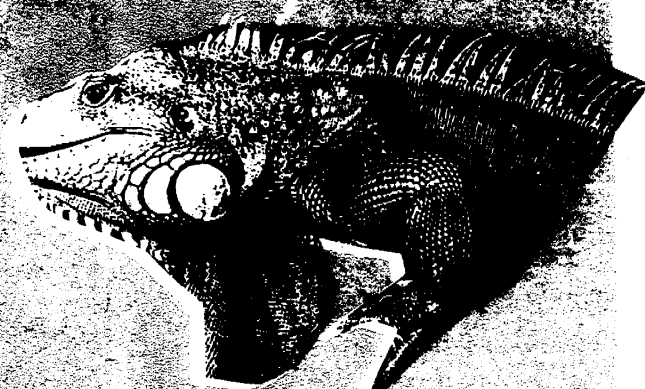




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As any pet owner knows, there comes a time when either by natural causes, accident or euthanasia (putting to sleep), pets die. It is never easy to go through. Recently my husband and I have had to experience the loss of our 13-year-old dog.

It was determined that his illness could not be cured. Rather than allowing him to suffer, we made the heart wrenching decision to have him put to sleep.

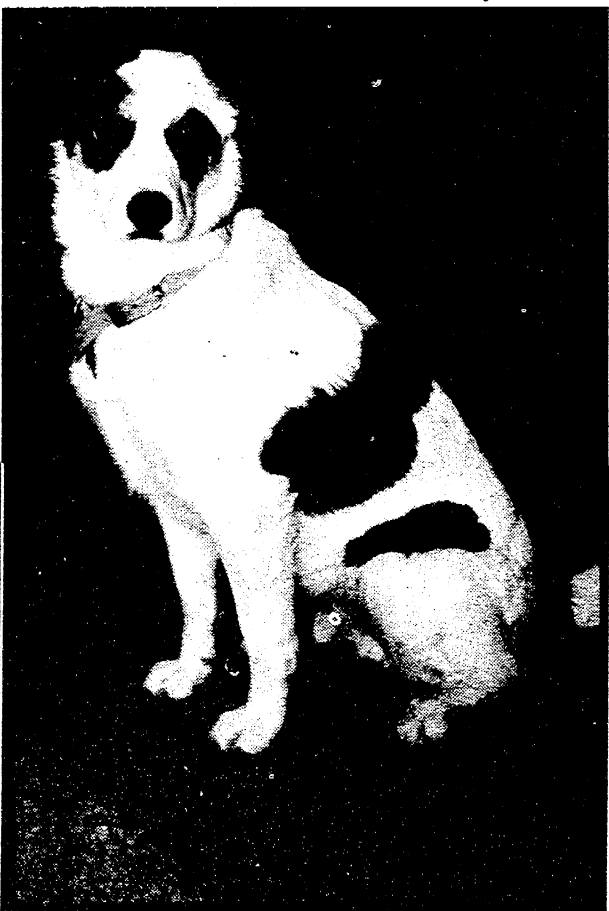
As difficult as this was, it was made easier by our veterinarian, Dr. Lisa Kutchins. With an abundance of kindness, caring, consideration and compassion, she made the end bearable.

We just want to publicly acknowledge this very special lady for the help she gave us at that time.

The up side to this is that she has helped us once again, this time to acquire a new dog. Her name is Kylee. She is not a replacement, but a new friend to share our lives with.

Thanks, Lisa, for being here for us.

Jim and Marja Warner



Honk when you see Kylee. She rides around with her owners in a green/blue truck and sits up in the front seat like she's Princess Kylee. We should see her as the weather warms taking her owners for walks around town. —kk

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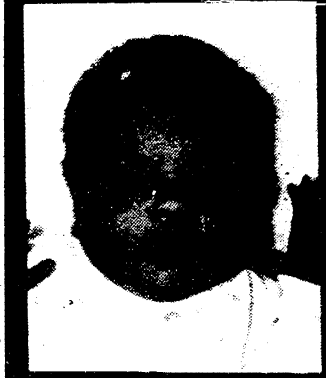
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Sarah Elizabeth Walkowz



Bill and Anne Walkowe of Manchester are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, on January 3, 1997. Sarah weighed 6 lbs. 14-1/2 oz. and was 19-1/2 inches long at birth.

Maternal grandparents are Fred and Agnes Kuebler of Ann Arbor. Paternal grandparents are Joan Walkowe and the late Joseph R. Walkowe of Manchester. Paternal great-grandmother is Almira Kirk, also of Manchester.

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Contracts Ratified, Breakfast Program Revisited at January School Board Meeting

— by Gini Patak

In a meeting that began with the recognition of school board members by Superintendent Niedzwiecki, the board heard board president, Paul Kluwe's vehement objections to the continuation of the school breakfast program, a financial report on the fall sports program and the final update on the building project. And, following a brief discussion, the board ratified contract agreements with the teachers and school support personnel.



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Backpacking in Michigan, Pat Allen; *Raptor Red*, Robert Bakker; *Secret Affair*, Barbara Bradford; *Exclusive*, Sandra Brown; *Hawk O'Toole's Hostage*, Sandra Brown; *Executive Orders*, Tom Clancy; *Hello from Heaven*, Bill Guggenheim; *House on the Borderland*, W. H. Hodgson; *Unquiet Mind*, Kay R. Jamison; *Mammals of the Great Lakes Region*, Allen Kurta; *Outer Dark*, Cormac McCarthy; *Genesis: A Living Conversation*, Bill Moyers; *Promises*, Belva Plain; *Certain Poor Shepherd: A Christmas Tale*, Elizabeth Thomas; *Uncharted Territory*, Connie Willis; *Piano Lessons*, Noah Adams; *My Gal Sunday*, Mary Higgins Clark; *Cass and Birnbaums Guide to American Colleges*; *A Reporter's Life*, Walter Cronkite; *Fate Totally Worse Than Death*, Paul Fleischman; *Encyclopedia of the Dog*, Bruce Fogle; *A McDougall Program for a Healthy Heart*, John McDougall.

FOR YOUNGER READERS

Betsy and Tacy Go Over the Big Hill, *Betsy and Tacy Go Downtown*, and *Betsy Was a Junior*, Maud Lovelace; *October 45: Childhood Memories of the War*, Jean Besson; *It's a Spoon, Not a Shovel*, Carolyn Buehner; *Amber Brown Wants Extra Credit*, Paula Danziger; *Billy Goats Gruff*, Ted Dewan; *Polish Americans*, Sean Dolan; *Puppets*, Meryl Doney; *Little Red Riding Hood*; *A New-fangled Prairie Story*, Lisa Ernst; *Dogs Don't Wear Glasses*, Adrian Geoghegan; *Maxfield Parrish: A Treasury of Art and Children's Literature*, Alma Gilbert; *Pioneer Sampler: The Daily Life of a Pioneer Family*, Barbara Greenwood; *Yukon*, Lynn Hancock; *Iguana Brothers: A Tale of Two Lizards*, Tony Johnston; *First Children: Growing Up in the White House*, Katherine Leiner; *Me First*, Helen Lester; *Froggy Learns to Swim*, Jonathan London; *Guess How Much I Love You*, Sa McBratney.

To be continued...

BOARD MEMBERS RECOGNIZED

In a brief ceremony, Niedzwiecki presented each board member with a certificate recognizing their contributions to Manchester Community Schools. Acknowledging that January is School Board Member Recognition Month, he thanked each board member personally for everything they have done in support of the staff, students and community.

KLUWE VOICES OPPOSITION TO BREAKFAST PROGRAM

The Visitor Input time, normally reserved for comments from community members who attend the meeting, was dominated this month by board president Paul Kluwe, who "took off his 'board president hat' for the occasion." In support of Karen Hinckley, a parent in the audience, who expressed deep concern over what she views as the negative impact the breakfast program is having on Manchester families, Kluwe read a prepared, five-minute statement condemning the program. In the statement he questioned the motives of those who had spoken in favor of continuing the program at the public hearing which was part of the December meeting.

Kluwe said he had withheld these comments at the public hearing because he was intimidated by the teachers who had attended the last board meeting and created "a hostile and poisonous environment." Hinckley said she had been silent at the public hearing for the same reason.

In his remarks, he claimed to be representing the opinions of "three or four other parents" who were also too intimidated to be identified, but in a lengthy monologue aired his view that the breakfast program is undermining hundreds of years of American tradition by feeding children their morning meal at school. He added that this program is anti-family and moved to discontinue the program at the end of the school year without further investigation.

