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## Community New Years Eve party

The American Legion Post 117 and its auxiliary are hosting an "old fashioned" New Years Eve party on from 8 p.m. until after midnight on Tuesday.

Cards and dancing are on the agenda for the evening with midnight party favors and a light meal included for just \$5 per person.

"This is not a place raiser, but a time and place for people in the community to get together rather than stay home alone on New Years eve," said Legion public relations officer Rich Jones. "The cost is to cover expenses."

## County parks offer nature programs

An "annual winter gathering" will be held at Washtenaw County's Park Lyndon South starting at 10 a.m. on Jan. 5.

This event, consisting of a short hike followed by a potluck, is a long time tradition of the Washtenaw County parks. Participants will gather at the park's cabin, head out for about an hour of hiking and then come back to the cabin to share food and favorite nature stories.

Bring a dish to pass; hot drinks will be provided. No alcohol, smoking or pets are permitted at the cabin.

## New Year's Eve Jubilee set

A family friendly festival of entertainment will be held at the New Year Jubilee of Southeastern Michigan, held in and around Ypsilanti's historic district from 6:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. on Tuesday.

Juggling comedy, magic, clowns, story telling, food, dancing, poetry, along with opera, jazz, bluegrass, classical, blues and folk music will be featured with 30 acts performing in 10 locations throughout the historic district.

Tickets are available at area Busch's markets, Nicola's books/Little Professor and at the Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti area Convention and Visitors Bureau. Call 995-7281 for more details.

## Holiday hours for the Manchester Enterprise

To allow employees additional time with their families during the coming holiday week, the Enterprise office will close at noon on Dec. 31.

## School district receives alternative fuel grant

State will reimburse added cost of biodiesel.

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand  
Associate Editor

A \$6,830 grant from the state of Michigan will help defray the added cost of the school bus fleet using an estimated 34,000 gallons of biodiesel fuel during the coming year.

The use of biodiesel is expected to improve emissions and air quality in the district and may extend the life of the 18 school buses in which it currently is used. This relatively new alternative fuel, a combination of traditional diesel fuel and 20 percent soybean oil known as B20, has been sold since last January by Wacker Oil Co. in

Sharon Township.

The school board made a commitment at its Sept. 16 meeting to use biodiesel fuel in all of the district's buses.

The Energy Policy Act of 1991 (EPACT) requires fleets to purchase and use alternative-fuel vehicles as part of any new vehicle purchases. One of the advantages of using B20 biodiesel is that no special adaptations are needed for its use. It can easily be substituted for traditional diesel fuel in any diesel-powered vehicle.

"Part of the impetus

behind the grant is to help strengthen the biodiesel infrastructure in Michigan," said Theresa Schenk, finance director for Manchester Community Schools, who will help Transportation Director Jeff Knasiak administer the grant.

The grant application was written by Superintendent David Oegema with the assistance of the City of Ann Arbor's energy office and the Ann Arbor Clear Cities program established by the United States Department of Energy.

The Clear Cities program encourages the voluntary introduction of alternative fuels into non-mandated fleets, Schenk said.

"The City of Ann Arbor was very helpful in helping us lay

out the format of this grant proposal," she added.

"We were fortunate to get the full amount we applied for."

The cost of biodiesel fuel is about \$.20 per gallon higher than regular diesel, due to surcharges.

"It's new and therefore not cost-competitive yet," Schenk said. "But our board of education made the commitment to have fewer emissions and cleaner fuel in our school buses despite the cost."

Now the district does not have to use general funds out of its regular budget to cover any added costs to biodiesel. Instead, the state will reimburse the district for the cost difference.

Schenk said she was not

sure whether the grant would be awarded annually or only on a one time basis.

"It's up to the state and how much they are supporting these alternative fuel programs," she said. "It's all about trying to get away from a reliance on foreign oil."

"The more people start using it and the cost comes down, the state probably won't need to support it as much."

Norm Mobley, the district's bus mechanic, noticed a slightly higher fuel mileage in a bus which used biodiesel fuel on an experimental basis during the summer months. The grant was requested by the school on the basis of an estimated use of 34,000 gallons of fuel per year.



Schenk

## Happy Holidays!



"Merry Christmas to All, and to All a Good Night!" Santa waves farewell to Manchester from his house on Adrian Street where he visited with hundreds of the community's children over the past month.

## The weevils have it

Board to proceed with special assessment at Pleasant Lake.

By Laura Merte  
Staff Writer

The Dec. 10 meeting of the Freedom Township Board of Trustees featured a packed agenda with discussion touching on gravel pit mining, ordinance additions or revisions and attorney issues.

Supervisor Bob Little reported that the Pleasant Lake Property Owners Association's request for a special assessment would be moving forward in the next month, as he compiles a plan for the board's review.

Little said that the association's petition, which requests a special assessment for funding an environmental solution to the weed problem in Pleasant Lake, garnered favor with 73.3 percent of the assessment district, verified by establishing

both ownership and acreage of lakefront and lake-access property. A petition organized by Pleasant Lake residents in favor of a chemical solution only met 17.3 percent approval, failing to qualify for consideration.

The biological control the PLPOA has in mind is an aquatic weevil, a native beetle which lives in the water and feeds specifically on Eurasian watermilfoil, an exotic plant that has taken over much of Pleasant Lake, hindering recreational activity and crowding out natural plant and animal life.

The weevils are raised by a private company on its own stocks of milfoil, which will then be planted in the milfoil beds in Pleasant Lake. The weevils feed on the vascular system of the plant, destroying its inner structure and killing the plant, moving on to neighboring plants. The entire process takes several years to be visibly effective, but has been shown to provide a perma-

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## Bridgewater moves ahead with sewer plans

Property purchase clears way for mechanical plant.

By Nancy Hebb  
Special Writer

At its Dec. 18 meeting, the Bridgewater Township Board of Trustees announced plans to move forward with a land purchase for the mechanical sewer system to serve the hamlet of Bridgewater. With the Planning Commission, the board also announced that a public hearing on draft amendments to the Township Zoning Ordinance would be held at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 13 in the township hall.

The township has an agreement to purchase 10 acres located on Kaiser Road south of Bridgewater from William and Janice Eversole. The plan is to use two acres for the sewer plant site and sell the remainder for building lots.

The purchase, at a cost of \$107,000, is contingent on several criteria being met, according to Supervisor Carol Peacock.

"The contingencies include that adequate financing is secured for the project, that the DEQ approves the design and issues the permit for the sewer system, that no subsurface condition exists that would prevent the land's use for a sewer plant, that the soils are suitable and that the parcel meets all zoning ordinances for its proposed use," she said.

In the meantime, Peacock said, the township paid to extend its option on land for a lagoon system.

Said Clerk Karen Weidmayer, "Hopefully we're on the right track for the mechanical system, but we didn't want to lose the other option."

Before the mechanical system moves forward, the

grant agreement must be amended for a mechanical rather than lagoon system and to reflect a realistic timetable.

"I'm told the permit process takes two to four months," Peacock said. "I'm hoping we'll see this project move forward in the coming year. The board has put in lots of time and effort on the sewer project, with special meetings and lots of late hours."

"I'd like to thank everyone for their hard work."

In other business, the board heard a presentation on creating a township web site within the county government's web system. Shahzad Rauf and Shawn Stemen of Washtenaw County Information Technology Services explained how the department assists local governments to establish a web site and train volunteers to maintain it.

Several township residents who expressed interest in working on the project attended the presentation. Residents can access local government sites created under the system from the main county web site at www.ewashtenaw.org.

"I think we should invite anyone inclined to work on a web site to submit a letter of interest, and to give their impressions and suggestions," trustee Doug Parr said, and the board agreed.

The board will review the Information Technology Services contract and letters from potential volunteers for further consideration at its January meeting.

The Bridgewater Township Planning Commission submitted to the board proposed amendments to the zoning ordinance providing for Open Space and Cluster options in developing rural or residential parcels.

The board expressed a desire to better understand the changes and further review the written amendment. Planning Commission Chairman Jim Fish suggested they direct any questions to the Planning Commission in the next few days, so that answers could be compiled and returned to them as soon as possible. The decision to adopt the amendment was laid over to January.

Fish said that the commission already had received notice of intent to request a pre-application meeting for the possible development of 110 acres on Hogan Road, utilizing the proposed Open Space amendment.

In continued efforts to elicit public input in the zoning ordinance amendment process, Fish offered a report to the board that detailed options for a hamlet "visioning" initiative.

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Dec. 26**  
**No CRC meeting**  
**No King's Volunteers meeting**

**Dec. 27**  
**Freshman, Varsity & Jr. Varsity Boys basketball/tournament** at Chelsea  
**Varsity & Jr. Varsity Wrestling/Montrose/Away/9:00 a.m.**

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

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

**Dec. 28**  
**Freshman, Varsity & Jr. Varsity Boys basketball/tournament** at Chelsea

**Dec. 30**  
**Euchre Night** at the American Legion, 7 p.m. All are welcome.

**Dec. 31**  
**New Year's Eve**  
**American Legion** New Year's Eve party, \$5 at the door. Play cards, dance 8 p.m. til ?

**Jan. 1, 2003**  
**New Year's Day**  
**Raisin Valley Land Trust** annual meeting rescheduled for Jan. 8

**Jan. 2**  
**Manchester Village Parks** meeting rescheduled for Jan. 9

**American Legion Post 117** meets at 7:30 p.m. at the American Legion Home.

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

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

## STRAIGHT FACTS

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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 Historical Society** meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month at the Blacksmith Shop, except July and August when there are no meetings.

**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. Call 428-8120 for information.

**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 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 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 7 p.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.

**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

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 12:30, (4:15 @ \$4.50) 8:30

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# Local cider mill places in top three statewide

■ **Alber Orchards' cider wins third place in cider-sipping contest.**

By **Marsha Johnson Chartrand**  
Associate Editor

The apple cider season is officially over, but it is far from forgotten at Alber Orchard and Cider Mill in Freedom Township.

On Dec. 15, Mike and Therese Bossory, who have just concluded their fourth season as apple growers and cider makers, were notified that they had won third place in a statewide cider contest sponsored by Michigan State University Extension.

"There were 29 entrants in the contest," Therese Bossory said, "and we are in the top 10 percent!"

This is the second year that the Bossory family has pressed their own cider at Alber Orchard, and to win such a prestigious award so early is "particularly significant," according to MSU Extension District Horticultural Agent Bob Tritten.

"It is truly significant that Mike and Therese have achieved this level of quality of cider within such a short time period," Tritten said.

The contest, which was held in Grand Rapids in conjunction with MSU Extension's annual horticultural and agricultural show, is judged much like a wine-tasting contest, Tritten added.

"This is the sixth year for the Michigan Cider competition, which is held each year during our conference for fruit growers across the state and throughout the Great Lakes states," he said. "This particular competition is only open to Michigan cider mills, and we have had excellent participation this year."

Currently there are 115 cider mills throughout the state and with 29 participating in the cider competition, Tritten considers it a great level of participation.

The ciders are judged in a blind competition by nine judges from around the state. The judges come from three major groups of people—food editors and writers, apple growers who don't make cider but who are enthusiastic about it, and what Tritten calls "cider aficionados—folks who really enjoy cider and like to taste it."

Following three rounds of judging, first, second and third place awards are presented.

"The judges have no idea whose cider they taste," Tritten said in explaining the judging system. "We have a system of judging where points are given to each cider as it is tasted. For the first two rounds

each judge scores the number of points for every cider. In the last round the top several are ranked.

