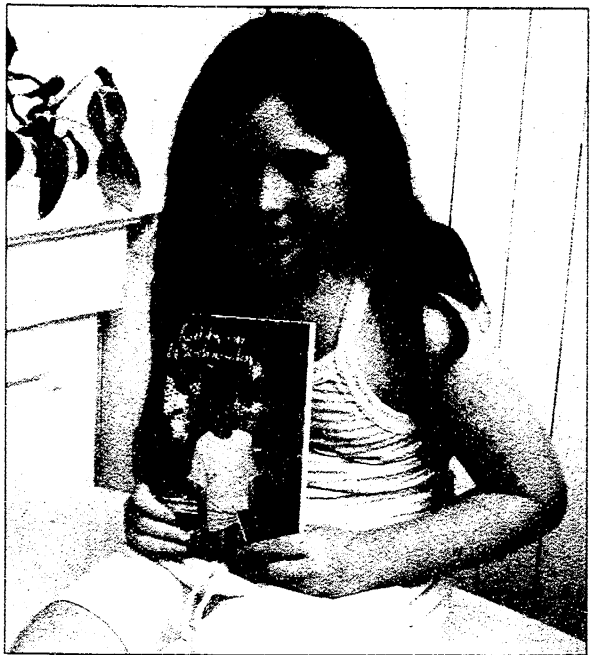
A 911 call from a private residence in Bridgewater Township on Aug. 10 alerted the sheriff's department to a possible suicide attempt.

The caller told the reporting deputy that her husband had stolen a bottle of her sleeping pills and driven away, leaving a note that hinted at suicide.

She did not believe he had swallowed any pills at that time. The suspect's car was observed driving by the house and was followed; after some distance he pulled over and was cited for "failure to yield to an emergency vehicle."

The suspect admitted to drinking several hours earlier and stated that he did not take any pills. There were no signs of intoxication or effects of sleeping pills at that time. A petition was filed by the caller to hospitalize the suspect at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. **Compiled by Staff Writer Laura Merte from reports filed at Station 4, Village of Manchester.**

Long Reading Journey



10-year-old Jamie Payne reached the 30-book mark in the Manchester District Library's summer reading program and chose the novel "Libby on Wednesday" as her award.

Photo by Laura Merte

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Physical discomfort convinced us to turn on the air conditioning and seal up the house. The air conditioning, added to our other energy users, such as the refrigerator, televisions, computer and dehumidifier, resulted in a higher electrical bill than usual. And, like most people, the number of energy-consuming items in our home goes up every year.

I have a friend in trying to keep my energy use down. That friend is the United States government, which has instituted several programs to help conserve power.

One means of conservation mandated by the federal government is to require that every major appliance sold in the United States must have an energy guide sticker.

These yellow labels give consumer information so that the consumer can compare models and also estimate the annual operating cost of each appliance. Once the customer decides on the basic features needed for a specific appli-



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ance, a comparison of the operating costs shows which model will cost the most to operate over time.

While the up-front purchase price may be higher on more efficient appliances, the reduced life cycle costs will often can make up for the higher initial purchase price.

Some appliances also wear an Energy Star. The label shows which models are the most efficient. Anything with the star will range from 10 to 100 percent more efficient than current government standards.

Government rating systems such as these have led many manufacturers to improve their products to out perform

the energy consumption of their competitors. This has resulted in greater energy efficiency.

How can every individual save energy? Instituting simple conservation measures is a great start.

- Lower the temperature of your water heater.
 - Take shorter showers.
 - Operate your dishwasher and clothes washer only when they are full.
 - Turn off lights when no one is in the room.
 - Lower your thermostat in the winter and raise it in the summer.
 - Increase the insulation level of your attic.
 - Switch to energy-efficient light bulbs.
 - Install a programmable thermostat.
 - If your home has an older furnace or toilets replace them with more efficient models.
 - Close the damper on your fireplace.
 - Replace older windows with energy efficient ones.
- Many modifications can be made to make the home more

energy efficient. More costly changes may have a longer pay back period, but will prove to be worthwhile over the years.

Richard Morse is a Dexter Township resident.

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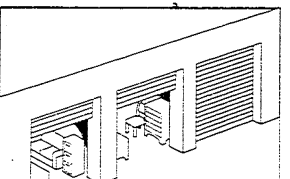


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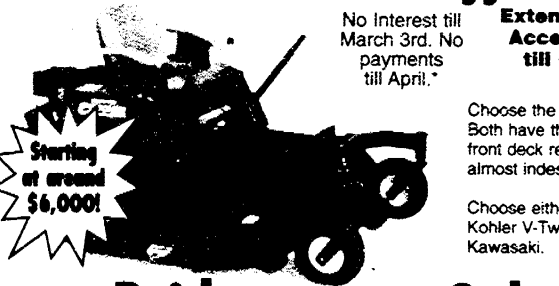
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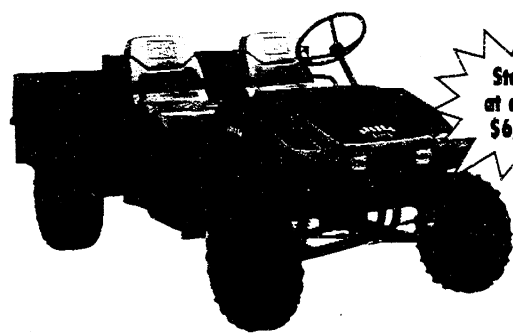
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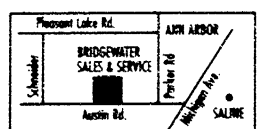
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Weather related problems hurt farmers

Avid Reader

In mid-July, the U.S. Department of Agriculture declared that 50 counties in Michigan were agricultural disaster areas.