Trustee, John Ochs seconded the motion and added his concern that the current bus schedule may cause some children to miss breakfast at home because they have to leave in time to accommodate the children who are participating. He also expressed concern that no accommodations are made for the children who are not participating and they are forced to wait outside while participants eat.

After Kluwe put his "board president hat" back on for discussion of the motion, Trustee, Marilyn Knaouse, responded with support for the program, "My children eat breakfast at school. It's not just a donut, they get nurturing and social time along with breakfast. It's a good, worthwhile program."

Trustee, Pat Sahakian agreed that the transportation issue was a serious problem, but advised the board of their obligation to stick to the public hearing process in dealing with the issue. Board treasurer Winzenz, and vice-president Turk, supported this advice, and the decision was made to hold another public hearing closer to the end of the school year.

TEACHER, SUPPORT PERSONNEL CONTRACTS RATIFIED

With a few short remarks, mediator Bruce Bigham, presented the board with copies of the 1996-'97 contracts. One contract is the result of lengthy negotiations between the board and the Washtenaw/Livingston Education Association, which is

the local arm of the Michigan Education Association. The other is between the board and the Manchester Support Personnel Association. Each contract covers only this school year and contains pay increases of 2.5% retroactive to July 1. Other changes are fairly minor and were implemented largely to clear up ambiguities in the previous contract. The single-year contract means that the board and bargaining units will have to reopen negotiations this spring.

OTHER ITEMS

Athletic director, John Eisley, presented a financial report on fall sports. Overall, both revenues and expenses were up. The apparent jump in expenses

was largely the result of changes in the way expenses are reported.

The board also received the final report on the building project. Project manager, Mike Truax, reported that the project and its budget are winding down. The project is on target with regard to both budget and timetable, and Emory Garlick, who has acted as the volunteer liaison for the board throughout the project, complimented Truax and his team for a job well done.

The next regular meeting of the Manchester Board of Education is at 7:30 PM on Monday, February 17, 1997. Meetings are held in the MHS media center. For more information, call the board offices at 428-9711.

Let Them Eat Cake . . . But No Donuts For Manchester Kiddies!

No, school board president Kluwe didn't say that at the January board meeting, but that's the way it sounded to this reporter. He even acknowledged that his opposition would dub him an "extremist." "Mean-spirited," is what he said the opposition would call his position. Couldn't have said it better myself. And, you have to give him credit. He properly identified the quality of his position, which is more than you can say about most of our politicians today.

The problem I have with what took place at the meeting isn't with Mr. Kluwe's opinion. It's with the "end-run" approach he took in presenting it. We had a public hearing in December. The people who spoke at the hearing are community members and they gave their opinions. They aired those opinions calmly in a setting designed for the purpose. The hearing ended, and the board decided to continue the breakfast program through the school year and investigate its continuation in the future. All of this proper and aboveboard in the proper forum.

And then, a month later, from the safety of the "visitor" slot at the subsequent meeting, and holed-up behind the opinions of "anonymous intimidated parents," Mr. Kluwe, delivers a scathing condemnation of the program and denounces those who spoke in favor of the program. Wow, democracy 1990's style. Government at work, eh, folks? And by the way, even though he took off the "president hat" for his little harangue, he left it sitting by his "Board President" nameplate where it would have weighed heavily on the extreme side of any scale of justice — not that there would have been any justice at this particular board meeting had Mr. Kluwe had his way.

Mr. Kluwe went on at length about government undermining family values, eroding American tradition, needing to make parents responsible. He even called for the prosecution of parents who didn't feed their kids in the morning. Neglect and abuse! Geez' at my house, they sometimes don't eat because all I have left is corn flakes and they like the school choices better. I thought this was about nutrition. Silly me, I didn't know truth, justice and the American way were at stake here.

And speaking of truth, justice and the American way, those are things that Mr. Kluwe feels Manchester parents will impart to their kids over a bowl of Wheaties. You know, Wheaties — breakfast of champions. American champions like Mr. Kluwe? Do champions wait until the coast is clear before they come out and yell NA NA NA BOO BOO at the scary old meanies? Do champions let kids go to class hungry just to show those good-for-nothin' parents whose job it is to feed them? Do champions thrust aside America's founding principles whenever the outcome of the process doesn't support their personal beliefs?

I don't think so. Indeed, champions take care of the less fortunate. They are heroic in their quest for justice. They speak forthrightly. They put their ideas on the line and live their principles. Their compassion is abundant, particularly for children. They face problems directly, and that's what Mr. Kluwe and this school board have to do.

They are the champions of education in Manchester. They hold the future of our children in their hands. There are problems with the breakfast program. The transportation schedule has to be fixed. We need to know — through an unbiased assessment — whether the program is self-sustaining. These things need to be studied as the board agreed to do. We probably even need another public hearing. One that isn't held in the middle of a blizzard. What we don't need is another sneaky politician.

And one final thought on whether the school should feed the kids or not: When judgment day comes and I'm asked if I fed the hungry, I know I'll need a better answer than "It wasn't my job." Anyone who thinks hunger is a learning experience for a six-year-old might want to start going through the excuse file now.

— Gini Patak

Valentines from the past:

from the collection of Mrs. Ruth Ahrens of Manchester



The following is a letter written during the Civil War to Emma Bessac, daughter of Dr. William Bessac of Manchester, on November 20, 1864 by Private W. F. Benson, Co. "E", 3rd Michigan Calvary and stationed at Brownsville, Arkansas. Private Benson enlisted on January 2, 1864 at Grand Rapids at age 22 and after three years mustered out at San Antonio, Texas, February 12, 1866.

Emma was 21 years old at that time. In 1874, she married Milo Rowe and they lived in the big white "Widmayer House" just north of the village. They moved to Birmingham, Michigan. She lived her later years at Chelsea Methodist Home and died there. "Rowe's Corners," north of Manchester, was named for the pioneer family of Rowe.

This letter was found in a secret wooden box under the floor boards of the upstairs southeast bedroom of the Bessac-Haeussler house, 102 West Main Street, by Tom and Mary Walton, owners during the house restoration in September 1949.

Miss Bessac,

More than two years ago, I wrote you a note requesting a correspondence hardly daring to hope for a favorable reply and never heard from it. Did I know that you received that note, you would never hear from me again, but hoping you did not, I again pay you my compliments and ask that you favor me with a correspondence or give me more than a silent refusal which would now leave me more in doubt than ever since this mail is very uncertain from this State.

I will not say that my object in requesting a correspondence is only to further acquaintance and gain your esteem as a friend for I should belie my feelings. I have ever regarded you with admiration and, although I thought to forget that I had ever known a lady in every respect so nearly perfect after being obliged to believe your silence a refusal of my request,

I still find my thoughts leading me back to the few short hours spent in the society of (as Miss Robinson used to say) "the prettiest and best girl in school." I will not ask for your love but do ask the privilege of winning it.

I am now a soldier. When I deemed that my country needed my services I offered them and am a private in the Third Michigan Cavalry. I do not know but you received my note of two years ago but if you did you will not refuse a soldier a reply as it would be a civil note.

Yours with regard, W. F. Benson
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Love indeed flourishes at the Croswell. The many who give so generously of their time and energy to this historic theatre are motivated by a love and respect of the arts. Each event produced is a celebration of the best that area residents have to offer as artists, musicians, technicians, and community members.

Over 400 members of the Croswell Guild give their time and energy both on and off stage, performing, providing hospitality and a pleasant atmosphere for

those attending the theatre. Guild members are involved in fund raising activities, benefits, and ticket sales in addition to participating on committees and assuming other responsibilities.

Technical director, Stephen Sauers, said: "It is a great honor to work at one of America's oldest theatres and to be a part of such a wonderful staff. For me, the Croswell has provided a chance to travel, to go back in time and experience places and events and to bring them to life. It allows me to 'meet' new and old friends like Will Rogers, President Roosevelt, Huckleberry Finn and many more. My experience at the Croswell is not just work — it's been an adventure! The Croswell is a place where fantasies can and do come true."

And artistic director Mary Scott added, "When I moved here in 1977, I was thrilled to see live on the Croswell stage the cast of *The Fantastiks* direct from New York. I've been here ever since acting, singing, designing costumes, directing, and now serving as Artistic Director. The Croswell changed my life."