"From that arise the top three winning ciders."

The top three mills receive a trophy for their accomplishment and the first-place winner also receives a traveling trophy.

"It is much like the Stanley Cup trophy of cider making," Tritten says with a chuckle. "It literally is a small cider barrel mounted on a trophy. It's attractive and neat looking."

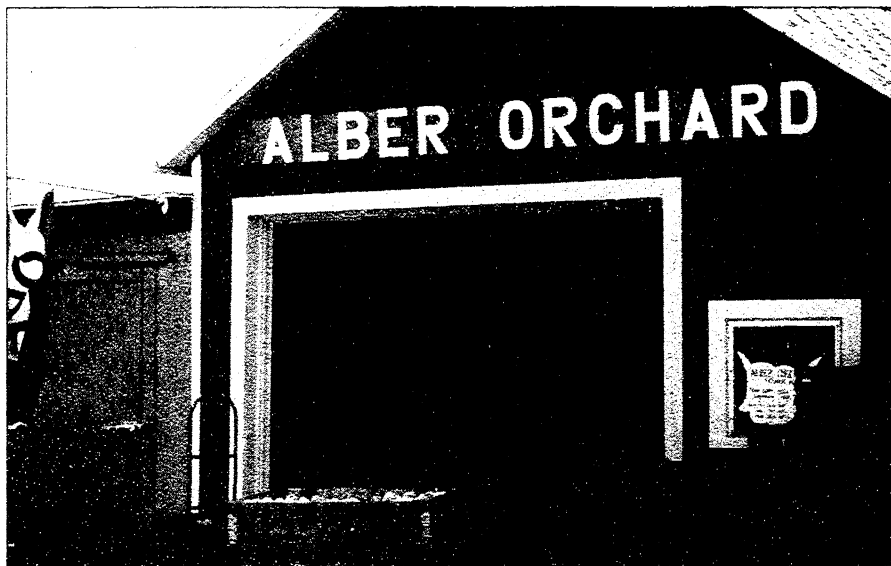
Tritten, who specializes on a statewide basis in cider production and marketing, has worked closely with the Bossorys over the past four years since they took over the Alber Orchard and Cider Mill.

"I help to extend the knowledge base of the university and research community to the fruit growers of the state," he said.

"He's been so helpful to us with the farming, ever since we started," Bossory said.

Tritten said that the true secret to quality cider can be attributed to two factors—the blend of apples that the cider makers use and the sanitation and safety procedures employed.

"Cleaning the cider presses when they're done and before they start a new batch, is another characteristic that makes a good quality cider," he said.



Alber Orchard in Freedom Township is one of the area's oldest continuously-running businesses.

And as for the blends of apples, "Every orchard has its own secret," Tritten added.

"Most orchards may use four to six varieties of apples in the same cider," he said. "They don't want to share their secrets, and that's OK."

"Some people will drive past a local cider mill to go to another one a great distance away, simply because they really enjoy the taste and characteristics of that particular cider."

The Alber name is well established in the cider mill

industry, since it has been in business for more than 100 years. And even under new ownership, the tradition of quality continues.

"We're very excited," Therese Bossory said. "We didn't place last year when we entered our cider, so this is really cool."

"Every week your cider changes, so we freeze a couple gallons each time we press and tried to send the best sample of our cider."

Irwin's Orchard in South Lyon was the first-place winner in the competition for the second straight year.

# County passes clean indoor air regulation

Washtenaw County is cracking down on smokers and indoor air pollution.

Last month, the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners passed the strongest statewide Clean Indoor Air Regulation to date, guaranteeing healthier workplaces and public places by prohibiting smoking in these areas throughout the county.

The regulation becomes effective Feb. 20. At that time, all worksites must have an effective smoke-free policy in place.

Food service establishments such as bars and restaurants are not covered by the regulation. The Michigan Court of Appeals has ruled that counties and municipalities cannot totally ban smoking in these facilities because state law preempts it.

The only other exemption is the county homeless shelter.

This is the second county-wide smoking regulation passed in the state. Other enactments of Clean Indoor Air Regulations include Ingham County and the city of Marquette.

On April 3, the Washtenaw County Board adopted a resolution directing Public Health Officer Ellen Clement to develop a regulation under the public health code to protect the public health and welfare that would seek support for a countywide smoke-free regulation.

A series of public meetings were held throughout the county to allow for public comment on the issue and the majority of participants, county residents and some businesses, were sup-

ported the regulation.

For more information regarding the Clean Indoor Air Regulation, call DeBorah Borden at 1-734-484-7200 or via e-mail at borden@ewashtenaw.org.

Complete copies of the regulation will be available online at [www.ewashtenaw.org](http://www.ewashtenaw.org).

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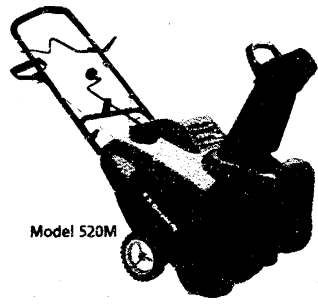
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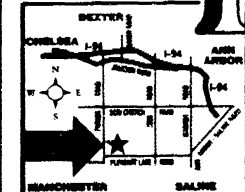


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# Festival of Trees first annual success



Joan Walkowe of Manchester was the happy winner of a full-sized Santa in the Manchester merchants' holiday raffle. More than \$200 was raised to benefit new holiday decorations in the downtown area.

■ Raffle winners will have happy holiday memories.

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand  
Associate Editor

Christmas 2002 will be a memorable holiday for many people and for a variety of reasons, but five Manchester residents will have an extra reason to remember this season next year.

The Manchester merchants' raffle to benefit new lighting and decorations on Main Street in coming years was, like the Festival of Trees, a successful first-year tradition that likely will be repeated for years to come.

Calamity Jane's full-sized

seated Santa Claus was won by a very excited Joan Walkowe, while the Flower Garden holiday arrangement basket went home with Cheryl LaDouceur of Manchester.

Bonnie Barnard was the happy recipient of the Village Gifts' gift basket and gift certificates from Dan's River Grill were awarded to Sharon Day and Jessica Manders.

And 25 lucky children were recipients of book gifts sponsored by area businesses in the first annual coloring contest held at the Manchester District Library.

The first annual Festival of Trees garnered at least 17 bags of grocery food items and an equal amount of paper products, many of

those items gathered by the American Legion and Auxiliary.

"The Legion people really came through," said Peg Chizmar, whose inspiration guided this first annual event.

While only a small crowd gathered on Dec. 13 to celebrate the festival day, everyone in attendance greatly appreciated the visits with Santa, the stories and songs and the many prizes awarded to adults and children alike.

"I heard so many people who attended say that they've told their friends they had really missed something," Chizmar said. "I think it will grow by word of mouth in the years to come."

"It helped so many people."

The Community Resource Center food cupboard and Manchester Family Service were the joint recipients of the grocery items gathered around the six gaily decorated holiday trees in the lobby of Village Hall. While family services volunteers came on Friday evening to gather their share to distribute at Saturday's Christmas shop, the CRC appreciated a special delivery by Chizmar and village DPW employee Bob Pratt on Saturday.

"And Jeff Wallace and Jack Gould from the village office helped me load up my truck," Chizmar said. "We had a very good reception from the village; they were so cooperative."

"This is a great community to live in—there are so many good people here."

Those who still wish to make a donation to benefit future holiday decorations and lighting in the downtown area may find canisters conveniently located in area businesses for the next few days.

## Exercise caution while snowmobiling

Whether it's on the trail with a friend or two, or on a snowmobile safari, safety should be the guide during what is expected to be one of the busiest seasons on Michigan trails in decades, says officials with AAA.

"Snowmobiling is one of the fastest-growing winter outdoor sports in Michigan," said Richard J. Miller, manager at AAA Michigan Community Safety Services. "Operating machines that are quick and powerful means responsible riding should be the No. 1 priority."

Snowmobile registration numbers have climbed for 10 consecutive seasons. That includes a 4 percent rise to 393,598 at the end of the 2001-02 season. The figure, which could rise by a similar percentage this year, points to inexperience as a major contributor to injuries and fatalities, Miller said.

Last season, 33 people died in 33 fatal snowmobile crashes, compared with 39 who were killed in the 2000-01 season.

"Mandatory safety training for younger ages is a large factor in reducing

fatalities from a 10-year high of 48 in the 1995-96 season, but the total is far from what it could be if drivers and riders use some common sense rules on the trail," Miller said.

The biggest factors contributing to fatalities and crashes were speed, recklessness, inexperience and alcohol or drugs.

Speed was a factor in 20, or 61 percent of the fatal crashes. It also was the main factor on 91 percent of the fatal crashes that occurred on the state's more than 6,100 miles of groomed trails. Careless and reckless driving was involved in four (16 percent) of the fatal crashes.

Fifty-eight percent of the crashes involved the snowmobile hitting a fixed object, such as a tree, another indicator that speed was a factor.

"Many machines can accelerate quickly to reach more than 100 mph," Miller said. "Combined with a snowmobile's limited steering and braking ability on snow and ice and little protection for riders, it's not difficult to see how a slight mistake in judgment can

become a fatal error."

The role of alcohol or drugs in snowmobile crashes last season rose significantly. Alcohol or drugs were involved in 67 percent, or 22 of the fatalities compared with 56 percent in 2000-01.

"Simply avoiding alcohol while riding could have saved 22 lives last winter," Miller said.

Alcohol hinders the ability to handle machinery like a snowmobile, affects judgment and slows reaction time needed to prevent a crash. Alcohol also impairs common sense and coordination and increases the risk of hypothermia.

Youth and inexperience also are factors. The average age of crash victims is 32. Seventy-two percent were in their 20s and 30s.

Youths ages 12 through 16 must successfully complete a state-mandated snowmobile safety course. In 2001-02, 6,417 students earned safety certificates, up 5 percent from the season before. It was the first year that more than 6,000 students were certified.

"While education has helped decrease deaths since 1995, speed and alcohol combined with the bravado of youth too often lead to tragic consequences," Miller said.

Other fatality statistics show that 76 percent occurred on Fridays through Sundays. The nine-hour period between 4 p.m. and 1 a.m. accounted for 26 or 79 percent of the fatalities. Nineteen of the fatal crashes occurred during good or excellent visibility.

Snowmobilers can help reduce fatalities, injuries and crashes further by following some simple rules of the trail:

- Always wear a snowmobile suit, boots, mittens and facemask.
- Wear an approved crash helmet. It is the law on all property open to the public and is your best defense in the event of a crash. It also offers protection from frostbite and injury from trees, brush and other trail hazards.
- Don't ride faster than your ability to maintain control and stop within a

clear, safe distance.

• Never travel alone. Tell friends where you are going and when you'll return. Take frequent breaks to avoid fatigue.

• Always carry a first-aid kit, compass, portable global positioning system, cellular telephone, water, water-proof matches or lighter, survival blanket, tool kit, rope, extra key and energy foods.

• Stop, look and listen when crossing roads, then proceed. Never assume the route is clear.

Snowmobilers ages 12 through 16 cannot drive across a highway or street without a valid safety certificate.

• Stay on marked trails. Be alert for oncoming traffic, fences, culverts, wildlife, ditches, stumps, posts, icy or dry spots and hidden wires. Respect private property and obey all traffic laws.

• Keep your equipment in top condition. Take you keys when parked and lock and chain your snowmobile and trailer when unattended.

