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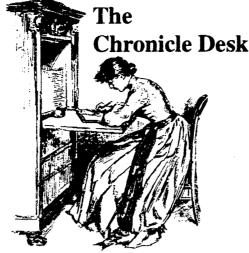
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It was a dark and stormy night: Stories from the March ice storm

- ◆ Through persistent and diligent investigation we found where to place the blame. It seems Sharon Curtis found, and excitedly pointed out to her husband Carl, a wee bit of a crocus petal prettily poking out of the soil. If that didn't precipitate the storm I must admit saying during a telephone conversation with my mom in California, "It's March, how bad could it get?"
- ◆ When the going gets tough, the Gaughans get going, someplace out of town with a jaccuzi, Joan tells me.

Dear Kathy,

Thanks for the March issue of the Manchester Chronicle. I seem always able to find a couple of articles to which I can relate.

I knew Dick Disbrow in my youth. Recall him coming off a side street in Brooklyn in front of my reckless and now deceased cousin, Jerry, as we were coming into Brooklyn as fast as a '34 Ford could bring us!

We went over a bank clipping five guard rails in our wake. When we got stopped little damage showed except a loop in the front bumper where a guard rail would just fit after smacking five of them.

Jerry got out of the car, took a hard look at the bumper and said, "I'll be damned." At that point one of Brooklyn's most staunch Baptists, Melvin Avery, put his hands on Jerry's shoulders and said, "Don't swear now, my boy, thank the Lord you are alive."

Such accidents were about an every week occurrence for Jerry and me and in later years I did "thank the Lord" on many occasions.

The article on Irish ancestors was interesting, too. Ever think about why the Irish - some of the earlier settlers in Michigan went through some of the best land in the world in the Blissfield area and homesteaded farms in the Irish Hills? I think there were two, probably more, reasons. First the Hills took little preparation before breaking them up and plowing while the Blissfield area required much more work in draining the soil. A deceased friend of many years ago, Professor Virgil Overholt of Ohio State University, told me of carrying a spade and walking from farm to farm in those early days to provide University Extension education as to what drainage would do for the productivity of those soils. Now I see large tracked trenchers requiring hundreds of horsepower installing tile and even with that machinery it takes a lot of time and money. Also, how many county agents would put their back to hand digging a ditch for teaching pur-

Years later, after the Irish, the Germans and Polish came. Just as the Irish saw similar ground to what they had left in Ireland, in the Irish Hills, the Germans and

- ◆ Someone (who owns a mill in town) lost CNN, which was a major disruption to his life style; one of the trees in his yard made a direct hit on the satel-
- ◆ Howard Parr summed up the ice storm damage to trees and branches as: "It was telling tree lovers if somebody doesn't take them down, something else will."
- ◆ At least one of those damaged trees was a stately 120-year-old maple, whose owner calls her a "grand old lady" a tree that has provided bountiful shade and glorious color for generations of Manchester citizens.
- ◆ People Who Live On Paved Roads had to detour down Grossman Road the morning after the ice storm as downed power lines and trees closed West Austin to traffic. Imagine their surprise, in the midst of a surreal landscape anyway, to encounter the experience of an amusement park ride, dropping off into mud-filled chasms, traversing gullies, winding down the corduroy pathway - cresting the top of one pothole to plummet into the depths of another, and

Polish saw the potential of Michigan and Ohio's most fertile soils and recognized it was worth the back breaking labor to drain them. German farmers were among the best in recognizing potentially good farmland. The Manchester area is not as great for farming as the Blissfield area. but it's pretty darn good and the Germans recognized it when they saw it. As proof, how many of the long-time prosperous farmers in Michigan are of German descent; how many have those well known German names in Manchester, Blissfield, Frankenmuth, Sebewaing...!

> Best personal wishes, Jim Pelham

County Extension Director Emeritus

The following is a copy of a letter sent by a Manchester resident to John F. Kennedy, Jr. entitled 500 Ways to Make America Better. Kennedy is asking for anyone's ideas to publish. You can send your ideas to Kennedy at P.O. Box 618300, Chicago, IL 60661.

Ways to Make America Better

Let's begin by giving our children what they need most — our time. It should provide. Page 19. include time to listen to them, time to talk with them, time to teach them and time to learn from them. It is an investment with immediate returns and a very simple act. We need only to make it important in our

We need to change something else about America. We need to give up the idea that we are money. Life is bigger than money, yet we reduce everything to dollars and cents. Just think of what would happen if our motivation didn't center around it. Perhaps there would be more sharing. Sharing leads to kindness and kindness leads to peace. What about peace? How about world peace?

We need to encourage creativity in America. It should be taught in schools, in churches, even at home. We have become trapped by our own thinking, limited by our thoughts. There are many ways to develop a better way of life. Some aren't even discovered yet. What an exciting possibility! It means that we don't have to settle. We have the key to change anything and it's called creativity.

- Karen Smith

kissing those mufflers, shocks and hubcaps goodbye.

- ◆ Some people plugged into small generators that ran for four hours, enough to keep the furnace blower operating or the refrigerator or the lights — choices had to be made. Especially comforting was to listen to the hum of the generators of Next Door Neighbors Who Had One.
- One friend of mine plugged in her generator, a legacy from her husband: It's affectionately referred to as a little deuce coupe, sporting a 396 block, ported, polished and bored .30 over, with dual quads, full race cam, 3.73 gears, posi-traction, sounding of with black jack headers, and getting its range from a fiftyfive gallon nitro methane fuel supply what ice storm?

Sandy Trolz, of the 18th Century Shoppe, agrees: "There should be a way we could display the Middle School Social Studies and Science Fair projects longer then a couple of days. So she has Dara Jose's lovely dolphin in her shop; and the Chronicle, after printing Ashley Billitier's report last month, is this month featuring Michael Fuerstnau's, page 5.

As the Chronicle begins its fourth year of publication, I would like to again thank everyone who advertises, subscribes, buys the issues at various stores, and who have called or written with encouraging comments. One lady wrote not too long ago and said: "I must admit I like reading your advertisements. They're attractive and it looks like you spend the time to design and position them with thoughtful consideration."

And, finally, in last month's Chronicle Tom Burch profoundly said thanks to those who had helped him through a medical crisis, not only with dinners and flowers and cards, but also with prayers. I do not personally know anyone in Manchester who would not selflessly take on the burden or ease the pain someone in the community is suffering, if only for awhile, if only they could. So it is with equal unselfishness that a local family shares their story, the poignant other side. Facing an inconsolable future, the family recounts their experience with Arbor Hospice and the inestimable help these wonderful people

- Kathy



After a one year absence due to lack of volunteers, Manchester Day Camp will be back! Vicki Bolan, Judy Mierzwa and Siobhan Gorman have agreed to direct the camp for the next two years.

However: many more volunteers are needed before, during and after camp week to make this a success for all Manchester boys and girls.

Camp will be held July 28-31 at Carr Park. All boys and girls, kindergarten through grade 6, are invited. This year's theme will be Earth, Wind, and Fire.

If you have any time you could volunteer, or if you can volunteer by donating money or supplies, please call Siobhan Gorman at 428-9616.

April: National Poetry Month

This is the age of science, of steel, of speed and the cement road. The age of hard faces and hard highways. Science and steel demand the medium of prose. Speed requires only the look, the gesture. What need then for poetry?

Great need!

There are souls, in these noise-tired times, that turn aside into unfrequented lanes, where the deep woods have harbored the fragrances of many a blossoming season. Here the light, filtering through perfect forms, arranges itself in lovely patterns for those who perceive beauty.

Poetry enriches, ennobles, encourages.