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Rehearsing the moves for the "...Movies"



Well in advance of the actual performance, actors are busy memorizing song lyrics and practicing dance steps. Above: left to right, Heather Marsh, Herb Wiley, David Filipiak, Melissa Bologna, Steven Antalek, Michelle Force and director Mary Scott. — photo by Kathy Kueffner

atre with that special someone hoping that your fingers would touch theirs amidst the kernels of buttery popcorn? The Croswell is ready to recreate that moment and many other memorable ones as you stroll down memory lane with the magical melodies of the movies.

Over 40 years of silver screen bliss are represented in 75 songs that set the mood for a frolicking evening. Songs like *I've Got A Gal In Kalamazoo*, *An Affair To Remember*, *Miss Celie's Blues*, *Maniac*, and *Let's Hear It For The Boy* are only a sampling of the rich representations of film flick fun contained within this powerhouse production.

Boundless energy catapults throughout the theatre as the gorgeous harmonies of the Andrews Sisters mix with show-stopping tap numbers. An eight-foot staircase spirals regally to the sky, and popcorn abounds all around.

"You'll find yourself trying to remember where you were and who you were with the first time you saw these movies," says director Mary Scott. "It's a wonderful walk down memory lane."

"This production gives you that feeling you have when you've just watched an incredible movie and you don't want to get out of your seat. It has all the right ingredients: fresh talent, fun costumes, songs that will leave you hum-

ming and a versatile set that is geared toward movement. From the very beginning of this production, there has been a special sense of excitement," glows Croswell director of Development, Gina Calcamuggio.

Your tour guide through this lyrical adventure is the bubbly usherette Ida. Joining her for the first time on the Croswell stage are: Michelle Force of Onsted, Jared Dorotiak of Temperance, David Filipiak of Jackson and Steven Antalek of Toledo. Adding to this electrifying ensemble are returning actors Amy Rupley and Melissa Bologna of Adrian and Heather Marsh of Tecumseh.

Blame It On The Movies is directed by Mary Scott with scenic design by Robert Soller and costume design by Barbara Stone.

Experience the show that has the songs you remember from the movies you will never forget! Running February 21-23 and February 28-March 1, tickets to *Blame It On The Movies* are \$15 for General Admission and \$13 for Seniors and Students. Performances times are 8:00 P.M. Fridays and Saturdays, and 3:00 P.M. Sundays. Group rates are available. For tickets or more information, contact the Croswell box office between 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. Monday through Friday at (517) 264-SHOW.

—kk

Emanuel United Church of Christ's Sr. Member Group will be attending the three o'clock performance of *Blame It On the Movies* at the Croswell, February 23.

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Lili Hi Lo, Jaws Theme, My Foolish Heart, The Pink Panther Theme, Rocky Theme, That's Amore, Town Without Pity, Walk On The Wild Side, The Way We Were, The Way You Look Tonight, What's New Pussycat, The Windmills of Your Mind & more!

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A Winter Festival in a Victorian Village

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Chris Moyle says he is not making heart-shaped pizzas at **OLLIE'S MAIN STREET PIZZA**, however, his new combo subs are hearty fare.

SATURDAY - WINTER FESTIVAL.

Officially known as Manchester's *Winter Festival in a Victorian Village*, this is the fourth year the Chamber of Commerce has sponsored the event to warm up business during a traditionally slow time.

In keeping with the Victorian theme, traditional activities treasured a hundred years ago will be held. There will be a blacksmithing demonstration at the Manchester Historical Society's Blacksmith Shop at 324 E. Main St.

Buckle on your ice skates and take a twirl around the rink at Gazebo Park where you may also watch works of art being coaxed from huge blocks of ice by professional ice sculptors.

There will be special events, special sales, special treats offered at each of the shops.

The Shakespeare Club will host a reception at **CHAPTERS & VERSES** as the Club celebrates its 100th Anniversary. (See related story on the front page.)

Back by popular demand, **MARTI'S SALON AND BOUTIQUE** is again featuring the latest in ladies' fashions. See what's hot for next season now.

It's Open House in the Manchester Mill as **THE PATHWAY HOME** and **RED MILL CAPPUCCINO CAFE** add a festive note to the affair with "Cookie Cravers" cookies, custom blended teas, and regular coffee — but you may want to "Espresso yourself" with cappuccino, espresso and flavored varieties. Try a steamer during Winter Festival at 25¢ off. **Jean Billitier** also offers Michigan bulk fresh coffee beans: Traverse City Cherry, Mackinac Island Fudge, and more.

THE PATHWAY HOME, features hand-rolled pure beeswax candles (10% off during Winter Festival), old American pewter ware, lavender bath salts and jelly soap made from grandma's recipe. Pathway also has fresh spices and herbs ("so fresh," Mary Ridenour com-

mented, "you have to slap them before you eat them.") **Debie Eversole**, of The Pathway Home, will make up custom gift baskets for gift-giving.

Introducing: **BB CRAFTS**, located in The Pathway Home. **Brenda Britt** has brought her artistic wares to the Mill — ceramics, fabric art on t-shirts and sweatshirts, wood crafts including beanie/doll furniture and Pom-Pom Pals.

This is your opportunity to learn more about "kinesiology" as **NANCY'S HERB PANTRY** offers free demonstrations during Winter Festival.

If you were not born with a silver spoon, you will be able to obtain one now as **Bill and Barb Stucki** of **RAISIN VALLEY ANTIQUES** showcase a special collection of fancy silverware key rings fashioned from vintage spoons. They are lovely and very unique.

Brighten up a winter's day with flowers from Sharon Blumenaur's **FLORA IN THE MILL**. There is a breath of spring in this shop all year round.

THE ICE MEN COMETH

Dan Huntsbarger was not one of the ice carvers at last year's Manchester Winter Festival. But he had a good excuse. He was competing out of state in national ice sculpting tournaments.

Dan, who lives in Manchester and is general manager and head chef at the Gandy Dancer, has created many ice sculptures in his line of work. They are requested for weddings, banquets and other special occasions.

Carving an exquisite swan or noble Statue of Liberty, or comical rabbit may be the easy part of ice sculpting. The hard part is moving the huge blocks of ice around. Saturday morning, February 15, beginning around 10:00 or so, professional ice sculptors will be transporting heavy blocks of ice to our Gazebo park and using large ice tongs and plenty of muscle, they will be maneuvering them into position. After the hard part is done, the artists begin to tease the hidden figures out with chain saws and chisels.

But even before Saturday, as early as Thursday or Friday — weather and time permitting — Dan hopes to begin a multi-block project. He will finish the piece on Saturday.

Gary Marquardt, a University of Michigan chef, will also be sculpting for the winter festival. Gary is a fly-fishing friend of Joe Marshall, village council member and owner, with his wife Sue, of the Manchester Antique Mall. Joe reminded me of the sculptures Gary had created for a village planning seminar and luncheon we had attended awhile ago. They were wonderful. Be prepared to be awed!

As you can see, there's a lot going on once again in our little village. We hope to see you there — at a Winter Festival in your Victorian Village, sponsored by your Chamber of Commerce. —kk

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MANCHESTER'S Winter Festival in a Victorian Village

Saturday, February 15

- * Professional Ice Carvers in the Gazebo Park and all day Ice Skating
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- * Demonstrations at the Blacksmith Shop

sponsored by the Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce



A note from the Chamber president

As the new president of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce, I'm starting to walk around town to meet the various business people and discuss with them matters that relate to the Chamber. To my pleasant surprise I am finding that I get a very positive response from everyone. I say that because I had heard that people do not want to get involved with the Chamber or its activities.

Just the opposite is actually true!

Everyone I've talked with seems eager to hear about our new objectives and goals. They usually end up offering ideas of their own, and many have already expressed a wish to become involved in a project they are interested in. Everyone seems concerned with the problems facing this community — and most are delighted they can somehow contribute to the growth of their town.

Since it is virtually impossible for me to talk with everyone personally, I'll be doing so monthly in *The Chronicle*.

The first challenge: "What would you like to see happen in Manchester to make this a better place to live and work in?" Your ideas are worth contributing — no matter how grand or how brief! Ideas, put together and implemented, can create changes for the better that sometimes are absolutely astounding!

I would like the Chamber of Commerce to become a very visible presence in this town. I would like people to know what we are all about and to feel that they really do have a say in what happens.

To accomplish this we need the help of everyone. Talk to us. Come to a meeting and express yourself. Get involved. There are no qualifications other than just the desire to contribute. Who can do this? Anyone — business people, seniors, retirees, even teens.

