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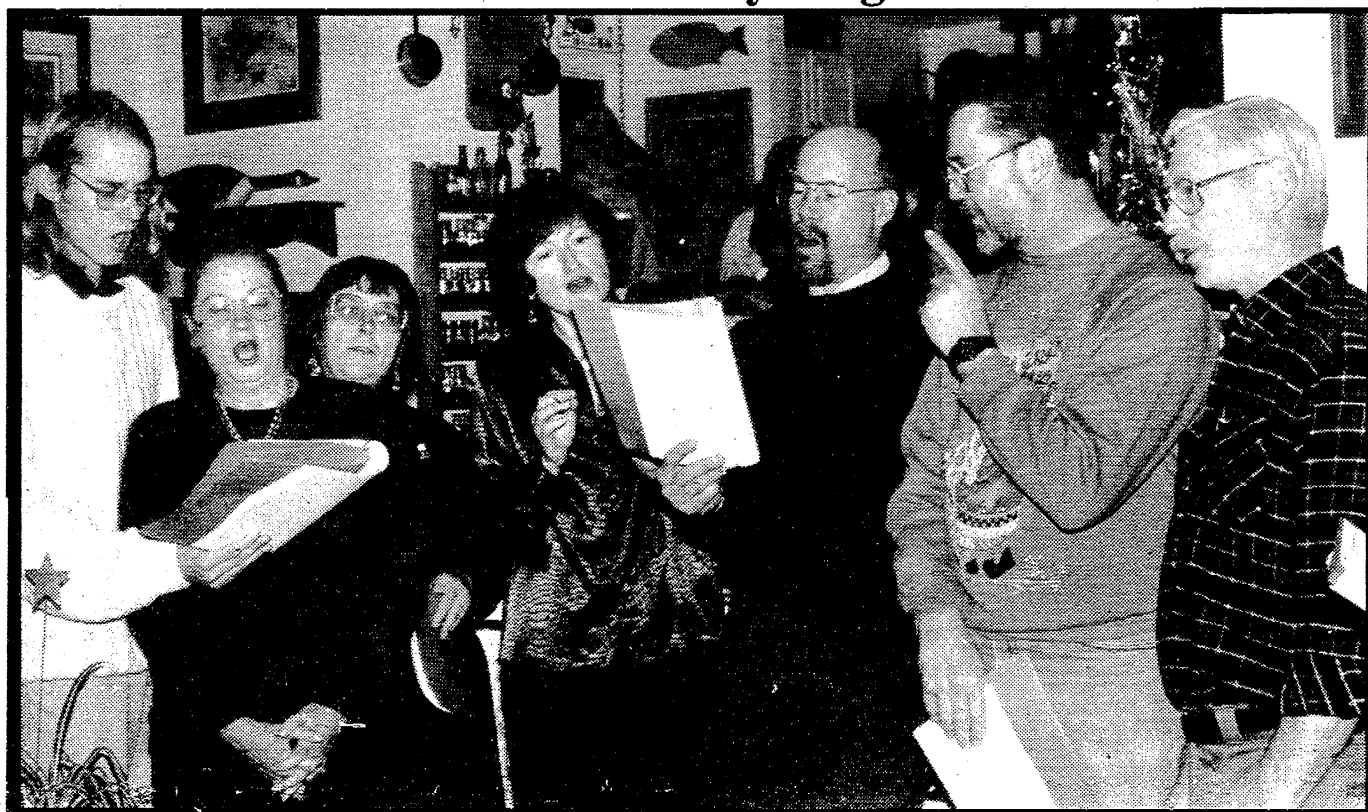
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Above: Veanna Bourdeaux, of Jackson, entertained guests and accompanied carolers on her harp at the Historical Society Christmas party, held at the 1908 vintage parsonage of Emanuel United Church of Christ

## Manchester Historical Society Sings in the New Year



## Manchester: The Book

The idea came from reading a letter, an Ann Arbor News article, a reminiscence in a local newsletter, and a conversation.

The conversation was with Don Limpert, owner of the Manchester Mill, who is presently devoting many hours to gathering stories from the late 1800s through early 1900s relating to Manchester, specifically Civil War and Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) history. (See further details this page) In doing his extensive research, he comes across other stories, some poignant, some humorous, all interesting in some way or another, and he said to me: "There are so many stories out there that could be, should be told."

### THE REMINISCENCE

As a member of the Manchester Area Historical Society I receive their newsletter. The publication often includes a letter from local historian, long-time resident and retired school principal Howard Parr who shares interesting anecdotes and recollections. The December newsletter, however, also included a lovely reminiscence, by Lenora Parr, of the Christmas Program, produced by teachers and children in one-room schoolhouses in the 1920s and '30s. Every year (and I never tire of listening) my mother tells me about the programs she was involved with in her one-room schoolhouse in Cass City, Michigan. As I was telling my

friend, Virginia, about Lenora's and my mother's stories, Virginia said she, too, took part in Christmas programs. She related how she always received a special fancy dress for the occasion, maybe with lace around the collar and cuffs, perhaps with shiny buttons or pretty braid trim - a "Sunday best." She said she was so excited and so eager to show off her new outfit, she would step out from behind the stage curtain prematurely "by mistake." She would then have an *additional* opportunity to make a proud grand entrance later on when she went on to play her part in the program.

### THE LETTER

As you may or may not know, the Chronicle invites everyone to write, whether it's a news story, or something about a community event, or an announcement. The Chronicle is about the good news in the life and times of Manchester, Michigan; it's an open invitation, however, I realize most everyone is busy *doing* things, let alone writing about it before or after. When I asked my friend, Karen, she replied with the letter printed on page three (and another printed on page 13). Her philosophy fits right in — plus her letter was added *inspiration* to the idea of Manchester: The Book.

### THE NEWSPAPER ARTICLE

Not too long ago, I read an article in the Ann Arbor News about an anthology of original poems, essays, muses and short stories pub-

lished in Milan. The authors are all local amateur writers, housewives, high school students, senior citizens, and others. They have published their fourth edition and entries range from simple rhymes of kitchen wisdom to more sophisticated work. Set in parks, taverns, homes and coffee shops, the entry topics have included lost love, God, friendship, and a child's first lost tooth.

What a wonderful way, I thought, to preserve a portion of the history of a community, a collection of writings by people in the community about events in the past that contributed to the present, but also writings about the present, and maybe some thoughts or predictions for the future.

Manchester: The Book will be published in time for Christmas 1997 with proceeds from this edition to benefit the Manchester Area Historical Society.

If you would like to be a published author, if you would like to be a part of the history of Manchester past, present and future, please send writings to: The Manchester Chronicle, P.O. Box 697, Manchester, MI 48158-0697; or drop them by the office at 201 E. Main Street, lower level of the Manchester Mill.

— kk

## Researching the Civil War and Grand Army of the Republic

Don Limpert, long-time resident of Manchester, is presently compiling a history of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Civil War veterans' association which had Posts in many cities and towns across the country - including Manchester.

The Manchester Post was Comstock Post #352, named after an area soldier killed in action. It was chartered in 1886 and disbanded in 1936.

Don is looking for information to add to what he has already accumulated, including photos, letters, relics, written accounts, etc. He then plans to gather it all into chronological order and assemble the information into one form.

If you have anything you would like to contribute, please contact Don at (313) 428-7400; or write to him at P.O. Box 524, Manchester, MI 48158-0524

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## Letter to the Editor

## Teen problem solved with proposed new Manchester mall complex to be called "Big Plans"

Dear Editor:

I recently sat in on a press conference. Since there wasn't anyone from the press in attendance, I thought I would write a letter to the editor and share with you and your readers what when on there.

A very impressive looking gentleman introduced himself to the audience as Mr. Murkey Rivers, the spokesperson from the East Malgravia conglomerate of Honcho, Unlimited. He announced, "We're in the process of developing site specs for "Big Plans" in Manchester, Michigan."

He unrolled a ream of blueprints and said that Big Plans includes a Manchester Maximum Mall complex "which will solve your teen problem. We're going to invite those gangs of teens to come away from your downtown historical district, be a part of Big Plans and hang out at the Manchester Maximum Mall."

After the applause died down, Mr. Rivers said, "We humbly accept your grateful thanks because we are people- and community-oriented. We crisscross this great country of yours and give people what they want — big mall shopping and fast food joints. We literally pave paradise with prosperity."

He continued on to say, "We've invited local investors to join with us, including Mr. Sander Pitts of the Landsgone Company. Pitts has magnanimously agreed to contribute to Big Plans by doing all the major earth sculpting."

And, Mr. Rivers finally declared, "Not only will Big Plans put Manchester on the map but it will also slingshot your little village into the 21st century!"

It was a very impressive speech. The podium was decorated with American flags so we quickly concluded the conglomerate must be motivated by patriotism. Also Mr. Rivers' mom was sitting next to the podium.

When asked where this new development will be located, Mr. Rivers said, "We've been contacted by many visionaries in your little community. Without being more specific at this stage of the game, we've been most impressed with the offer from RaSCaLs. No final decisions have been made. We're open to offers."

Mr. Rivers then introduced Mrs. Ima Intamuny, a lady who said she was the representative from the committee called RaSCaLs. Mrs. Intamuny said she was honored to be speaking for Residents in Support of a Chelsea Link saying their group recognized the strategic location of the area north of town. "Our group envisions a future eventually encompassing all land from Sharon Valley Road north to our fine neighbors in Chelsea. It'll mean a glitzy neon highway stretching from the Winery to the Clock Tower.

"The concept is ambitious," Mrs. Intamuny stated further. "We envision a development that will challenge any commercial district in the State! They'll all want to locate here...we are flinging open the door to a fantastic financial future."

Esther Uptrubble, also representing RaSCaLs said, "Our people have met with Chelsea's people and we've declared: "We'll meet you half way!"

Although the proposed new commercial development obviously will encompass property now zoned residential, an investor and inner city developer C. Howie Runn said, "No problem." Runn refused to comment further saying the conglomerate had hired the prestigious law firm of Dewey, Cheatham & Howe to represent them. However, attorney Barry Leegull, from that firm, offered that "the benefits to the community will be proved to far outweigh any inconvenience to area residents and all concerns will be addressed."

Area resident, Gouda Extensions, asked Mr. Sander Pitts if earth sculpting was something like mineral extraction and Mr. Pitts replied, "There will be some scenic lakes created which will only enhance the beauty of the area."

A resident from the south end of town, Margaret "Meg" Abux, introduced herself as representing the RaSCaLs splinter group, Residents for a Saline Commercial Link, and said their group was prepared to "sweeten the pot" by throwing in a riverbank or two to sway the conglomerate their way. That comment prompted Les Getowtataun, from Residents Supporting a Commercial Adrian Link, to offer, "...curb cuts from here to there."

Finally, a downtown merchant asked if Big Plans would be detrimental to downtown Manchester businesses, and Mr. Rivers replied, "Who cares?"

The press conference was brief but we were served dessert afterwards featuring delicious slices of apple pie.

Vera Simultude

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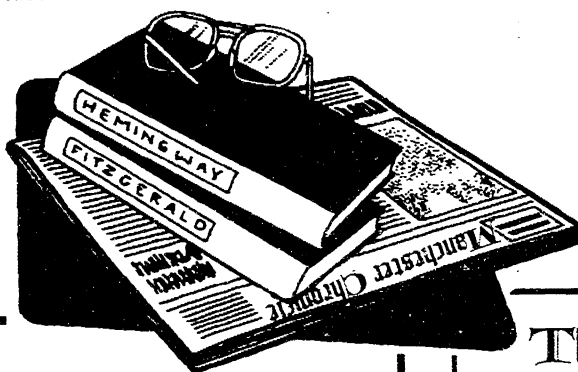
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And now let us welcome the New Year full of things that have never been.