Farmers in those counties, either primary or contiguous disaster areas, are eligible for USDA and Farm Service Agency emergency farm loans. Washtenaw County was among the 24 contiguous counties, which are also eligible for assistance.

This designation makes all qualified farm operators in primary and contiguous disaster counties eligible for low-interest EM loans from the FSA, provided that eligibility requirements are met.

Farmers in eligible counties have eight months from the date of declaration, July 16, 2002, to apply for the loans to help cover part of their actual losses. Each loan application will be considered individually by the FSA.

"This assistance will go a long way in aiding farmers

devastated by severe weather," said David Conklin, Michigan's state executive director. "We will continue to implement every available USDA program to assist farmers through these difficult conditions."

The declaration came in response to several drastic weather changes this year.

In April, a week of record high temperatures was followed by a frost, freezing temperatures, and high winds.

Cold temperatures, hail, and wet weather in May also caused crop damage. Frost and freezing temperatures between May 17 and 22 increased that damage.

Hot and dry summer weather has also caused farming problems this year. This weather can create a strain on resources, especially water supplies.

As temperatures have climbed into the 90s across most of the Midwest this summer, crops, livestock, and the farmers who tend

them are all witnessing increased levels of stress.

Irrigation systems, when available, provide much needed moisture to growing plants, as long as water supplies are adequate. Persistent dry weather and increased water usage during a dry spell, however, can lead to water-use restrictions as water supplies dramatically shrink.

The FSA recommends using proactive water conservation practices, like watering in the evening and using straw as a ground cover between plants in your garden, to help prevent these shortages.

Many of the FSA's conservation programs combat dry conditions. Creating ground covers, restoring wetlands, and developing new wildlife habitats, are some of the benefits of conservation.

These measures and others improve water quality and create an environment more conducive to human habitation.

Ground covers insulate the soil from intense daytime heat, stabilizing the ground temperature and moisture content.

The FSA's Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program combines federal, state, and local resources to fund buffer projects that provide a natural filtration of surface water headed toward streams, rivers, and lakes. CREP partnerships preserve the environment while improving the water supply quality.

The new farm bill will also fund new efforts to conserve ground and surface water reserves.

New water conservation initiatives will help farmers improve irrigation efficiency, and promote growing less water-intensive crops.

By following environmentally beneficial practices, farmers can fight weather damage and produce more while improving the environment for everyone else.



Photo by Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Six-year-old Scott Wagner chose "Dinosaur Habitat" for his award in the Manchester District Library's summer reading program. Scott will be in second grade at Klager this fall.

Preschool has openings

The Manchester Cooperative Preschool has opening in several of its classes. Applications are being accepted for the morning and afternoon programs for three-year-olds, as well as an afternoon session for four-year-olds.

The Co-op offers children a chance to grow and learn in an engaging hands-on environment. It offers parents, who assist teachers and run the school, the opportunity to play an important role in their

child's early education. Events throughout the year include a Thanksgiving feast, a holiday program, carnival day and bike day.

An orientation meeting will be held tonight at 7 p.m. at Emanuel United Church of Christ. Classes are held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday for four-year-olds; Tuesday and Thursday for three-year-olds; and begin Sept. 3. Scholarships are available. For more information, call 428-1684.

Grads offer advice to incoming freshmen

Those who have been there, done that give tips to newcomers.

By Angela Cooper
Staff Writer

As the beginning of the school year approaches, this year's graduates prepare to become freshmen in college. At the same time, last year's eighth-graders are preparing for their freshman year at Manchester High School.

Because the transition from middle school to high school can seem scarier than it really is, a few of Manchester's new college freshmen offered these tips to make it easier.

Chris Maly will attend Michigan State University in the fall, entering into the

pre-dental program.

He advised freshmen to "jump right in there and get involved in extracurricular activities. Get off to a good start."

Another college freshman, Betsy Dettloff, who will attend Washtenaw Community College in the fall, told students to use a planner for better time management.

"Give everything your best effort," she said. "Get involved in student activities and organizations."

"They're very beneficial. Always allow some time for fun. Get to know some upperclassmen and it won't be as bad as you might think."

Katie Keller, an incoming freshman at Hillsdale College, recommended that students "take advantage of every moment and every

opportunity."

The final bit of advice came from Adam Knapp, who plans to attend the University of Michigan and major in electrical engineering.

"The first thing I'd say is to get involved," Knapp said. "In high school there are a lot of clubs and sports and activities that weren't available in middle school. It's a great way to get to know upperclassmen and your teachers and the high school in general."

"As far as academics, yes, they're a challenge; but as long as you try your hardest, you'll succeed."

"Most importantly, ask questions when you're confused. The teachers will give you the answers you need. That's what they're there for and that's what

they're best at.

"The last thing is not to worry because it's just the next step and all of your friends are going to be there with you."

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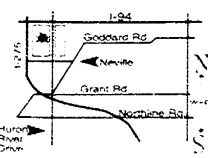
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ZONING

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Moilenen, also Clinton Road residents, wished to add a garage to their property. There is a "flag lot" with an access easement. Township regulations require a 75-foot setback from the property line for any building on such a parcel.

The couple wanted to avoid building the garage directly behind their house to preserve the view they now have. Their request was to build the garage 50, rather than 75, feet from the property line.