The Manchester Canoe Race

- Wendell E. Young



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including interviews, page 5. Where can you still find old-fashioned hospi-

tality? The Tecumseh Inn, along with Chamber comments by Monsieur

LaSprague, see page 6. Dreaming of faraway places? Sandy Alber of

Prestige Travel will help you get there, page 7. Not every pot-bellied pig

is lucky enough to live with Ann Scott, or travel around and have adven-

tures (see picture, page 20) with Colors the Clown, or if I may say so, live

like my own "Janey", so we have a story about a sanctuary for pigs (not to

be confused with a story about people who think they ARE pigs --- that's a

different column.), pages 8 & 9. Barbara Young has become addicted to a

fascinating hobby and shares information about how to get involved, page

14. Manchester's definitive ancestor, page 15. Betty Cumming's Histori-

cal Society report of their last fascinating meeting, page 15, along with

Postcards from Iowa by Jon Hardenbergh. As always, the reliable ac-

count of the school board meeting, by Gini Patak, page 16. Library News

with Ann Fowler, page 9. Village Council proceedings and results of a

Sharon Township Board of Appeals hearing, page 18. Finally, a belated

but nonetheless heartfelt Hurrah for the Manchester High School Cheer-

leaders, page 20. They were competing in State Finals the weekend we

went to press with the March Chronicle. Exclusive Manchester Chronicle

Samantha Bondy was helping her mom, Marti, at Marti's Salon, but also showing off the photo taken of her with a very special Easter Bunny (see her picture on page 17) during the March evening eggstravaganza. That evening, Samantha's mom introduced her new paraffin hand therapy treatment at the Salon. Customers who tried it said, "It feels wonderful!" "This is great." "My hands feel rejuvenated." The treatment consists of hand dipping in a solution of warm paraffin, then a wrap in plastic and warm terry towel socks. "It's great for people who have swollen finger joints, arthritis, or for those who have aches and pains from using a keyboard all day," Marti says. As one lady put it, "it felt so good I would like to take an entire body dip."

Helping Mom at Marti's Salon

Come on in - the temperatures fine - take a dip! Call Marti's Salon at 428-7616 to arrange an appointment.

THE 31ST ANNUAL MANCHESTER CANOE RACE, SPONSORED BY THE MANCHESTER REC-REATION TASK FORCE, will be held on the third Sunday in May, the 18th. Entry forms will be available at Manchester Pharmacy, Pyramid Office Supplies and the Community Resource Center. Entry forms must be signed by each entrant and returned with payment. The entry fee

is \$8 per person until Friday, May 16,1997, at 4:00 p.m. A late entry fee of \$10 per person will be available at the starting line on Sunday, May 18 at 11:00 a.m.

The canoe route starts at Fellow's Bridge on Sharon Valley Road, and follows the River Raisin to the Main Street bridge in downtown Manchester Village, a distance of about

You may use your own canoe if it is a standard model

under 18 feet in length. Canoes are also available for rent from the Sharon Hollow Acres Canoe Livery. (For reservations, call 313-428-0100.) The rental fee is \$15 and includes all the required equipment, plus delivery to the starting point and pick up at the

Whether you're a novice or an experienced paddler, this is a great way to spend some time on the river. There will be seven classes (a teenonly class has been added) plus a sprint race on the Mill Pond — something for everyone!

The history of the North American continent is tied to two means of transportation: the horse and the bark canoe. The forested areas of the north were mainly canoe areas. Each section had its own design of canoe to fit the water conditions - shallow, rapid, lake, etc.

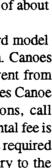
Today's canoe is more of a compromise. A good all-around design is the Old Town Discovery model as used by the Livery.

On May 18, join the 31st annual Manchester Canoe Race. Imagine you are in a bark canoe traveling down the River Raisin. Keep your eyes open for a large birch tree in case you have to stop to make repairs. You might also need some spruce roots.

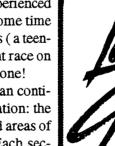
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BB Crafts:

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Just after we've ooooh'd and ah'd over the latest of Brenda Britt's creations, she brings something new into her store, something new to marvel at. The latest (as of today) is a selection of handmade greeting cards for all occasions: birthdays, current holidays, anniversaries. What makes the cards special is that they are one of a kind, personally created with verses that are sweet or humorous or touching.

Brenda Britt is the talent behind BB Crafts located down-stairs, along with The Pathway Home, in the Mill. Brenda confides that she began "creating" just a couple of years ago when she took a class in ceramics. She gave away the ceramic figures she made to friends and family members as gifts. She received such an excellent response from her gifts that after people urged her to sell some of her creations she decided to experiment with other craft endeavors. Now there's no slowing her down.

Brenda began decorating sweatshirts, t-shirts, nightgowns, aprons and children's clothes. First she started with plain transfers and from there expanded her repertoire to computer-generated transfers and fabric applique using fusible web. Not satisfied to stop there, she enhances these designs with hand-painted details, adding dimension, depth and texture. In addition to these clothing items offered for sale in her shop, Brenda also makes designer tote bags. If you are talented yourself, shelves.

makes designer tote bags. If you are talented yourself, you may want to purchase one of Brenda's transfers she has individually packaged along with instructions.

Brenda also takes custom orders. One of her customers recently wanted a picture similar to the one on a sweatshirt put on an apron with a name added for a unique and personal gift. She will custom paint her ceramic wares, so if you have fallen in love with a ceramic brown puppy but would prefer one painted black with a white patch on his forehead, you can order just that.

Brenda isn't the only talented person in her family. Her husband Don's hobby is woodworking and Don's projects are also offered for sale at BB Crafts. There are wooden coat racks, plain or decorated to fit various decors, including themes suitable for children's rooms. Also displayed are mirrored coat racks and

Choosing Books: Advice written in 1929

In choosing books for children, these rules are worth consideration of parents:

Read your children's books yourself. Or better still, get your boy or girl to read them aloud to you. Ask yourself during the reading:

Does this book lay stress on villainy, deception or treachery?

Are all the incidents wholesome, probable and true to life?

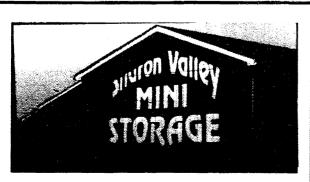
Does it show young people contemptuous toward their elders and successfully opposing them?

Do the young characters in the book show respect for teachers and others in authority?

Are these characters the kind of young people you wish your children to associate with?

Does the book speak of and describe pranks, practical jokes and pieces of thoughtless and cruel mischief as though they were funny and worthy of imitation?

Is the English good and is the story written in good style?



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shelves. If you are into the beanie buddies, there is a great selection of cute beanie furniture from beds to rocking chairs, desks with benches, and table and chair sets, painted and ready to add to your buddy collection.

To make your house a home, BB Crafts has designer accent pillows in a variety of colors and patterns like Victorian florals, country cows and horses, field and stream-type scenes, and even cuddly soft crib pillows.

The selection of custom decorated children's clothes are particularly appealing: denim bibs, one-piece

infant "shortalls", tiny tee's, and toddler sweatshirts. Also for children, Brenda stocks craft kits complete in a handy carrying case: mini stamps, leather lacing, sand art pendant jewelry, sparkling jewelry and beads.

Besides her creative talents, Brenda must excel in organization. She and her husband Don have three children, Thomas (9), Kimberly (7) and Travis (4) and Brenda is a girl scout troop leader in Clinton where the family resides. We could add another B to BB Crafts for busy!

Whoops, hold the press (what did I tell you) — Brenda just added ceramic piggy banks to her stock! Great gift to give grandkids.

SecristTM Doll Workshop offered at The Mommy I Need That Shoppe

Debbie Ecarius will hold a doll making workshop at the Mommy I Need That Doll & Toy Shoppe in the Manchester Mill on Saturday, April 19, at 3:00 in the afternoon.

Debbie is the sales consultant for Secrist Dolls. She organizes home parties, fund-raisers and individual sales featuring these very life-like collectible dolls.

The dolls come in kits which are handcrafted and hand-tinted vinyl sculpted parts. Those who attend the workshops to assemble one of these dolls will often choose the wig and eye colors to match their child or grandchild.

Debbie provides outfits from sleepers to dresses to dungarees to dress the dolls. There is a wide selection of heads and she recently found doll-sized eyeglasses.

The class is free, however, if you wish you may purchase the doll you create. Included in the workshop

is a drawing where the winner may purchase their doll at 50% off.