### BIRTH

#### NICHOLAS JAMES LAY

Born on Oct. 29, 2002, a son, Nicholas James Lay at the University Hospital, Charlotte, N.C. Nicholas weighed 9 pounds, 9 ounces and was 23½ in. long at birth. Parents are Tracy and Sara (Scully) Lay of Charlotte, N.C. Nicholas has an older sister, Ainsley. Grandparents are Mike and Marge Scully of Manchester.

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# The ENTERPRISE COMMENTARY

## Street Talk

By Becky Noggle

What is your New Year's Resolution?



"Spend more time with my kids." Victoria Evans



"Nothing really." Jackie Vigilanti



"To smile every day." Rosie Sondeen



"To gain weight." Wade Goodell



"Remember people's birthdays better." Alex Breilein



"Go to the Great Bear Lodge." Logan Zigilia

# We haven't heard the last of Gore

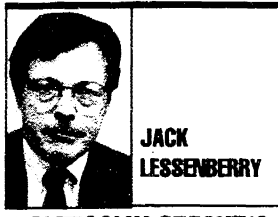
Many Democrats seemed excited, happy, almost giddy last week when Al Gore gave them an early Christmas present and announced he would not run for President in 2004.

"It opens up a nice clear open field," a former Clinton staffer named Maria Echaveste (no, I never heard of her either) bubbled to the press. "There was a decided lack of enthusiasm among many Democrats about Gore."

That, in fact, is what the media has been telling us for years. But a year from now, it may start dawning on the Democrats that they sadly underestimated Gore's abilities and even his appeal, and they may be left with a field of political midgets.

Michigan's junior U.S. senator, Debbie Stabenow ought to know better. She may well owe her seat to Gore. She was an underdog on the morning of Election Day 2000.

Democrats thought if all went well, Gore might win Michigan by 80,000 or so. But the vice-president won Michigan easily, by 217,000



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votes, and that helped pull fellow Democrat Stabenow to an unexpected, 67,000 vote edge over U.S. Sen. Spencer Abraham. Some doubt there is any "coattail effect" at all these days, but it seems pretty clear that Al Gore had them here two years ago.

And while you will never hear her mention it, another freshman Democratic senator, Hillary Clinton, ran far behind Gore as well. Nearly half a million New Yorkers voted for Al Gore and against Hillary Clinton. Nationwide, Gore got more votes than anyone in history, except for Ronald Reagan's landslide in 1984.

When he bowed out of the race Sunday, he said, sensibly, "a campaign that would be a rematch between

myself and President Bush would inevitably involve a focus on the past that in some measure would distract from the focus on the future."

That may be true, and Sept. 11, 2001 makes the last campaign seem a long time ago indeed. But it is also true that those who forget the past do so at their own peril, and that election was really much different than the myth we have come to remember.

Gore can sometimes seem starchy. He did seem to be lurching around for an identity two years ago.

But the reality is that he staged an impressive comeback at the end. Ten days before the election he was down by 9 to 11 points. Yet he won the popular vote, and decisively carried most of America's key industrial states—New York, California, Illinois, Pennsylvania and Michigan. And if a few hundred people in Palm Beach County had paid enough attention to punch the right hole, George W. Bush's political career would have ended in dis-

grace in November 2000.

For if there is an untold story of that election, it is how in the last week, the Texas governor almost blew it all. He took a weekend off to relax, then wasted time and money in California. Finally, in the biggest gaffe of the campaign, he said "They want the federal government controlling the Social Security like it's some sort of federal program."

That helped convince many that Bush might not be up to the job. Without any doubt, his personality was more appealing to most. But there are thousands of Gore admirers who gather around a website (www.algore04.com) to support their hero.

And nobody charged the vice-president wasn't intellectually capable. Democrats may not want to admit it, but Al Gore is their only major league player. The front-runner for the nomination now is U.S. Sen. John Kerry, a Massachusetts liberal with a questionable Vietnam record and a sometimes icy personality. Then there's U.S. Sen. John Edwards (D-N.C.) and

Howard Dean, a governor and country doctor from Vermont, both with no foreign policy experience and microscopic name recognition.

Swell. Years ago, when I was politics editor for a newspaper in Tennessee and he was a newly minted senator, I got to know Gore fairly well. In private, he was much less stiff than in public. We once had an argument about labeling rock music albums with questionable lyrics, and he deftly showed me I didn't know what I was talking about.

No, he wasn't the first guy you'd think about calling to go to the bar or the bowling alley with. But is that what we really want in a president?

Nobody can see the future. But if Democrats lose the next presidential election, the odds are that voters will be weary of the Republicans by 2008 and the man who almost won it last time could seem a much more attractive candidate.

It's happened before, you know. Look up Richard Nixon.

# Slow down, listen for the meaning of Christmas

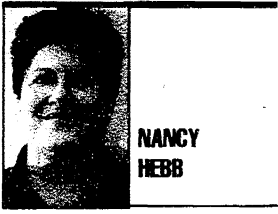
It's here. Once again, December 25 manages to be the most long-anticipated and, simultaneously, the fastest-arriving date of the year. In the weeks preceding the magic number, I heard universal complaints about time shrinking and "to do" lists expanding.

Greetings in passing changed from "Hi! How've you been? What have you been up to lately?" to "Are you done yet?" and the reply, "No. Are you?"

Jostling through crowds, whether at a mall or just the local supermarket, everyone appeared to be going through the motions, with their minds occupied elsewhere.

It wasn't that people weren't happy, or cordial, or even smiling. It was simply a matter of pace. Everyone needed to be someplace else, soon, it appeared.

If space aliens landed in



NANCY HEBB SHEEP SHOTS

the U.S. during the days before Christmas, they might think they were viewing a scenario a la "Invasion of the Body Snatchers": automatons, rather than humans, populating our country.

Let's face it. We want to fully invest ourselves in the season. Church, Christmas cards, attending to youngsters' wishes, multiple festive social engagements, decorating, baking, shopping, travel, and enjoying holiday concerts or other

events all take time.

Then, unfortunately, the distractions of earning a wage, doing chores, and taking care of mundane daily obligations take hours, seemingly getting in the way of Christmas.

Some nights ago, running late, I found myself exercising dogs in the dark, running water for the sheep far later than usual, and generally trying to reclaim an hour of my day that disappeared somewhere along the way. I wanted to write a few notes to enclose in greeting cards that night, but a sore arm and tiredness threatened to push that chore onto the next day's agenda.

Impatient, I resented my own tardiness. Where did that day go? How would I ever get through my pre-Christmas list? The dogs, black shapes in the night's darkness, moved like forms swimming below a dark sur-

face. They "herded" each other, sniffed silently about, and generally proved far more sure-footed than I over the rutted backyard.

Without my mercury light working, I moved frustratingly slowly back toward the house after the dogs were fed and bedded down. A cloudy night, the stars offered no relief.

Suddenly, an owl hooted, sounding deceptively close. "Who cooks for you?" is the classic phrase used to describe the three short, one long note of the barred owl's "who... who... whoooo" call. I stopped my slow progress toward the house and stood still. Once again, the bird spoke.

Then coyotes started a chorus from back beyond my woods. All that was missing was a bat swooping overhead to complete the eerie moment. But, instead of being spooked, I was

soothed.

An hour earlier, these creatures silently occupied the space around me, invisible yet ever-present. An hour faster through my day, I would have missed a moment of sheer earthly power asserting itself.

The power of Christmas is like that. It requires us to come to it on its own terms, in its own time. It occupies the world, invisible yet ever-present.

No matter how fast the rush to arrive here, I hope all who so believe find themselves resting at journey's end in the true Peace of the season.

In our frantic need to do Christmas, I hope we don't forget to experience it.

For, beyond the bright lights, an unearthly gift embodied in earthly celebrations waits patiently for us to slow down, to listen, to see.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Community volunteers are outstanding.

To the editor:  
A big thanks to two of Santa's helpers, Ron Milkey

and Todd Fegan, and their families for all the hours they put in making Santa an appropriate house for children to visit on Saturday mornings. Our community is very fortunate to have such

generous volunteers.

We wish them and their families a very merry Christmas!

Mark, Julie, Taylor and Jessica Manders



### BY BILL MANGOLD

BRIAN COX - OK AARON GIBBEACH - NICE  
LINDA BRANNOCK - NICE JESSICA KEEFNER - NICE  
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# SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS

It always surprises me just how much information is available to me with just a few strokes on the keyboard ... I recently typed in "German Christmas Traditions" (reflecting on the largely German background of the community, as well as my own ethnic history) at the website of my favorite internet search engine, www.Google.com, hoping to find a tidbit or two to use in this week's column.

Approximately 58,100 sites matched my inquiry. I was surprised, to say the least. So I thought I might share a few of the things I learned.



Laura Merte

## WIDE AWAKE

Kris Kringle, popularized by A Miracle on 34th Street, is a name derived from the German Christkindle, an angelic messenger sent by the Christ child who comes to earth to gather letters from children and leaving requested gifts, rings a bell upon departure.

Keeping in kind with the legend, German families celebrate Christmas Eve in a very unique fashion. While the children, the adults in the household secretly decorate the Christmas tree and set out gifts. At the ringing of a bell, the children finally get to see the tree and open the presents that the Christkindle has brought.

One favorite decoration for the Christmas tree is an ornament in the shape of a pickle, which is hidden deep within the branches. The first child to find the pickle gets an extra gift.

Christmas markets are a common sight throughout

Germany in the weeks preceding Christmas. Similar to a craft fair, they feature booths decorated with fir branches and lanterns, with vendors offering handmade gifts and toys, as well as treats such as roasted chestnuts and hot mulled wine. The oldest and most famous market is the Christkindlesmarkt in Nuremberg, which runs daily throughout the advent season. Its American counterpart is the Christkindlmarkt in Chicago, set up in front of City Hall from Thanksgiving through Christmas.

Since Christmas is actually celebrated for two days in Germany (Dec. 25 and 26), it is still appropriate to wish you Fröhliche Weihnachten (Merry Christmas) today!

There will be no senior citizens' luncheons this week. They will resume Jan. 7. Hopefully all are spending quality time with their extended families and friends over the holidays!

The only calendar event from now until the end of the year is Saturday, when the bus will pick seniors up starting at 8:00 a.m. for a trip to Motor City Casino. Call Tootie Armentrout at 428-7615 to request a pick-up.

The Christmas tree, one of the traditional American holiday staples, has its roots in pre-Christian Germany, when evergreens were placed indoors to symbolize hope for the coming spring. The tradition evolved to decorating the trees with apples as a symbol of the tree of life in Adam and Eve's Garden of Eden.

Over the years, the boughs were so heavy that it was feared they would topple over. So glassblowers ingeniously began to make lightweight substitutes. To this day, German glassblowers are said to make the finest molds for glass Christmas ornaments.

# Corn and soybean winter meeting set

By Mike Score

Extension Agricultural Agent

For the third year, the corn and soybean check off programs in Michigan will be sponsoring a corn and soybean research update. Of the six meetings held around the state, the one closest to Washtenaw and Lenawee County farmers will be held on Jan. 21 at Cabela's in Dundee.

The purpose of these meetings is to share newly found information gathered by researchers from Michigan State University that was funded by either the Michigan Soybean Promotion Committee or the Corn Marketing Program of Michigan. The researchers themselves will be there to describe the results of their research, which allows farmers to ask questions directly to them.

It's a fair question to ask yourself why you should clear your schedule for a meeting of this type. Here are my best shots at answering that question in a way that will encourage you to attend.