— Rainer Maria Rilke

January, the month of new beginnings and cherished memories, beckons. Come, let winter weave her wondrous spell: cold, crisp, woolen-muffler days, long dark evenings of savory suppers, lively conversations, or solitary joys. Outside the temperature drops as the snow falls softly. All of nature is at peace. We should be, too. Draw hearthside. This is the month to dream, to look forward to the year ahead and the journey within.

— from *Simple Abundance, a Daybook of Comfort and Joy*, by Sarah Ban Breathnach, available for purchase at Chapters & Verses, downtown Manchester



## Shelby Alyssa Reed

Gary and Robin Reed proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Shelby Alyssa, November 18, 1996, six pounds-two ounces, 19-1/4 inches.

Grandparents are Robert and Patricia Borton of Taylor, and Keith and Judy Reed of Clark Lake.

## Conversations

Sometimes whining works. Every time I saw Jean Billitier I'd tell her (well, okay, whine to her) about how we missed her and her sister, at the Red Mill Gallery—but also, *in particular*, the Red Mill Gallery cappuccino cafe!

Soon, very soon, perhaps even as we speak, the **Red Mill Cappuccino Cafe** will reopen in the Mill. The cafe will be located inside the new **Pathway Home** location and be strategically placed next to the picture window overlooking the scenic dam and rushing Raisin River. The deck area will open as soon as spring weather permits.

Debie Eversole has accepted a limited number of paintings — dreamy landscapes — from a downriver artist. They are on display at Debie's Pathway Home shop.

Mary Ridenour has moved her book and toy shop down the hall and up the steps at the other end of The Pathway Home.

Check out Chris Moyle's new **Main Street Pizza** logo on page 18 - it's very retro.

Manchester shops are full of wonderful things, but did you know there are quite a few *free* items along with the great selections?

Sandy Trolz offers a 12/20 bargain at **The 18th Century Shop**. Buy 12 of anything, for instance 12 candles, 12 cards, etc. and receive a 20% discount on the total price.

**The Pathway Home** offers one free package of spices with the purchase of 12.

**Chapters & Verses** - Buy 12 books and get five bucks off the 13th.

At **Manchester Pharmacy**, sunglasses are always 50% off.

**Pyramid Office Supply** - 20% off greeting cards, and other select items, every day!

**Video World** offers three bargains. First, their **Monday** special - free popcorn and 99¢ general rentals and, secondly, their new "**Saturday** Matinee" special (great for long winter days) - rent a new release earlier in the day, then return it before 7:00 P.M. and receive \$1 off the next rental! Third - **Sunday** is pizza and a movie deal - rent two movies and receive \$3 off a large **Ollie's Main Street** twin-pack pizza or \$2 off a medium twin-pack. (See Video World's ad page 19.)

What was your favorite Christmas gift? Any teenager I asked said: "Money."

Jill Randall, of Pyramid Office, loves the Faith Hill CD she received. Friend Minnie Fuerstnau's favorite gift was a trip home to Albuquerque, New Mexico with her husband Pete and sons Michael and James.

Sonja Schulz said she sighed often enough around her husband about her favorite gold chain necklace having been broken that he got her a beautiful new one for Christmas.

Debie, of The Pathway Home, was surprised when she received custom-designed, colorful new business cards from her sister-in-law, Brenda.

My husband's favorite gift was a "saws-all" — he's a true tool-time kinda guy, I thought I glimpsed a tear in his eye. (Come to think of it, that may have been my favorite gift also - now we can start renovating that back room.)

Truly my favorite present was my mom's presence. She came home to Michigan from California. Her two-week visit seemed like two days, though. We spent her last night here sharing a box of kleenex as we watched a 1994 *Lassie* movie, just like in the good ol' days.

My favorite ornament was one I bought from Helen Fisher at the Christmas in the Village Homespun Arts & Craft Show in November. It was one of her newest creations, a Nativity scene.

If you see Rosemary Hamilton, ask her what she had cooking during the holidays. (Hint: Think nursery rhyme — "...see how they run...")



## Letter to the Editor

When I received an invitation to write for the *Manchester Chronicle*, I got excited about the possibilities. Life is big. This would be my chance to say something. (I'm sure that doesn't come as a surprise!)

It didn't take long for me to settle on my first idea. I knew why this felt like such a grand opportunity. I am always pleased to be connected with people that make the world a better place, and Kathy Kueffner is one of those people. She offers to us a paper that brings 'good news' of all kinds. Her sense of responsibility and integrity are a wonderful gift to our community - truly inspiring!

I have learned to seek any opportunity to be around inspirational people. It leads me to places that I never knew existed. Creativity, happiness, wisdom and problem-solving come from inspiration. Life begins to look very different.

A wonderful thing happens to people that seek inspiration. It is an unexpected benefit, one that surprises me again and again. Inspiration clings. It clings even as it's being collected. Then something magical happens! A beautiful trail remains behind for others to follow.

— Karen Smith

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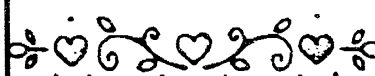
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Sister Mary Margarita handed out "Scripture Cookies" with Fr. Murray at St. Mary Catholic Church. But who is Sister Mary Margarita really? To find out, see January 20th on the Chronicle Calendar.

## Croswell Opera House 1997 Winter Season presents Plaza Suite

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Jeffrey Bruce, celebrity make-up artist and beloved talk show host and guest, appears in this Neil Simon comedy extravaganza.

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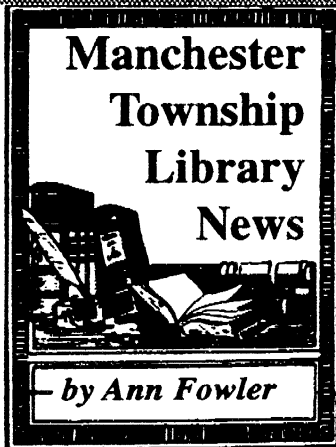
The shelves in the upstairs Classics Room hold volumes tracing the history of the world, and specifically, America, in detail. The section on Michigan contains local information.

## SCIENCE PROJECTS

Each year librarian Dorothy Davies selects additional books relating to science projects. They are located in the non-fiction section of the children's room.

## ASSISTANCE

Ask a member of the Library staff — Dorothy Davies, Carol Johnson, Frances Kennedy — for help. They know the collection and can obtain additional items from other libraries in our cooperative.



## BRIDGEWATER PLANNING COMMISSION

Meetings move right along propelled by chairman James Fish and contributing board members Heidi Cobb, Gabe Dull, Mark Iwanicki, Gerald Marion, Wade Peacock, Dorothy Wyman, Martin Nunlee and Alwin Wahl, Jr. Advising the planning commission is Jim Schafer of the consulting firm of Birchler Arroyd Associates, Inc.

Bridgewater recognizes that the preservation of the township's rural character is a very high priority among residents and commission members are committed to educating themselves through conferences, workshops and seminars. They have invited knowledgeable speakers to speak at their meetings, such as the managing director of the Washtenaw County Road Commission who discussed private roads. Director Robert Polens also answered questions raised about road concerns other than private roads. (The County gets \$900 per mile per year plus \$10 per person to maintain county roads. Obviously urban areas contribute sig-

nificantly more to road maintenance. Washtenaw receives state funds to maintain state highways in the county.)

Bridgewater would like to see a joint meeting of surrounding townships with a presentation of an Open Space seminar, and are considering an advisory group of township farmers. Committee members have been assigned sections of the township to keep the board advised of changing conditions.

The township has currently updated their 1981 zoning ordinance. Some of the issues they examined were setback standards, lot sizes, cluster options and site condominiums. The final draft of the updated zoning ordinance should be available in January.

Among the projects the board has been implementing are: consolidation of planning commission files in the township hall; review of existing Conditional Use permits for compliances; posting a township map in the hall with continuous update on new construction; adding map overlays that indicate soil types, wetlands, etc.

Bridgewater Township

Planning Commission meetings are held the second Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Bridgewater Township Hall, Clinton-Manchester Road.

## MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP

A public hearing was held in November to discuss the proposed updated zoning ordinance. Districts were combined, lot widths and cluster development regulations were addressed and wording was adopted that would maintain the character of the township. Among the concerns of the audience at the hearing were ordinance requirements that forbid old farm machinery being visible from the road, two-acre land splits, and slope regulations.

A public hearing will be held to update the land use plan to match the new zoning ordinance after the adoption of the new ordinance. The next work session meeting of the Manchester Township Planning Commission will be held January 14, 1997, 8:00 p.m., at the Manchester Township Hall on S. Macomb St. Regular meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of the month.

commitment by the township for adequate police protection, are ignored, I do not see how you call this planning.

Planning is not a blanket four houses per acre here, one house per two acres there. Good planning facilitates community "interaction" to increase the number of families and people who can enjoy our township and become part of our community — without destroying what we have come to enjoy and that others are moving here for, only to find that what they moved here for is destroyed.

I am also very concerned about Wolf Road. The township may view it as the county's problem. However, it is a floating log road. It may not actually be able to be replaced. To replace it would require the building of a bridge which would be very cost prohibitive and possibly not feasible given current regulation of wetlands. The alternative of opening Wolf Road from Noggles Road would present other problems of ecological impact and would likely require the county to repurchase the easement rights. I feel your plan should consider the impact on this road of cement trucks going over it to build the residences that the plan allows in that area.

As more of the scenic views of the township are lost, I feel less and less inclined to advocate keeping the family land. My heart just breaks when I come out here. I chose not to build out here because I did not

want to contribute to destroying what makes this township what it is. I find the result of non-participation in this destruction leaves me as a nonresident without the power of the vote necessary to protect an important part of my life.

Perhaps I need to move out here and run for township supervisor, especially considering the trend in Washtenaw County of township supervisors being elected on platforms of controlled growth.

— Belinda Fitzpatrick

## A Sense of Place

Each community in Michigan has a unique history and natural landscape character that has shaped the image perceived today: a copper mining town on the Keweenaw Peninsula, the birth of the auto industry in Detroit, a Jesuit Mission in the Grand Traverse Region, blue ribbon trout streams and sand dunes in the north or grass prairie and oak savannas in southern Michigan. Whether the character is derived from natural landscape features or rich cultural history, it is part of the mosaic that makes up the state and the places that its citizens choose to live, work, play and vacation.

It is the built environment that is too often homogenous and is duplicated like a rubber stamp from community to community across the country. Stripping a region of its roots and sense of place results in a gradual transformation of the

once distinct community into bland, formless suburban landscapes consisting of sprawling subdivisions and shopping centers. By severing the ties to its history and natural heritage, a community loses its distinct character: Grand Rapids, Michigan looks like Cedar Rapids, Idaho, looks like Portage Rapids, New York. By identifying key areas of natural, cultural and historical importance and connecting them in a greenway system, a community can preserve its unique character and direct development in more appropriate areas.

The ingredients which produce a sense of community are summarized in Harry Launce Garnham's book, *Maintaining the Spirit of Place*. They are: (1.) aspects of the existing natural environment such as land form and topography, vegetation, climate and the presence of water; (2.) cultural expressions such as bridges, churches, etc. which are a reaction to landscape and place as a cultural artifact; and, (3.) the sensory experience, primarily visual, which results from the interaction of culture with the existing landscape.

These community attributes directly parallel the benefits that are often stressed by greenway advocates. Yet, these special places are often treated as intangibles and insignificant motivators that are often disregarded when development proposals are considered on a piecemeal basis. — Michigan Planner

Robert Kellum, Chairman  
Manchester Township  
Planning Commission  
Dear Mr. Kellum:

I have enclosed part of an article from MSPO Michigan Planner regarding preserving "a sense of place." The helplessness felt by many people in this township regarding the farm being split up on Sharon Hollow Road speaks of the ineffectiveness of your plan to preserve the rural character that makes Manchester what it is.