Registration begins April 5. Stop by the Mommy I Need That Doll & Toy Shoppe in the Mill, or call Mary at 428-1050.

Class size is limited to 15, so may your reservation early.



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Anyone from age 10 and up is invited You may purchase the doll you create, however, no purchase is necessary.

Special Mystery Hostess Drawing - Winner will receive 50% off the purchase of their doll. Class size is limited to 15.

Registration begins April 5th at the Mommy I Need That Doll & Toy Shoppe or call 428-1050 and ask for Mary.

What a team!

Visiting with Angie and her new pal

While attending Manchester High Chronicle, including an interview with Gov. Engler when he was in town to dedicate the Johnson Controls R&D building. After graduation, Angie moved to Ann Arbor where she is attending Washtenaw Community College. Since I have been taking classes out there the last couple of semesters, I was finally able to catch up with Angie. In between her anthropology and composition classes and my writing class we're able to meet in the Student Center and chat. In the Student Center is where Angie first introduced me to Oreo.

"That was his name when I got him," Angie says. "Doesn't he remind you of an Oreo cookie? Plus, he's sweet like a cookie, too," Angie laughs.

Oreo also looks slightly regal as if fitted in a formal black tux with a jaunty white cravat at his chest.

"I've been waiting for a service dog since high school," Angie tells me. "He was worth the wait." Oreo comes from PAWS with a Cause, the organization that rescues dogs from animal shelters and trains them to assist people with disabilities. The service is partially funded by United Way in Washtenaw County, and sponsored by civic clubs and donations. Individuals are not required to pay for their dog whose training costs up to \$10,000. Trainers for the organization go to animal shelters looking for dogs who are not afraid of noises and are foodmotivated. Angie's dog came from PAWS headquarters in Wayland, Michigan where the rescued dogs learn basic training such as the commands to "sit" and "stay."

From that point the dogs are trained School Angie Carlson wrote for The specifically to perform tasks in one of two categories, Hearing or Service.

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Angie said once she got Oreo she spent the first few months working with a field trainer. Oreo learned tasks suited to Angie's needs, which include accompanying her to college classes and carrying a pouch that Angie has stuffed with things she'll need during the day. He

Below: Oreo retrieves a schoolbook Angie dropped on the floor



Below: Using a strap attached to the door handle, Oreo is trained to pull the door open, hold it so Angie can maneuver through, then walk along behind the chair returning to her right side.



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walks on the right side of Angie's chair and sports a sign that reads, "Please don't pet me - I'm working." Angie demonstrated how Oreo grabs the end of her jacket sleeve in his mouth, gives a tug and helps her remove the jacket.

"I'm very proud of Oreo," Angie smiles fondly. "Together we have accomplished great things and together we'll do a lot more."

For further information about PAWS with A Cause, call 1-800-253-PAWS.



1997 Manchester Middle School Social Studies and Science Fair

MICHAEL FUERSTNAU'S PROJECT FOR THE 1997 SCIENCE AND SOCIAL STUDIES FAIR WAS "MARINES AT WAR."

In his introduction, Michael said: "I worked on this project because I'm interested in the military and my parents were both in the Marine Corps. I read articles and interviewed people for my re-

search." Michael thanked his mom and the librarians at the Manchester Township Library for their help and the people he interviewed for their generous donations of memorabilia they sent him for his project, including medals, newspaper clippings, dog tags, his dad's Rifle Qualification Medal and his mom's Good Conduct Medal.

The Marine Corp formed on November 10, 1775 in Tun Tavern, Philadelphia by the Continental Congress. The Marine Corp emblem is an eagle sitting on top of a globe holding an anchor. The eagle stands for the United States, the globe stands for protecting the world and the anchor means the Marines are a department of the Navy. The Marine Corp motto is "Semper fidelis" which means "Always faithful." Their hymn is titled "From the Halls of Montezuma." John Phillip Susa was the most famous band leader since he

wrote the Marine Corp March. The Marine band is called "The President's Own" because they play all the President's songs.

In World War II, the Marines were nicknamed "devil dogs" by the Germans, since they lought with such ferocity. They were also nicknamed "leathernecks" because in the Revoluionary War, the Marines had very high collars to ward off blows of the sword from on-

coming attackers. The mission of the Marines is always to be "first to fight" in combat and recon units; embassy duty in foreign countries; the White House, the President and Arlington Cemetery.

Three major wars the Marines fought in were World War II, the Vietnam War, and Desert Storm. I interviewed Marines who had fought in these wars for my project.

First I interviewed my grandpa (Robert F. Bailey - USMC Corporal, 4year veteran) who fought in World War II as a demolition and ammunition technician on the aircraft carrier, the USS Princeton. My grandpa sent me a newspaper clipping that said: "From the destroyer's deck the Princeton looked like a solid mass of fire and smoke...there were some aboard that were getting of the last of the injured. Two of these

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The Tecumseh Inn Old-fashioned hospitality

In the true, traditional meaning of the word, Tom Jennings and his wife Lora are *innkeepers*. They are owners and operators of the Tecumseh Inn, located at 1445 W Chicago Boulevard (M-50) in Tecumseh.

Lora is usually the person at the front desk who personally greets guests of the Tecumseh Inn. Tom says it is his responsibility to make sure the guests are comfortable and satisfied with their accommodations.

The Jennings bought the Inn two years ago and are proud of the improvements they've made so far. They are gradually adding their own personal touches. "I like landscaping," Tom says, "so we've built one area that's planted with evergreens next to the building. Eventually I would like to have a picnic area with a fountain, more trees and shrubs."

Many of the rooms have been upgraded with new carpeting and suites have been established with bedroom jacuzzis for roman-

tic retreats. Each room is crisp, clean and softly accented with colors such as Victorian rose, moss green and cerulean blue. There are personal coffee makers in each room and padded luggage benches. Vanity counters were extended and resurfaced. They had to purchase over forty new televisions and added cable service. "Our reasonable prices, including our corporate rates, appeal to families and executives traveling on business, and with sixty one rooms we can accommodate special functions," Tom says. Representatives from area companies stay at the Tecumseh Inn on a regular basis.

A distinguishing feature of the Tecumseh Inn is the memorable Mai-Kai Lounge. Designed by former owners Doris and Harvey Carpenter in the early 70s after returning from a trip to Hawaii, the lounge is tropical and cozy with precocious conversation pieces scattered about. For instance, there are thirty-two carved coconuts over the bar, some with bemused expressions, some mischievous or beatific. The bar stools are carved



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tiki figures. Guests are made comfortable in cozy booths or can relax in basket chairs surrounded by palms and orchids. Tom says the lounge has also been a traditional place to stop after an event at the Civic Auditorium in Tecumseh or just to socialize.

"People stop here after the races in Brooklyn. Members of the local parachuting club 'drop by'...we have people from all over the world: Mexico, Germany, Brazil." Tom continues, "That's what is so wonderful about the hotel business, we get to meet and share stories with people from all over."

Of course I had to ask how business was during the ice storm in March and Tom replied they were sold out in forty-five minutes. Some people who had their electricity restored after they had checked in were given their money back. The rooms had to be recleaned and set up for people who were on the waiting list. "Along with our staff we were kept incredibly busy during the emergency and then catching up afterwards," says Tom. "It was pretty hectic."

A Few Thoughts...April from the president of the Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce, Jim Sprague

I am now going into my fourth month as president of the Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce and I am still in awe of the education it brings. As I do my research into ideas and programs that are useful to chamber members, I keep finding a seemingly endless bounty of benefits that are available. Besides the regular benefits that are offered with our membership (listed on the back of the calendar in the April newsletter) there are many other opportunities that you can take advantage of.

One of the biggest sources of opportunities is the SBA (Small Business Administration.) Through them you have SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives), which holds regular workshops for a fee of \$5 to

\$35, or will give one-on-one consulting at no charge. Another source is the SBA financial resource center. The SBA holds regular seminars at a minimum fee. Washtenaw Community College has a small business development center, with a location in Saline, that also holds low-fee seminars.

The programs offered by each one of the organizations could be a full page article in itself. I can have their representatives come to Manchester and address the membership to explain all that they have to offer, but I need to know what areas the members have an interest in.