The board expressed concern that granting a variance as a matter of convenience, rather than because of a unique set of circumstances that caused an unreasonable burden would undermine the zoning ordinance. The board voted unanimously to deny the request.

The couple was surprised by the decision.

"We thought it would be accepted if no one came forward to object," Moilenen said.

Parr stated that the zoning ordinance was adopted to protect all residents and must be enforced as uniformly as possible. He added that variances should be granted only under unique circumstances.

GOALS

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Ellison commented that the board currently is looking at long term goals.

"If we don't get our financial house in order, nothing else works," he said.

"While right now our big concern is the new building, without improvements in our curriculum, it's just four walls. We've made positive steps in the past two years and it's only going to get better."

Okey echoed Ellison's sentiment.

"I'm extremely pleased with the outcome of our work session," he said. "And I look forward to the upcoming years."

CLERK

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deputy," she said. "If I hadn't had someone as capable as Sara, I wouldn't have resigned."

Schenk estimates that Bassett spent 120 hours training for the position.

BASSETT COMES well-prepared for the job. In addition to training with Schenk, Bassett has successfully run Barton Associates, an asbestos training company, from home for several years.

"I've been to most board and planning commission meetings and public hearings since we moved here," Bassett says. She also founded and produced the township newsletter since 1997.

Bassett, 50, has lived in Freedom with her husband Peter DeLoof for the last six years. She grew up in Ann Arbor Township and holds a bachelor of science degree in Education and a master's in Health Education, both from the University of Michigan.

SCHENK IS leaving on good terms with the board and is happy that she has made a contribution in the time she has spent as clerk.

"I learned a lot and added some things that hadn't been in place before," she said. "During my term, I implemented the state's chart of accounts, dramatically changed the format of our meetings and the board packets became more important."

"I put several things in place that the board will continue. My contribution was to use my skills from my professional background to change a little bit the way the township conducted business."

ONE ADVANTAGE that Bassett will have over Schenk is her availability during the day to concentrate on township affairs.

"Most townships have office hours, but the smallest ones like Freedom don't," Schenk said. "Calls came to my home, and I wouldn't get back to them until the next day... I couldn't answer calls

in an efficient manner." Bassett's flexible schedule will enable her to hold office hours for the township for the first time.

"For now, it's just Wednesdays from 3 to 6 p.m. at my home," says Bassett. "People can come in about absentee ballots, registration, ordinances and applications."

BASSETT'S INTEREST in clerking grew from her involvement in the township, and working as Schenk's deputy confirmed her ability to handle the responsibilities of the job.

"She has become more in tune with the personality of the township," said Schenk. "She's worked really hard as deputy to develop a working relationship with the board."

Bassett's appointment is a timely one. Earlier this year she went through training to be certified in running elections, and served as co-chair of the August primary, an experience that will prepare her for the November election.

A FEW challenges do lie ahead for Bassett. "Right now the board just dealt with the library petition," she said, "and around Pleasant Lake there is a lot going on about a special assessment to control the weeds. Those are probably the two big issues before the township."

"And of course the coming election will be a much more challenging task than the primary. But you never know what's going to come up!"

What Bassett most looks forward to as clerk is serving the residents of Freedom Township.

"I enjoy getting involved in the issues of the township and being responsive to people's concerns," she said. "I think it's very important to be responsive to the residents."

SCHENK SAYS that Bassett's appointment will "give her a chance to finish the term, and see if she would like to run in the next election. I think the board was very comfortable in their

decision to appoint her." She thinks Freedom Township is lucky to have had a history of good clerks.

"Rena Girbach, Millie Guenther, Julie Schaible... all very good, competent people serving the community; we hope to continue that," she said.

Bassett echoes that sentiment, speaking of the two clerks she has known since she moved to the area.

"Theresa has done a really good job. Julie also; they're two hard acts to follow," she said.

"I really appreciate Bob (Little, supervisor) nominating me to be clerk. He has served 14 years on the board and has tremendous knowledge of the issues and background of the township. It's a great board, and I'm really pleased to be serving with them."

Road Trippers



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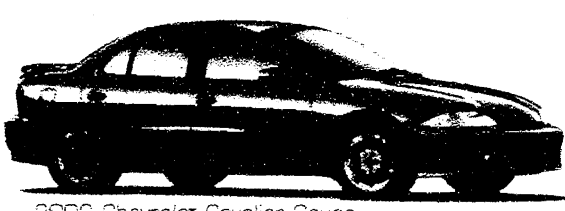
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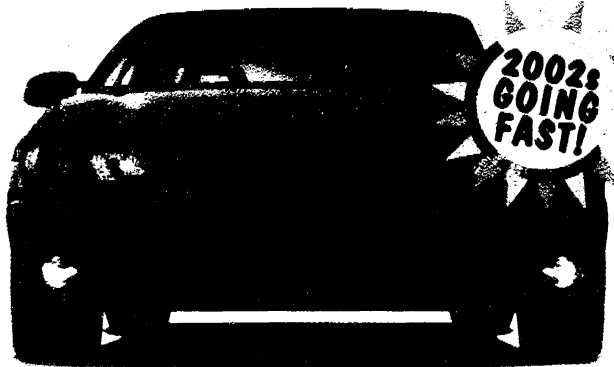
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HIGH: 81°-85°	LOW: 64°-68°	HIGH: 82°-86°	HIGH: 76°-80°	HIGH: 76°-80°	HIGH: 76°-80°
Humid with a few t-storms.	Warm and humid with a moonlit sky.	It may t-storm; humid.	Clouds and sun; it may t-storm.	Mostly sunny.	Plenty of sunshine.
		LOW: 60°-64°	LOW: 60°-64°	LOW: 60°-64°	LOW: 57°-61°