I like the phrase, "The holistic interaction of the ingredients which produce a sense of place are frequently not understood by the local population until they have been lost."

The blanket approach of your plan fails to set up a strategy that will preserve this "holistic interaction of ingredients." Unfortunately, your planning commission is setting things up for Manchester to become just another rural subdivision.

I have a great deal of respect for investment and believe that the entrepreneur should be given financial reward to encourage future entrepreneurs to make meaningful contributions to society. However, I do not

respect the splitting of land into ten-acre parcels as a creative activity that makes the world a better place. I have studied the matter and much of the profit is made by passing on the cost and the losses to the community. In economic terms, the developer makes off like a bandit because he is not forced to internalize his externalities.

When I see what will be lost by this farm being split, in terms of our sense of place, agricultural production, greater dependence on foreign oil, I just feel that your plan fails. This blanket approach of AR-District, one house per two acres, does not preserve our scenic views. We need planning to prevent development that destroys our scenic views.

Also, regarding the six acres on Sharon Hollow being zoned as Low-Density Residential, one house per acre, has the planning commission considered if the community would want what it would get with one house per acre on this six acres?

When the impact on the Iron Creek Watershed, the lake, and my family's land, due to increase trespassing without a





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## IN FREEDOM TOWNSHIP

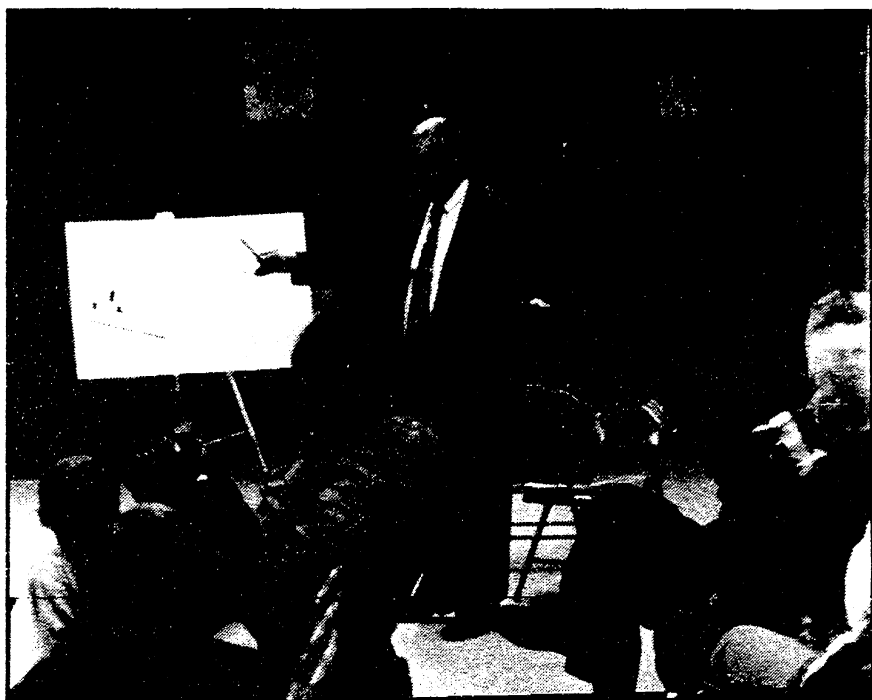
A special meeting was held on December 20 for final consideration of the application for a conditional use submitted by John Hochstetler for a skeet range and pheasant hunting preserve. A public hearing had been held in October (November 1996 *Chronicle*) where over 60 residents voiced their concerns and opposition to the operation citing reasons ranging from safety to noise to trespassers.

At the December special meeting, the attorney Hochstetler had engaged referred to a sketch of the property and listed reasons his client's request should be allowed, such as that the Department of Natural Resources endorses preserves as opportunities for hunters to hunt with their dogs, and that the shotgun decibel noise level is not considered a nuisance according to a Supreme Court decision.

After discussion, the request was considered with two separate motions. The motion to deny the request for a skeet range passed unanimously.

In regard to the hunting preserve, before the roll call vote, chairman Tschiltz said that he was not opposed to hunting per se and that it is difficult for a planning commission to deny requests, but as chairman of the planning commission he had "taken an oath to serve all the people of Freedom township." He said the commission had tried to assemble all the available information, listening to residents concerns, talking with other planners and DNR people. The Washtenaw County Planning Commission confirmed that approval would grant this condition into perpetuity. Tschiltz said he found this hard to live with and that "guided by the language in our ordinance," he said, "I am voting my conscience."

Bob Miller said "We represent all the people," and that at the public hearing the commission had heard "loud and clear" all those residents who came to the hearing and who were opposed to the hunting preserve. He said he was especially concerned about the safety factor,



The attorney for applicant John Hochstetler explains his client request for a conditional use.

"I just can't believe we would allow a hunting preserve on this limited number of acres, bisected by a road which is used by the public and traveled by school buses."

In the roll call vote, Ochs and Uphaus voted to approve the application; Weidmayer, Miller and Tschiltz voted no. The Hochstetler application for a conditional use for a hunting preserve was denied.

The meeting continued with a brief discussion of the court date of February 11th with Waterland Trucking regarding their refusal to honor the township ordinance or pay fees.

The next meeting of the Freedom Township Planning Commission will be held January 7, 1997, at which time two township residents, Steve Thelen and Carol Huehl, will be added to the board.

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## VILLAGE OF MANCHESTER

### NOTICE OF FILING OF NOMINATING PETITIONS

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE VILLAGE OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF WASHTENAW, STATE OF MICHIGAN:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that persons desiring to qualify for any elective office shall file a petition with the Village Clerk signed by not less than twelve (12) registered voters of the Village not later than 4:00 P.M. on January 20, 1997, the 7th Monday prior to the March 10, 1997 nonpartisan regular General Village election. Official blank petitions may be obtained at the Village Offices, 120 S. Clinton Street.

**THE VILLAGE CLERK SHALL ACCEPT PETITIONS, THEREBY NOMINATING CANDIDATES**

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

### Manchester Village Planning Commission

**Tuesday, January 21, 1997 7:30 P.M.**

Notice is hereby given that the Manchester Village Planning Commission will hold a **public hearing** on Tuesday, January 21, 1997 at 7:30 P.M. at the **Manchester Township Hall, 275 S. Macomb St., Manchester, Michigan.**

The purpose of the public hearing is to receive written or oral comments on the petition of James Hansen, representative Dennis Bartlett, for rezoning of the parcel of land located at Gieske and Hibbard. Legal description available at Village Office. The parcel is presently zoned AG-Agricultural. The application asks for a change in zoning to MHP-Mobile Home Park.

If you wish to make a comment on the petition but are not able to attend the public hearing, you may send written comments to: Karen Tucker, Village Clerk, 120 S. Clinton St., Manchester, Michigan 48158 or deliver them in person, no later than 4:00 P.M. on Tuesday, January 21, 1997.



## Raisin Valley Land Trust Annual Ski Outing

**January 18th**

(Alternate date January 25)

If there is adequate snow, the Raisin Valley Land Trust will hold its annual cross country ski event on Saturday, January 18 at 2:00 p.m. The event begins at the Kolon/Baki residence, 11677 Noggles Road in the southwest corner of Manchester Township.

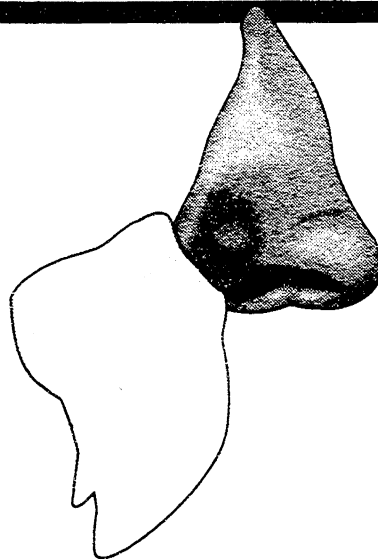
This is part of the Irish Hills, with beginner to advanced trails available on about two hundred acres of rolling terrain owned by some of the RVL board members. Guided tours will be provided to participants of various skill levels.

A potluck dinner follows at 6:00 p.m. There should be adequate moonlight for a night ski for those who are interested.

If there is not enough snow on the 18th, the event — skiing or walking, and socializing — will be held on January 25, regardless of weather.

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at Fiddlers Philharmonic performances. Indeed, you may not be able to stop yourself, the tunes, the mood is so lively and uplifting!

Manchester was first introduced to the Fiddlers when they performed at one of our summer Gazebo Concerts. They are a select group of high school musicians dedicated to preserving and performing all sorts of American folk fiddling music.

The Fiddlers Philharmonic is an extracurricular activity of Saline Area Schools Community Education. Students are selected on the basis of character, musical ability, academic discipline and leadership. These young musicians represent the positive side of the world today and reflect our rural traditions.

They will be performing their Annual Hometown Concert at the Saline High School, February 1st, 7:30 P.M.

Call early to reserve a seat because last February's concert was performed in front of a sold-out audience.

This year, the Fiddlers will be joined by Minnesota Twin Cities' Peter Ostroushko and Dean Magraw, heard on *Prairie Home Companion* and *Austin City Limits*. Ostroushko and Magraw offer an eclectic mixture of jazz, folk, bluegrass, swing, classical and ethnic music. Ostroushko will play mandolin and violin, while Magraw strums a mighty rhythm on guitar. The two have toured together for five years and capitalize on their synergy while wowing audiences with their



instrumentation, composition, and improvisation. Often their sets include tunes from around the globe and from Ostroushko's Ukrainian heritage.

One music review stated, "Their musical karma is evident, piggybacking riffs as only virtuosos can." Often their sets include tunes from around the globe and from Ostroushko's Ukrainian heritage.

As *Prairie Home Companion*'s musical director for several years, Ostroushko performed with many musical guests and co-wrote numbers with Garrison Keillor.

A music critic wrote: "He bows, double bows, plucks and changes theme, timing and tempo at lightning speed. He follows with heart-stopping mandolin runs. In addition to flat-out mastery of his instruments, he dazzles with command of various musical genres."

The popular local group, Fiddlers Philharmonic is a touring and performing group comprised of twenty-nine students led by Saline orchestra director Bob Phillips. The group concentrates on traditional folk and bluegrass music and has toured in the Midwest and Europe. They have released two recordings and

are planning a tour of the East Coast this spring.

In a mass fiddle finale, Saline's 70-member Fiddle Club will also take the stage.

Concert tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students, and are available by calling (313) 429-4764. Anticipating a repeat of last year's sellout, organizers recommend that tickets be purchased in advance for the February 1st concert date. —kk

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In February, Lyn has announced, Roxanne McElroy will present her trunk show of Hawaiian and Polynesian quilts. After living in Polynesia for several years and learning her quilting there, she is one of the leading authorities on this style of quilt. As part of this show (February 10-15) The Quilter's Quarters will offer class instruction for those of you who wish to learn how.

Then, for the best news of all, Lyn will be taking a tour group to the 2nd Annual Melbourne Quilt Festival. If you are interested in joining this tour, please let Lyn know and she will send you the complete itinerary.

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# Music Mart

A nice thing about talking with a store owner who is also a teacher is that the shopkeeper knows his wares and the teacher easily communicates information.

Peter Bleam is the owner of Music Mart, a store which sells musical instruments, music books, amplifiers, accessories, wireless microphones and PA systems, strings, picks, and sticks. Peter also stocks educational learn-to-play videos and folio music books matched up with CDs.