To find out about the benefits of being a Chamber member, attend a Chamber meeting, or call me at 428-9259.

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The Tecumseh Inn is a favorite place for race car drivers and their teams from Michigan Speedway to stop because of the huge parking lot. There is plenty of room for their vans and trailers. It is also a draw for custom and classic car owners traveling through on their way to shows and events. "The groups will often have cookouts, gathering around informally with lawn chairs outside their rooms.," Tom relates.

"We want people to feel comfortable and at home here," Tom adds. "And we're very conscious of our responsibility to make everyone feel welcome. It's our job as innkeepers."

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Dreaming of faraway places?

Sandy Alber sighs and gazes heavenward: "The life of a travel agent is not all glamour and excitement," she says. "There are a lot of out of town business meetings we have to attend. I've had to go to meetings in Aruba, Hawaii, the Caribbean, Mexico...".

I sigh and gaze heavenward.

"But," she qualifies, "these are intense, sometimes lasting from early morning until late evening." During one of the Hawaii meetings they had to visit and rate over sixty hotels. Besides arranging for travel, Sandy also, as the owner of Prestige Travel of Manchester, arranges for hotels, condos, car rentals, insurance, area excursions, and suggests dining facilities. To be sure of the quality of her recommendations, the company she works for requires meetings to inspect the different companies on their list.

"One of the most important things we look at are accommodations and entertainment for kids. Families want a vacation that includes quality activities that will keep their children occupied, interested and safe."

The company Sandy works for is Carlson Travel Network in Sacramento, California, three thousand miles across the country but available instantly at her keyboard fingertips. She has set up her computer, modem, FAX machine, and telephone complete with headset, along the bay window of the family's 19th century farmhouse on Bethel Church. Her panoramic view looks out on the Alber Orchard and Cider Mill buildings across the road.

- Kathy Kueffner

Her family thinks it's great to have a working mom home. "I worked for three-and-a-half years for a travel agency in Ann Arbor," Sandy says, "where I received a wealth of experience, but I was spending just too much time away from my husband and three children." Even though her children, Dan (18), Michelle (16), and Alisha (13) are teenagers, Sandy feels they need her at home as much as ever. "Sometimes the girls will go with me to one of these business meetings. It has been a good education for them. They love to travel." Dan and husband Mike have been to the Caribbean. Mike fits some travel time in between his farming and orchard chores, but, like most farmers, unless it's between seasons he finds it difficult to get away.

Sandy showed me how she finds the information she needs to set up travel arrangements. Typing in a password, then a succession of abbreviated language, she can locate airlines, fares, departures and arrivals from airports all over the world. Scrolling through the options, she can locate just the right schedule to meet

her client's needs, including expiration dates and requirements on specials.

"I can do as much of the travel arrangements a client may want," Sandy explains, "including business and corporate, cruises, and packages for those who want specific vacations, for instance golfing, or sailing, or scuba diving."

At the time I met with her, Sandy was connecting nineteen people for a trip to Hawaii, arranging for rental vans and inter-island flights besides vacation condo, golf and tennis packages. "The whole process takes quite a few hours, but I love it when it all comes together," she smiles.

So, if you're dreaming of faraway places with strange sounding names, give Sandy Alber a call at Prestige Travel 313-428-8838.

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"I can interrupt my job commitments to help with homework and rearrange my schedule to fit our family life." With a husband and three teenagers, and also helping out during the fall season at their Alber Orchard and Cider Mill, Sandy knows how to organize. That may be one of the reasons she loves the travel business - she gets to organize complex vacation plans for her clients.

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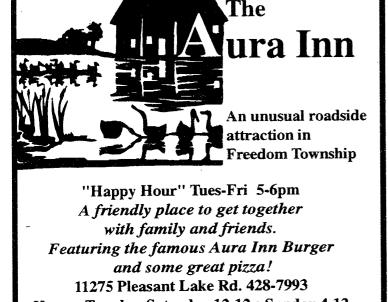
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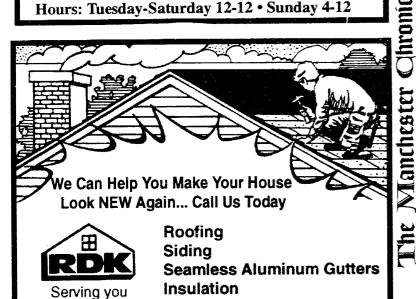
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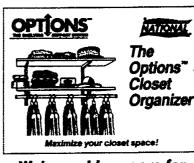
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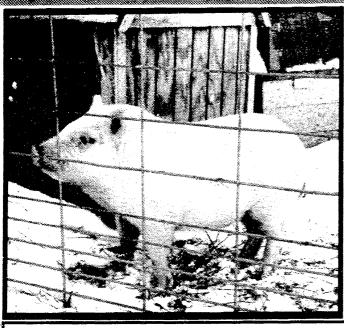
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Buddy lives alone, but only for the time being. Once he's neutered, he will join the herd at Pighoppers where he can interact with other pigs, and engage in normal pig activities which consist of rooting, grazing and nesting. --- photo kk



In the 1980s, pot-bellied or miniature pigs were touted as the newest, most desirable household pet. They were extensively promoted as being lovable, smart, and sociable and people eager to be considered fashionable bought them, paying anywhere from \$300 to \$1,000. At a recent area livestock auction, a litter of four sold for three bucks.

In the 1980s, promoters either had little information about these pigs or intentionally misrepresented the facts. Unconscionable breeders produced more pigs, the market was soon glutted, and those pigs that had been pets were abandoned, abused, neglected, dropped off at humane societies or sent to feedlot auctions.

THE STORY OF PIGS, A SANCTUARY

With a pot-bellied pig of his own, Dale Riffle of Charles Town, West Virginia, soon realized the misconceptions of the animal as a pet, began researching., and consequently founded PIGS, a sanctuary. Presently, he cares for almost three hundred pot-bellied and miniature pigs and shares the results of his research. He hopes the information he has gathered will make the public more aware of the plight of these animals. He is often consulted by veterinarians.

There are at least four myths that Riffle exposes: They do not shed. In fact, they shed at least once and often twice a year, and raised in an indoor environment often complete the shedding process over a long period of time. Potbellied pigs are full grown at six months. The majority of their growth comes within the first three and half years. An adult will weigh thirty to fifty pounds. The original pigs brought in through Canada in 1985 matured at over 200 pounds. They make wonderful house pets. The number one reason for people who say they must get rid of their pet is aggression. Riffle has learned that piglets raised in the house mature in an unnatural environment. Between 24 and 30 months old, the pig will start to challenge the people with whom it has been raised in an effort to move up the hierarchal ladder in the "herd." This is when our Sanctuary is contacted. We inform them that the only way to deal effectively with this aggressive behavior is to move the pig to an outside area; this will change the pig's territory. If possible, obtain a second pig as a companion.

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Pebbles and Bam-Bam don't worry about *good taste* — they obviously have it because they were listening to National Public Radio, Prairie Home Companion at the time, and classic music just prior to Garrison Keilor.

Pebbles and Bam-Bam don't worry about tasting good either. The two potbellied pigs live at Pighoppers Sanctuary in Clinton, thanks to a kind-hearted lady named Lake Jacobson.

Lake said she started the sanctuary almost two years ago, as a home for abused, abandoned and neglected domestic rabbits and pigs. She also cares for some chickens and ducks.

"Rabbits are particularly vulnerable during the Easter season," Lake relates. "They are bought as cuddly babies for children's pets, but it isn't too long before they become "troublesome' to the families. People take them to the humane society or worse, drop them off somewhere to fend for themselves. Eight percent die as a result of neglect or abandonment."

"Some rabbits are inadvertently mistreated, Lake adds. They're kept in an outdoor hutch where they rarely see anything else or kept in small cages indoors." One-third of Lake's resident rabbits are last year's Easter presents.