MICHIGAN

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

IRONWOOD 75/52
ALPENA 76/58
YAWAS CITY 80/64
DETROIT 86/69
WARREN 86/68

LOCAL WEATHER

Chelsea/Dexter 83/65
Ann Arbor 84/66
Manchester 85/66
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Belleville 85/69
Tecumseh 87/68
Dundee 86/68
Adrian 86/68
Monroe 86/68

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Highest Thursday 89°
 Highest Friday 85°
 Highest Saturday 77°
 Highest Sunday 78°

SOLUNAR TABLE

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

Major	Minor	Major	Minor
Thu: 12:04 p.m.	5:53 a.m.	12:50 p.m.	7:01 p.m.
Fri: 1:14 a.m.	7:24 a.m.	1:35 p.m.	7:45 p.m.
Sat: 1:59 a.m.	8:09 a.m.	2:20 p.m.	8:30 p.m.

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Statistics for the week ending Aug. 19.

Temperatures:
 High for the week 90°
 Low for the week 50°
 Normal high 81°
 Normal low 61°
 Average temperature 71.9°
 Normal average temperature 70.9°

Precipitation:
 Total for the week 0.80"
 Total for the month 2.14"
 Total for the year 38.24"
 Normal for the month 2.22"
 % of normal this month 92%
 % of normal this year 83%

SUN AND MOON
 Sunrise Thursday 6:50 a.m.
 Sunset Thu, night 8:26 p.m.
 Moonrise Thursday 8:48 a.m.
 Moonset Thursday 6:12 a.m.

Full Last New First
 Aug 22 Aug 30 Sep 6 Sep 13

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City	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Ann Arbor	84/66/1	84/62/0
Battle Creek	84/68/1	84/64/0
Bay City	80/64/1	82/60/0
Coldwater	84/70/1	85/66/0
Dearborn	86/70/1	85/66/0
Detroit	86/69/1	85/66/0
Grand Rapids	80/66/1	82/64/0
Holland	79/66/1	84/64/0
Jackson	82/66/1	84/64/0
Kalamazoo	84/68/1	84/64/0
Lansing	84/65/1	84/61/0
Livonia	86/70/1	85/65/0
Midland	80/64/1	83/60/0
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Belmont	90/81/1	90/81/1
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Bogota	68/47/1	67/47/1
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Documenting the migrant culture

■ Project provides insight into farm workers' lives.

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Associate Editor

What is the day-to-day life of migrant farm workers really like?

While most area residents may see one or two sides of the lifestyles of migrant workers in the Manchester community, there are many other facets of the culture waiting to be explored.

A documentary photography project at the migrant camp on Esch Road in Freedom Township will serve multiple purposes to the migrant workers and families residing in Manchester this year, and the insights provided by the

project may also help to improve relationships between the transient culture of the migrant families and the established residents of the community.

Ann Arbor professional freelance photographer Beverly Conley specializes in documenting the lives of people at work. Last year, she spent an entire season in a farm community in Oklahoma. This year, as part of a grant, she will travel to West Virginia to do a similar project in a steel mill.

Part of the Michigan artists' grant that will finance her trip to West Virginia required some local community service, and Conley chose to teach some of the aspects of her career to migrant teens at the DuRussel farm in

Manchester.

"The teenagers seemed interested," Conley said. "We are doing five workshops; a total of about nine hours."

Conley's work at the migrant camp is sponsored by the Migrant Health Promotion, a Saline-based non-profit dedicated to providing health education and advocacy for migrant farm workers. The project is tied into the *Informate* for Farmworker Teen Health program, which trains teen aides at three migrant camps across Michigan in health education, focusing particularly on substance abuse prevention and HIV/AIDS prevention.

Ana Santiago is the program coordinator for *Informate*. At the DuRussel farm, six teen health aides concentrate on one-on-one health education and also arrange group health education sessions for teens and children in the camp. They answer individuals' question regarding HIV and AIDS, drugs and alcohol, reproductive health, fighting and violence and occupational safety.

The teens have completed close to 100 individual contacts this season and have a goal of completing more than 300 by the end of the season in October. The teen health aides also have planned and facilitated group health education sessions along with activities such as sports night and a dance. These activities provide drug and alcohol-



These men are taking vegetable boxes to a truck. As you can see, the white boxes are a bit heavy! From there we take them to the fields and harvest the crops. Farmworkers work hard to fill in the boxes. And that's a hard day at work!

Photo and caption by Ana Carrillo



Photo by Chris Ortiz

These are the trailers that are taken to the fields and get packed up. Then they get sent to the packing-shed, and loaded into the semi trailer.

free opportunities for kids and teens to gather and have fun at the camp.

"The projects we do are usually health-related in some way," Santiago said.

For the photography projects, Conley and Santiago guided the teens in their choice of themes. Conley then talked to the teenagers about photography and the three general categories—documentary, portrait and event photography—that photos normally encompass.

"Together, we looked at a lot of different photography books," Conley said. "studying angles and lighting and the other components of documentary photography. I also showed them how you develop and print the photographs."

From there, the project

proceeded to providing the teens with cameras to do their own photographs. Foto 1 in Ann Arbor and Huron Camera in Dexter donated disposable cameras. Foto 1 also donated processing for the project.

"We've had ample film and a lot of cooperation," Conley said. "It has been a wonderful project."

The seven teens participating in the project have attended every session, showing, Conley says, how important the project is to them.