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Stop by during Winter Festival

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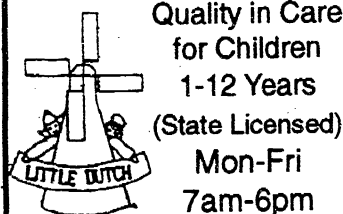
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CHRONICLE CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 1997

SUNDAY



Happy February Birthdays to Senior Citizens:
Dorothy Hamilton (7), Helene Kemner (9),
Georgiana Huber (10), Laura Gauss (11),
Elsie Mollenkopf (13), Charlotte Timmerman
(13), Helen Meyer (25), George Goodell (25)



MONDAY

2

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



Halfway through winter!!!

TUESDAY

**MANCHESTER UNITED
METHODIST MEN'S 8TH
ANNUAL SHROVE TUESDAY
PANCAKE SUPPER, TUESDAY,
FEBRUARY 11TH, 5-7 PM.**

Tickets \$4/person
\$10/family

3

Village Curbside Recycling
12 noon Senior Citizen Dinner
(Macaroni & Cheese)

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

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY,
GREG**



4

9

Waterloo Recreation Area
Program (Phone 313/475
3170 for further info)
1:30 p.m. Michigan
Predators - An afternoon
of discovery, learn
interesting facts and
explore the habits of some
of the less well known and
rarely seen carnivores
living in our state.

10

4:30 MS Volleyball vs
Mich Center, away
4:30 MS Wrestling vs Mich
Center, home
6:00 JV Wrestling Tourn, away
6:30 Optimist Club
7:30 Bridgewater Twp Plan Comm
8:00 Manchester Twp Board mtg
8:00 Fair Board mtg
8:00 Knights of Columbus
LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO
VOTE. Page 14.

11

Village Curbside Recycling
9:30 Sr Council mtg
12 Sr Dinner (Baked Pork Chops)
4 Freshman BB vs Addison, home
6:00 Varsity & JV BB vs Ad'n, home
7:30 Manchester Village Plan Comm
8:00 Freedom Twp Board mtg
5-7pm Methodist Men's Shrove
Tuesday Pancake Supper

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY,
SONJA RHEES**



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**ANN ARBOR WOMEN
PAINTERS WINTER
EXHIBIT 1997**
February 18-March 31,
Washtenaw Community
College Art Gallery
M-F 12-2pm, Tu-Th 6-9pm

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4:30 MS Volleyball vs
Napoleon, away
4:30 MS Wrestling vs Clinton,
home
7:00 Village Council - Agenda
Furnace St. Bridge
7pm Freshman BB vs
Sand Creek, home
7:30 School Board mtg at
high school
7:30 United Way meets at First of
America Bank Conf Rm
President's Day

18

Village Curbside Recycling
11:15 Sr Clergy presentation
12 noon Sr Dinner (Swiss Steak)
6pm Varsity & JV BB vs Litchfield,
home
7:00 Manchester HS Alumni Assoc.
mtg at 617 City Rd. (Gutter
Groomer, Inc.)
7:00 Boy Scouts

23

Waterloo Recreation
Area Program (Phone
313/475-3170 for further
info)
1:30 p.m. The Bear Facts
- Learn the do's and
don'ts of camping in bear
country, a slide program
to enlighten you about
Michigan black bear and
its habits

24

4:30 MS Wrestling vs
Jonesville, home
4:30 MS Volleyball vs Grass Lake,
away
7:00 Fireside Crafters meet
at the Blacksmith Shop.
Everyone welcome

25

Village Curbside Recycling
11:00 Senior Blood Pres Ck
12 noon Sr Dinner Chef's Choice)
5:00 Sr Travelogue "Lewis &
Clark Expedition"
4:30 MS Wrestling vs Grass Lake,
home
6pm Varsity & JV BB vs Clinton,
home
8pm Manchester Township
Planning Commission, Twp
Hall

Vegetarian Basics - a new
class at Chelsea Community
Hospital, Tuesday, February
18th, 12 Noon-1:00 p.m.
Learn how to live a healthy
vegetarian lifestyle by
decreasing or eliminating
meat from your diet. At White
Oak Wellness Center. (313)
475-4103.
CPR for Adult Victims,
Chelsea Hospital,
Wednesday, February 12th,
6-10:00 p.m. (313-475-4103)

Yoga - six-week class beginning
Thursday, February 13, 4:30 and
6:15 p.m. Achieve a union of
body, mind and spirit. Chelsea
Hospital (313-475-4103).
Chelsea Hospital **Senior Supper
Club** meets Tuesday, February
11th, in Dexter. Feature
presentation is the Dexter High
School Choir. Information 313-
475-3913.

Ann Arbor Women Painters
WINTER EXHIBIT February 18-
March 31, Washtenaw Community
College Art Gallery, Morris
Lawrence Building, 4800 E. Huron
River Dr., M-F 12-2pm, T-Th 6-
9pm

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WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

A Poem for Ash Wednesday, February 12th
— from Mrs. Florence Parker,
Bridgewater Township

Time was to church the faithful went,
Repenting every sinful fall
The priest towards their foreheads bent
And crossed with ashes one and all.
This is a symbol to proclaim
The faithful sorrowed for their sins
From this Ash Wednesday got its name
The holy day when Lent begins.

Still from all worldly pleasures gay
The faithful vow to turn aside
In preparation for the day
He rose who had been crucified
Lent! When the faithful kneel to pray
For strength to live as they believe
A little braver through the day,
A little quieter at eve.

8:30am Varsity V'Ball AA
Pionerr, away
9am MS Wrestling, Napo-
leon Team Tourn, away
10am Varsity Wrestling
Chelsea Quad away



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6:30 Varsity Wrestling,
Addison, home
7:30 VFW, Legion Home,
203 Adrian
7:30 Raisin Valley Land Trust
mtg., Blacksmith Shop

5

9:30-11:30 Sr Yoga
12 noon Senior Citizens
Birthday Dinner (Ham)
12:30 Senior Bingo
6:30 Varsity & JV Volley-
ball vs Napoleon, home
7:30 Am. Legion Post #117
8:00 Sharon Twp Board mtg

6

4pm Freshman BB,
E. Jackson, away
6pm Varsity/JV BB, E Jackson,
away

7



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DAD

Varsity Wrestling
Conference Tournament
TBA

8



HAPPY
BIRTHDAY,
JEAN
BILLITIER



9am Manchester
Beautification Committee
at the Whistle Stop Rest.
4:30 MS Wrestling vs
Vandercook Lk, home
4:30 MS Volleyball vs Colum-
bia, away
6:30 Varsity & JV Volleyball
vs Columbia, away
7:30 American Legion Aux
7:30 Manchester Rec Task
Force, at the B'smith Shop

12

9:30-11:30 Sr Yoga
12 noon Sr Birthday
Dinner ♥ Smart Lunch
12:30 Sr Bingo
6:30 Varsity & JV Volleyball
vs E Jack, home
7pm Fman BB vs Clint', home
7:30 Purple Heart mtg ---
locations vary, phone 428-
7052 for info

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Polynesian Quilts at
Quilter's Quarters. See
page 13.

♥ Valentine's Day ♥
Mid-Winter Break - No School
6pm Varsity & JV BB vs Mich
Center, home

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GOOD LUCK, MATT



WINTER FESTIVAL
IN A VICTORIAN
VILLAGE. See page 7.

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LAST DAY TO REGIS-
TER FOR LITTLE LEAGUE
BASEBALL, See page 16.

8:30am JV Volleybal vs
Dearborn, away
8:30am Varsity vs Pinckney
Tourn, away
Varsity Wrestling TBA

4:30 MS Girls Volleyball
vs E Jack, home
4:30 MS Wrestling vs
E Jack, away
7:30 Manchester Men's
Club
7:30 Bridgewater Twp Board
mtg
Varsity Wrestling Team
Regionals TBA

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9am Chamber of
Commerce Board
meeting, Comerica Bank
conference room
12 noon Sr Dinner (Chinese)
12:30 Sr Bingo
6:30 Varsity & JV Volley-
ball vs Hanover H,
away 7:00 Cub Scouts
7:30 Village Piecemakers
meet at Emanuel. All
welcome.