Peter Bleam is a music teacher. He studied for his undergraduate degree in music education at Adrian College and accomplished his graduate degree at Michigan State. He is certified for K through 12th grade.

Peter's love of teaching music was obviously apparent as he worked with two teenage girls who had come all the way to his shop from Farmington Hills, upon a friend's recommendation. They were interested in percussion instruments, taking turns trying out the variety available at the store. Peter explained the history and origin of each of the drums and their structure. The teenagers (and myself) learned the names and types of a few of the many on display, like the Doumbeck, with a choice of fiber/skin heads and beautiful ceramic

*Music, the speech of angels. (Thomas Carlyle) ... Music with the charm to soothe rocks or bend a mountain oak. (William Congreve) ... Music is love in search of a word. (Sidney Lanier) ... Music is the harmonious voice of creation. (Massini) ... Food, raiment, shelter, then music. (Bovee) ... Music wakes the soul, lifts it high and wings it sublime. (Auerbach) ... All art constantly aspires towards the condition of music. (Walter Pater) ...*

and etched metal bases; the Valje Cuban conga, the African d'jembe, bongos, and drums from the Mideast. The youngsters were encouraged to try a few and listen to the wide range of tones and timbre. When one teenagers mentioned her hands were getting sore, Peter demonstrated correct techniques saying professionals play for hours without discomfort.

As the girls practiced, gaining confidence and experimenting with different rhythms, Peter stopped to show seven-year-old John Kozlowski some guitars. Along with full size acoustics and electric, Peter stocks small guitars sized for young beginners. John, visiting the store with his grandfather, was picturing himself on a stage in ten years time saying thank you to a wildly cheering audience.

Peter stocks quality instruments: Hamer guitars ("Tone to the bone") and Alvarez, made of superior wood - exquisite flame maple or solid mahogany. He recommends starting out with a good solid instrument because a customer is more likely to be satisfied with the re-



sults. "Poor tone may discourage a beginning musician," he said. Additionally, Peter offers a trade-up policy where the value of the instrument is guaranteed.

The Music Mart also buys and sells used instruments and takes trade-ins.

One end of the shop is set up for performances and lessons. Clinics are scheduled now and again, and in fact *Santana* flew in from California for one clinic not too long ago.

Peter teaches percussion, guitar - acoustic and electric, keyboard and even voice. He has been a musician himself since middle school when he played in the school band. He also sang in the church choir, for a jazz band in Adrian and a European touring choir, was choral and band director and sang in five different choirs throughout graduate school. He was part of a choral group that celebrated Mozart's birthday in Lincoln Center.

Peter Bleam's Music Mart, which had been located in Ann Arbor on State Street for a number of years, opened at the new location in December, inside Rusty's Roadhouse, 4845 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, just north of the Pleasant Lake intersection, and across the road from the Farm Council Grounds. Hours are Monday through Saturday 12-6, and the phone number is 994-7100.



Stop by for a visit. Check out the guitars, of course, and the drums, the books, but did I mention the tambourines, cha-cha shakers made of goat hooves, wooden egg shakers, Chicago Blues harp, mandolin, banjo, Irish flute, harmonica, castanets, jingle rings, salsa cowbells, lute, Celtic heather harp...? —kk

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## Questions and answers about a favorite winter pastime — feeding wild birds

**Question:** Do I need a feeder or can I just toss the seed on the ground? What is the best kind of feeder?

Feeders are important because they control the flow of seed to reduce waste. A good feeder also keeps the seed clean and dry. There is no one best feeder but many types depending on the seed they dispense: sunflower, mixed seed, thistle, etc.

**Question:** Can I use a feeder with metal perches? I'm afraid the birds' feet and tongues will stick to them when the temperature drops.

The feet of birds do not contain sweat glands. And the tongues of birds have a thin covering biochemically similar to our fingernails. A bird in contact with cold metal is not in danger.

**Question:** Where should I put my feeder to attract the largest number and widest variety of birds?

For best results, put your feeder in the sun, yet away from the wind. Also, make sure that it is about six feet from sheltering trees and shrubs. Naturally, place your feeder where you can also watch and enjoy the birds folly.

It's never too late to begin this fascinating hobby. Atlas of Manchester stocks many varieties of bird feeders and bird seed. You can find suet cakes at Manchester Market.

**Question:** What kinds of birds should I expect to see visiting my backyard feeder?

The feeds you offer will attract specific birds. Sunflower seeds are preferred by cardinals, evening grosbeaks, and chickadees. The real fruit ingredients and natural berry flavors in Purina's Songberry brand are sought by cardinals, purple finches and nuthatches. A winter blend wild bird food appeals to mourning doves, finches and juncos.

**Additional hints:** If few birds are coming to your feed station check to make sure your feeder is not too close to predators or too far from natural shelter. With ice and snow conditions, you'll see more birds at your feeder.

Because of their high metabolic rate, many species of birds eat at least half their weight in food daily, and some actually eat the equivalent of their weight.

The longer you feed birds, and the longer you watch them, the more you will be amazed at their actions, interrelationships and behavior.

## Where are the summer cowboys during the winter?



Above: Bull riders wait their turn in the chutes at last year's Manchester Community Fair Bull Mania.

Baseball players attend spring training camps. Football players start practicing in August for the fall season. Where do cowboys go off season to practice for the summer rodeos?

Specifically bull riders? It's not like professional bull riders have a 2,000 bull in their backyard, or even back forty. From our story in the June 1996 *Chronicle*, we know they work out at local gyms, lift weights and run to build the stamina and strength required for the "World's Most Dangerous Sport."

But don't you think getting on the back of the animal a few times during the winter off season would help the cowboys try different techniques, hone skills, build confidence, practice dismounts (—as if), compare styles?

Fortunately, there are bulls in the backyard of the 3 Bar B Ranch in Adrian. Doug and Vicky Beaubian keep their rodeo bulls in good physical condition and maintain their sharp mental attitude by holding informal "buck-outs" every other Saturday, beginning January 18 through April at the 3 Bar B Rodeo Ranch in Adrian. The buck-outs begin at 7:00 and are held in a spacious indoor arena.

Directions to the ranch are: M-52 to Adrian, past the downtown circle, to M-34 (Beecher Rd.), west out of Adrian to Sword Hwy., turn north on Sword, 14 mile to 1220 Sword Hwy. Look for the dust, the pickup trucks, the distinctive hats; listen for the jangle of spurs and the clang of the gate.

In the rodeo event where the odds are decidedly tipped in favor of the animal — bull riding — the cowboys are going to need all the practice they can get.

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**Smilla's Sense of Snow**

—by Peter Hoag

Smilla Qaavigaaq Jaspersen, the tough, part Inuit heroine of *Smilla's Sense of Snow*, refuses to believe her young neighbor's death is the result of an accidental fall. Her nerve-shattering investigation leads to the secret files of the Danish company responsible for extracting most of Greenland's mineral wealth and onto a ship with an international cast of villains. Along the way she encounters a fanatically religious accountant, an intractable pathologist, and must engage the help of a skillful seaman who has lost his family and home to gambling and has reached the point where he's for sale. A casino owner arranges an introduction.

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"His age is indeterminate. He might be in his mid-thirties to mid-forties. Maybe he's fifty."

"Take a look at our customers. There are all kinds of people. A lot of lawyers come here. Quite a few contractors. Several boys who have a fat allowance from home. The heavy artillery of the Danish underworld. They can walk right up and exchange whatever they want for chips.

"There are quite a few businessmen and several doctors. There are some who

travel around the world gambling. Last week a Norwegian shipowner was here. In one day he won four and a half million. It was in the newspapers. On the following day the Norwegian shipowner lost what he had won. But we didn't leak that to the newspapers.

"In the long run they all lose. This shop has two winners, the owners and the state. In the casino's gambling rooms alone we have 290 employees: managers, dealers, head croupiers, security people, technical staff and inspectors. In the restaurant and the nightclub there are

an additional 250: cooks, waiters, bartenders, hostesses, bouncers, cloak-room attendants, show managers, inspectors. Do you know why we can afford to pay salaries to so many people? Just between you and me, it's because we make such a huge amount of dough off the people who gamble."

*Smilla's Sense of Snow* is a mystery, a thriller, and an elegy to the vanishing way of life of the Greenland Inuits. The book has been made into a movie to be released soon.

**Rapture**

—by David Sosnowski

A wonderful, terrible new virus is stalking America: Angelism. It starts like the flu, turns your skin green, and ends...in wings.

As the virus spreads, it creates both a new race of people who look like angels but certainly don't feel like them inside, and wing-free Pedestrians, who are left behind to wait and worry. And while the wing-inflicted play tag with the sea gulls, the Peds grow envious, some even going for the jugular - either for harm's sake, or to contrive their own infection.

In David Sosnowski's (of Ann Arbor) *Rapture*, Alexander Wiles is the first victim of Angelism to go public. But his status as celebrity quickly turns to pariah; his experiences at the hands of his disapproving parents and a fickle media machine turns the world's first flesh-and-blood angel into a bitter recluse. Alone and grounded, Zander doesn't understand that the first step to flying is throwing yourself at the ground ... and missing.

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**A Vision of Light**

—by Judith Merkle Riley

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"There was a time when Brother Gregory would never have noticed Beatrix who moved like a silent shadow when she was in the room with men. But after a month or two of writing for Margaret, he had looked at her suddenly one day and seen the look in her eyes. She's given up, he thought suddenly, and there had sprung for a few seconds into his mind an alien thought: it was a vision of laundry tubs and yoked water buckets and cooking and ash carrying and scrubbing unforgiving and eternal dirt, and never going out, except to market and church. It was the idea that a person could give up hope that way that filled him with sadness. He himself lived on hope; it was the one thing that had never failed him. He wanted to give it back to her, to everyone who had lost it, somehow, and so save himself. Check this book out at the Manchester Township Library

**Recipe**— compliments of Debbie Eversole, *The Pathway Home*

The following Onion Vinegar recipe surprised me with its versatility. If you love the flavor of onion in your salad dressings, marinades and all other manners in which you include a vinegar, try this one. The onion sweetens, thus taking out the "bite" of ordinary white vinegar. I use white wine vinegar for its milder, fuller flavor.

**Onion Vinegar**

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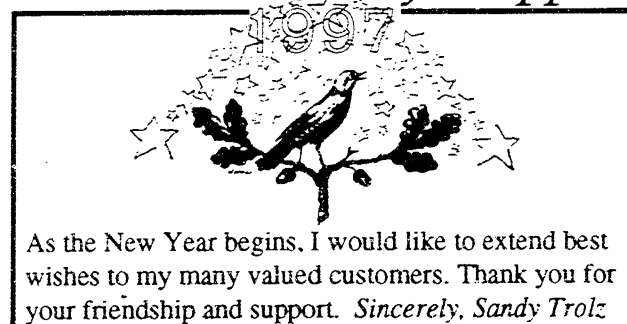
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SUNDAY



Happy January Birthdays to Senior Citizens: Millard Uphaus (2), Ada Arnold (3), Nancy Arnett (7), Wilma Bucholtz (7), Billie Mann (11), Jean Little (12), Marie Galinis (15), Jan Barbour (16), Del Ludwick (16), Doris Evilsizer (19), Nellie Uphaus (19), Naomi Eisele (24), Eugene Moore (26), Lenora Parr (28), Jan Fox (29), Fred Heinrich (31), Donald Drews (31)



Laughter is the shortest  
distance between two people  
— Victor Borge

Not even history's most  
powerful monarchs had  
absolute control. For  
example, on the morning of  
July 14, 1789, King Louis XVI  
of France wrote in his diary a  
single word, *rien*, "nothing" —  
as if "nothing" would happen  
on the very day that history  
would record as Bastille Day.  
— from *Calling It a Day:*  
*Meditations for Workaholics*

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— Confucius

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MONDAY

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7:00 Village Council  
7:30 Library Board  
7:30 Masonic business mtg

FB Quick Fact: About 70 percent  
of Michigan's horse population is  
located in the southern one-third  
of the state - Washtenaw County  
has 5,200.