"I think they're enjoying it," she said. "You can tell they are excited."

And indeed, the teens gathered around Conley as they arrived for their weekly meeting on Aug. 6, eager to see their photos in print,

Easy laughter filled the classroom trailer at the camp as the teens filed through the envelopes of pictures, finding lighthearted candid photos of each other as well as the more serious documentary shots they took to use as part of the project.

Aracely Rubio chose to document workers in the fields, focusing on the health rule that you shouldn't eat while working.

"There might be pesticides on the food," she explained. "If you're eating while you're working you would be eating the pesticides."

The workers wear gloves in the fields, but Rubio caught one hungry worker eating in the field with her

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Village council considers busy fall agenda

■ *Next meeting postponed to Sept. 3 due to Labor Day holiday*

By Jennifer Otto
Special Writer

At Monday night's Village Council meeting, the group had a variety of topics attracting its attention.

Due to recent vandalism, Carr Park will be closed from dusk to dawn for an indeterminate time. Anyone having information regarding the vandalism is encouraged to contact the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department at 428-8829 or 971-9036.

At its meeting on Monday, the council chose a new phone system, Avaya, in

order to update the current system to include voice mail at the village offices. The provider, The Phone Connection, offered the lowest bid out of three solicited. The new system will accommodate up to three central office lines and eight telephones, includes up to 12 voice mailboxes and is compatible with the current system.

Council members expressed the desire to preserve the human element in phone communication. There will still be a person answering incoming calls; the automated operator will respond only after hours or if all lines are busy. Once things are set in motion, the system should be operational within a week.

IN OTHER new business, motions were passed to accept two engineering proposals: one for Clarkston St. and one for sewer engineering for the new high school. An application from the Village Tap to have temporary outdoor services related to Oktoberfest was approved, contingent on the Sheriff's department written approval. An amendment to the Door to Door Soliciting Ordinance was passed essentially removing the last sentence in Section 6.81 of ordinance number 242, which states, "The word 'solicitor' shall include the word 'canvasser.'"

During public participation at the Council meeting, Mark Palms, Riverfolk Art Festival Chair, presented a

short video of the festival highlights. Palms stated that he believed that the festival was successful on two counts. First of all, financially, with an estimated 2,500 paying guests (which far exceeded the minimum 1,000 needed) and secondly, the community support, including coordination and participation of volunteers was great.

Palms also said that the park facilities were "phenomenal." The Riverfolk Arts and Music Festival committee expressed interest in helping to maintain the park for future events. The Village Council's help and guidance, along with their willingness for continued support was appreciated. Palms remarked.

PROMPT ACTION from the Department of Public Works resulted in replacement of the guardrail at the Furnace Street bridge the day after it was brought to the Village Council's attention at the last regular meeting. At the Aug. 6 meeting, the bridge committee agreed to order and install signs that read, "No Boat Loading and Unloading" and "No Swimming." The two "No Swimming" signs will be placed on the barriers at each end of the bridge.

In order to deter vehicular traffic from the area, a "Road Closed," "Dead End" or "Bridge Out" sign will be installed in the near future. Also, a stop sign was ordered and will be placed at the end of the road by Adrian Street.

Believing that short-term safety issues have been addressed, the bridge committee and the Council will resume discussion of the long term issues after a traffic survey study has been completed.

The intent is not to keep foot traffic away from the area but to make it as safe as possible for appropriate activities.

Village President Pat Vaillencourt stated, "I saw some kids fishing and catching frogs (at the Furnace Street bridge area) and that is the kind of activity that we like to see happen there."

Council trustee Martin Way agreed that fishing should be sacrosanct.

Reeling in the River Raisin

■ *Teenaged fisherman makes an unusual discovery.*

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Associate Editor

A 16-year-old Manchester angler got a surprising catch in the River Raisin on July 29.

Matt Callaway and some friends had been beating the heat in the waters near the Furnace Street bridge when some younger kids came by with their fishing poles.

"They weren't catching anything, and I told them, 'I'll show you how to catch a fish,'" he recalled. "So I went and got my fishing pole that was in my friend's van."

Matt hasn't fished by the Furnace Street bridge since he was much younger, but frequently goes down to the intersection of Union and Railroad streets or drives out to Sharon Mills. Both spots, he says, have been successful for him this summer.

WHAT HE caught at the bridge that day was like nothing else he'd caught in his 13-year fishing career. It was a piranha, a tropical carnivorous fish—not your typical River Raisin catch.

"I could pretty much tell it was some kind of a tropical fish while it was still in the water," Matt said. "It put up a pretty good fight, a lot like a bass."

"It sure was the most different thing I've ever caught in the river."

The 12-inch, almost two-pound fish probably was released by someone who had it as a pet, Matt thinks.

"I guess they released it because it was getting too big and eating too much," he



Matt Callaway and his catch of the day.

added. "Or maybe they just got tired of it."

Matt said when he pulled the fish out, he was pretty sure of what he had caught. He has seen piranhas before but when he got home he looked it up in a book to make sure he was right.

"Then we called the DNR," he said. "They referred us to someplace in Lansing who told me they'd let someone know."

"But they didn't ask me my name or phone number."

Village officials say that they had not been notified of the unusual catch. Village Treasurer Sue Carpenter Koebbe, a long-time resident, says that such "fish stories" have surfaced regularly over the years, however.

MATT WAS surprised that what is normally considered a "tropical" fish had survived for any length of time in the River Raisin.

"Maybe it was let out this spring and acclimated itself to the water here," he said. "Or maybe someone just released it recently while the water was very warm."