At Pighoppers, seventy-one rabbits have their own barn where they can run, jump and play with other rabbits in a large straw-filled area complete with tunnels and obstacles for stimulation and with access to a fenced yard. "We find them to be sensitive and inquisitive," Lake

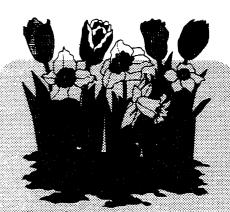
Pighoppers is also home to thirty pot-bellied pigs and four hogs. Pot-bellied pigs became popular in

the 1980s, but when people discovered they don't behave like the family dog, they got rid of them.

"We have a pig that was found wandering in a trailer court and even one found on the side of the road," Lake tells us, pointing the two out. She knows every pig's name, personality and history.

Rescued pigs at the sanctuary enjoy the company of their own kind in a large barn where they snuggle together in a mound of straw or wander around satisfying their curiosity, interacting with the chickens, rooting in the yard. They enjoy people scratching their backs or rubbing their bellies and will grunt in ecstasy.

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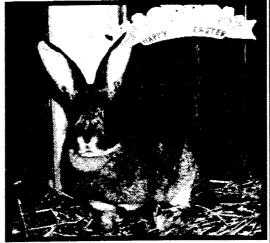
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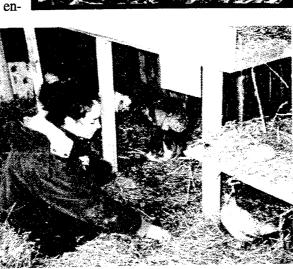
To bring attention to the problem of rabbits (and chicks and ducklings) as Easter pets, Lake held an open house at the Sanctuary. The Easter Bunny was there handing out treats to visiting children. As a fund-raiser for this non-profit organization, volunteers took polaroid pictures for visitors. Pighoppers accept tax-deductible donations that help with expenses such as veterinarian fees (all the animals are neutered), food, hay and straw, shelter and fencing.

They also welcome volunteers to help care for the animals. Petting, brushing, cuddling is definitely encouraged. Individual sponsorships are available: rabbits are \$15/month, pigs \$25/month. Sponsors receive certificates and periodic updates on the sanctuary as well as the sponsored animal. If you would like to visit with the animals, watch them socializing in a carefree, loving environment, you are invited to stop by. For more information or to confirm visiting hours, please call (517) 456-6044. Directions to Pighoppers from Manchester: US-12 east of the traffic light in Clinton one block to Currier, south to Kehoe; turn left to 3780 Kehoe, about three-quarters of a mile on the left.



- 1. Rabbits are social animals, living in warrens when in a natural environment.
- 2. Rabbits should not be kept in an outdoor hutch. The rabbit will receive little human attention and will soon be forgotten.
- 3. Rabbits need room to exercise, and if kept in a cage, should be let out several hours each day.
 - 4. Rabbits can often be litterbox-trained.
- 5. Rabbits can be spayed or neutered and should be. Spay/neuter is the right thing to do — breeding results in more abandoned and neglected bunnies!
- 6. Rabbits are not rodents, they are members of the order lagamorpha, and their digestive system is more similar to that of horses than rodents. Like rodents, however, their teeth continually grow and gnawing, preferably on tree branches, is necessary to keep them worn down.
- 7. Rabbits live on average five to six years. However, many happy house rabbits have lived twelve or so years.
- 8. Rabbits generally do not like to be picked up, but enjoy petting on the floor.
- 9. Rabbits like to dig since in a natural environment they live in underground burrows.
- 10. Rabbits and cats generally get along well. Some rabbits and dogs make good companions. All pet rabbits should have a companion animal as well as a loving human friend. --- Pighoppers

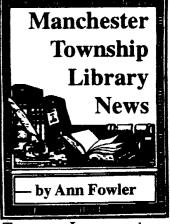






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Carol Johnson and Frances Kennedy, staff members, also locate information for residents planning vacations. The Library collection includes a few guides with particular emphasis on Michigan sights and destinations. Given enough time, books and articles about less local sights are ordered through the library loan system (deliveries twice weekly.) The free supply of National Geographic magazines make interesting reading about

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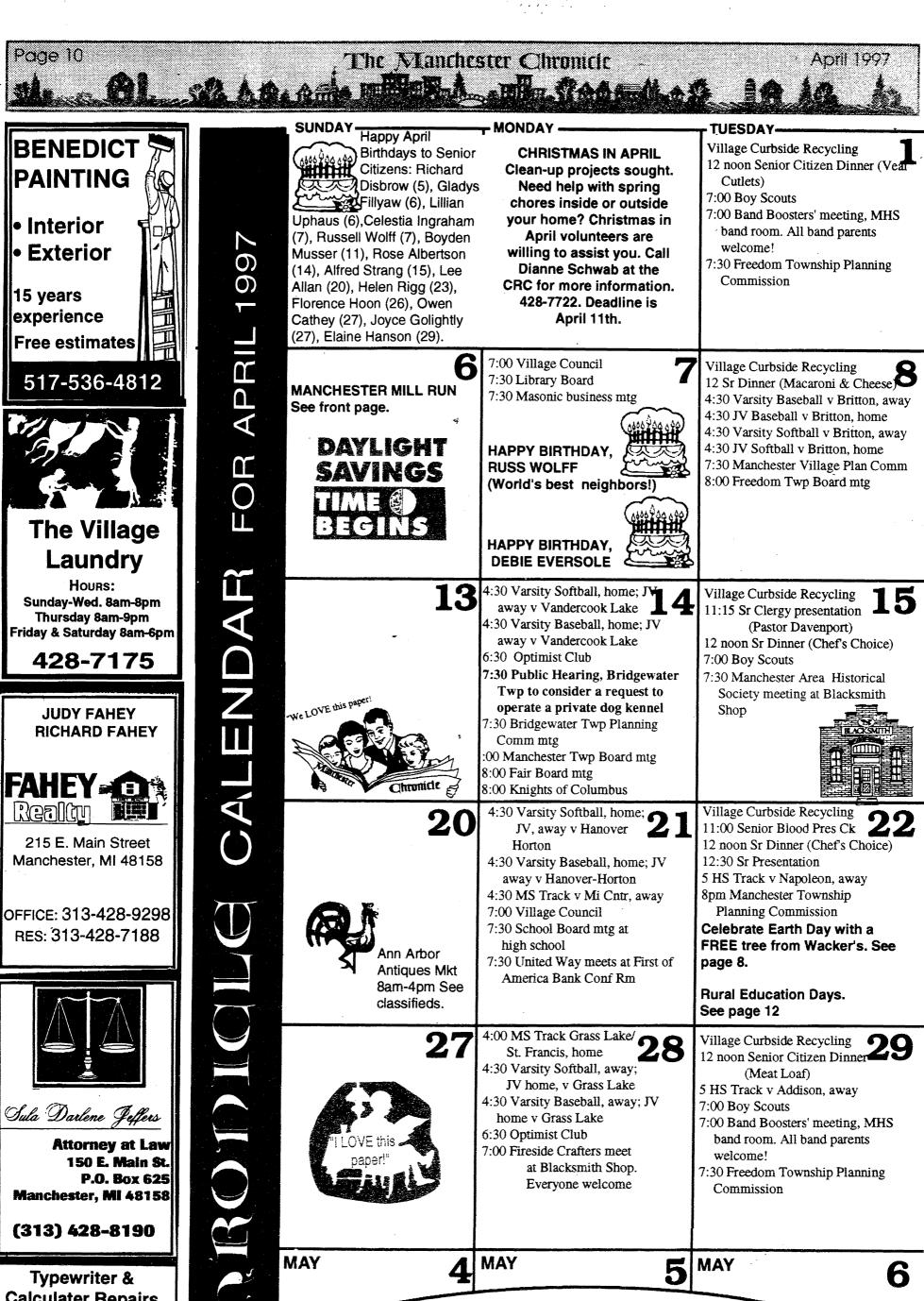
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Classifieds & Announcements & Coming Events

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1997 Gazebo Concerts

The Manchester Recreation Task Force is accepting donations to help pay for the eight Thursday nights of wonderful entertainment planned for June, July and August. This is the ninth season that the cultural perception in Manchester is enriched by a variety of exciting experiences. The MRTF is very please to be able to provide the best acts that we can afford thanks to many generous benefac-

The address of the MRTF is P.O. Box 433, Manchester, MI 48158-0433, or you can leave a message with the Community Resource Center at (313) 428--MRTF

Breakfast at the Black Sheep Kiwanis of Manchester has a new meeting place. April 5th will mark the beginning of a new relationship with the Black Sheep. Our twice a month meetings will start at 7:30 a.m. for a breakfast buffet which will be prepared by the staff of the Black Sheep. For reservations,

Kiwanis announces it will be sponsoring a Little League baseball team. The Little League is a nonprofit organization devoted to the youth of Manchester. Over four hundred children will take part in this organized activity, helping create the adults of tomorrow.

phone Dianne Schwab at 428-8976.