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6:30 Optimist Club meets in  
Emanuel Church Hall.  
7:30 Bridgewater Twp Planning  
Comm  
8:00 Manchester Twp Board mtg  
8:00 Fair Board mtg  
8:00 Knights of Columbus

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7:00 Village Council  
7:30 School Board mtg at  
high school  
7:30 United Way meets at First of  
America Bank Conf Rm

Happy Birthday,  
Sister Mary  
Margarita (also  
known as  
Maggie  
Tapping)



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7:00 Fireside Crafters meet  
at the Blacksmith Shop.  
Everyone welcome  
FB Quick Fact: Avoid risks  
associated with carbon monoxide  
poisoning, especially in garages  
and workshops that are closed  
against winter weather. Air  
contaminated with carbon  
monoxide, which is colorless and  
odorless, can lead to  
unconsciousness in as little as five  
minutes.

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TUESDAY



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Village Curbside Recycling  
12 noon Senior Citizen Dinner  
(Meat Loaf)

7:00 Boy Scouts  
7:00 Band Boosters' meeting, MHS  
band room. All band parents  
welcome!  
7:30 Freedom Township Planning  
Commission

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Village Curbside Recycling  
9:30 Sr Council mtg  
12 Sr Dinner (Chicken Som'way)  
7:00 Boy Scouts  
7:30 Manchester Village Plan Comm  
8:00 Freedom Twp Board mtg

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Village Curbside Recycling  
11:15 Sr Clergy presentation  
12 noon Sr Dinner (Fish)  
7:00 Boy Scouts

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Public Hearing - Village Planning  
Comm re Mobile Home Park,  
7:30 Manchester Township Hall.  
See page 5.

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Village Curbside Recycling  
11:00 Senior Blood Pres Ck  
12 noon Sr Dinner (Chef's Choice)  
12:30 Sr presentation

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FB Quick Fact: Each year one-fifth  
of Britain's 250,000 badgers are  
killed by cars when the badgers  
follow ancient trails across busy  
roads in search of a mate.





## WEDNESDAY

7:30 VFW, Legion Home,  
203 Adrian  
7:30 Raisin Valley Land Trust  
mtg., Blacksmith Shop

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## THURSDAY

9:30-11:30 Sr Yoga  
12 noon Senior Citizens  
Birthday Dinner (  
12:30 Senior Bingo  
7:30 Am. Legion Post #117  
8:00 Sharon Twp Board mtg

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## FRIDAY

Farm Bureau Quick Fact:  
75% of the nation's wildlife  
live on farms and ranches.  
Agricultural land serves as  
a natural preserve,  
supplying many species of  
animals and birds with  
habitat and abundant food  
supplies.

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## SATURDAY

FB Quick Fact:  
American households spent  
nearly 40 percent of their  
food dollar on food away  
from home since the mid-  
1980s compared to only 20  
percent in the early '70s.

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7:30 American Legion  
Auxiliary  
7:30 Manchester Recreation  
Task Force, at the Black-  
smith Shop

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9:30-11:30 Sr Yoga  
12 noon Sr Birthday Dinner  
Sauerkraut Casserole  
12:30 Sr Bingo  
7:30 Purple Heart mtg ---  
locations vary, phone 428-  
7052 for info

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**CROSWELL**  
Plaza Suite, starring Jeffrey  
Bruce. Jan. 10-12.  
See page 3.

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6:00 Senior pick up for Saline  
Card Party

HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY,  
MOM!



FB Quick Fact:  
Some pond owners sink  
Christmas trees in their  
ponds after the holiday  
season to give fish a place  
to get away from one  
another.

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7:30 Manchester Men's  
Club  
7:30 Bridgwater Twp Board  
mtg

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY,  
BETH WALKER

9am Chamber of  
Commerce Board  
meeting, Comerica Bank  
conference room  
12 noon Sr Dinner (Italian)  
12:30 Sr Bingo  
7:00 Cub Scouts  
7:30 Village Piecemakers  
meet at Emanuel. All  
welcome.

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**CROSWELL**  
Plaza Suite, starring Jeffrey  
Bruce. Jan. 17-19.  
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HAPPY 79th BIRTHDAY,  
ELEANOR BALL

7-10pm  
Middle School Dance



7:00 Manchester Twp  
Fire Dept

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12: Senior Dinner  
Salisbury Steak  
12:30 Bingo

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FB Quick Fact:  
By 2025, world food  
supplies will need to  
double to keep pace with  
population growth. Over  
the next 30 years, the  
world population is  
expected to grow by 2  
billion to 3 billion people,  
with 95 percent of those  
persons living in  
developing countries.

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FB Quick Fact:  
Fruit flies, technically  
called vinegar flies or  
pomace flies, can travel up  
to 6.5 miles per day.  
Attracted by overripe fruit or  
vegetables, fruit flies are  
prolific although their life  
span is usually less than  
two weeks.

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12:00 Senior Dinner  
(Beef Stew)  
12:30 Bingo

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FB Quick Fact: In pre-Civil  
War days, salt port was  
distributed in huge barrels.  
By the 1870s, congressmen  
were referring to regularly  
dipping into the pork barrel  
to obtain funds for popular  
projects in their home  
districts, thus, the origin of  
the term "pork barrel  
politics."

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## News from Nellie

### Ackerson Middle School

Mr. Tom George, principal at Nellie Ackerson Middle School met last month with parents and staff to discuss forming a parent organization at the school.

Issues discussed were support of the teachers, extracurricular activities, fund-raising, bringing special programs into the school and developing a steering committee.

Any parents or guardians, or staff members interested in attending future meetings, may meet in the Middle School library at 7:00 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month from January to April. May's meeting will be announced at a later date. — Margaret Jankins

## Health Coverage for Children

Many unemployed and under employed families in Washtenaw county qualify for MICH-Care Medicaid programs. The EPSDT Outreach team has been successful in getting children enrolled in the Healthy Kids Program which provides health care coverage. You can help us help others by referring families with uninsured children.

The EPSDT (Early, Periodic, Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment Outreach team has a responsibility to locate children and offer assistance to families to help them enroll in the Healthy Kids Program. It helps pay for medical care for children born after June 30, 1981. The limit on family income depends on the size of your family. For example, for a family size of three, the monthly income limit is \$1,623. If the monthly income is above the limit, help is still available. In addition, we provide a list of low cost or free health care services for children and adults.

To apply for this program you may contact the EPSDT Outreach team. You will need proof of income, a social security number, be a resident of Michigan or have proof of your alien status if you are not a U.S. citizen.

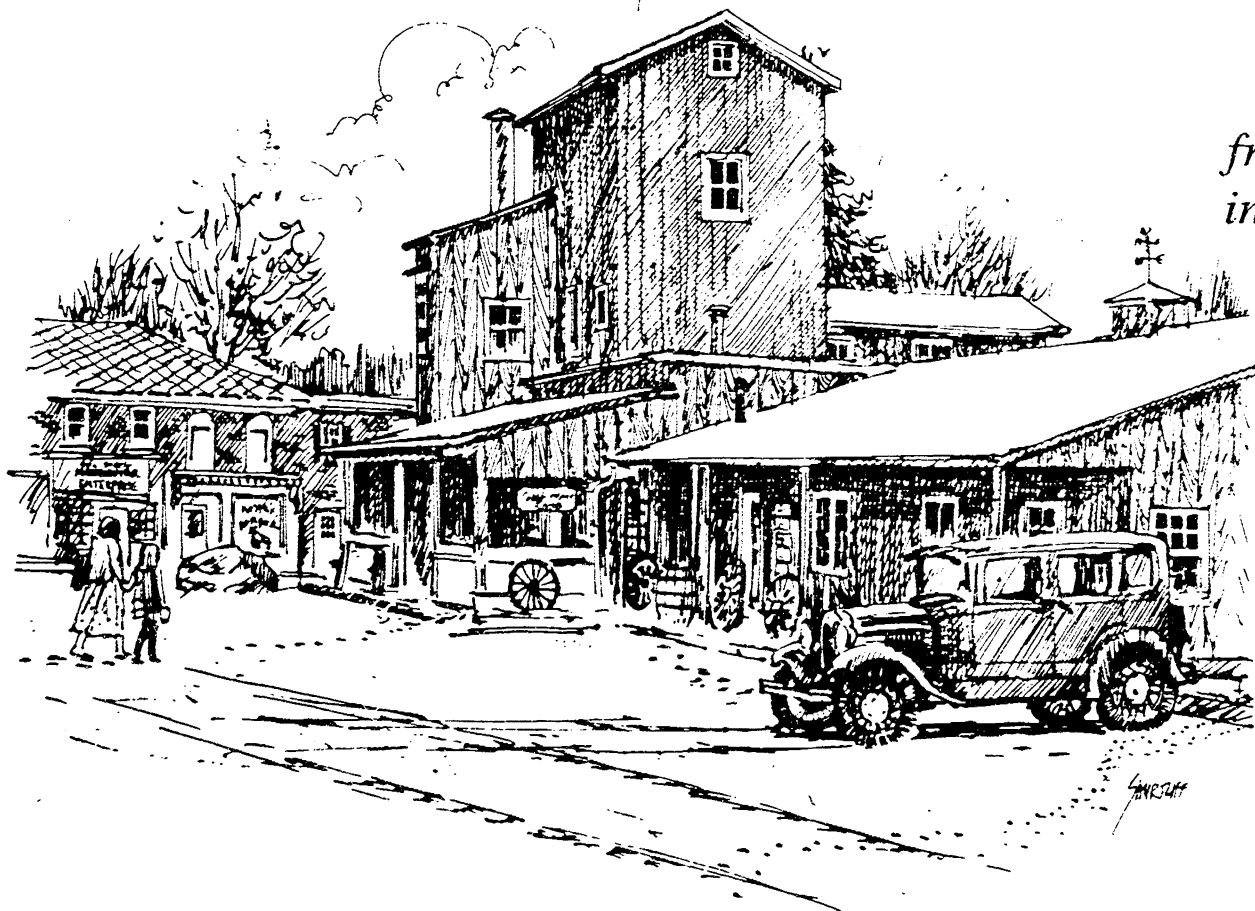
We are located at 555 Towner, Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County Public Health Department, phone (313) 484-7200.

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## Grandparents as Parents

In increasing numbers, grandparents are being thrust into the role of parents for grandchildren because their own children are unable or unwilling to parent. For three million children, a grandparent is the only caregiver they know.

This is a sobering indicator of the devastation brought about by our nation's many social problems such as drug and alcohol addiction, incarceration, sexual and physical abuse, divorce, mental illness, teenage pregnancy and AIDS.

In parenting their grandchildren, grandparents are likely to face isolation from their peers. Their free time is restricted due to child rearing, and financial resources are redirected toward children's needs instead of social and recreational activities. Their energy reserves are lower than when they parented their own children. Often the effects of chronic disease are beginning to manifest causing pain, fatigue and diminished function. While caring for grandchildren, many grandparents are also caring for a chronically ill spouse.

In addition to the disruption of the pattern of their normal life, caregiving grandparents experience a change in role from nurturing "grand"parent to disciplinary parent. They again must interact with the school system and, perhaps for the first time the Department of Social Services and the criminal justice system.

Grandparents' stress is compounded by the fact that the children they inherit are often extremely needy, emotionally damaged and angry. The grandchildren are often born from cocaine- or alcohol-addicted parents and suffer from alcohol fetal syndrome, attention deficit disorders or malnutrition.