Matt's mother, Sue Callaway, said that her research on the topic had shown that piranha usually live in "brackish" water between saltwater and fresh water pools. She added that it probably couldn't have lasted through a normal Michigan winter, but that perhaps it could have adapted given time and another mild winter like last year's. She said one source had mentioned there was evidence of the tropical fish breeding in Michigan waters, but that the winter had killed off the adult fish along with its offspring.

"But how do we know?" she asked.

There's no telling how long the piranha had been in the river waters or on what it had fed during its time there.

WHILE MATT won't be counting on finding any more flesh-eating creatures in his neighborhood, he says it would be "cool" if he ever caught another piranha.

Now that a couple of weeks have passed, Matt is considering having his remarkable trophy mounted.

"It might cost more than \$100, though," he said. "I guess it costs about \$10 per inch to get a fish mounted. And this one is about 12 inches long."

"It's in the freezer if I decide to do it."

4-H Fair Highlights



The Grand Champion Market Heifer at the 2002 Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show was exhibited by Matt Noggle from Manchester. His 1147 pound heifer was purchased for \$1.00 per pound by State Representative Gene DeRossett from Manchester. Pictured with Matt is Rep. DeRossett and Kim Bruckner, 4-H Ambassador.

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- Pianist Cliburn
- Old French coin
- No-hope-for-parole cons
- Stiff straw hat
- Dazzle
- Trench
- Sound stage
- Bigfoot's family
- Official proceedings
- Calendar abbr.
- Tie
- Heat unit
- Tirane's country (Abbr.)
- "Grecian Um" tribute
- Tide type
- Previously, old style
- Balloonist's need
- Frenzied
- Where (Lat.)
- Length or width

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- Favorite
- River transportation
- Guaranteed
- Uris "QB -"
- Objects of emulation
- Gentleness
- Necessity's child?
- Bring up
- Billions of years
- Superlative ending
- Kerosene, e.g.
- Pesky kid
- "That smarts!"
- Ear
- Earl Grey, for one
- Subcontinent
- prefix
- Distort
- Vicinity
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- "Moesha" star
- Bandleader Louis
- Mag. staffers
- Tom's pal
- Bassoon's cousin
- Bumped into
- Little demon
- "-la-la"
- Silent assent

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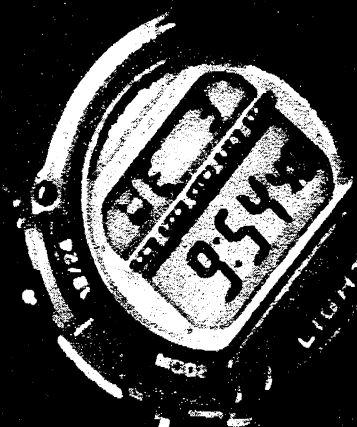
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New faces at Keith's Barber Shop

By Laura Merte
Staff Writer

Manchester's newest barbers are settling in to their positions on Main Street, garnering customers along the River Raisin at Keith's Barber Shop.

CAROL NEVILLE has been working with hair since 1978, and says it was "always something I wanted to do."

"Ma said I was going to be a hairdresser or barber some day."

Neville got her start as a cosmetologist from Jackson



Carol Neville and Arthur Fehr.

Robin Lee and client Brad Davis.



Select Beauty Academy, and switched to barbering a while ago. Neville learned through a mutual friend that Keith Reed, owner of the shop, was looking for a new barber. Even though she lives in Albion, Neville doesn't mind the long drive to work.

"I'll drive an hour just to be happy in what I'm doing," she says. "Keith's a wonderful person to work with ... I couldn't ask for a better boss!"

Neville will be moving to Napoleon next year, however, which will ease the lengthy commute.

ROBIN LEE, who lives in Napoleon with her two sons, ages 10 and two (almost three), thinks Manchester is a great place to work.

"I love it here," she says.

Lee came to Manchester when Neville, with whom she previously worked at a barber shop in Jackson, told her of an opening at Keith's. Lee became a licensed cosmetologist in 1985 through the Jackson Area Career Center.

"I started in high school, and really enjoy it," she says. "I've done other things, but I always come back to this."



My mother, Marina Cabello, is making tostadas after a hard day's work.

Photo and caption by Cynthia Cabello

MIGRANT

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gloves still on.

Rubio thinks that the project is valuable as part of the *Informate* program as well as personally enjoyable.

"I'm happy with the photos," she said.

Chris Ortiz chose a more wide-ranging theme for his photos of documenting what workers do in the fields and around the camp, including photographs of trailers filled with greens ready for shipment.

Cynthia Cabello's album will document some of her home life. She chose a photograph of her mother busily cooking a hearty dinner of tostadas after a hard day at work, to represent this aspect of the culture.

"That was a good dinner," she recalled with a smile.

Saul Caballero "had some very nice pictures, but I don't know where I left them," he said. The theme of his photos focused on packing the produce for market. Likewise, Carlos Rodriguez' first roll of photos turned out blank; but both were looking forward to a second roll where they could continue their projects.

Sandy Cabello chose serious health-related themes that relate closely to the migrant teens' experiences for her photos. Alcohol, teen smoking, teen pregnancy and dating violence were among her topics, expanding on her role as an *Informate* Teen Health Aide.

The teens' photos will be mounted in scrapbooks and they are encouraged to write descriptive captions or paragraphs, draw illustrations or even journal along with the photographs as part of the documentary experience. At the end of the project, a party hosting the teens' parents will be held in late September, where they can show off their completed

projects.