Kiwanis of Manchester

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SACC GOLF OUTING SPRING TEE-TIME

The annual Saline Area Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing has been scheduled for May 5, 1997.

Slated for Travis Pointe Country Club, the SACC event will include golf, tennis, or swimming, with dining, refreshments, contests, prizes and much more.

Golf packages and swim and tennis packages are available, with an evening reception, including dinner, prizes, and a relaxed atmosphere.

Sponsorship opportunities are available and all reservations must be received by May 1.

For more information on the golf outing, call the SACC at (313) 429-4494.

- Saline Area Chamber of Commerce

Great Lakes Chapter Meets in May

The Great Lakes Chapter of SPOOM (Society for the Preservation of Old Mills) will visit mills in the area west and south of Ann Arbor, including the Sharon Hollow Mills Winery and the Manchester Mill on May 2, 3, and 4, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The photogenic Sharon Mills Winery is in a scenic setting on Mill Creek. The former Ford facility is powered by its own operating dynamo. A narrated tour provides a wealth of history accompanied by wine tasting. The Manchester Mill, occupied by shops and offices, is surrounded by small town charm.

- Press Release from SPOOM

RAPTORS TO REX: THE DINOSAUR

PREDATORS is the exciting new touring dinosaur natural history museum appearing now through May 31 at Domino's Farms, provided by paleontologist Robert Bakker. Dr. Bakker's ground-breaking theories have caused scientists to rethink what we know about dinosaurs. According to Bakker, they weren't the coldblooded, sluggish, solitary creatures they were once thought to be, but were instead, warm-blooded, active, social animals.

Recently Bakker combined his revolutionary theories with a page-turning story to create his best-selling book Raptor Red, an extraordinary novel of science and adventure. Dr. Robert Bakker is the dinosaur curator for the Tate Museum in Wyoming.

Raptors to Rex exhibit features over 100 dinosaur skeletons, skulls, sculptures, graphics and fossils. One of the stars of the show is a rare 41-foot long Acrocanthosaurus skeleton, the only one on exhibit in the world. Also included is a vast array of dinosaurs, including Tyrannosaurs and Raptors, plus dinosaur footprints, eggs and skin.

Dinosaur enthusiasts can view this fascinating exhibit seven days a week in the 7,000 square feet of space donated for the exhibit at Domino's Farms through May 31st. Admission is \$2.50 for ehildren 12 and under and senior citizens 55 and older, and \$5 per adult.. For information on group tours, contact Domino's Farms at 313-930-5032. Exhibit hours are Monday through Saturday 9am-4pm and Sunday 12pm to 5pm. For more information on the Raptors to Rex exhibit, call the Ann Arbor Area Convention and Visitors Bureau at 800-888-9487. or visit the web site at www.annarbor.org. - AACVB

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A Call for Umpires

Manchester Little League has grown and in doing is becoming involved in older levels of play. These older age levels of Baseball/Softball require officiating that Minor, Coach Pitch and Tee Ball do not.

In order to provide playing experience, it has become necessary to join with other leagues to provide our children a complete, well-rounded playing season. Each league is required to provide umpire officials, two adults per game for Senior League (13-15), and 16 or older for Major League (11-12).

If our children are to be allowed the experience of inter-league play and Manchester considered a welcome participant, parents and other interested persons must step forward to learn the skills and help to coordinate the officials.

Our senior umpires have the possibility of picking up game fees five days per week, each game will require two adult umpires. Major league requires two, 16 or older umpires and could play five days per week if umpiring both baseball and softball.

Possibly a civic organization looking for a project or fund raiser could consider taking this on or at least mentioning it to their members. A "travel fee" is paid according to level of play. Manchester Little League is a nonprofit organization and as such our insurance must cover our officials as volunteers. The travel fees range from \$7 to \$20 per umpire, per game. After one month of five games per week, a tidy little sum

- by Doreen Birney

could be added to an organization's funds or someone's vacation fund.

Senior play begins the first Monday in June and ends June 30. Major play begins May 3 and lasts till June 30. If you wish to continue, tournament play follows and there is a possibility we will need you occasionally in July.

One day it is our wish to hold a tournament in Manchester, which is a great fund raiser, but requires a lot of people participation.

There will be a free Umpire Clinic held in Clinton, April 22 to teach umpire skills; we have a person here in Manchester with experience willing to train umpires, also.

So, please get involved with our program, become an official, and set an example for our kids of good sportsmanship and community spirit.

Write Manchester Little League, P.O. Box 651, Manchester, MI 48158-0651. Or call Doreen (517) 456-4962 or Wayne 428-7028.

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Superintendent Ron Niedzwiecki noted at the March Board of Education meeting that the Klager media center is a facility the Manchester School District should be very proud of and he invited anyone who has not seen it to pay a visit. Above, Klager students stop by the front desk to check out books. - photo/kk

Saturday Storytimes in April at 11am

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On Thursday, April 24 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 108, Sandy Trosien, Consultant for Student Talent Development of Washtenaw Intermediate School District, will review the many excellent programs which are being facilitated by parents and community members in other school districts. Sandy will discuss the various configurations with respect of time and coordination and how funding participation in such enrichment options is accomplished.

Sandy will address the following questions:

- What is enrichment?
- What kinds of enrichment are important and appropriate for early
- What enrichment opportunities are already in place at the county level for middle school students?

Also, the Middle School Enrichment Organization would like to present the bylaws they have worked on after Sandy's presentation.

We hope to see you there.

- Bev Dettloff

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Tales and History: Voices from the Past

Have you been caught up in the latest hobby? The study of genealogy, discovering your family history, is gaining more and more popularity. All newspaper and magazine articles, television programs, personal consultants, sites on the internet tell you to start with your immediate family. Use those stories that are handed down from one generation to the next. If those tales include any members of the armed forces before the first World War, here is a source of material that might help.

Part of my family history was a story of a great-grandfather who served two terms in the Civil War. By doing some research work in southwest Michigan, I came up with his military units in the New York and Michigan infantries. As a by-product, I found the units of two brothers of my great-grandmother and the location of her parents' graves.

For information about the Michigan units, I wrote to the Michigan Historical Center, 717 W. Allegan, Lansing, MI 48918-1837. I received a copy of the roster roll of the companies, some military history of some men and of the regiment.

This was great, but the best suggestion was for me to contact the National Archives for obtaining copies of military and pension records. I sent in forms for

Eliha Ketchum

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of Capt. Joseph Howland's Company of Infantry, detached from the 9 Division,
(War of 1812,)
for Dept 14 to Class 0, 1814.
Roll dated Not speed, 181.
Time of entry, Sept-14, 1814.
Time of discharge, Qx 3 q 1814.
Time of service, 12 days
Wages per month, #8
Amount of wages, /2,2)
Rations per day,
Allowance for officer's rooms and private's clothing,
Amount of rations and clothing,
Equipments, 77
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the military and pension records for my great-grandfather and two great-granduncles. As an afterthought, I added my great-great-grandfather's name since his grave had a metal veteran's insignia.

A cornucopia of information came back!