The best reason, as would be true of most farm meetings, is the excellent opportunity to visit with resource people who may be able to help you improve your understanding of farm management challenges you are fac-

ing. If you are struggling with weed control problems in your crop rotation, you will find no better resource people in Michigan than Jim Kells and Karen Renner from Michigan State University Extension. Jim and Karen will both be on the program, and you should be able to ask them questions during break periods.

Chris DiFonzo has quickly become known as an excellent entomologist. Chris has done award winning work on the soybean aphid, and will be able to help you determine the likelihood of that pest showing up again in our region.

The Soybean Promotion Committee and the Corn Marketing Program have been working hard to develop value-added opportunities for the entrepreneurial farmers of our region. Keith Reinholt and Jody Pollok both will be speaking on new opportunities for converting farm commodities into consumer products.

Other speakers, like Jim Hilker from MSU Agricultural Economics, will be available to visit with you and your neighbors about trends in the grain markets. By combining the information these speakers will share with all that you

already know, you should be able to improve your opportunities to have a successful production and marketing season in 2003.

Less significant, yet important reasons for some to attend include the doughnuts, lunch, and MDA pesticide recertification credits that will be provided for meeting participants free of charge.

Interested persons can register by calling the Monroe County Extension office at 734-240-3170. Pesticide recertification credits and Certified Crop Advisor credits have been applied for. For more information, contact Ned Birkey at the Monroe County Extension office. Ned and I are working together on this meeting. It's his turn to handle the registration.

I look forward to seeing you there.

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# Michigan history honors women

Jennifer Granholm has made recent history as the first woman governor of Michigan. Michiganians can learn more about Granholm and other historic women in the November/December special issue of Michigan History magazine.

This issue, which focuses on amazing women in Michigan's past, tells the stories of political activist Mildred Jeffrey, women's rights activist Martha Griffiths, George Custer's devoted wife Libbie, and Michigan's last Titanic survivor. This special issue also features readers' submissions about the mothers, aunts, grandmothers and friends who made a difference in their lives.

"The role of women in our history demands greater attention," said editor Roger Rosentreter. "We set out in this issue to chronicle as much about Michigan

women as we could pack into 96 pages."

Readers can find out more about selected Michigan History topics on the magazine's Web site. On-line features from this issue include stories about activist Sojourner Truth, members of late-nineteenth century women's clubs and the establishment of women's sports programs in Michigan high schools. Visit Michigan History's Web site at www.michiganhistory-magazine.com for these and other fascinating topics.

Michigan History has provided engaging articles about the state's past since 1917. Every issue tells exciting stories of Michigan people and places, is filled with bold illustrations and colorful photos and highlights history-related books and places to visit. The magazine is produced six times a year, including an annual single-

theme special issue.

Michigan History also offers a variety of Michigan heritage products and other publications, which can be seen on-line. For more information or to order Michigan History, telephone (800) 366-3703 or visit the magazine's Web site.

Michigan History, the nation's most widely circulated state history magazine, is part of the Michigan Historical Center. The Michigan Historical Center is an agency of the Department of History, Arts and Libraries. Dedicated to enhancing the quality of life in Michigan, the department also includes the Mackinac Island State Park Commission, the Library of Michigan, the Michigan Film Office and the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

# Telecom statute takes effect

Michigan's new telecommunications statute came into effect Nov. 1.

In early fall, Gov. John Engler signed the Metropolitan Extension Telecommunications Rights-of-Way Oversight into law. The act was designed to encourage the introduction of broadband technology throughout the state by streamlining and standardizing the permit process and fees.

The act creates a statewide

authority, empowering it to collect an annual maintenance fee from telecommunication providers with facilities in the state. For most municipalities, this will provide funds available to offset some of the cost of maintaining public rights-of-way.

Providers will pay an annual maintenance fee of 2 cents per linear foot through March 31 and then 5 cents per linear foot.

It's estimated the authority will collect approximately

\$25 million to \$30 million per year in fees once the program is fully implanted. All of the fees will be redistributed back to Michigan municipalities.

Of the first \$30 million collected each year, 75 percent will be distributed to cities and villages based on the Act 51 gas tax formula.

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# POLICE BLOTTER

## Possession of marijuana

On Dec. 5 at approximately 6:30 p.m., Deputy Cindy Flint was dispatched to the Bridgewater Township residence of a 26-year-old male for possible narcotics.

Deputy Kraig Kourt of the Lenawee County Sheriff's Department had arrived at the suspect's residence an hour earlier with an arrest warrant for a prior incident of possession of marijuana. According to Kourt, the odor of freshly burned marijuana was apparent when he first arrived at the residence. He placed the suspect under arrest, then went into an adjacent room where cigarettes and a leafy substance, both suspected to be marijuana, were lying in plain sight, as well as numerous supplies used to measure, weigh and package marijuana.

After obtaining permission to search the residence, Kourt notified dispatch, and Flint arrived on the scene at approximately 6:45 p.m. During the search a number of items were recovered and logged into evidence, including suspected marijuana plant material and seeds, marijuana pipe, seed starter, growth formulas, fertilizers and pocket scale.

The case is currently open pending review and prosecution.

## Domestic Assault

On Dec. 7, a 911 call brought Deputy J.C. Harvey, Jr. to the residence of a Bridgewater Township woman. The victim was home alone, said Harvey, and was emotional and concerned for the welfare of her children, who were with their father.

According to the victim, she and her husband were discussing their relationship, which she said "has been rocky for a while." The discussion escalated into a verbal argument and a struggle between the two. The suspect then left the house and the victim called 911. She had no major injuries, but had bruising on the fingers of her right hand.

After meeting with the victim, Harvey made contact with the suspect, who waived his Miranda rights to talk with the officer. After discussing the situation, the suspect was placed under arrest and transported to Washtenaw County Jail, where he was released on bond.

## Warrant arrest

In the early morning of Dec. 10, Deputy Babycz initiated

a routine traffic stop on a vehicle traveling on Austin Road in Bridgewater Township. A LEIN check of the suspect, a 24-year-old Tecumseh woman, revealed a valid bench warrant issued by the Michigan State police.

The suspect was placed under arrest and transported to the Adrian Michigan State Police post without

incident.

## Narcotics search

On the afternoon of Dec. 19, officers from the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department performed a search at Manchester High School, using four K-9 units at the school's request.

"The dogs hit on five or six lockers, and some cars in the

parking lot," said Sgt. Jim Anuzskiewicz.

He reported that narcotics paraphernalia was recovered from two vehicles in the parking lot.

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Compiled by Staff Writer Laura Merte from reports filed at the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department, Manchester Substation 4.

## Learning About the Law



The Manchester Co-op Preschool recently took a trip to visit the Sheriff's substation at Manchester Village Hall. Pictured are Daniel Green (left), Annabelle Babinski, teacher Arlene Walz, Danielle Primeau, Christopher Zahn, Deputy Marcus Kirby, Alex Cole, Samuel Long, Lillian St. Charles, Katie Knight, Victoria St. Charles, Abbey Burch, Caitlyn Baskins, Amelia Herron, Jacob Jacovetty and Alivia Johnson.

## OBITUARY

### NORMA C. DENNIS

Norma C. Dennis, age 86 of Manchester, died Dec. 18, 2002 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

She was born in Grand Rapids on July 13, 1916 to Elvina (Lemorie) and Edwin Adams. Norma married Elias Dennis on July 4, 1934 and he preceded her in death. She was a member of the Manchester United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her chil-

dren, Selma Cronley of Plymouth, Lela Watford, Alice (Mike) Rossette and Lee (Joyce) Dennis, all of Manchester, and James (Wanda) Dennis of Niceville, Fla.; sisters Wava (Lyle) Stone of Spring Arbor and Beatrice Lucas of Peoria, Ill.; 11 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Besides her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, daughter Sylvia, three

brothers, four sisters and a grandchild, Heather.

Visitation was held on Friday at the Jenter & Braun Funeral Home, Manchester Chapel, with funeral services held on Dec. 21, 2002 at the Manchester United Methodist Church with the Rev. Faye McKinstry officiating. Interment was in Oak Grove Cemetery, Manchester.

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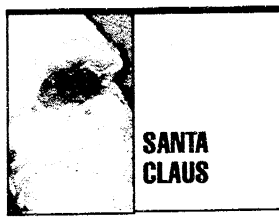
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# News from the North Pole

"I want all the children in Manchester to know how much I appreciated their letters and visits," Santa Claus told the *Enterprise* last week. "I also want them to know that I tried to answer all their letters before Christmas, but the mail might be slow getting my replies delivered to them."



**SANTA CLAUS**  
**NORTH POLE NEWS**

"Unfortunately, anything mailed after Dec. 20 was just too late," he said sadly.

Asked how he spent his time in the days right before Christmas Eve, Claus chuckled. "I have to admit, I sleep later in the mornings and try to stay up later and later at night. I try to store up my rest so the all-night flying and gift delivery doesn't make me so tired that I'm not alert."

Claus emphasizes that he must be extra sharp mentally during his journey around the world.

"It isn't just a matter of flying safely," he explains. "I have to be very, very careful to avoid being seen."

"I've had a few close calls, when children almost caught me at my work, but so far my record is clean."

It isn't just his carefulness that accounts for this, he admits.

"Without magic on my side, I might have been exposed long ago. Fortunately, the magic of the season can be counted on to help me out of any foolish or sticky situations I get into."

He recalled one particular incident back in the 1960s.

"I came down a chimney that had a lot of ash in the fireplace. I forgot to avoid stepping in the worst of it. So when I walked to the Christmas tree, which was a tiny little one sitting on top of a big baby grand piano, I left footprints on the carpet. It wasn't until I turned to go back up the chimney that I realized my mistake!"

In a hurry, Claus whipped a big red handkerchief out of his pocket and tried to wipe up his footprints.

"I wasn't paying as close attention to the house's little one as I usually do," he admits. "Usually I have one eye on the sleeping children as I go about my work, thanks to my magic sight. But I slipped up this time. Just as I stood back up and was stuffing the handkerchief back in my pocket, a little girl who'd woken up approached the top of the stairway to me."

"Ho, ho, ho!" Claus laughs out loud as he remembers. "I quickly ducked into the fireplace and whooshed up the chimney."

He thinks he managed a clean escape.

"I'm not completely sure, but I don't think she saw me," he laughs.

**A REMINDER TO CHILDREN**

"If this interview is read before Christmas," Claus said, "I'd like to remind all the kids in Michigan that I can't visit their home until they are really and truly sound asleep."

He's heard stories of children trying to stay up to see

him. "It just won't work," Claus smiles. "I don't come unless I know everyone's sleeping, so kids should just go to bed and close their eyes. No matter how excited they are, if they keep their eyes shut and lie still, they'll eventually fall asleep. Then I can do my thing!"

**AND A REMINDER TO PARENTS**

Hoping they don't read this too late, Claus asked us to remind parents to buy batteries.

"Having some spares around is probably a good idea," he says. "We try to have everything pretty much ready to run when we deliver presents, but sometimes we forget to include batteries."

As parents know, he points out, a toy that cannot be played with immediately really isn't much fun.

"I'm trusting that on this point," he said. "Smiles can quickly change to tears if batteries aren't available."

"I don't want to be responsible for unhappiness on Christmas morning. So please help me out here, parents, and be prepared!"

**ELVES PLAN A PARTY**

Explaining that their responsibilities pretty much end when Claus and the reindeer take off from the North Pole for their night journey, elf Elaine announced that a big appreciation party was planned for all North Pole workers.

"It's a chance to take off our pointed hats and let our hair down," she says. "We keep back a few toys for the youngsters here at the Pole and allow them to open presents a bit early."