The wonderful things caregiving grandparents can offer are a stable home with rules and routines that help bring order to a child's life. And, most importantly grandparents maintain the vital link to the child's family of birth.

Grandparents as Parents and Kinship Providers is a weekly support group sponsored by Faith in Action and Catholic Social Services. Meetings are held Wednesday afternoons in Chelsea at the Faith in Action Center, 775 S. Main St., from 12:30-2:30. The program offers caregiving grandparents the opportunity to share common experiences, to better understand their grandchildren's special needs, to locate resources and to gain information from community professionals. For more information, please call program coordinator Virginia Boyce at 313-712-2077.

## Grandparents

*I have a very good friend* who has lived a long time. She is wise and I value her thoughts.

Many of her words have impact my life: "I've never stopped learning...almost every day I discover something new. I keep on stumbling, learning from my mistakes."

Her wisdom serves to encourage me as I 'stumble' through this existence.

I have been attending parenting classes. They are special classes, designed for grandparents raising their grandchildren. I've met strong, resilient individuals, bravely bringing up their children's children. They are devoted grandparents striving to discover, never letting adversity stand in their way. I appreciate having the opportunity to learn from them.

We need each other to survive in this complex world of never ending change. The voices of the elderly are an untapped resource. If each young person sought the advice and wisdom of those older than themselves, our world would be more perfect and 'stumbling' would be so much easier.

— Karen Smith

## In Praise of Grandparents

Grandparents have great power to change lives. They have wisdom to pass on, values and beliefs to share, skills to teach and a culture to honor. Grandparents provide a family's link to the past with stories, traditions and experiences.

Grandparents give unconditional love and continuity to grandchildren and provide a safe haven from a world that isn't always appreciative of a child's natural worth.

Grandparents are a source of comfort, praise and encouragement, a refuge during life's difficult moments.

Grandparents are allies in a child's search for who they are, their place in the family and world. In a grandparent, the grandchildren have a friend who be-

lieves in them and helps them believe in themselves.

As modern society takes its toll on the traditional nuclear family, the role of grandparents to provide a loving and stable force in family life has become even more crucial.

— *The Essential Grandparent: A Guide to Making a Difference*, by Lillian Carson, D.S.W. (1996 Parent's Choice Foundation Award) and Columnist Val Farmer, *Farmers' Advance*.

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## Letter to the Editor

More than 450 farmer delegates at the recent Michigan Farm Bureau annual meeting endorsed numerous recommendations for developing wildlife crop damage policy, specifically regarding the state's deer herd population, which currently totals over 2 million head.

While the general media has devoted a great deal of space and criticism to the portion of the policy calling for consideration of a class-action lawsuit against the state of Michigan if the deer herd is not reduced to the Department of Natural Resources stated objective of 1.3 million by January 1, 1999, it has largely ignored the other significant policy recommendations endorsed by delegates to accomplish that 1.3-million-head objective.

Since 1985, the deer population has risen substantially above the Department of Natural Resources' statewide objective of 1.3 million animals. Not only did this increase destroy nearly \$32 million worth of agricultural crops in southern Michigan alone in 1994, it also resulted in 62,535 car/deer accidents in 1995, an 177 percent increase since 1985.

At their 1996 annual meeting, Farm Bureau members endorsed a policy that basically draws a line in the sand and says, "Ten years of overpopulation is enough. We will give the DNR two more years to take the necessary action needed to bring the herd down to 1.3 million deer."

Michigan Farm Bureau believes that all wildlife should be managed based on sound scientific principles. Our organization aggressively supported Proposal G, which was approved by Michigan voters in November. This ballot proposal gave the DNR's Natural Resources Commission the ultimate responsibility of sound scientific management of wildlife.

The DNR has at its disposal a number of different options it could implement, such as requiring hunters to fill an antlerless permit to be considered eligible for a buck permit. Farm Bureau recommended numerous other measures, such as: Extension of the firearm deer season for antlerless only; Liberal issuance of out-of-season permits at no charge to landowners in overpopulated areas, or to farmers with damage during the year; Liberal issuance of out-of-season shooting permits to allow for landowners to seek outside hunters; Establish population quotas. When quota exceeds 20 percent, action must be taken by the DNR to decrease population; Limiting baiting of deer from September 15 through the end of the firearm deer season. The Natural Resources Commission should scientifically study the effects of baiting on overpopulation and disease then enact a quantity restriction that will help avoid these problems; Use of tree stands for deer hunting during firearm season.

Finally, if Michigan's white-tailed deer population is not brought down to 1.3 million, Farm Bureau policy calls for answering two questions through a class action lawsuit. We believe the following two questions must be resolved legally. (1.) Do private landowners have the legal right to manage overpopulation of wildlife on their land in order to avoid economic losses through destruction of their crops? (2.) If the DNR continues to limit the number of permits for the taking of deer, should the state of Michigan be obligated to provide full compensation and/or provide fencing to landowners who are unable to control the deer engaged in the destruction of their crops?

Hunters should realize that in order to establish a trophy deer herd, the harvest of antlerless deer must be increased and accepted as a normal population management strategy.



— Photos by Kathy Kueffner, taken somewhere in Washtenaw County

It's our hope that all interested parties will come to the table with their respective recommendations to do what everyone, DNR sportsmen and farmers alike, know needs to be done - reduce the state's deer herd to 1.3 million through sound scientific management within a reasonable period of time.

Jack Laurie,  
Cass City, Michigan  
President Michigan Farm Bureau



### Waterloo Recreation Area Public Programs for January

Waterloo's Natural History Association and Recreation Area staff invite you to participate in our public programs. All programs begin at the Geology Center unless indicated otherwise. For more information, please call the Center at 313-475-3170. A State Motor Vehicle permit is required for entry at this State Recreation Area

January 18 —

1:00 P.M. Fur, Fangs and Footprints.

See if you can figure out why animals look the way they do. Discover how feet, teeth and hair determines where an animal lives. We will explore animal adaptations and how animals fit their niche.

January 25 —

1:00 P.M. Winter Botany

Spend a winter afternoon learning how to identify trees and plants with only a few clues. It's not easy but it's fun. Dress appropriately to spend time outdoors.

Despite two years of work to revise Michigan's Subdivision Control Act designed to preserve Michigan farmland, the Michigan Farm Bureau is urging Governor Engler to veto the final package approved by the state legislature. Last minute changes to Senate Bill 112 removed the farmland preservation the organization had so eagerly sought.

"While Farm Bureau is committed to revising the Subdivision Control Act, it's imperative that we develop a balanced and reasonable approach that provides genuine farmland preservation," Farm Bureau legislative counsel, Scott Everett explained. "SB112 is not in the best interest of agriculture or local communities trying to manage growth."

"The end result of this package will be a proliferation of mini-subdivisions without local requirements," Everett warned. "This version of SB112 will not preserve farmland or protect farm operations from unplanned, high-density residential pressures... Unfortunately, we will continue to lose 10 acres of Michigan farmland every hour of every day until the legislature provides true reform of the Subdivision Control Act."

— Michigan Farm Bureau press release

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# Historic Route US-12 – The Great Sauk Trail

On Wednesday, December 18, The Bridgewater Township Board unanimously nominated U.S.-12 as a Michigan Historic Heritage Route. U.S.-12 is also known as the Sauk Trail.

The Sauk Trail was established in prehistory, first as an animal trail and then as a path for the native Americans. It became an important thread through the wilderness, holding the early communities together as well as military roads which became highways for the early settlers. After paving in 1925, it was an open road for the newly invented automobile, recreational trips into the country and a direct route to Chicago.

The Michigan Heritage Routes Program promotes a greater awareness of and appreciation for Michigan's scenic, historic and recreational resources. If selected by the Michigan Department of Transportation, the road would take on a unified image via state maps, promotional materials and road signs.

The grass roots effort to name U.S.-12 as a Michigan Heritage Route is led by Gladys Saborio of Saline and Joanne Rasmussen, a Bridgewater Township resident. Volunteers from Detroit to the Indiana border are involved in the nomination process.

Governor Lewis Cass lifted his gaze from the litter of sheets and blueprints covering his desk, thunder crossing his brow. "Our Congress appropriates thousands of dollars to survey the land and build a road, and I have before me the wandering trail of a drunken foot soldier. Gentlemen, this does not appear to be the work of an engineer and a compass." He brandished the drawing of loops and curves.

His surveyor offered no apology. A year in the Territory trying to lay a course for the government's new military road, he had faced every trouble nature could deliver: A landscape so thick a compass couldn't site through it, a forest canopy so dense the ground below never saw enough sunlight to dry the mud bogs and swamps.

The futility of plotting a clean, diagonal line through the wilderness was replaced with logic as old as history. He faced Governor Cass calmly. "Sir, we've found that the best route for travel is not the most straight line between two points. The Chicago Road must follow the old Indian trail if we're to make passage through the length of the territory."

What had worked for Indians for centuries would soon become the guideline for white men through the Michigan wilderness. The new road east to west would follow the Great Sauk Trail.

No wider than a plow furrow, no more visible beneath the forest canopy than the thread of a deer track, carved deep in the earth long before man's first footstep, the route traced some 200 miles through the "new west" of lower Michigan in the 1800s.

Many followed the path of prehistoric hoofprint before it would transform into a civilized road. Between the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812, soldiers made precarious passage along Indian trails to major military posts at Chicago and Detroit. American troops discovered the futility in trying to move provisions and equipment across swamp and forest along the Indian trail; battles in the War of 1812 were lost in part due to lack of good passage for supplies and communication between Forts Dearborn and Chicago.

The new Congress began hearing demands for a true road to connect and reinforce the military system across the country.

Territorial Governor Cass became a major force in opening passage through lower Michigan, not just for military security, but with an eye to readying the 17 million forested acres for new populations moving into the continent.

Michigan watched as settlement began in the early 1800s in neighboring

territory, land open to settlers by way of water routes or flat plains. Indiana, Illinois, Ohio and Wisconsin welcomed the first homesteaders while Michigan land remained impassible west of Detroit.

Congress approved generous funds for surveying in 1824. But before the first timber fell, Cass had to work through some far-reaching negotiations with the original residents. Treaties were signed with the Potawatomi and neighboring Chippewa for rights to lay a road from Fort Chicago to Fort Dearborn.

Perhaps Cass made promises, or told only part of the long-term story, but the Indians curiously had no quarrel with these arrangements. They liked Cass, calling him "Big Belly" in tribute to his imposing size, and maintained a friendship and trust with him through his term as governor.

Daylight penetrated the first felled timber in 1825 and a broad dirt swath opened westward, inching ahead over the next 10 years, revealing bright patches of prairie and pasture beyond the forest walls.

To call the new thoroughfare a road was a most forgiving description — corrugated, blockaded by tree stumps, boulders, bogs and great ruts that could snap a wheel axle in two, the Chicago Road was bane and boon for those venturing into the new territory.

Setbacks other than nature brought settlement of the territory to a quick halt in 1832. It was good fortune that Governor Cass had maintained a friendship with the Indian tribes that continued during his assignment as Secretary of War under President Jackson. His relationship with the Potawatomis may have saved Michigan territory from a last, angry Indian uprising. All treaties and promises aside, there were still proud tribes that weren't ready to give up their land or freedom for any well-spoken government agents.