20

4pm MS Wrestling vs
Columbia dual
torun, away
4pm Freshman Basketball vs
Hanover H, away
6pm Varsity & JV BB vs
Hanover H, away



"Blame it on the Movies" See page 6
and phone 517-264-SHOW for tickets

Varsity & JV Volley-
ball Conf Tourn
TBA
Varsity Wrestling Ind
Regionals TBA

22

5pm Freshman BB vs
Deerfield, away
7:00 Coalition for Drug Free
Youth meeting at St. Mary
Parish Center
7:00 Manchester Twp
Fire Dept
Manchester Community
Band meets Wednesdays
7:30-9pm in the high
school band room. Open
to all levels of musical
proficiency

26

12: Senior Dinner
(Old-fashioned
chuck roast)
12:30 Bingo
4:30 MS Volleyball vs
St. Francis, away
7:30 CRC board
meeting at
CRCoffice

27

4pm Freshman BB vs
Napoleon, away
6pm Varsity & JV BB vs
Napoleon, away
Varsity Wrestling Team State
Finals TBA

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Alcohol Anonymous meets each
Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. at
Emanuel UCC, 324 W. Main St.,
Manchester. For info, contact
church office at 428-8359.

"Blame it on the Movies"
See page 6 and phone
517-264-SHOW for tickets



MARCH 2-5: Mission at St.
Mary's. See page 10.

CRC BOARD MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The present board of directors of the Community Resource Center is recruiting new team members with an eye for the personality and chemistry of the community. Current board members are in the process of developing a vision for the coming years. New board members are elected at the annual meeting in March. Volunteers with appropriate skills are needed throughout the year.

If you are interested in filling a volunteer position in your community and live in the Manchester School District, but need more information, please call the CRC at 428-7722, or CRC board nominating committee, Sue Gisting 428-7853 or Chris Brooks 428-1447.

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everything she plays with teaches
her something?
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1987 W. Michigan Ave., Clinton.
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Volunteer Pianist Needed
for high school choir.
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O'Donnell at 428-9122.

February is Marijuana Awareness Month. The Community Resource Center Brings You These Facts —

- Marijuana is illegal.
- Marijuana is the most widely used illicit drug in the United States.
- Short-term, or acute, effects of marijuana include impairments in learning and memory, perception and judgment.
- Marijuana impairs complex motor skills and judgment of speed and time.
- Marijuana is often involved in automobile accidents and adversely affects performance of other complex tasks.
- It's bad for your health.
- Greater supplies of more potent strains of marijuana are available today than there were 10 years ago. This means that we are dealing with greater risk involved in the use of this drug — and more serious problems.
- Almost all users of other drugs such as cocaine, crack and heroin, currently use, or in the past used, marijuana.
- Marijuana hurts communities. Violence and other crime have been attributed directly to marijuana use.
- Marijuana reduces your ability to do things that require coordination and concentration, like sports, acting, and studying.
- Marijuana can be addictive.
- Using marijuana won't help you escape your problems. It will only create more.
- Everybody's NOT using it.

Tips For Parents

- Talk to your children. Give accurate information.
 - Listen to your children.
 - Start early by preventing tobacco use.
 - Know our children's friends and their parents. Supervise activities.
- Network.
- Hug your children. Their world is not an easy place to be in. They need your supervision and your love.
- For further information, brochures, fact sheets, please contact the Community Resource Center at 428-7722.

— Dianne Schwab, Director CRC

We Need You!

Manchester Little League is
looking for officials.

If you would like to be a Baseball
Official and are over the age of 16
contact us for more information.

Doreen Birnie (517) 456-4962

Wayne Tervo (313) 428-7028

General Interest

Volleyball for anyone 18 years and
older is being played on Thursday eve-
nings from 7:30 to 9:00 at Emanuel United
Church of Christ. Fellowship follows at
Frank's Restaurant or Haarer's Meeting
Place. Join the fun. No experience re-
quired.

Open Gym

An opportunity for youth and their
parents to spend time together practicing
basketball and sharing in fun activities
with each other. **What?** Open gym time.
Where? Emanuel United Church of
Christ. **When?** Saturdays, 1-3pm for 6-
8th grade youth, 3-5pm for 9-12th grade
youth. **Parental supervision is required.**
Sign up in the church office.

An Invitation

Has winter given you the blahs? Are
you tired of the cold?

St. Mary Church, 210 W. Main St.,
Manchester, has just what you need. Mark
your calendars for March 2nd through 5th.

St. Mary's is proud to present Rev.
Fr. Jerry Ploof, Associate Director of St.
Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt, Michigan,
who will be presenting a four evening
mission for adults with middle and high
schoolers. His theme will be: "Journey
with the Master; Called to be Disciples of
the 90s."

Sunday and Monday evenings (2nd
and 3rd) will be prayer services. Tuesday's
(4th) service will include a penance ser-
vice, and Wednesday (5th) will conclude
the mission with an Eucharistic celebra-
tion.

Each evening at 7:00, Fr. Ploof will
speak on a calling to discipleship.
Sunday's calling is to be "Faith-filled
People." To live a life of service, we need
faith in God, ourselves, and each other.
Monday we will be called to "Faithfulness
in Life's Commitments." It takes fortitude
to be faithful to our family, job, friends,
and parish. Tuesday is our call to be "For-
giving People." Dealing with guilt is part
of life. Seeking inner freedom and peace
is what God calls us to. Wednesday, the
final evening, we will be "Called to Share
in Food for the Journey." A collection
taken this evening will go to support the
work of St. Francis Retreat Center.

You are cordially invited to lift your
spirits and warm your hearts. You are wel-
come at any one — or better yet, all of the
evenings. March 2nd to 5th at 7:00 p.m.
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— Alice Rossettie

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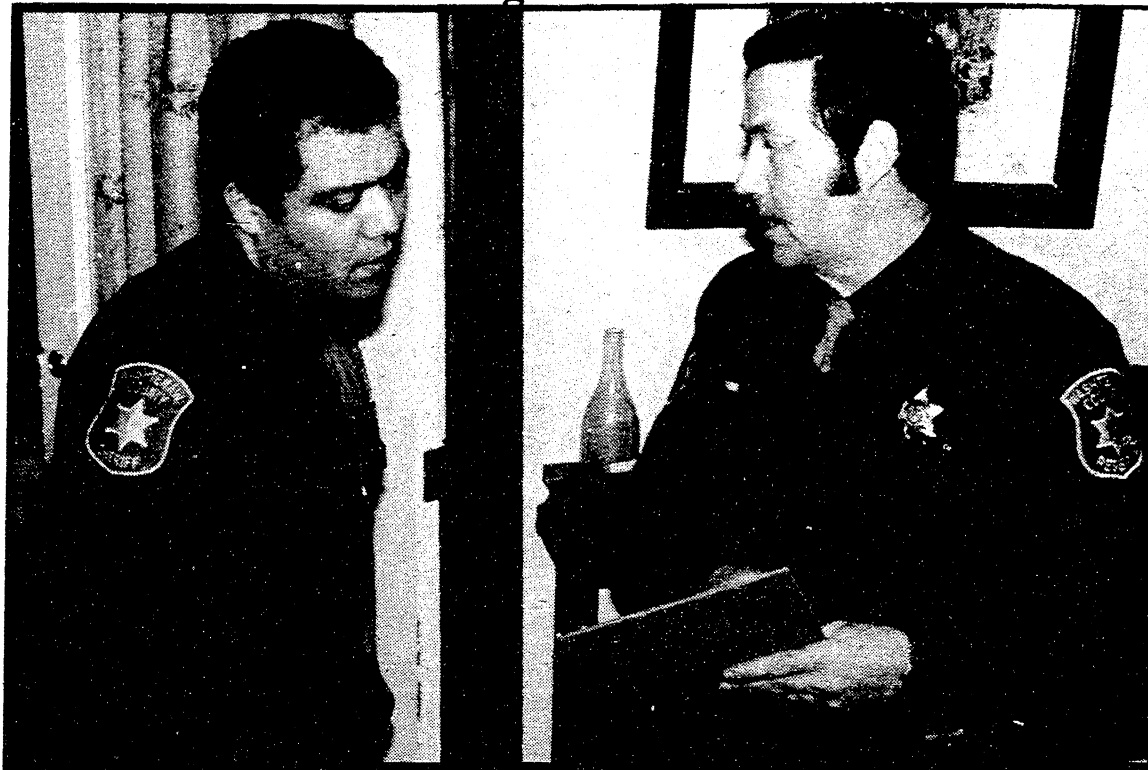
There is a good television set for residents to
share with satellite reception, or there are jacks for
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Officers investigate break-in at the Mill



Above: Officers Garcia and Wagner discuss the list of statements taken from Mill office and shop owners.