That, she says, keeps the young elves busy while their parents and grandparents enjoy some egg nog and other treats.

"It can get a bit loud at times, an elf who asked to remain anonymous relates. "We sing, and dance, and generally have a grand time. I don't think Santa would mind a bit."

"We always ask Mrs. Claus to join us," Elaine explains. "She usually does, at least for a while. I don't think she's ever told Santa about it, but even if she did I'm sure he wouldn't be upset. In fact, he'd probably be pleased. Sometimes I suspect he's responsible for the fact that the egg nog never runs out and everyone's terrifically happy."

**FRUITCAKE!**

One of the treats enjoyed by the elves is fruitcake. They take pride in the fact that, according to chief pastry elf Erwin, fruitcake origi-

nated at the North Pole. "Humans like to think it's an ancient food, made by Egyptians ages ago in a form that resembled granola bars," Erwin says. "Supposedly, it rose to richness in the Middle Ages. It still comprises wedding and celebration cakes in many countries," he explains.

He doesn't understand how some humans can even think of maligning fruitcakes. "I understand there's a contest on the Internet that challenges people to come up with interesting uses for fruitcake. None of them are complimentary," Erwin frowns.

Giving people the benefit of the doubt, he admits. "Maybe they haven't had a really good fruitcake. The good ones either are homemade or come from the North Pole."

He tells the following story about how the idea for fruitcake was born.

**THE FIRST FRUITCAKE**

Edith was an old elf. For years, she worked in Santa's kitchens making the biggest, prettiest fruit baskets in the world.

Edith put dried apricots, cherries, and all kinds of candied fruits and fresh fruits in big wicker baskets. She wrapped the baskets in pretty cellophane. She tied them up with big bright bows. "I need more fruit!" wailed elf Edith in Santa's kitchen one day.

"I'm making fruit baskets, and I'm running out of fruit!" Never in all her years had Edith run out of fruit.

Edith was a young elf who was learning to pack nuts in pretty tin cans. She packed walnuts and pecans and all kinds of nuts in shiny, bright tin cans.

"I need more nuts! More nuts!" Edith shouted one day.

She didn't know if the other elves ever ran out of nuts before, but she was about to run out of nuts!

Eve was an elf whose age nobody knew. For as long as any other elf could remember, she baked cakes and cookies in Santa's kitchens. Everybody said Eve's cakes were the best ever.

"Oh dear," sighed Eve. "I mixed too much cake batter!"

Never before had Eve made such a mistake. "I don't have enough pans to bake all this cake!"

Mrs. Claus heard Edith and Elizabeth and Eve.

She looked at the fruit. She looked at the nuts. She looked at all the cake batter.

And Mrs. Claus looked at all the pretty tin cans the nuts went into.

"Come here, Eve," she said. "Come here, Elizabeth," Mrs. Claus called.

"Edith, please come here," Mrs. Claus asked.

Together, the four ladies, big and small, looked at the fruit. They looked at the nuts. They looked at the cake batter. They looked at the pretty Christmas tins.

Together, the four ladies looked at each other. They all thought the same thought.

"We can put the fruit, and the nuts, and the cake together!" said Edith.

"We can bake the fruit, nuts and cake together!" Eve laughed.

"And put them together in the pretty tins!" Elizabeth cried.

"Yes, we can!" Mrs. Claus agreed.

And so, instead of fruit baskets and cans of nuts, the elves began to make fruitcakes.

"We can add some honey," said Eve.

"And some cinnamon," said Edith.

"How about some nutmeg," said Elizabeth.

"We can add some rum!" said Mrs. Claus.

And so, the best idea since Christmas stockings was born at the North Pole.

Through the years, the elves and Mrs. Claus have made all kinds of fruitcake. They still make fruit baskets cans of nuts, cakes and cookies. But they make more fruitcakes than all of those other gifts combined.



"I hope children will try fruitcake," Mrs. Claus told the *Enterprise*. "Sometimes adults like it more than kids do, but it's something special at Christmas time."

"Much as people say they don't like fruitcake," Mrs. Claus smiles, "they sure eat a lot of it!"

**UNTIL NEXT YEAR**

Santa Claus, Mrs. Claus, and all the elves the *Enterprise* interviewed for the News from the North Pole over the past few weeks

expressed thanks to the people of Manchester for communicating with their isolated outpost at the top of the world.

"We want everyone near Manchester to know what a great village we think they have," Claus concluded. "I'm looking forward to returning to visit children and their parents next year."

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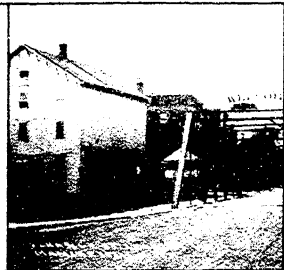


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# Looking Back



MANCHESTER ENTERPRISE  
December 25, 1902

### Brief news items

We wish our readers all a merry Christmas.  
The boys are taking chances by skating on the pond.

There are several cases of measles in the eastern part of the village.

People are not paying their taxes as promptly as they do some years.

We won't have a green Christmas after all, it began snowing Wednesday morning.

A private telephone line connects the residences of J.A. Lowery and H.O. Calhoun.

The demand for wood continues. Farmers should bring in wood, they can get good prices.

Business at the potato chip factory is on the increase and more help will be employed soon.

The rain removed the ice from the roads on Sunday and Monday farmers and others driving to town found the roads quite muddy.

Our merchants have nearly all dressed their show windows handsomely for Christmas. No little ingenuity and much taste was displayed in most of them.

### School notes

School closed Wednesday noon for the holiday vacation that lasts until Jan. 5.

Santa Claus on behalf of the teachers brought Mr. Kern a nice picture as a token of their appreciation of his many courtesies.

Each cloak room has been furnished with a looking

glass and comb and brush. One of the lower halls has wash bowl, soap and towels.

The school report this month shows the effects of mumps. The large number of tardy marks can be laid to a few of our older pupils, none of whom live farther than ten minutes' walk from the schoolhouse.

Exercises were held in the high school Wednesday morning consisting of songs by the school, piano solo by Genevieve Brown, piano duet by Lizzie Kimble and Adeline Nisle, selections by Ada Palmer and Lydia Grossman, presentation of a rolling blotter to Prof. Essery and card trays to Misses Kirchhofer and McAdams by the boys. The girls brought each of the boys a sprig of holly and the boys came back at them with a bottle of perfume for each. The girls also presented Prof. with a Japanese knife and fork.

### Sharon

The Rowe's corner church will hold Christmas exercises and a tree on Wednesday evening.

Edwin Baker was presented with a fine pair of fur gloves for Christmas, as a token of esteem by the young men in his Sunday school class Sunday, and Mr. Baker very kindly remembered each one of them.

The school in the Pierce district experienced a very enjoyable time last Friday evening, there being a Christmas tree, and a good program consisting of singing and recitations. Miss Bason deserves credit for this innovation and the parents and scholars appreciate

her efforts.

### Bridgewater

Clifford Brown has been unable to go to school on account of a sprained ankle. School in District No. 2 closed Monday afternoon for the holiday vacation with Christmas exercises and tree, which were enjoyed by a large number of the patrons of the school. H. Luckhardt kindly assisted with his phonograph. Pupils and teacher were remembered by jolly Santa Claus, who was clad in Arctic garb.

The Bridgewater center telephone company organized by making James Benham, president; Lyle Crane, secretary and treasurer; Geo. Schmidt, manager. They have purchased cedar poles and expect to put up a first class line. The subscribers are H.B. Palmer, Geo. Schmidt, Geo. Rawson, W. Every, Bert Martin, S. Tate, James Benham, E.O. Allen, Chas. Stoner, Lyle Crane, Fred Crosby and Will Matthews.

### Southwest Manchester

Francis Johns has the measles.

Mrs. Floyd Swift is seriously ill with the measles at the home of her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Ed. Hoxsie.

### Freedom

The many friends of Irving Bertke formally of this place but now of Milwaukee will be pleased to learn that he was united in marriage to Miss Emma Koeppel of that place Saturday Dec. 20.

John Staebler intends to get out timber this winter for a new barn. He will take down the old barn and put up a new one 30 x 80 with basement and modern conveniences. He is one of our progressive farmers.

### Died

FELDKAMP - In Saline on Thursday, Dec. 18, 1902, of inflammation of the heart. Mrs. A. Feldkamp, aged 67 years. The funeral was held Saturday at St. John's

church, Bridgewater.

REUHFUSZ - In Sharon on Sunday, Dec. 21, 1902, of liver and stomach trouble. Mrs. Anna Reuhfusz, aged 62 years. She leaves a husband and two grown children. Mrs. Geo. Wahr and Mrs. Geo. Rommelhardt. The funeral was held Wednesday at the North Sharon church.

### News editorial

By Mat Blosser

It appears that the telephone people have different ways of doing things. In Manchester Township they worked the farmers to build a country exchange of 25 subscribers, charging \$7 each for the use of a phone. If they want to talk with a merchant or doctor in the village it will cost 10 cents. But they go down to Bridgewater and give 11 subscribers direct connection with the Clinton exchange and charge only \$3 a year for phone rental.

There is no doubt but that

farmers' clubs are a good thing. At the monthly meetings subjects of importance to the members are discussed and they learn by the exchange of views a great many things. It is not strange that members differ in their views, they don't all farm in the same way, they can't, the soil is different. Therefore it is not strange that M.L. Raymond of Grass Lake would not farm it without sheep while Frank Dwellie would not have a sheep on his farm. They are both good farmers.

People are wondering whether Manchester will be in total darkness after 1902 has passed or will the electric lights continue to glow. The council passed a resolution early in December that as the lights were in very poor condition, they would not pay more than \$40 a month for street lights after the close of the year. They reserved the right to cut the amount still lower if in their opinion the lights are not

worth that sum. The council has no information as to whether Mr. Kingsley accepts the price or not. The subject is being discussed quite freely and there is talk of forming an independent company to furnish light to the village and our citizens. Some of our citizens think that the village should own the plant. We understand that outside parties have corresponded with some citizens on the lighting subject but as yet we are unable to give any particulars. There can be nothing done until next month at least. We ought to have more light and it seems to us that a good plant, properly conducted, will pay well.

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## Award-winning Artist



Photo by Laura Merte  
Art student Angie Fiegel won a \$50 prize from the Manchester Student Council in the Sept. 11 art contest.

## AR Stars



Photo by Marsha Johnson Chartrand  
Accelerated Reader stars for November included fifth-graders Taylor Evans (front, left) and Stephen Sheler; eighth-graders Jared Meeks (back, left) and Tom Crawford, sixth-graders Jessica Selover and Sam Hatt and seventh-graders Danielle Schulze and Bridget Delucia (not pictured). These students earned the most points in accelerated reading tests during the month of November.

## BRIDGEWATER

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Memos from Fish and township planner Rod Arroyo, gave specific plans for meetings with Bridgewater hamlet residents.

"If the hamlet residents don't attend the initial meetings, the process should be terminated," Fish said, noting the high cost of the proposed process.

"The cost surprised me," Parr said. "I hope we can start the process this winter and pay the fees later."

After additional discussion, the board passed a motion to authorize the supervisor and clerk to sign a contract with Birchier Arroyo for a hamlet visioning process that could be terminated if there was a lack of interest.

"It should be a detailed contract, in segments," Parr said.

The board reviewed appointments to township committees, reinstating Fish and Bill Swaney to terms on the Planning Commission. Weidmayer will serve as the board representative to the commission.