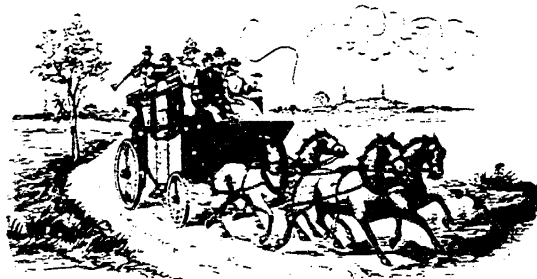
The threat came from across Lake Michigan, where the notorious Chief Black Hawk was gathering Sauk and Fox tribes in the Illinois territory for a last stand against the white man, determined to take back rightful Indian land.

Word spread along the Sauk Trail that Black Hawk was coming to Michigan to enlist the aid of the Potawatomi in his war. Fortunately, the Potawatomi had no quarrel with the white men and did not take up Black Hawk's call to arms. Black Hawk fought his war in 1832, unaided and unsuccessfully without entering Michigan.

The Indian threat was not the only event that year delaying settlement in the territory. Military troops assisting Chicago against Black Hawk's uprising car-

ried with them an enemy far more deadly than Indian arrows. Cholera spread through the territory, and Michigan was in the grip of an epidemic. Towns along the Chicago Road enforced rigid quarantines and travelers gave wide berth to these areas. Here were posted the first "detour" signs in Michigan history.

Regardless, the "new west" began to fill as the Chicago Road wound its way through the territory, mile for mile mirroring the sinuous route of the Sauk Trail. Oxen teams and covered wagons



and stagecoach travel was gaining momentum throughout the 1830s.

The Western Stage Company out of Detroit rocked and rolled across the Chicago Road for a decade. They were bone jarring trips. Road repairs were nonexistent and passenger comfort a low priority. Train travel inevitably took over, offering comfort, speed and "luxury."

By the early 1840s, a combination of railroad, stagecoach and steamboat travel would place a Detroiter in Chicago in a mere 39 hours — an impressive improvement over the three-week journey (under ideal weather conditions) ten years earlier.

By 1849, traffic along the Chicago Road was chiefly wagons and carriages of local residents between the small towns. Major cities were linked by rail and water and the Chicago Road — Old U.S.-12 — as a great national thoroughfare passed into history.

— from *Along the Great Sauk Trail: A Journey Down Old U.S.-12*, by Carole Ashley

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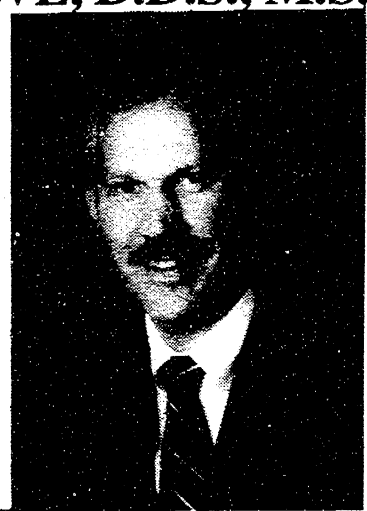
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# 1996 CHRISTMAS IN MANCHESTER — NOTABLE PHOTOS

—Manchester Chronicle photos by Kathy Kueffner



Carl and Scott Wharam accept candy canes from the jolly ol' fellow.



Santa always arrives in style in Manchester, this year courtesy of **Gordon Crawford's Oak Leaf Farm** of Manchester. Beautiful black Percheron geldings pranced down Main Street as Santa waved to the anxiously waiting children. When told that Santa was on his way into town, the children *looked up to the rooftops* --- well, wouldn't you?

Santa listened to the little boys and girls of Manchester at **Chapters & Verses** book and music store, but it was Elaine Feldkamp who had important connections to the North Pole. On the very night before Santa's visit, Elaine phoned her brother-in-law Jeffrey VanderVeen to confirm Santa's trip to town, and he assured her Santa would be there. Santa's visit was sponsored by the Manchester High School Key Club.



Lisa and AnneMarie VanderVeen told Santa what they wanted for Christmas then smiled for a photo.

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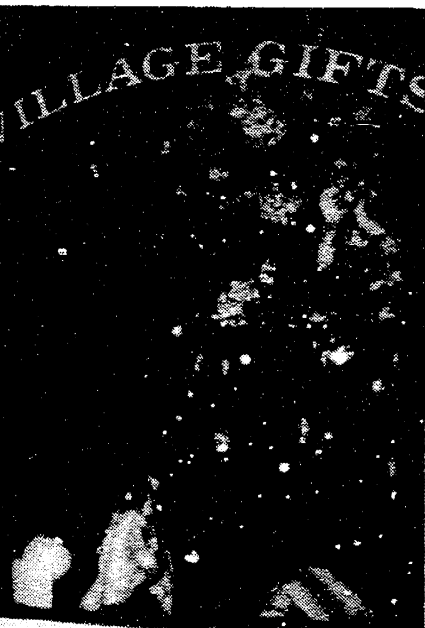
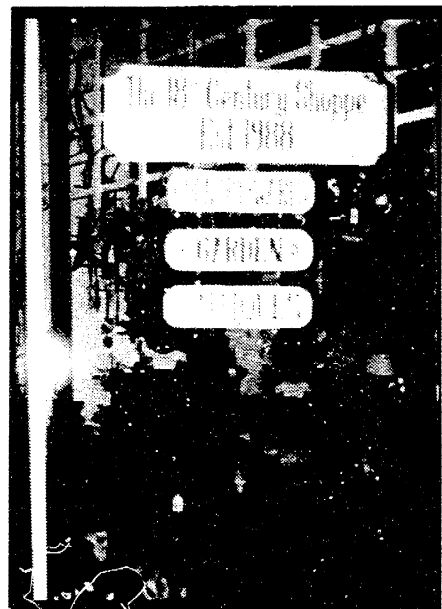
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January 1997

# NOTABLE PHOTOS - CHRISTMAS IN MANCHESTER 1996

The Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce would like to thank the following businesses and individuals for making donations for the holiday lighting on Main Street in 1996. The lights were beautiful, and without these generous contributions, they wouldn't have been possible. THANK YOU!!!

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—Manchester Chronicle photos by Kathy Kueffner



Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and adult volunteers pitched in to gather and sort donations of canned food, paper products, toys, games and winter clothes for the 1996 Manchester Family Service Christmas Shop. The drive was the most successful ever with a record amount of donations, director Joanne Fredal of MFS reported.



Donations for the Manchester Family Service Christmas Shop, picked up at the high school, totally packed this van.



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## Teacher Negotiations Continue, Breakfast Program Concerns Mark December Meeting of the School Board

— by Gini Patak

Teacher contract negotiations, discussion of the school breakfast program and a preview of the new facilities at Klager Elementary provided highlights for the December meeting of the school board. In addition, the board heard the results of the fall sports program and commended the district's fall semester scholar athletes.

### CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUE — Frustration Grows

Despite a cold wind and heavy, blowing snow, Manchester teachers gathered at the entrance to the Klager parking lot to make their case for an equitable conclusion to the contract talks which began last spring. While their signs were rendered almost illegible by darkness and weather, the teachers' concerns over the lack of progress were clear once the meeting began.

Speaking on behalf of the teachers, Donna Clark, a Manchester High School teacher, expressed teachers' frustration with the negotiation process. Apparently contrasting the positive attention that has been given to the building project with the problems encountered by negotiators, she asked the board and administration to provide "some *constructive* rather than *construction* leadership."

Clark called the board's most recent offer "outrageous," and not reflective of "the quality of work done by the teachers."

Other comments, along the same theme, followed. Neither board president, Paul Kluwe nor superintendent Ronald Niedzwiecki offered a response to the concerns. A closed session to discuss the contract was slated to follow the regular board meeting.

### BREAKFAST PROGRAM CONCERNS AIRED

As part of the regular meeting, the board held a public hearing to obtain community input on continuation of the student breakfast program. During this hear-

ing, the board heard from several teachers and the social worker at Klager elementary, all of whom encouraged the board to keep the program in place.

The program, which serves relatively few of the district's students, exists to help ensure that no child begins the day without a nutritious breakfast. Originally, the program was designed for students who are eligible for free or reduced-price school lunches, but now it serves almost as many other students as well, although the total percentage of students participating is relatively small.

The program does not cost the district anything as it breaks even when revenues are measured against expenses. It does, however, require that busses arrive about 10 minutes earlier than would be necessary if the program were not in place. And, it is this issue that concerns Kluwe. He reported that he had had several calls from parents who believe that the early arrival of the bus prevents them from giving their child an adequate breakfast at home. Trustee, Pat Sahakian, reported receiving similar calls from concerned parents.

Speaking in favor of the program, Klager teacher, Sandy Sheats, explained that students who participate in the program receive not only a nutritious breakfast, but a lot of positive attention from the program coordinator, Mrs. Smith.

Laura Spensley, a first/second grade teacher concurred, "It is a small number of kids, but it's very valuable for the younger ones. They come to class ready to learn."

Sahakian suggested substituting a morning snack for the breakfast, but was told that snack time occurs at 10:30 AM, and a lot of good work time is already lost by then.

In making a decision on the breakfast program later in the meeting, the board looked at three options:

- Discontinue the program in January
- Discontinue the program in June
- Continue the program and decide its fate later

After a persuasive argument in favor of the program by trustee, Joe Turk, it was decided that the program should continue for the balance of the school year. The board will conduct a study during the spring and summer to decide whether the program will return in the fall.

### SCHOLAR ATHLETES COMMENDED

Athletic director, John Eisley, presented the fall sports report. The fall MHS cheerleading squad distinguished themselves as State Team Champions in the Michigan Cheerleading Coaches Association Class C/D Championship. MHS golfers took sixth place in the Cascade Conference and the cross-country team ranked 20th in the state.

Participation in fall sports is down slightly at both the middle and high school level. Last year, 36% of the students at the high school participated in fall sports. This year the number has dropped to 33%. Last year, 60% of the middle school students were involved in fall sports. This year, only 54% are active.

The good news is that of the high school students who participated, more than 60% were "scholar athletes," meaning that they maintained a grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or better during the semester. The district also had 18 athletes who earned Cascade Conference Academic Awards. These students are seniors who have maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.

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## Free Eye Exams Offered

Low income workers and their families without health insurance can get free eye exams through a program called VISION USA.

As part of a nationwide program, optometrists in Michigan who are members of the Michigan Optometric Association are donating their services to provide comprehensive eye exams in their offices in March.

To qualify for the free eye care, persons: (1.) Must have a job or live in a household where at least one person is working full- or part-time. (2.) Must not be covered by a health insurance plan. (People covered by Medicare, Medicaid or private health insurance are not eligible even if their plans don't offer vision care.) (3.) Must have income falling below an established level based on household size. (4.) Must not have had an eye examination during the past two years.

Applications forms for the free eye examinations may be obtained by writing to: VISION USE, 243 N. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63141. Completed forms must be postmarked by January 25.

Applicants may also register by phone from January 2-31. The toll free telephone number is 1-800-766-4466, Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.

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## KLAGER FACILITIES NEARING COMPLETION

The board meeting concluded with a quick tour of the new facilities at Luther C. Klager Elementary. The new rooms are spacious and ready to move in. In some of the kindergarten rooms, the moving has already begun. Plans were in place to introduce kindergarten students to their new rooms before the holiday break so that they would be familiar with them when they return to class after the new year.

The gym, which was available only for quick peeks through the door because the concrete floor had just been poured, looks like it will provide a much-needed resource for the entire district when it is complete.

The next regular meeting of the Manchester Board of Education is at 7:30 PM on Monday, January 20, 1997. Meetings are held in the MHS media center. For more information, call the board offices at 428-9711.