Visitors to the Manchester Mill Sunday, January 26, found themselves descending the stairs into the middle of a police investigation. Manchester Community Police Officer Carlos Garcia and Deputy Mike Wagner, along with a Michigan State Trooper, were gathering evidence of the previous night's break-in. A couple of doors had been jimmied open, one lock was broken off, and there were signs of attempted entry in a storeroom. Nothing appeared to have been stolen and no other damage was found.

Reactions to seeing police officers taking photos at the scene and dusting for fingerprints varied. Some visitors calmly went about their shopping; others hastily turned right around and headed back up the stairs.

—kk

Carol Britten elected State Board President for Community Fairs

Congratulations to Carol Britten who was elected in January as president of the Michigan Association of Fairs and Exhibitions. The election took place at the annual convention held in Grand Rapids, January 16-18, with fourteen people from the Manchester area attending. Carol had served as vice-president and director of Zone II, representing 18 fairs in southeastern Michigan.

A member of the Manchester Community Fair Board for over 17 years, Carol has been involved with our fair since she was a child. "I began by entering exhibits, then helping out and finally serving as secretary for the last 15 years or so," she tells us.

It's a family tradition. Carol's parents have helped out at the fair for many years and were parade marshalls a couple of years ago. Her sister, Renee Thelen, and husband Jim, are also on the fair board.

The dates for the 1997 Manchester Community Fair have been set for July 8-12, and the theme this year is: A Carousel of Memories. Carol says she will not only be inviting directors of other Michigan Fairs to Manchester for our annual event, but will also extend an invitation to the Governor. The last time the Governor was here was for a Johnson Controls dedication. We think it's a good time for him to revisit - and bring his family.



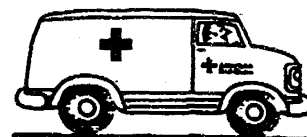
Young People Get a Chance to Glow

Are you aware of what Chelsea Lanes is offering young people these days? Pick any Friday or Saturday night between the hours of 10:30 p.m. and 1:00 a.m. and you'll find out! It's called the Glow Bowl.

The Glow Bowl offers music of all kinds, dating from the 1950s through the 1990s. The lanes glow as the name suggests and there are laser lights and fog machines — bringing magic to bowling.

As you can guess, the lanes get very busy, but that isn't a problem. As one local teenager reports, "I can meet Chelsea chicks!" Nothing is more important than socializing to a young person, and everyone should know what Chelsea Lanes is doing to make life fun for this important group of citizens.

— Karen Smith



Spring — Yes, Spring! — Blood Drive

It is hard to believe that it is time to think of a Spring Blood Drive. Yet that is what we must do.

At Emanuel U.C.C. on Monday, March 3, from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. Manchester will be hosting a blood drive. This will be staffed by volunteers from Emanuel.

As I am sure you know, the need for blood is at a premium. There are ads on T.V. begging people to take the time and give blood.

Here is your chance. There will be cards in the sign-up boxes at Manchester Market, Baker's Dozen, First of America, Great Lakes Bancorp, Comerica and Kleinschmidt's Hardware about the middle of February. There will also be recruiters from all the local churches and industries. If you are not approached, then take the initiative and fill out a card or be one of our many walkers. However you do it, please come and donate.

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— Marja Warner



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Well, okay, so you may have to stretch your imagination a bit to picture the goldfish doing back flips in

their aquariums, but the birds are most assuredly vocal when that key turns in the door. The youngsters can already say "hello" and Ray is attempting to teach a brilliant red Amazon parrot to say "I love you, Vicky."

Victoria and Ray Newton, purchased Chelsea Pets & Plants a couple of months ago and say the business is just a natural extension of their love of animals. At home the Newtons raise llamas and Shar-Pei dogs. The way the couple, and their employees, fuss with the birds and ferrets, hamsters and guinea pigs, talking to them and playing with them demonstrates their genuine fondness for the animals.

The couple are particularly proud of the birds they offer for sale. They have all been hand-raised and are intelligent and friendly. I was introduced to a two-month-old Conyer named "Ra" after the Egyptian sun god, for his sunny disposition. Ra, who was perched in the vicinity of the front counter, also is playful, gently tugging at employee Jeanette McDougal's shirt as she rang up a sale. Jeanette wasn't surprised. "The parrots are like little children wanting attention. They mature to have the intelligence of a three-year-old child and thrive on affection," she told me.

Other types of parrots available at the shop are African grey Congos and Amazons, who are real talkers. The youngsters are already repeating words and short phrases. They are fed a baby bird formula through three-months-old with a syringe. This hand feeding is encouraged as the new owners first take their pets home to help the bonding process.

Chelsea Pets also has love birds, white umbrella cockatoos, finches, parakeets and canaries.

One of the most popular pets these days are lizards. For the most part they are low-maintenance pets but yet fascinating to watch and a great educational experience for kids. For instance, Old World chameleons are green with pink shading as babies, but have dramatic stripes as they get older. Water dragons, the lizards you may have seen on the Discovery channel walking on water, have air bubbles under their toes.

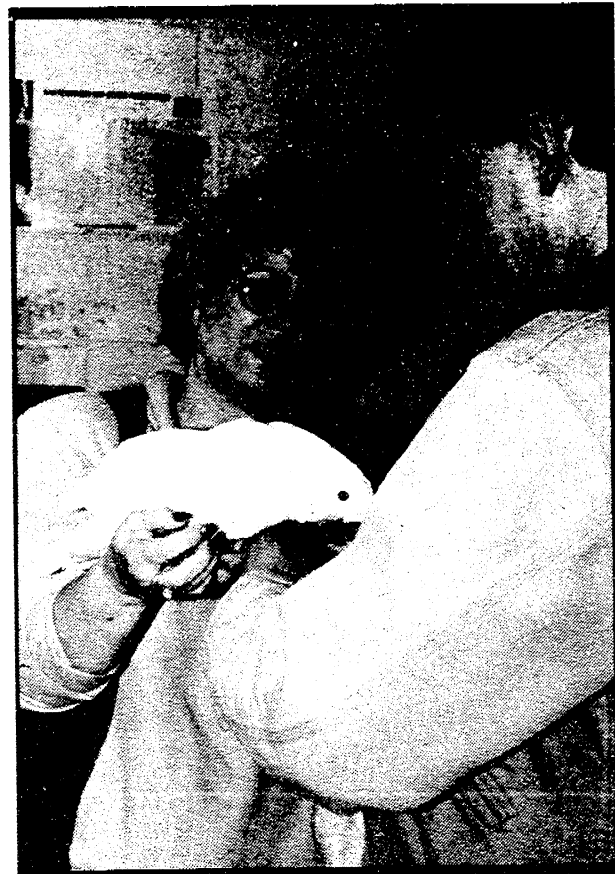
The shop sells reptariums to suit individual lizards' requirements. Among the different types of lizards offered are bearded dragons, horned Jackson chameleons, skinks, geckos, tomato and Cuban tree frogs.

The fresh water aquariums are labeled according to the sociability of the fish inside: community, semi-aggressive and aggressive. This is an important distinction and an important reason to go to a reputable pet store when stocking an aquarium. A lady stopping by the shop to ask for advice said she had purchased fish at a discount store and one type had eaten the other.

Aquariums have been recommended as a way to relieving stress (— and there is going to be one in The Chronicle office as soon as this February issue is out!)

Not only are the fish colorful at Chelsea Pets but their names are also: Honeycomb, painted blue cobalt, sunset sail, dalmation, bleeding hearts, glowlight, green kisser, raspberry botia, brown ghosts and woodcats, to name a very few.

Besides the pets, the store also sells pet food and supplies including dog



Above: Victoria Newton introduces a beautiful white cockatiel to a potential customer.

leashes, harnesses and collars, cages, feeders, equipment to set up aquariums such as filters, bird seed and toys, fish food and ceramic decorations.

Victoria, Ray and Jeannette carry on a good-natured competition: Who can come up with the snappiest lines for their outdoor marquee. Like "Lullaby of Birdland" and "Greet some gorgeous greys," (grey condors) or "Lions and tigers and bears, oh my," which Jeannette tells me refers to lion goldfish, tiger barbs, and teddy bear hamsters.

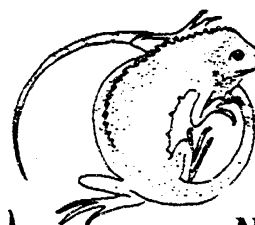
Chelsea Pets & Plants is located just past the Old U.S. 12 traffic light on M-52, at 901 S. Main St., Chelsea. Hours are 9am-7pm Monday through Friday, Saturday 9-6 and Sunday 12-5. The phone number there is (313) 475-2630.