Now I have my great-great-grandfather's story of being drafted to fight in the War of 1812. Judging by the dates and location, he fought in the Battle of Lake Champlain to repel the invasion of New York by the British in 1814. I know that he was issued a rifle and balls, six flints, a knapsack and that he had his own blanket roll. For this service, he was paid \$16.87. Later, he was given an opportunity for a bonus grant of land in the "west." I have a copy of his application for land in Michigan in his writing.

I have the Civil War records of my great-grandfather, complete with bi-monthly military records, his hospital records including a copy of his toe tag! There is information about his parents, his wife, his birth and death dates and much more.

"...heart disease and rheumatism ... caused by exposure, hard fatigue duty, working on entrenchment, standing guard and picket and doing police duty..." may not sound exciting. It does to me when I can read it in his own handwriting and know it happened during the long needless Siege of Yorktown.

Some information received turned one great-granduncle into a mysterious relative. Reading of his receiving injuries "...near Stone Mountain in Georgia...while foraging... [the two of us] were approached by ten mounted cavalrymen belonging to the enemy and ordered to surrender. We at once ran away attempting to escape and during the flight and pursuit I fell down an embankment into a dry bed of a creek" is interesting, not heroic but human.

A touching entry in the great-grand uncle's handwriting is in answer to a staid question by the government about the status of his wife: "Claria Story was the girl I left behind...still live with her."

If you would like to use this source for your family history before 1915, request some forms from — General Reference Branch (NNRG)

National Archives and Records Administration 7th and Pennsylvania Ave. NW

Washington, DC 20408

Ask for as many forms as might be necessary. You will need one form for each request for military or pension or bounty land (before 1856) information for each name.

The essential information would be: Full name, branch of service, state from which he served, war or date of service, union or confederate. The forms cost

nothing, the resulting information will cost ten dollars for each packet. In my great-grandfather's case, it cost thirty dollars for his two tours of duty and one pension.

Perhaps I should add a warning label about the addictive charm of genealogy. The discovery of another generation, another set of names, more mysteries will lead you on and on. So beware of this new "virus."

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Manchester/Mancestre

Ideally, George confides, "I will find the definitive ancestor who stood at the four corners and said, "I think I will name this place 'Manchester." George's last name is Manchester and he is researching his family history. George and his wife are pictured above on a day they stopped by the Mill. Local historians tell me Manchester, as well as other area towns, were named after industrial cities in England, envisioning our villages to be prosperous centers of commerce as they grew.

Whether our town was named by and after George's ancestors and/or after the English city, there may be a tangential connection, and information he has accumulated is at the very least conversationally provocative. Following is some excerpts.

Walkelinus de Mancestre, approximately 1146, Lord of Mancestre during the reign of King Stephen, married an heiress of Hastings and so came into possession of that Manor. The site of Mancestre long preceded the Anglo-Saxons and Normans and was in the days of Rome a fortification upon the River Anker called Manduessedum (Roman: Manchester). The latter syllable "cestre" indicated a fortified place and the first syllable "Man" denoted a form of entrenchment, a small fort. Mancestre was a portion of the famous Countess Godiva's possessions. William the Conqueror divided and gave a portion of the land to a nunnery, claimed to be the oldest founded in England and established by King Egbert of the Saxon dynasty in memory of the Irish St. Modwena. Lord Mancestre continued to be a benefactor of the nuns.

Sir Simon de Mancestre is listed with the independent lords of great estates as having taken part in the historical Tourney at Stepney around 1308. Representatives of this ancient lineage are traditionally declared to have become settled in Warwickshire, Staffordshire, and Yorkshire; Thomas Manchester, the pioneer of American settlement, was of this ancient house.

Thomas came to American in 1638 and is referred to in records of the colonization of New Haven, Connecticut.

In the twenty-eight year of Henry VI, the monks of Merevale purchased the holdings, and ten years later a Guild was established which "did consist of divers men and women who were every year upon Trinite Sunday to choose amongst themselves for the better rule and government of that Fraternitie two Masters..."

An old Rhode Island record book, dating back to 1761, indicates Joseph Manchester married Elizabeth Sheldon on December 3, 1750. They had three children: John, Pardon and Betsy. The record contains the log of a "Voyage in the Good Brigg called the Dolphin from Rhode Island to Surinam, John Manchester, Master, so to Conduck the Good Brigg to her desired port in safety. Amen." The log also says, "Pardon Manchester, b. Dec. 8, 1754, died at sea, Oct. 16, 1773."

Records from the 1700s mention William Manchester, Jr. and Comfort, his wife having bought 30 acres in Tiverton "and there being no way open to it...for love he is to have right of way up my land to the road"

Finally there is the description of Manchester Arms of lozenges conjoined, an eagle displayed vert (vertical?), beaked, a griffin's head couped, wings expanded, supported by an heraldic antelope, and armed, tufted and hoofed argent.

Michael Hough said one the things he enjoys most about his business is seeing old photographs, but what do many of us do with them? Store them in unlabeled shoe boxes. Michael said, "Put them out where people can enjoy them. Pictures are family stories." Michael and Diane Hough (Diane is vice-president of the Historical Society) are Manchester residents who own and operate Ivory Photo in Ann Arbor.

MAHS March Meeting

- by Betty Cummings Secretary MAHS

The Manchester Area Historical Society held its regular monthly meeting at the Blacksmith Shop on Tuesday, March 18. Michael and

Diane Hough, owners of Ivory Photo in Ann Arbor, presented a program on storing, restoring, enjoying and sharing photographs.

Photographs should be framed or placed in albums for enjoyment and sharing with others, not stored unlabeled in boxes. Photos can be cropped, matted, and framed for people to enjoy. Old prints can be colored using oils, liquid or color pencils.

If an album is falling apart, or if photos were put in the magnetic type of album, they should be transferred to new albums. Photos can be ruined in magnetic albums because they stick to the pages and may turn yellow.

The names of the people in the picture, the date, and something about the event should be written in the album so people in the future will know. Photos will

stick if placed under glass. Heat, moisture and light are the enemies of photos. Black and white pictures are quite stable. Many times colors will shift in colored photos. That is why some old ones turn pink.

People do not use slide projectors much anymore. It is expensive to have prints made from slides and the quality is usually not very good. Slides can be transferred to video tape or computer disk. The original slides should be kept because it is not know how long video tapes will last.

Old photographs can be restored using computer digital photo restoration techniques or by the old-fashioned methods of pencil and brush. When a computed is used, the old photo is scanned in and parts can be enhanced or manipulated, people or objects can

be added or deleted, and color can be added or changed.

Jerry Swartout closed the program by showing some enlargements from his postcard and photo collection of old buildings in and around Manchester that maybe used in the 1998 Historical Society calendar.

The April meeting, on the third Tuesday of the month, April 15th, will be another "blue jeans night". People are needed for a variety of tasks including entering information in the computer, helping to organize the photograph collection, and helping to assess the blacksmith tools.

Ice Show

American Tour bus is being rented

by our Manchester Senior Citizens

for all ages. Sunday, May 11 at Joe Lewis Arena Deadline: April 14, 1997

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Jerry Swartout, Manchester Historical Society member and collector of Manchester memorabilia, showed enlargements of photos, restored by Michael and Diane Hough of Ivory Photo, being considered for placement on the 1998 Society calendar. Among them were photos of the Bridgewater Depot, Sharon Mills Winery, Sharon Township Hall, the Green Hotel and the Manchester water tower showing a trench with old construction – photo/kk equipment.



Postcards from Iowa



Hello, Manchester.

Talked with Sally Abbott on the "Instant Message" part of my computer recently --- it's fun! I talk (actually type) to many people worldwide. My article about my computer and me was published in the local computer paper. I now have "Speakable items" in my MAC. I can voice 75 commands, and MAC will even tell me a knockknock joke.

Mom and I went to our community production of "Oklahoma". It brought back good memories of when Manchester High School did this play with Joe & Rick Chapin, Herb Mahoney, Karen Kennedy and who would forget Gary Voegeding as Jud.

> Take good care, friends. Mae, Jon, Boyd & Euripides

Christmas in April

Dianne Schwab

Christmas in April is an annual one day blitz to repair and rehabilitate the homes of the poor, elderly and handicapped. 1997 is the fifth year for the Christmas in April project in Manchester. The date is Saturday, April 26.