Board of review members Louise St.Clair, John Porter and Al Wahl were all reappointed, and Dave St. Clair was reappointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Road committee members Jeff Oliver and Gary Korwin were reappointed and new trustee Dave Faust was designated board representative. The board will approach a third possible road commit-

tee appointee in the near future.

Three applications for the Treasurer position came in response to the board's recent advertising. No further action will be taken until the Treasurer resigns, Peacock said, because by law the position must be filled within a designated time period of the actual resignation. The board decided to hold the applications on file until that time, notifying applicants of their intentions.

A joint meeting of the board and the Planning Commission to review the Southwest Washtenaw Council of Government Master Plan draft proposal was set for 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 22.

Bridgewater Zoning Administrator Janet Cowling reported that the Krause dog kennel inspection took place as planned. Cowling and trustee Dave Faust counted 44 dogs in 16 kennels. On the Dec. 16 sentencing date, the judge gave Krause an extension of three months to reduce the population to 30 dogs and three more to reach the township's allowed three dogs. The next inspection date is June 16, 2003.

Cowling also reported that Pat Mann's new bookstore and computer business in Bridgewater hamlet was operating without a certificate of zoning compliance.

According to Cowling, the Washtenaw County Health Department won't issue approval for the building's use because of a well located too close to the property's

drain field.

Cowling believed the well would have to be capped or other provisions met before the county would issue approval, and without that approval, and without that approval, the township cannot issue a certificate of zoning compliance.

"It sounds like a clear violation of our zoning ordinance," Peacock said.

Cowling indicated that Mann had told her the store would stay open regardless.

General discussion, including whether Mann should be issued an extension, failed to elicit clear answers. Fish pointed out that the board should consider if the township provides extensions for other activities going on without certificates of zoning compliance.

## FREEDOM

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ment solution in similar situations in the Midwest. Once the milfoil decreases, the weevil population will decrease to a number adequate for preventing future infestation of milfoil.

Little cautioned that there are a number of legalities to go through before real action can be taken. Clerk Sara Bassett stated her hope that things could move forward by the next regular meeting of the board.

"This has gone on month after month," she said. "It's only fair to the people to move on."

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## FREEDOM TOWNSHIP PROPOSED SYNOPSIS OF REGULATORY BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 10, 2002

Supervisor Little called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. Board members Little, Bassett, Haeussler, Horning and Weidmayer were present as well as residents. The minutes of the November 12th meeting were approved and the Treasurer's Report was accepted. **Audience participation:** Robert Miller expressed appreciation for Larry Lindemann's outstanding work as Zoning Inspector.

**Reports: Planning Commission** - The Commission was impressed with the Bauer-Ford presentation. A committee of Miller, Weidmayer, DeLoof will review the mining ordinance. C & T Materials' application for a mining permit was tabled indefinitely because no new information had been received. Bill Weidmayer of Hickory Sticks Golf course had inquired about land splits for home sites on the golf course. **Zoning Board of Appeals** - met regarding the Sell property request. The **Ordinance Enforcement Officer** - reported on several properties. The **Zoning Inspector**, issued 3 permits: 1 remodel; 1 deck; and 1 new home. (a total of 7 new homes in 2002). **Library:** The drop box is being used. There is new children's material and story times offered. **History Project** - is looking for people to take pictures of home-steads/barns and to interview long time residents. Historical materials will soon be available for residents to view at the Town hall. **Clerk's Report** - The December newsletter will reach people shortly. The County offers free website development, emails and software classes for officials. **State Police** - There were no incidences to report.

**Business:** The Board voted to hire Bauer-Ford to review the mining ordinance and to inspect the gravel pit. They will also advise us about the request in 97 petitions from Pleasant Lake residents about effects from mining on the lake. Pleasant Lake special assessment request - The petitions for the weevils represented 73.3% of the assessment land area. Little reported that since the chemical control of weeds only represented 17.3% of land area, their petitions did not qualify. He verified the petitions and talked to our attorney, Fred Lucas. He will probably bring a plan to the Board next month. The attorney still needs to draw up resolution and certification documents to proceed. Other attorney issues: Little reported that our attorney recommended not revoking Bridgewater Sand & Gravel's permit. Several officials disagreed with the recommendation. Little will follow-up and obtain a written opinion from the attorney. There was still no response from the attorney about the \$250,000 lost bond from Bridgewater Sand and Gravel. The clerk is still seeking response from the attorney before the reclassified ordinances can be finished and distributed. The clerk was directed to put together a list of all the issues still needing response from the attorney. Little will meet with him and obtain written responses. The Civil Infraction Ordinance that our attorney recommended was tabled because some felt it was inappropriate for a township of our size. The uncollected fire/ambulance run charges will be referred to a collections agency. Little will obtain ordinance language from our attorney to put these future unpaid bills on residents' tax bills to discuss at the Jan. Board meeting. Payment for a copier and two print/fax/copy/scanners was approved. The computer purchase will be tabled until after the holidays. There will be a joint Planning Commission/Board meeting to review the draft SWWCOG Regional Plan. Little nominated and the Board appointed the following: Bob Miller, Susan Ochs and Larry Lindemann to the Planning Commission; Peter Haeussler as Zoning Inspector; Nathan Alber and Edward Curley to the Board of Review; and Robert Little, Stanley Tschiltz, Luke Schaible and Lynn Voegeding to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Richard Schaible will be asked to check the water-damaged township ceiling area for repair. Town hall rental rates will remain the same. Haeussler and Bassett were approved to endorse checks and open bank accounts for the Township. The bills were approved for payment. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sara Bassett, Clerk

IN OTHER matters, it was decided that unpaid fire and ambulance charges would be referred to the Ann Arbor Credit Bureau for collection. The board also discussed the possibility of an ordinance that would allow the delinquent charges to be covered on residents' tax bills.

Little reported that the recent planning commission meeting featured a presentation by Bauer-Ford Reclamation Design, a reclamation planning and landscape architecture firm in Lansing. The board decided to hire the firm to review

Freedom's current mining ordinance, as well as to perform gravel pit inspections.

Various committee positions whose terms expire Jan. 1, 2003 were appointed at the meeting. Bob Miller, Susan Ochs and Larry Lindemann were appointed to the planning commission; Peter Haeussler was appointed zoning inspector; Nathan Alber and Edward Curley were appointed to the board of review; Bob Little, Stanley Tschiltz, Luke Schaible and Lynn Voegeding were appointed to the zoning board of appeals.

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Proposals may be mailed or delivered in person to **David Oegema, Superintendent, c/o Manchester Community Schools, 710 E. Main Street, Manchester, Michigan 48158**. Proposals must be received prior to **2:00pm (local time)** on **January 16, 2003**, at the **Manchester Community Schools Administration Building**. Proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud at **2:15 PM in the Existing High School Cafeteria**. All bids will be evaluated after the bid opening. All bids received after 2:00pm of the bid date will be returned to the Bidder unopened.

The Project will utilize separate prime contractors. All contracts for construction will be direct contracts with the Owner. Overall administration of the Project will be the responsibility of the Construction Management Firm, Wolgast Corporation, 4835 Towne Centre, Suite 203, Saginaw, Michigan 48604. Phone: (989) 790-9120. Fax: (989) 790-9063. The Owner will award contracts on or about **January 27, 2003**, to separate prime contractors for separate bid divisions or combinations of bid divisions. A Bidder may submit a proposal on more than one Bid Division; however, a separate bid must be submitted for each Bid Division of a combined bid. All bids shall be submitted on the bid forms provided in the project specifications, completely filled in, and executed (copies of the bid forms are acceptable). Facsimile bids will not be accepted.

The Bidders shall read and review the Bidding Documents carefully, and familiarize themselves thoroughly with all requirements.

Requests by Contractors for inclusion, as Bidders shall be addressed to Wolgast Corporation. One (1) set of Bidding Documents will be provided to each contractor furnishing a plan deposit fee of **\$100.00** per set through Wolgast Corporation. All checks and/or money orders are to be made payable to the **Manchester Community Schools**. Plans may be obtained from Wolgast Corporation, attention **Shannon Seeger**. Plan deposits are refundable, provided plans and specifications are returned in good condition to the Construction Manager following contract awards. All questions regarding the bidding procedures, design, and drawing specification intent are to be directed to the Construction Manager on a Clarification Request Form (Section 00310), attention **Tim Johnson**.


A Bid Security in the amount of five percent (5%) of Base Bids shall accompany each proposal or proposal combination. The Bid Security may be in the form of a Bid Bond, Cashier's Check, or Money Order. Personal checks are NOT acceptable. Bids may not be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after the bid date. Successful Bidders may be required to furnish Surety Bonds as stated in the Project Specifications (Section 00600).

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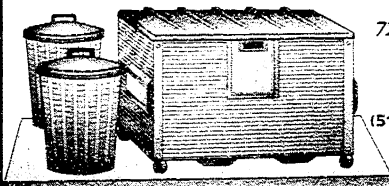
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### ADA

What a wonderful lady Ada is! Ada is here at the shelter as a stray, and she's about two years old. She's got a lot of white markings on her, which makes her very lovely indeed. She's got a lot of strength, so it'd probably be better if she was in a house with children eight and up. It's not that she doesn't know that she should be nice to them, it's just that sometimes she might get excited and happy and accidentally knock them down.



### FIONIA

Fionia is a shy little gal, but very loving and friendly. She needs a new home where she will be loved and well cared for! Fionia is here at the shelter as a stray, and she's about two years old. She'd make someone an excellent pet, she just knows it! She wouldn't hurt a fly and gives to administer love and kisses to those that like her some attention.



### FRANK

Frank is very interesting and handsome looking cat. He's a Siamese mix, with sable brown coloring. He's about three years old, and he's here at the shelter because his previous owner moved and couldn't keep him any more. That wasn't very good for Frank, but he's very optimistic that the right new owner will come along and give him all kinds of love and affection. And Frank is ready to give some affection back, too!



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**Readathoners**



Photo by Lisa Carolin

Youngsters at the Sunshine Special Children's Studio in Scio Township have been participating in a read-a-thon that ends today. Neil Exelby (left), 5, gets a closer look at a book while teacher Sonya Hammond reads to his sister, Jessica, 3.

**Youngsters join in read-a-thon**

■ *Event to benefit children's charities.*

By Lisa Carolin  
Special Writer

Youngsters at the Sunshine Special Children's Studio school participated Dec. 6 in Read for 2003, a Scholastic Books national reading celebration.

From noon to 12:33 p.m., the children were read to for 2,003 seconds. Teacher Sonya Hammond was the force behind the local program, which the Sunshine School started at the beginning of the school year. Since then, teachers have read 600 books to their pupils.

"That's what we are celebrating today," said Hammond. "These kids love books."

For every 100 books that the children read, the Scholastic Book Co. donates 100 books to a charity. The

four charities involved are Reading Is Fundamental, Save the Children, Hello Friend and First Book.

Nearly 20,000 schools nationwide participated in the program, and noon today marked the finale. Local parents were invited to a pizza party at the Sunshine School and then everyone began reading promptly at noon.

Some of the more popular books at the school, which teaches children ages 2½ to 5 years old from the Chelsea, Ann Arbor, Manchester and Dexter area, include "Four Fierce Kittens," "Big Machines, Big Buildings" and "My Friend Bear."

Hammond said that the youngsters understood that children everywhere would be reading at the same time. Their interest in the books was evident when the lunch-time noise turned into the sounds of enthusiastic readers.