Right: Customers Ronnie and Heidi Herrst along with their mom, pick out some toys at Chelsea Pets & Plants for their new pet gerbil, "Midnight."



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Local historian and researcher continues quest

Don Limpert reports that he has had responses to his request (in last month's *Chronicle*) for information about area Civil War veterans and the Grand Army of the Republic. Among the responses was a touching letter of unrequited love from 1865. (See page 5.) The letter was found hidden under floorboards at the residence of Tom and Mary Walton when they lived on E. Main St. The Waltons gave the letter to Don to add to his accumulation of historical documents from that era.

As Don continues his personal research, the *Chronicle* will be printing vignettes, interesting sketches of the life and times of Manchester, Michigan in future issues.

If you have anything you would like to contribute to Mr. Limpert's accumulation of historical compilation about Civil War veterans and the G.A.R., please contact him at (313) 428-7400; or write to him at P.O. Box 524, Manchester, MI 48158-0524. The information will be assembled for public record in the future.

Chamber president's letter continued from page 7.

We are listening. You can call me at 428-9259, stop by the Community Resource Center for information, and/or come to a Chamber meeting. Regular meetings are held the third Wednesday of the month, 9:00 a.m., in Comerica's conference room. Various other topical meetings are scheduled throughout the year, such as the February 5th meeting at Haarer's that discussed Internet Home Pages to promote Manchester.

Looking forward to seeing you!

— Jim Sprague, President
Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce

Random Notes

Four interested citizens attended the Village Planning Commission Public Hearing, January 21, to offer comments concerning the request to rezone a parcel of land for a mobile home park. Village Manager Jeff Wallace brought to the hearing results of Sgt. Haensler's traffic study of the present park, Manchester Manor, and included numbers indicating fire and medical incidents. Sgt. Haensler estimates an added 550 more cars per day on Main St. for a total average of 2,854 vehicles. He based his estimate on four traffic counts during a sixteen-hour period.

Residents of Manchester Manor currently represent 13% of village population. The village planning commission will discuss the request for rezoning and comments received at the public hearing at their next meeting, Tuesday, February 11. The potential impact of fifty-five new homes in Manchester, and those residents requiring village services, is a critical issue for the commission to study.

Fourteen of sixteen members of the Sharon Township Land Use Committee met last week to hear Terry Brinkman of the Washtenaw County Planning Commission talk about the new State of Michigan's Purchase of Development Rights program. We'll have details in next month's *Chronicle*.

Manchester - south of Chelsea, at M-52, yes but now maybe something new. Manchester may be getting a *modern* address, as in: Manchester/dot/com/dot/org - (whatever [can you tell I'm not an internet surfer?]). Mary Pillow (the "M" of J & M Wash On Wheels) who recently accepted the duty of publishing the Chamber of Commerce newsletter will explain the details in next month's *Chronicle*.

You may want to delay ordering 5,000 new business cards. The Chamber newsletter informs us Manchester will have a new telephone area code by December 1997. -kk

Mock Elections: A Senior Tradition

— by Renee Foster

The Class of 1997 recently voted on mock elections, a tradition that every senior class does in the middle of their last year of high school. This year's seniors came up with 16 different categories to vote on. The class had a list with every senior's name on it and were given a full day to decide on who they wanted to vote for.

The results of the Class of '97's mock elections are as follows:

Most Likely To Succeed: Brad Kemner and Sarah Ahrens

Biggest Flirts: Ed Cruz and Renee Foster

Most Athletic: Ryan Fielder and Pam Preston

Funniest Laugh: Ryan Green and Lizzy Steele

Teacher's Pet: Angelo Petrino and Nicky Barnhizer

Most Gullible: Ben Morgan and Debbie Lobbestael

Most Outgoing: Paul Schulte and Sarah Clore

Hall Roamers: Ed Cruz and Brooke Regenburt

Best Dressed: Nick Woods and Pam Preston

Best BS'ers: Andy Supers and Sarah Clore

Most Laid Back: Steve Riske and Debbie Lobbestael

Worst Drivers: Jeremy Jones and Jenny Messing

Laziest: Steve Riske and Ceara Brown

Class Clowns: Adam Jeffrey and Fab Hosmer

Best Personality: Paul Schulte and Sarah Ahrens

Moodiest: Jason Miner and Renee Foster



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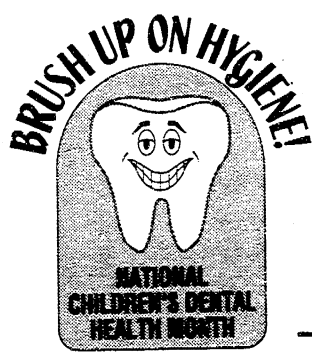
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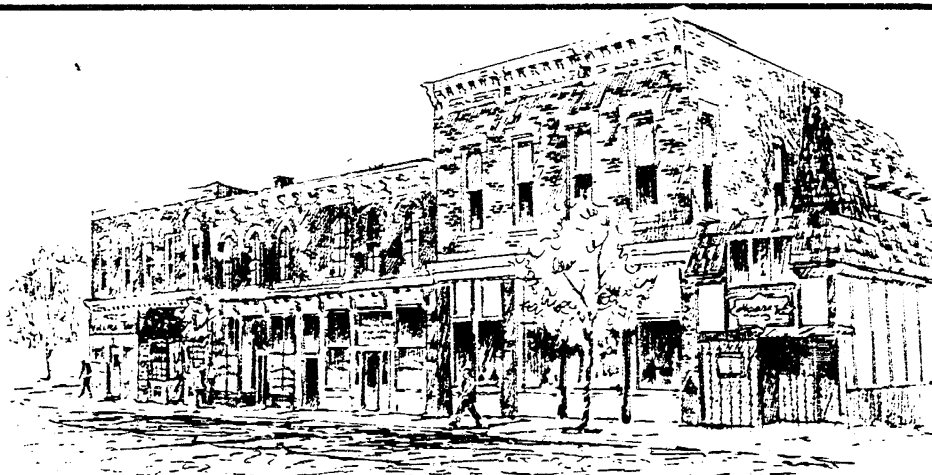
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Council places discussion of Furnace St. bridge on Feb. 17 agenda

The Village Council meeting of February 3, took care of some current business, and made arrangements to address some old when discussion of the Furnace Street bridge was placed on the agenda for the February 17th meeting.

The bridge has been shut down since 1991. Council president Larry Bechtel said, "We don't want to leave this for future councils to deal with. Let's look at our options." Village manager Jeff Wallace reported that there was around \$15,000 set aside for an engineer's recommendations. An earlier survey indicated residents who live in the area for the most part would like the bridge re-

opened to vehicular traffic. The public, as always, is invited to attend the February 17th meeting, at 7:00 in the Village Hall, and offer comments.

Sgt. Haensler reported that he had sent out surveys to village residents asking for comments regarding sheriff department services and will be bringing the results to council at a future date. New owners of Hop-In, Clark Company of Canada, have applied for their liquor license and the sergeant doesn't anticipate problems.

Sheriff department deputies have been given the responsibility of "red tagging" homes in violation of clearing their sidewalks of ice and snow. Originally the job of the DPW, it was thought the sheriff's department had more time to advise residents of the village ordinance

requiring them to maintain their sidewalks in a safe condition. "When it snows," Wallace said, "DPW is busy." Twenty-four hours notice is given and then the village DPW shovels the walks and bills the home owner. Seniors and residents with disabilities may apply to the village for an exemption.

The sheriff's department committee of council members, Sgt. Haensler and Lt. Brenda Sutton will meet soon to discuss communications and other issues. —kk

From Indian Footpaths to Multi-Lane Highways:

The Changing Face of Travel

— by Betty Cummings, Secretary MAHS and Kathy Kueffner

The Manchester Area Historical Society held its regular monthly meeting at the Blacksmith shop on Tuesday, January 21, 1997.

Mr. Gary Reynolds, photo above, (a member of the now nationally famous Raisin Pickers band — from Manchester) was the featured speaker. Reynolds was to have presented a program on the Fountain-Bessac-Walton house, however, his film slides were damaged when his basement flooded. Instead, he presented a program entitled, "The Changing Face of Highway Travel from Stagecoach to the Present," based on research Reynolds did during his undergraduate work. Reynolds worked for the Bureau of History for a couple of summers including a summer at Walker Tavern located at the intersection of Michigan's two oldest roads — U.S.-12 and M-50.