## 1996 CASCADE CONFERENCE ACADEMIC AWARD WINNERS

(Seniors with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better)

Stacey Burmeister, Heather DuRussel, Ryan Fielder, Renee Foster, Chris Gilbert, Karen Goodell, Albert Harris, Bradley Kemner, Suzanne Lowery, Jason Miner, Angelo Petrino, Pam Preston, Jessica Richard, Michelle Schaible, Steve Spurr, David Staten, Jr., Jon Way, Nick Weidmayer

(Below: • Captains, \*Scholar Athlete with average of 3.0 and above)

## FALL SPORTS SCHOLAR ATHLETES

**VARSITY FOOTBALL:** Landon Burkhardt\* (All Conference Offensive Guard), Terry Coleman (Honorable Mention Offensive Kicker), Ed Cruz, \*Nick Davis (All Conference Offensive Running Back) \*Mike Eversole \*Ryan Fielder (All Conference Defensive Linebacker), Jake Ford, \*Chris Gilbert, Kirk Horodeczny, Tim Hough, Jesse Jarels, Micah Jefferson, \*Adam Jeffrey, \*Chris Kemner, Kris Kiomall, \*Matt Laskowski, \*Mike Meranuck, \*Jason Minor (All Conference Defensive End), Ben Morgan, \*Shane Neigebauer, Nick Niehaus, \*Angelo Petrino, \*Ben Pietrowski, \*Steve Riske, \*Steve Spurr, \*Justin Turk, Eric VanBogelen (Honorable Mention Offensive Tight End), \*Nick Woods (All Conference Offensive Wide Receiver); head coach, Wes Gall; assistant coaches, Mike Blumenauer and Bryan Barnard; overall record 6-3, Cascade record 5-2; overall team GPA 1st marking period 2.958.

**JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL:** \*Bill Alber, Tyler Breilein, Joe Brooks \*Kyle Davis, \*Pete Dettling, \*Pat DuRussel, \*Levi Earhart, \*Jason Flint, Derrick Hanawald, Mike Heskett, Mark Hollosy, Matt Horodeczny, \*Matt Jones, Lee Kothe, Nick Puscus, Jason Schaible, \*Pat Schulz, \*Levi Smith, Jeremiah Tobias, Jordan Wahl, Rick Walakonis, David Zielinski — head coach, Jim Fielder; assistant coach, Jim Krzyzaniak, overall record 5-3-1; overall team GPA-2.688.

**VARSITY GIRLS' BASKETBALL:** \*Jennette Branch, \*Amy Gall, \*Karen Goodell, Lindsey Hosmer, \*Stacy Mann, Julie Porter (All-Conference), \*Michelle Schaible (All-Conference), \*Tracey Staples, \*Courtney Whitaker; head coach, John Wilkins; overall record 12-11; team GPA-3.275.

**JUNIOR VARSITY GIRLS' BASKETBALL:** \*Brandy Aiken, \*Mary Barrett, \*Lisa Burmeister, \*Laura Haeussler, \*Annie Hinkley, Amber Hoeft, \*Melissa Hoeft, \*Emily Parr, \*Ellen Supers, \*Erin Wiley, \*Abra Wise; head coach Denny Steel; overall record 7-13; overall team GPA-3.41

**VARSITY FALL CHEERLEADING:** \*Stacey Burmeister, Pam Domengoni, \*Heather DuRussel (All Conference), \*Lisa DuRussel, \*Renee Foster (All Conference Honorable Mention), \*Suzanne Lowery (All Conference), Dana McCalla, \*Alexis Punches, \*Katie Roberts, \*Michelle Roos, \*Christy Rothove, Tonya Ward; head coach, Colleen Curley; overall team GPA-3.21.

**JUNIOR VARSITY FALL CHEERLEADING:** \*Chrissy Abbott, Amanda Coutts, \*Joanne Eversole, Jolene Hochstetler, Sarah McGuire, \*Katherin Sondeen, Jessica Weber, Sarah Wojtas; overall GPA-2.946.

**CROSS COUNTRY:** \*Eli Bragg (All Regional/State Qualifier), \*Nick Gordon, \*Kyle Harris (State Qualifier), \*Lin Harris (SQ), \*Brad Kemner (SQ), \*Phillip Krall, \*Kevin Sahakian (SQ), Jeremy Smith, (SQ), \*Aaron Wallace (SQ), \*Nick Weidmayer (All Regional/All Conference/State Qualifier); overall boys team GPA-3.619; \*Rachel Fleck (All Conference Honorable Mention/State Qualifier) Marie Haeussler, \*Pam Preston (All Regional/All Conference/SQ), Dana Richards, \*Jessica

Richards \*Ahja Zang (All Conference Honorable Mention/State Qualifier); head coach Craig Vitale; 20th in State; overall girls team GPA-3.011.

**GOLF:** Jeremy Delawter, \*Jim Donnellon, \*Ben Grenier, \*David Herman, Justin Preston, \*Dan Riesterer, \*Ryan Roberts, Ted Roberts, \*David Staten, \*Jon Way, \*Meghann Way; head coach, Dan Galaska, team record 4-12, 6th place Cascade Conference; overall team GPA-2.613.

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## Manchester Little League

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## MANCHESTER LITTLE LEAGUE REGISTRATION - 1997

Dear Parents ;

It is time once again to sign up for Baseball in Manchester. There are a few things we need to explain in order that your child be placed in the correct league.

1. Placement is determined by age as of August 1, 1997.
2. Your child will be required to play in the age level he or she meets.  
(This is done to maintain a safe, good quality level of Baseball)
3. In the event we do not have enough players to fill rosters in their age group the league will determine, at that time, which players may be "moved up". If you are willing to have your child play in a higher league please check the appropriate box. All effort will be made to maintain your child in the age appropriate league. Try outs may be held to determine placement. This will only occur if there are no open spots available in the appropriate age group.
4. Players from previous seasons advanced due to above conditions will return to age appropriate league.
5. You must include a "COPY" of a birth certificate with your application, and in the event your child plays on a tournament team, provide the original to the coach. (Originals are required by the other leagues)
6. Mail in Deadline is FEBRUARY 15, 1997.
7. You may register in person on February 22, 1997, between 9 AM and 12 Noon, in the High School. You will be required to pay a \$20.00 late fee at that time
8. There will be no registration fees accepted after February 22! (Any child moving into the Manchester School District after this date will be considered on a space available basis.)
9. Manchester Little League Baseball Association is a tax exempt, non profit organization. Registration is non-refundable.
10. Mickey Mantle League is only offered if there is enough participants and commitment to support a team in this league.
11. Parents are responsible for arranging or providing transportation for any travel team member.
10. Remember our children are here to learn by example and deed. Constructive criticism is welcome, along with suggestions for improvement. THERE IS NO HECKLING ALLOWED EITHER IN THE DUG OUTS OR FROM THE STANDS.

I have read the above:

Parents please sign: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your previous years participation and if you are new to our league welcome.

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Vice President- Wayne Tervo (313) 428-7028

Treasurer - Christina Gehringer (313) 428-0467

Secretary - Lyall Birnie (517) 456-4962

Safety Director - Lyall Birnie (517) 456-4962

Player Representative - Tammy Meicher (313) 428-8251

1996 Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Willing to "Move Up" \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Age as of August 1, 1997 \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Best time to contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

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11-12 or 11-12	Boys Majors Girls Majors	Shirt Size- Adult S / M / L / XL Pant Size - S(28/30), M(32/34) L(36/38), XL(40/42)	\$40.00
13-14 or 13-14	Sandy Koufax Girls Seniors	Shirt Size- Adult S / M / L / XL Pant Size - S(28/30), M(32/34) L(36/38), XL(40/42)	\$60.00
15-16	Mickey Mantle	Shirt Size- Adult S / M / L / XL Pant Size - S(28/30), M(32/34) L(36/38), XL(40/42)	\$75.00

Availability subject to interest

Registration Deadline by mail is February 15. You may register in person on Saturday, February 22 at the High School, between the hours of 9 am and 12 noon, an additional \$20.00 late fee will be payable at that time. Mail check and copy of birth certificate to:

Manchester Little League Association

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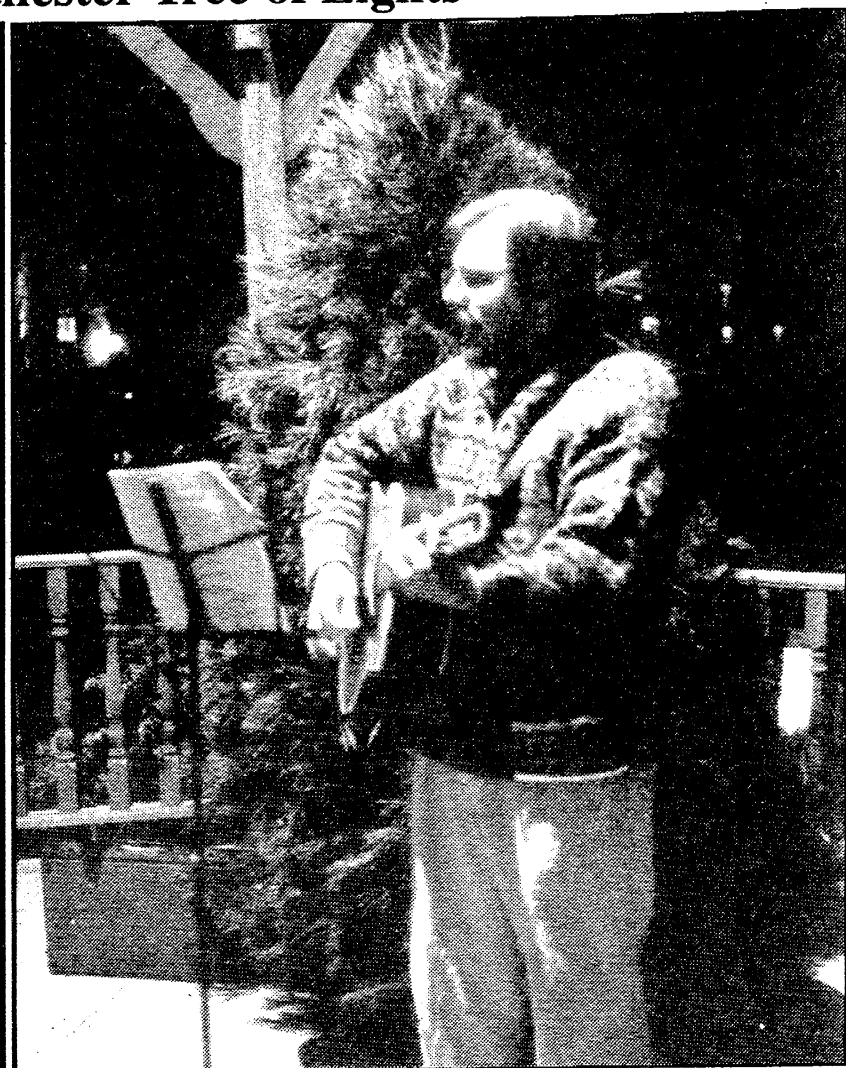


The 1997 seventh annual Manchester Christmas "Tree of Lights," sponsored by Samaritan Counseling Service was held Sunday evening, December 15. The Tree, donated by the Manchester Men's Club, sparkled with lights in memory of friends and loved ones. After the Tree was lit, the names of those honored were read. Area pastors took part, including Revs. Jim and Peggy Paige from Sharon United Methodist Church, and Rev. Thom Davenport from Manchester United Church of Christ. Rev. Richard Hardy of Bethel United Church of Christ gave the sermon.

Photos:

Far right: Rev. Thom Davenport played his guitar, leading those attending the service in traditional Christmas carols.

Right: The Wiley family of Chelsea, also entertained, Mr. Wiley, playing the guitar, accompanied by his two daughters who sang and played the flute.



— Photos by Kathy Kueffner

### He's back!

Ken Moull (also known in the *Chronicle* as Kapt. Krazy) wanted me to let you know — *he's back!*

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