**We All Scream for Ice Cream**



Photo by Marsha Johnson Chartrand

Middle school teachers Erica Pittman (left) and Heidi Huber, in the spirit of the Christmas season, good-naturedly allowed several students to make them into "human sundaes" last Wednesday as part of the schoolwide pep rally prior to the final middle school basketball game of the winter sports season. Votes for Huber, who placed first, and Pittman, who placed second, were cast by students in a jar wars competition raising money for the middle school theatrics program.

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# YEAR IN REVIEW

Thursday, December 26, 2002

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## 2002 brought changes, new challenges to Manchester

■ Excerpts from the Enterprise's 2002 issues, January through June.

### January 3 Local station will be first in state with biodiesel pumps

Biodiesel fuel, made from vegetable oil, is already being used in fleets by the University of Michigan and the City of Ann Arbor, both of which are supplied by G.E. Wacker, Inc. in Sharon Township.

And this month, the fastest-growing alternative fuel in the country will come to Manchester as Wacker will open the first biodiesel (B20) public fuel pump in the state of Michigan.

### Police service changes with coming of new year

As of Jan. 1, the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department will no longer respond to calls in Manchester, Sharon and Freedom Townships. Instead, because they have chosen not to contract with the county for law enforcement services, they will rely on the Michigan State Police for response.

The county charges \$118,686 for one police service unit, with \$40,383 covered by county subsidies. That brings the total charge to the townships \$78,303. Bridgewater Township and the Village of Manchester both have signed contracts.

### January 17 Claire Reck's legacy lives on in Manchester Family Service

For the past seven years, Joanne Fredal of Freedom Township has been the face at the helm of Manchester Family Service and under her leadership the organization has met new challenges while remaining focused on the goal set by Reck 37 years ago.

Fredal, who retired on Jan. 1 from her position as president of MFS, has helped the organization continue Reck's mission and has stretched its outreach and service to the migrant community in Manchester.

### Local factory files for Chapter 11 reorganization

A sluggish automotive market has contributed to

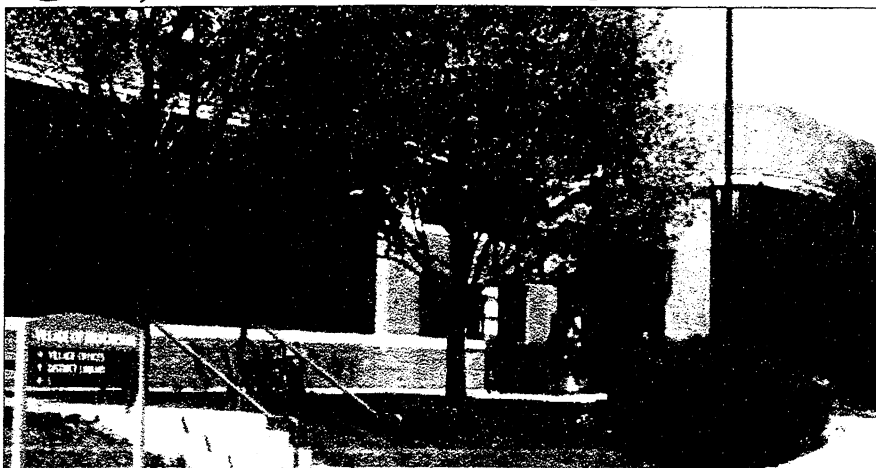
board. The total parcel of 44.87 acres could be purchased for just under \$1.35 million.

### January 31 Contention arises over Bridgewater sewer issue

While waiting for the outcome of its grant to help finance a sewer system in the Bridgewater hamlet, the Bridgewater Township board is "doing its homework."

A feasibility study begun in 1998 and completed the following year recommended a lagoon water treatment system, a shallow basin which holds wastewater for several months to allow for the natural degradation of sewage.

The recommendation has, however, raised concerns among residents of Bridgewater and Saline townships. The board is exploring alternative



Newly dedicated Village Community Building.

### February 7 Winter storm plays havoc in community

It was a storm that will be remembered.

Fallen trees damaged by ice blocked roads during last week's winter storm.

### February 14 SWWCOG reps discuss wireless towers

Are wireless towers compatible with the desired agricultural character of the Manchester area? By developing a master plan, Southwest Washtenaw Council of Governments representatives want to assure that the community retains its rural quality.

Part of retaining that visual quality of rural character is keeping scenic views pure. And in that spirit, the members of SWWCOG have expressed an interest in developing a wireless master plan for the southwest Washtenaw region.

### Recycling company referred for criminal enforcement

Officials from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality recently began pursuing criminal enforcement against C&L Recycling, a Manchester Township mobile-home junkyard. The move is in response to the business' failure to meet a Jan. 6 deadline for compliance orders.

Despite several warnings from the DEQ, the recycling operation on West Austlin Road remains in violation of regulations in the Solid Waste Management Act. The DEQ has sent a series of letters alternately requesting and rejecting cleanup plans from owner Christopher Kind.

### February 21 School bus fleet receives 'perfect' Manchester

Manchester's beleaguered school bus fleet got some long-awaited good news last week.

On Feb. 12 and 13, the State Police came in for an annual inspection and Manchester's 18-bus fleet received no violation tags.

Bus mechanic Norm Mobley, who has been a mechanic since 1992, worked at the Lenawee Intermediate School District for nine years prior to coming to Manchester last July.

### Local creamery developing a world-class reputation

Tucked away not far from the banks of the River Raisin in rural Sharon Township, Zingerman's Creamery is operating in "stealth mode" on a farm once said to be owned by Henry Ford.

At the creamery, partners John Loomis and Dave Carson are creating hand-made fresh cheeses that are sold retail through Zingerman's outlets and also are being made available to local restaurants.

### March 7 Village holds dedication, open house

As if in proof of the popular adage, "if you build it, they will come," the Village of Manchester's open house last weekend attracted more than 200 visitors to help celebrate the time when Henry Ford's expan-

Weir, 22, was recently placed at the top of a national list for a liver transplant. He has had chronic autoimmune hepatitis since he was 10 years old.

Although Weir has insurance which will pay for a percentage of the more than \$100,000 cost of the transplant surgery, the amount left to pay could wreak financial devastation on his family.

### March 21 New face behind the gavel

"If five years ago someone had told me that I would become president of the Village of Manchester, I would have laughed and said that they were definitely wrong," said Pat Vaillencourt, who last Monday was elected to that position after serving for three years as a Village Council trustee.

### March 28 Local plant is sold, restructuring

Pilot Industries is hoping

sive vision of combining industry and agriculture was "dedicated back to the community," in the words of outgoing Village President Jeff Schaffer.

When the Village Council began planning for the open house before the holidays, they weren't sure exactly what to plan for or how many people would show up. But a steady stream of visitors, both from



Changing of the gavel.

within the village and beyond came on Sunday afternoon to look around and see what is new in the Village Community Building at 912 City Road.

### March 14 Southwest Washtenaw driving off sprawl

Driving across the countryside surrounding Manchester it's easy to be seduced by the wide-open spaces, corn stalks trimmed and composting for winter and dark earth soaking up the melting snow.

But judging from comments from a recent meeting of the Southwest Washtenaw Council of Governments (SWWCOG), it's clear that community leaders are united in concern. They know that based on what has happened in other nearby communities, Manchester's "rural character" is theirs to protect.

### Local man awaiting crucial liver transplant

Even though Ryan Weir has been facing a chronic disease since he was 10 years old, he remains matter-of-fact and doesn't complain about his lot in life.

to get off on a better foot, after three local investors recently pulled the ailing automotive supplier out of Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

"Our goal is to get back to the basics and capitalize on our engineering strengths," said Robert Eckert, executive vice president of Pilot Industries. "We hope to build this area up again."

### Historic charm

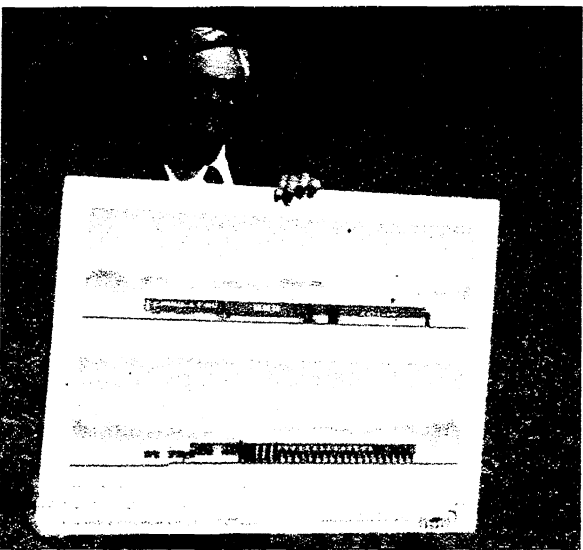
When Jack and Angelika Lewis purchased their home in Freedom Township in 1995, the self-described "old house people" knew they were buying just that—an old house.

The vernacular Gothic Revival house was built in 1890 and served as the former parsonage for nearby Old Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, which appears on the Michigan Historical Register.

### April 4 More layoffs at local Uniloy plant

The cost of a recession that started more than a year ago has increased once again in Manchester.

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High School site

Options including a mechanical treatment system.

### Freedom Township farms qualify for preservation

Like a contest to determine the homecoming court, four Freedom Township farms have emerged as finalists eligible for Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) funds. Those who receive the state funding can keep their farms in agricultural use and out of reach from development.

Out of 311 applicants filed

The Manchester Township Fire Department logged nearly 40 calls in the 36-hour period from early Thursday morning until late Friday afternoon. Fallen and arcing power wires were the primary reasons for calls.

Surprisingly, no personal-injury runs were made, although on Wednesday morning there was one automobile accident in the snow.

### TrackTime driving school opens in Manchester



Winter storm plays havoc.

economic woes for supplier Pilot Industries, headquartered in Dexter. The company's Manchester division also will be affected by its recent declaration of Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

### January 25 District purchases Beuerle site for high school

The school board has made its move from dead center.

At Monday night's meeting, Superintendent David Oegema announced that a tentative agreement to purchase the Beuerle property was ready to present to the

statewide, 12 were selected as first-tier finalists in December. An additional 15 farms make up the second tier.

The top two Freedom farms are George Hinderer's 218-acre farm and B.E.A. farms, a 44-acre farm jointly owned by Hinderer and Peter DeLoof. Freedom Township residents Loren Blumenauer and Joseph Wissing, who own farms of 78 and 42 acres respectively, appear on the second tier.

At Manchester's newest school, the teachers have discovered a curriculum capable of equally enrapturing 18-year-olds, brides, grooms, corporate executives and 67-year-old grandmothers.

TrackTime Driving School is the newest member of Manchester's business community and one of just a few driving schools in Michigan, opened by Sylvan Township residents and Manchester natives Bill and Trena Eversole.



Sgt. Jim Anuskiewicz and Lt. Dieter Heren.

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Uniloy Milacron, one of the top two employers in the community, last week laid off 15 employees in its machine assembly plant in Manchester.

Another dozen jobs reportedly were reassigned within the plant.

## Manchester loses two volunteer firefighters to union rules

A burning controversy pitting full-time union firefighters against volunteers has spread to Manchester.

The Manchester Township Fire Department recently received resignations from two part-time volunteer firefighters, who cited a union clause forcing them to choose between volunteering and remaining as members in the union.

## April 11

### Crash claims Manchester man

A 20-year-old Manchester man was killed in a Sylvan Township traffic crash that also injured three Chelsea children on Monday afternoon.