Ana Carrillo might have best illustrated the life of a migrant family when she described her own collection of photos.

"It was a day at work," she said simply as she leafed through the pages of her album.

Asked what stands out about that particular day, she shrugged.

"It was hot," she said. "And we were working hard—just like every other day."

This activity is supported by ArtServe Michigan in conjunction with the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

CCDA features Manchester artist

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Heritage Newspapers

A gallery arts reception will be held from 5 to 8 pm on Sept. 7, featuring Rural Serendipity: Watercolors by artist Nancy Feldkamp at the Chelsea Center for the Development of the Arts (CCDA), located at 400 Congdon Street in Chelsea. The show currently is under way and will run through Sept. 30.

Feldkamp finds other ways to explain country scenes using new color relationships and techniques to improve the concept design.

"It is a new, exciting way to go, giving me freedom from correct perspective and the normal greens of the landscape," she says.

The artist, a member of the Chelsea Painters Group, will give a talk during the free gallery reception. Regular

gallery hours are noon to 4:00 p.m.

The Center Gallery is a showcase for fine art by CCDA teachers, students and community artists. Center Gallery proceeds support youth and adult programs at the Center. Contact CCDA at 734.433.ARTS (2787) or arts@cdaonline.org for more information.

Serving the community

By Laura Merte
Staff Writer

On Sept. 3 you may see a few more strangers around town than usual, but rest assured that they come in peace. If they happen to be smeared with paint, carrying a hammer, or half-soaked with river water, they're probably delegates of "Concordia Serving the Community," a project sponsored by the Community Resource Center (CRC).

Approximately 60 students and staff from Concordia University in Ann Arbor will be involved in projects to benefit the Manchester area. Among their many tasks for the day

are a River Raisin clean-up, senior visiting, food cupboard clean-up, home maintenance and yard clean-up, as well as painting a U.S. map and diagrams for games at the Klager playground.

The event is intended to serve as an example of what can be done within the community to honor those who died on Sept. 11, 2001 at the World Trade Center, as well as the families affected by the attack.

"Hopefully, others will look for ways to participate in positive actions as an outpouring of compassion in response to the events of that day," said CRC director Chris Kanta.

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MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP PROPOSED SYNOPSIS OF A REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2002

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. with all Board members present: Macomber, Widmayer, Mann, Turk and Hakes. Also present were Fire Chief Bill Scully, The Manchester Enterprise's Michael Rybka, and Township residents Richard Stefani, Woody Kellum and Martin Bialecki.

Minutes of the Board's 7/8/02 regular meeting were approved as presented. The Treasurer's report was accepted. Approval was given for payment of bills that have been paid and for outstanding bills. The Michigan State Police report was accepted.

Fire Department activity for the month included five fires, twenty-one medical, four personal injuries, three miscellaneous and one mutual aid, for a total of thirty-four runs for July. The new fire truck is projected to be ready in mid-October.

Zoning Administrator Macomber reported permits for three new residences. The Board of Appeals granted Ron Johnson's variance request. The Planning Commission still needs one member. The Board discussed the draft of the Multiple Residence Driveway and Residential Private Road ordinance and forwarded comments to the Planning Commission. The Supervisor's report was accepted. Among issues he discussed was a petition to the Washtenaw County Drain Commission for cleaning out the Manchester Drain. Clerk Hakes reported on the August 6 primary election. Precinct 1 had 379 voters; Precinct 2 had 349. This total of 728 voters represents 24 percent of Manchester Township's registered voters.

The Manchester Township's fee schedule for various Township services was reviewed and accepted. Copies are available at the Township Hall upon request. The Board discussed creating a fireworks ordinance and will investigate initiating an ordinance either permitting or not permitting fireworks. Correspondence was reviewed.

No other business required action from the Board, and after review of correspondence, the meeting adjourned at 10:08 p.m.

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

Submitted by Kathleen M. Hakes, Clerk
Approved by Ronald E. Mann, Supervisor

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BACK TO SCHOOL!

Welcome Back!
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Back-to-school is a time to seek out bargains

■ *Do your school shopping on a budget—your pocketbook will thank you!*

By Angela Cooper
Staff Writer

Perhaps due to the slumping economy, the average back-to-school shopper will spend nearly \$1,000 less this year than last year, according to a survey conducted by Myvesta.

Back-to-school spending has dropped from \$5,423 in 2000 to \$4,144 this year, the annual survey projects.

"With a crawling economy and job uncertainty on the minds of many Americans, it's not surprising that most people are spending less this year on back-to-school expenses," said Steve Rhode, president and co-founder of Myvesta, a financial health center.

Back-to-school spending is part of a "trifecta of debt," Rhode said, which also includes travel and holiday shopping.

School expenses take up the largest piece of the pie, with vacations costing a little more than \$2,000 this year and less than \$1,000 on holiday shopping.

"Without proper planning, school expenses can lead to big problems for families down the road," Rhode said. "The holidays will be here soon, and if a family is still carrying the balances of back-to-school shopping on their credit cards, the holiday season might just add to even larger credit card debts."

If you put all \$4,144 in expenses on a credit card and only make the minimum monthly payment, it would take 43 years to pay off the debt and you'll pay an extra \$11,364 in interest. Those figures use an 18 percent interest rate and two percent minimum payments.

But before you throw in the financial towel, fear not, there are ways to buy all the necessities without unnecessary spending.

Sending a student to college presents immediate budget destroyers. Tuition and fees can swallow a large portion, if not all, of your back-to-school budget.