Before he started that presentation, he mentioned that the Walton house, occupied for many years by Tom and Mary Walton, is on the National Register of Historic Places and that the house may

be unique in Michigan because it exemplifies that change in style which occurred at the beginning of the nineteenth century combining the earlier Greek Revival and later Italianate styles. (See related story page 5.)

Footpaths to Highways: The first avenues were waterways and game trails. These paths or trails where people walked or rode horses were widened over time. Directional signs were bent twigs or axe slashes on tree trunks.

Until the Erie Canal was completed in 1815, Michigan was not developed. Early travelers faced an adventure; they needed a map, a compass, a guide, and all the supplies they would require for the journey, including water. The water was to be used only for drinking. An early account tells about a woman whose head was shorn because she used some precious water to wash her hair.

As more people settled in Michigan, travelers would stay in settlers' cabins. The roads were very muddy. Some

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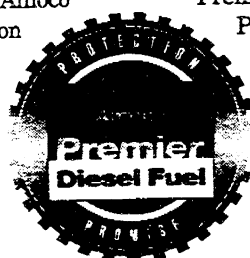
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Shakespeare Club continued from page one

In Davenport, Iowa in the 1940's, I belonged to a Tuesday club which celebrated its 50th year while I was an active member. Its aims and purposes read like all the others. There was also a book club there named the Octave Thanet, the pen name of a local novelist whose stories dealt with her knowledge of and experience with the emerging labor movement organizing in the Chicago area.

In Flint, there was The Garland Literary Club which celebrated its 70th year at a meeting in my mother's home in 1958. Its name was derived simply from the neighborhood where the group first met. Its old programs look just like those of our local groups. Flint also had a Shakespeare Club but it was coeducational and met at monthly potlucks. Could it be that its founders considered that male guidance was necessary for the study and understanding of Shakespeare?

Manchester Historical Society continued from previous page

unscrupulous settlers were suspected of maintaining mud holes so they could charge people to get out of them.

By 1830, there was a weekly stagecoach from Detroit to Tecumseh. Travelers inside the stagecoaches were tossed about like "pebbles in a box." Corduroy roads were built along the more treacherous sections by laying logs side by side, however, the roads were not maintained and wore or rotted out.

Taverns were built by the side of the road to provide accommodations and food for travelers. The expression "sleep tight, don't let the bed bugs bite" originated during this time. Tighteners were used to keep the cord beds tight for a more comfortable sleep.

In the 1840s, some plank toll roads were built by private companies. They were wide and smooth, but not many were built and some settlers helped themselves to the wood to build their cabins and barns.

Railroads, the symbol of wilderness tamed, came next. In 1839 there were two, one connecting Detroit with Adrian and the other with Ann Arbor. They were much faster and more comfortable. Most of the taverns went out of business, hotels were built near the railroad stations and rooming houses sprouted up.

The automobile became popular when Henry Ford mass produced the reliable, inexpensive Model T in 1907. Improved roads and directional signs were necessary. Auto clubs published guide books and pushed for better roads and signs. The Federal Highway Act was passed in 1921. Our present interstate highway system is a result of that Act.

With the advent of the automobile and better roads, roadsides changed drastically. Gas stations, restaurants, rest rooms and telephones appeared. Advertising signs were placed along roads and highways. The most famous spreader signs were those put up by Burma Shave.

In the early days, motorists bought gasoline in a pail from a variety of stores. The hand-cranked gravity pump appeared in 1905 and franchised gas stations in the 1920s. The architectural exuberance of the Roaring Twenties was expressed in roadside tourist attractions, such as alligator farms, and dinosaur parks. The placement of road signs changed. At first, they were placed parallel to the road, but with faster moving traffic, they were placed perpendicular to the road.

Other changes that automobile travel brought were campgrounds, motels, drive-ins and fast-food chains. McDonald's pioneered the take out-restaurant in 1948. The McDonald brothers owned two successful restaurants. When it was suggested by a Mr. Ray Crock that they open a few more, the brothers exclaimed that they had more than enough to do with just the couple they had. Crock bought them out and, as they say, the rest is history.

In the 1950s, limited access highways also called interstate highways, were started. They caused some towns to die because traffic bypassed them. Also, they were often routed through the poorer sections of cities which would split those sections from the rest of the city.

The Manchester Area Historical Society meets the third Tuesday of the month at the Blacksmith Shop, 324 E. Main St., Manchester at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments are served after the program and everyone is invited.

Both my parents and my grandparents were members and my childhood memories of the group in the 1920's was that Shakespeare was given short shrift as more current community social concerns took precedence. But by that time, the 19th Amendment had finally been adopted in 1920, although it still posed problems. My mother, a native Michigander, attempting to register for the first time found that because she had married a man born in Canada, she had to produce a certified copy of her father-in-law's naturalization papers in order to claim her right to vote. I do not know if those Flint and Iowa clubs are still functioning.

I have read of cases in rural areas where the time honored custom of women to gather at quilting bees provided opportunity for enlightenment by the quilters each in turn reading aloud whether from a pre-selected work or each bringing a brief choice of her own. The

Quakers in Adrian had in the 1850's provided traveling copies of Harriett Beecher Stowe's *Uncle Tom's Cabin* to be read aloud at gatherings of all sorts and then passed on promptly to some neighboring community.

The temper of the times was such in the 1880's and 90's that women would gather in such informal ways and eventually organize more formally into clubs.

The local Shakespeare Club was but one of many. However, its constitution and bylaws included many specifics that attest to its serious intentions. The club was to meet for two hours, 2:00 to 4:00 on Mondays (at first), and it was every Monday. One of its stated purpose beyond reading Shakespeare and other literary works was "To foster the broader culture through interchange of thought." A portion of each meeting was to be devoted to current events which in the earliest meetings involved a study of the geography and culture of Cuba because of the raging Spanish-American War. Besides the usual officers, there was a parliamentarian to monitor the meetings procedures and a

critic who checked on such matters as pronunciation and accuracy. Those early members were serious in their aims and in their determination.

Refreshments are still traditionally eschewed except on special occasions in deference to a full two hour prescribed agenda.

A revised constitution is planned which we hope can

more nearly meet the schedules and interests of today's busy working women, Soccer Moms, and back-to-schoolers. Perhaps a new vision for the next hundred years will emerge and show the way to preserve and build on the past while glimpsing a clear mission and procedures for the future.

"We've come a long way," folks! Right on.



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The Ladies pulled together and played as a team. Leading scorers were Jessica Porter with 10 points, Karen Goodell with 11 points, and Carmen Kapa with nine points.

Mary Barrett and Kelly Parr had the most successful spikes with three each. Mary Barrett also led in blocks with four successful.

The Lady spikers rallied to beat Michigan Center February 3rd, 15-6, 11-15 and 16-14. Mary Barrett led with six kills, followed by Jessica Porter with six kills and 10 digs. Sarah Gould added 11 digs. Michelle Schaible had seven points, two aces and 10 digs.

The Lady Dutch are on the right track to a great season. Keep up the good work.

by
Ceara
Brown



Looking For a Few Good: UMPIRES

Manchester Little League registration is underway. Now we need to find our support staff.

Umpires, a thankless task at worst, a lot of fun at best. The influence an umpire has on our kids can turn a tense experience into a fun filled afternoon. It relieves the coaches and parents of the responsibility of making calls and being accused of partiality.

Then coaches can do just that — coach. And mom and dad can cheer.

We all know that sometimes officials are accused of the same things, or even worse, but these guys are volunteers just like the rest of us, deserving the respect and patience everyone else gets. If our volunteers get in touch with us soon enough, we will even send them to Umpire School being held one Saturday in Clinton this year.

Our Major League program, both baseball and softball, require officiating. We provide the equipment and pay travel expenses per game, but to cover you with our insurance you have to be a volunteer.

Boys play Mondays, Wednesdays and an occasional Friday; the girls schedule is yet to be determined.

We have been exposed to people with a lot of experience, but we also have had some newcomers — they all started somewhere.

So, if you are too "mature" to play baseball, but still love it, come on down to the ball park and help shape the adults of tomorrow, today!

Call Doreen Birnie, president at (517)456-4962 or Wayne Tervo, vice president at (313) 428-7028.

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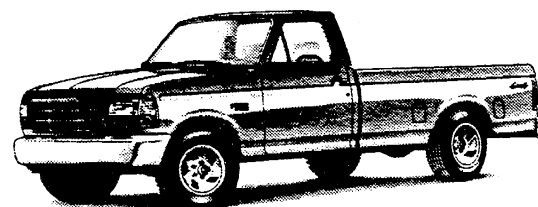


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