Jeremy DeLawter, 20, was driving southbound on M-52 south of Jerusalem Road when he crossed the center line. His Ford Probe was hit broadside by a northbound car, driven by Manuela Heaney of Scio Township.

## April 18

### Commissioners OK Wexford site plan

Nearly 20 months after the development application was initially filed, the Manchester Village Planning Commission approved the final site plan for Wexford Homes at its April 9 meeting.

Having cleared planning commission, the development agreement moves to the village council, where financial negotiations will be finalized to clear the way for construction.

### Fitness center starting to pull its own weight

The Manchester Area Fitness Facility is showing fiscal improvement as members have rallied in support of the facility.

"In nine months of this fiscal year we've already deposited more money than we did all year last year," Finance Director Theresa



Students save family from fire.

Schenk said. "I'm anticipating about a \$7,000 increase in revenue for this year."

## April 25

### Community to see new face in 'Chief's' office

Due to a restructuring within the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department, the Village of Manchester will lose a familiar face at Station 4 in the village hall.

Dieter Heren has received a promotion from sergeant to lieutenant, and will leave his post overseeing the officers who serve the Village of Manchester and Bridgewater Township effective May 1. Both municipalities contract with the county for police service.

Heren will be replaced by Sgt. Jim Anuszkiewicz, who comes to Manchester from his post at Station 8 in Ypsilanti.

## May 2

### Village tree replacement pro-

## gram blossoms

There will be more shade along the streets of Manchester this summer and in years to come, thanks to a tree replacement program initiated by the village this spring.

Two weeks ago, a total of 68 trees were planted along

village right-of-way and in parks. The trees are of many different species, including several red maple species, oaks, ash, and a variety of flowering trees.

## Alternative school looking to relocate

Faced with losing its facility, the Manchester Alternative High School is fighting to retain its presence in the community.

At its March meeting, the Manchester Board of Education voted to close Pleasant Lake School next year. The Manchester Alternative High School is now looking for a new site.

## May 9

### Life-saving detour makes heroes

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

Andrew Mahony, 17, John Jameson and Lauren Engel, both 16, were in Chelsea and were on their way back to Manchester when they

spotted flames creeping up the side of a home located at 757 Taylor Street.

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

## Stu Evans shuts Manchester dealership

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

The closing of the dealership, which had been run as part of the Stu Evans Automotive Group since taking over from Midwest Ford in September 1997, leaves Manchester without an automobile dealership.

Chelsea-based Palmer Ford is expected to pick up the slack.

## May 16

### Rating of local bridge a surprise

The Village of Man-

chester got some surprising news when the South eastern Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) published its annual "Status of Bridges in Southeast Michigan" earlier this month.

While the Furnace Street Bridge, which has been closed since the late 1980s, was expected to be on the list of structurally obsolete bridges, it was an unexpected turn of events to learn that the Duncan Street Bridge was also among those classified as "functionally obsolete."

## Local factory acquired by Australian firm

Last Wednesday, Amcor Australia announced its acquisition of Schmalbach-Lubeca's PET container and closure assets for \$2.875 billion.

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- 1 "Dragnet" star
- 5 Mid-June honoree
- 8 BLT topping
- 12 Wrong
- 13 Have bills
- 14 Actor Sharif
- 15 Variety of 47-Down
- 16 Arizona city
- 18 Had night vision?
- 20 Pay boosts
- 21 Be apropos
- 23 Double curve
- 24 Marching-band boomer
- 28 Sword handle
- 31 Eggs
- 32 Imp
- 34 Born
- 35 Flex
- 37 Forgoing restaurants
- 39 Sticky stuff
- 41 Venetian magistrate
- 42 Scamper
- 45 Certain city section
- 49 Detroit Pistons rebounder Bill
- 51 Faucet problem
- 52 Mrs. Shakespeare
- 53 "I - Camera"
- 54 Metal deposit

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- 55 "Waltons" actor Will
- 56 Drone
- 57 Paradise
- DOWN**
- 1 Harry Potter's weapon
- 2 Basin adjunct
- 3 Highland hillside
- 4 Circumvent
- 5 Ready to drop
- 6 Hole-making tool
- 7 Antelope's playmate
- 8 Chic
- 9 Piling up
- 10 Bush alma mater
- 11 54-Across materials
- 17 Dundee denial
- 19 News-caster Roger
- 22 Swollen
- 24 Bing's cronie
- 25 Thorough-fare (Abbr.)
- 26 Optimistic
- 27 Pocket embroidery, maybe
- 29 Island garland
- 30 Highest rating
- 33 Almost here
- 36 Vertical window in a roof
- 38 Phonograph feature
- 40 Sphere
- 42 Refinery residue
- 43 Chaplin prop
- 44 Siangy agreement
- 46 Stepped (on)
- 47 Ocean motion
- 48 Admitting customers
- 50 Ostrich's kin

Answers To This Week's King Crossword

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- 1998 Pontiac Grand Am 4-door, auto, V6 ..... \$8,495
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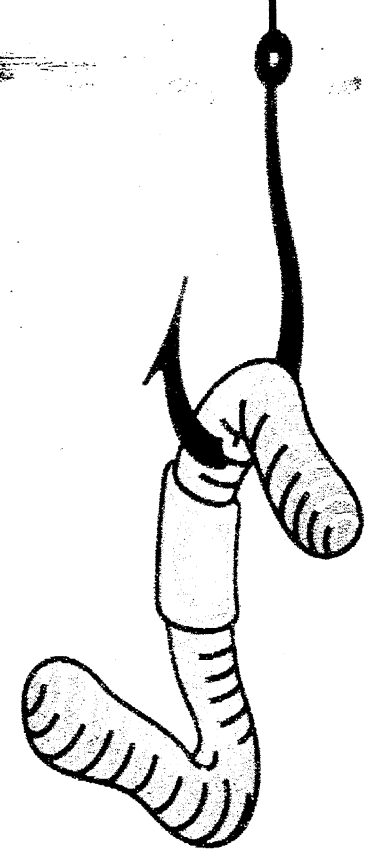
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existing PET containers operations in Canada and the Americas.

## May 23

**Valedictorians, salutatorian named**

Ranking first in their class with grade point averages of 4.0 are Jacob Geyer, Adam Knapp, Aaron LaRock, Kristi Trinkle and Anne Wiley. Ranking second in the class is Justin Henderson with a 3.98 grade point average.

**Manchester among districts receiving defibrillator funds**

Manchester Community Schools soon will receive five automatic external defibrillators thanks to generous donations from Saline Community Hospital, The Kimberly Anne Gillary Foundation, the Manchester Athletic Boosters and others.

## May 30

**Bridgewater Township exploring new sewer options**

Bridgewater Township may get a mechanical sewage treatment system after all.

Although the township had planned and budgeted for a lagoon treatment system for its planned sewer in the hamlet of Bridgewater, public outcry from property owners neighboring the proposed lagoon has caused the board to look twice at its position and may yet send it back to the drawing board.

The township board has decided to take a closer look at the possibility of a mechanical system, while knowing that annual operating costs will be higher than the lagoon treatment system.

**Village joins county brownfield authority**

The Village of Manchester became the 17th municipality to join the Washtenaw County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority after Village Council's unanimous approval at its May 30 meeting.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency defines brownfields as "abandoned, idled, or underused industrial and commercial facilities where expansion or redevelopment is complicated by real or perceived environmental contamination."

The move to join the authority comes at no cost to

the village, and gives Manchester access to tax incentives and a \$200,000 pilot grant from the EPA to help pay for brownfield reassessment and redevelopment.

## June 6

**County struggles with police shortage**

A staffing shortage at the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department is forcing police substations across the county to juggle deputies and adds significantly to labor costs as more deputies are required to work overtime hours.

So far, says Sgt. Jim Anuskiewicz, of the WCSO substation in Manchester, neither Bridgewater Township nor the village has been shorted contract hours.

**Sharon Township recycling operation feels the heat**

Interactive Metals, a scrap metal recycling operation, is under pressure to relocate from its Sharon Township location, where it is in violation of the township's agricultural zoning. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality also has accused the owner of operating without a solid waste processing license.

## June 13

**New face joins incumbent on school board**

With 602 ballots cast, voters re-elected school board president Ron Ellison, who received 58 percent of the votes in the annual school election on Monday. Runner-up Vicki Miller will fill the



The Class of 2002 jubilantly celebrated its graduation June 2.

slot vacated by incumbent Brad Roberts.

Last year, when two candidates vied for the same seat on the Board of Education, only 330 voters turned out. This year's turnout nearly doubled that amount.

## June 20

**Artistic endeavor comes to Manchester**

A small group of local artists and artisans has banded together to explore the creative arts, bring the community together and fill another storefront on Main Street in Manchester.

On Monday, the Manchester Creative Arts Trust (MCAT) will open its doors at 122 E. Main Street, featuring a gallery of works by area artists, "make-and-take" projects for aspiring artists and an educational creative play space for preschoolers. MCAT also is organizing special interest

groups to connect friends and neighbors who share similar creative interests.

**Trading life in the pulpit for life in the slow lane**

After five years as pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Manchester, the Rev. Fr. Charles Irvin will be taking on a "relief pitcher" position after the 8:30 a.m. mass next Wednesday.

"Father Charlie," as he is affectionately known both in the parish and throughout the community, enjoys using the baseball analogy for his retirement.

"I'll be in the bullpen," he says of his move to a condominium in Ann Arbor, where he will be available as a senior priest to parishes

throughout the diocese.

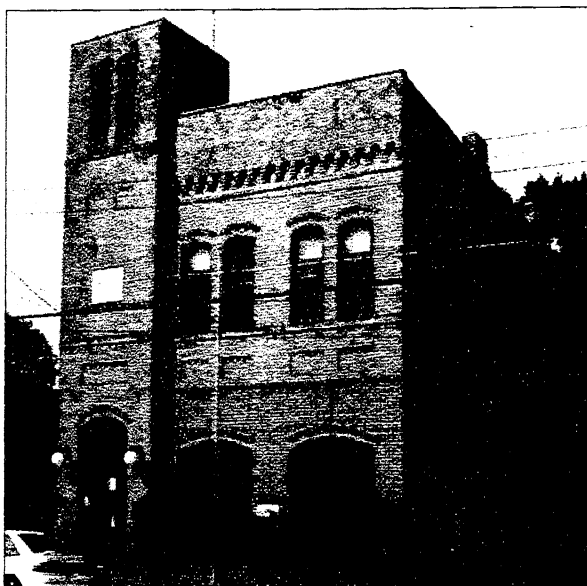
## June 27

**Old village hall will become office quarters**

After three months on the market, the old Village Hall at 120 South Clinton Street is sold.

The Village of Manchester received three offers on the property within a matter of two days, said Jeff Wallace, village manager.

The purchasers are Russell and Diana Rhoton of Manchester, who reviewed their plans for the use of the building at the June 3 council meeting.



Old village hall passes into commercial sector.

**Manchester Township Clerk  
Position Available**

Manchester Township will be accepting letters of interest for the position of Township Clerk. Among the clerk's duties are maintaining township records, coordinating elections, keeping minutes of meetings, setting up meeting agendas, ensuring timely publication and posting of meeting notices, ordinances and public hearings and administering payroll. Knowledge of Microsoft Word, Quicken and Excel a plus. You must be a township resident. Send letters of interest to Manchester Township Board, Attn: P.O. Box 668, Manchester, MI 48158.

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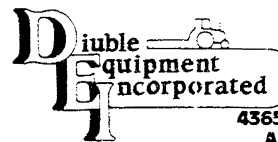
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