In some cases, financial aid will alleviate the burden. Looking for a job, either on campus or off, will help supplement your funds, especially for incidental spending once you're at school.

Low-interest federal loans are available to students who need additional assistance, but grants and scholarships are even better because you never have to pay them back. They may require, however, that certain academic standards are met, such as maintaining a specific grade point average.

According to Myvesta's survey, the average family plans to spend \$1,905 this year on college fees, while last year the projected figure was \$2,466.

"These survey results could be bad news for many retailers who have seen slow sales so far this summer," Rhode said. "We have to hope that the consumers' optimism to cut their spending becomes reality."

"However, in uncertain times such as we've had since Sept. 11, people overestimate their ability to cut back. The truth is, they spend more than they planned."

Since your budget may or may not be practical, it's important to consider all the additional supplies students need—or want—when they head to college.

Most college students need a computer, although they can access computers in labs around campus.

Computers have become a vital tool not only for writing papers, but researching them, and also for staying in touch with friends at other schools or family. E-mail and instant messaging are staples of college life.

If you decide to invest in one, shop around for the best deal and look for packages that include printers and software. Computer

stores near college campuses usually offer good back-to-school deals and educational software is much cheaper than standard commercial.

Talk to your roommate before you buy anything because you may be able to share. Dorm rooms are small enough that buying two of everything is not always necessary.

You can also save space while you're packing if you don't bring unnecessary extras.

Waiting until you've arrived on campus to buy computers, TVs, and other electronics will help you figure out what you really need. For the first week or two, you probably won't desperately need a computer and you can always rely on computer labs.

The 1,000 survey participants projected that they'd spend an average of \$398 on electronics, down from \$532 last year.

Clothing presents another budget hurdle. While you will want to buy some things before you get to school, save money for shopping trips with friend while you're at school.

You can end up spending much more on clothes than you anticipated if you don't budget for mid-year shopping trips. If you get a credit card at college, these trips can account for a good portion of your debt.

The survey projected a two-dollar increase this year from last year to \$518.

Along with clothing, you'll also need to allot money for sports and athletics. Even if you don't play on a varsity team, you can still spend quite a bit on shoes, uniforms or workout clothes, and other equipment.

Joining a club sport can also require dues, and you may have to pay to travel or participate in competitions. The school may provide some funding, but the club has to make up the difference either through fundraisers or additional fees.

According to the survey, these expenses will add on another \$275, about \$20 more than last year.

Living in a dorm presents additional costs because students need bedding, towels and sometimes cooking supplies among other things.

The survey projected a sharp drop in these expenses, although they are among the least negotiable. Spending was estimated at \$230 this year, rather than last year's \$449.

You can always take some towels from home. You may have to buy new sheets depending on the mattress size in your dorm. Some colleges only have extra-long twin beds.

As far as stocking a kitchen, check with your roommates to see what you need to bring. Space is usually fairly limited, so one of most things is good enough. If you really need something later, your parents can ship it to you.

If you don't have anything ahead of time, this is another area where you can wait and buy things once you get to school. You can find a lot of good deals shopping online at the Web sites for Target, Linens 'N Things, Bed Bath and Beyond, and other stores.

You should also include school supplies in your budget, which means not only the pens and notebooks you needed for high school, but also books for all of your classes.

You can spend more than \$500 a semester on books, depending on your major and the electives you choose. The survey participants projected their spending would be around \$150 this year and last.

Most campus bookstores sell used books for a reduced price. Be careful if you decide to use an online textbook store. They do not always ship promptly. Some students have waited for most of the semester for their books to arrive.

The campus bookstore will have books organized by class and professor, mak-

ing it fairly easy to locate what you need. Bring your schedule with you, so you know what to look for.

Once you're at school, you'll need to find a way to get around.

If you have your own car, be prepared to pay for parking permits and the inevitable parking tickets. You'll also have to cover insurance and gas money; the cost of both varies by location.

If you're going to school in a large city, you can rely on public transportation. That can also become costly, although some urban schools offer deals on subway or bus passes to students who buy them early in the semester.

Taking cabs may seem more convenient, but quickly becomes expensive.

Sometimes walking is your best option—it's free and you're getting some exercise.

If you go to school far away, you also have to factor in travel expenses during holidays if you plan to fly home or elsewhere.

Several credit cards offer frequent flyer miles with each purchase. They are a good choice for parents of students who live far away.

You can also look for last-minute discounted fares online if you are flexible about when you take your trip. This plan works well if you want to visit a friend at another college and you both have flexible schedules. Wait until a low rate is available and fly that weekend.

At the end of the year, you may find that you've accu-

mulated more than you can fit into your car to move home.

Shipping and storage companies advertise heavily on college campuses toward the end of the year. Look for the best deal, but also make sure the place is reputable and that storage conditions are acceptable—especially important if you store a computer or other electronics.

The survey projected \$1,249 for transportation expenses this year, up more than \$100 from last year.

The bottom line is that college expenses add up quickly. Prepare a reasonable budget, but also be aware that things could cost more or less than you expect.

You can get some good deals by shopping online

for dorm and school supplies, except books, as well as travel fares. For electronics, you're better off going to a store where you can find special deals and packages that may not be available online.

If you use credit cards to cover the expenses, make a plan ahead of time for paying it off and try to stick to it.

"Back-to-school shopping doesn't have to be a burden on yourself or your family," Rhode said. "If you do need to charge your back-to-school expenses, develop a plan to pay them off in the least amount of time."

"By sending the maximum amount that you can afford to pay each month and never reducing the amount you do pay, you can have that debt paid off quickly."

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