Christmas in April projects involve carpentry, plumbing, electrical, painting, window washing, yard raking, yard clean up and other tasks necessary for maintenance of a home.

Where do the citizens of the Manchester area fit into the picture?

- 1: The coordinating committee who begin meeting several months before the event.
- 2. The committee receives referral for home maintenance from friends, neighbors, governmental units and family members.
- 3. Funding is necessary from sponsors which include businesses, churches, trade organizations, service clubs and individuals.

4. Many skilled and unskilled volunteers, tools and trucks are needed to undertake the work necessary to make the project successful.

Checks for donations are made out to: Christmas in April-Manchester Unit and mailed to the Community Resource Center, P.O. Box 433, Manchester, MI 48158-0433. Volunteer forms will be mailed to past volunteers the week of April 1. New volunteers, skilled and unskilled, are always welcome to join the spirit of working together to improve the living environment at no cost to the home owner

Volunteer forms can be picked up at the CRC, 122 W. Main St. (lower level,) First of America Bank and Comerica Bank.

Many people are living with greater dignity because of a fresh coat of paint, new plumbing, safe electrical service and freshly raked lawns. For more information contact chairman Pam Green 428-9596, or the CRC at 428-7722.





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March School Board Topics: MEAP Certificate Presentation, MHS Equestrian Team and Breakfast Program Hearing - by Gini Patak

The first order of business for the March school board meeting was the presentation of certificates to middle school students who achieved satisfactory ratings on both the math and reading sections of the MEAP. The board also revisited the equestrian team's request to become a club sport, set a date for the public hearing on the breakfast program and discussed how the West Bloomfield student values program might be implemented in Manchester.

MEAP ACHIEVERS HONORED

In celebration of academic achievement, superintendent Ron Niedzwiecki and the school board honored students who had achieved satisfactory results on both parts of the 1995-96 MEAP (Michigan Educational Assessment Program) tests. These students were fifth and eighth graders when they took the test and are now in sixth and ninth grades respectively. They received recognition certificates from board president, Paul Kluwe and had photographs taken with their parents/guardians and middle school principal Tom George. The list of recipients was quite long, but attendance at the ceremony was low due at least in part to the residual effects of the furious ice storm that swept through the area the Thursday before the meeting.

MHS EQUESTRIAN TEAM GETS CONDITIONAL APPROVAL

A motion to allow the high school equestrian team to become a recognized varsity club sport received conditional approval pending an in-depth review of possible liability issues by the attorney for the school district. Although the board was assured that the fees paid by team members to the MIHA (Michigan Interscholastic Horsemanship Association) included full insurance for all student athletes, there were still concerns that the schools could be held liable if a student were injured while in competition.

Niedzwiecki explained to the board that he had checked with the attorney, who had acknowledged understanding of the liability coverage of the athletes through MIHA. But when trustee Pat Sahakian inquired whether he had specifically asked if there could be any possibility of additional liability, Niedzwiecki said he had not addressed the question exactly that way. Based on this information, the board decided to

grant the team club sport status while awaiting a response to Sahakian's concerns.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM PUBLIC HEARING SET

The May school board meeting, scheduled for May 19, will include time for a public hearing on the school breakfast program. At that time, interested community members and staff will be able to present their opinions on making the program available to students for the 1997-98 school year. Everyone with an interest in this program is encouraged to attend the hearing and present their views. Using the information gathered at the hearing, the board will vote on the issue at its regular June meeting.

On a related note, board president Paul Kluwe introduced a letter received by the district from the president of the state board of education, Kathleen N. Straus. In it, Straus asked that our board and administration review and comment on her suggestions for dramatically changing the state's approach to education. The suggestions were offered as a possible measure to quell the growth of negative student behavior that seems to correlate to idle hours after school.

The changes would include engaging students in educational activities from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and would provide additional services for those students who needed them. The additional education activities suggested were academic class work, physical exercise, vocational training, study time, arts, tutoring and other activities parents could select for their students. Other services available as part of the program would be meals and snacks as well as a full complement of social services for students who required them.

Funding for the program has not been determined, but Straus believes no

significant increase in costs will be required because much of the required infrastructure is already in place but is not being used to capacity.

She cited the growth of teen pregnancies, gang involvement and illicit drug use as examples of the negative behavior that can occur when middle-grade and older students have too much unsupervised free time between the end of the school day and the arrival at home of working parents. She also cited concerns about declining physical fitness in the same students; a result, she believes, of cuts in physical education programs coupled with sedentary life styles.

In order for the Manchester Board to accurately reflect the views of the community on these issues, they will need to hear from interested community members. While no date has been set for a public hearing, the public is encouraged to share opinions via letters to school board members.

VALUE STATEMENT INTRODUCED

Board president, Paul Kluwe, introduced a statement of values for students as adopted by the West Bloomfield school district. He proposes that Manchester adopt a similar statement as a sort of "code of ethics" for Manchester students.

Kluwe asked what board members thought about adopting this as a statement of values as is for Manchester students. While board members seemed generally in favor of the idea, trustees Wayne Winzenz and Joe Turk suggested that it

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Manchester Area Girl Scouts held a Swap Meet in March at the Manchester Sportsman Club. They decorated hats, made button pins and other colorful creative projects which they then traded - photo/ kk with each other.



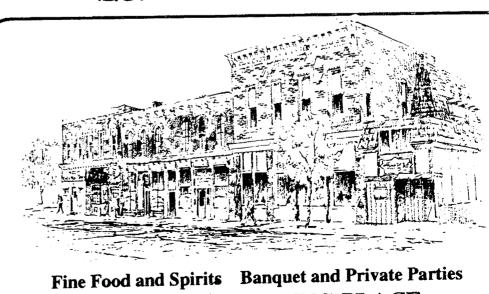
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would probably be a good idea to assemble a committee of students, community members, staff and administrators to review the content of the statement to assure its relevancy for our school district. Anyone interested in participating is encouraged to contact the superintendent's office at 428-9711 to let their interest be known.

OTHER NEWS

In other action, the board also heard a report on the recent bus inspection by Fleet Manager, Howard Poley. He explained that the state police have decided to no longer follow the state law that calls for annual inspection of all school buses. Instead, Poley reported, they will inspect only half of the fleet each year. He indicated his concern for the safety of students and shared a letter he had written to the state police captain in charge of the inspections stating these concerns. He asked that others write similar letters in an attempt to have the state police follow the law as written.

The final touches have been added to Klager Elementary and Ackerson Middle School as the building project is completed. The board authorized the expenditure of what should be the final \$1,000 to finish

the electrical work. A beaming Niedzwiecki noted that the Klager media center is a facility the district should be very proud of. He invited anyone who has not seen it to pay a visit.

The next regular meeting of the Manchester Board of Education is at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 1, 1997. Meetings are held in the MHS media center. For more information, call the board offices at 428-9711.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MEAP ACHIEVERS

In remarks to students who successfully completed both parts of the 1995-96 MEAP test, superintendent Ron Niedzwiecki commended the students and parents for their achievement on the test as well as "all the hours of work and effort needed to make the achievement possible."

Please accept our congratulations as well!!!

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1997 Manchester Middle School Social Studies and Science Fair continued from page 5 — by Michael Fuerstnau

Marines, Corporals Bailey and Carl Munski, the last enlisted men to leave the flat top... [The destroyer] had moved up the side of the carrier and as its upper deck tilted toward the catwalk with each heave of the sea men scrambled aboard from the carrier...the two Marines noticed there were wounded waiting to be transferred. They pitched in...When all the wounded were off, Bailey followed them over."

Next I interviewed my friend Kingsley Wilson (USMC - Master Sergeant retired) who served in Vietnam as a radio operator. He said, "I carried an infantry pack which consisted of 3-5 days rations, a .45 caliber pistol, ammunition, grenades, poncho with liner, four canteens of water, helmet, flak jacket, K-bar (knife), extra socks (it was hard keeping your feet dry), plus the radio with spare batteries. My pack averaged about 75 to 80 lbs. I was wounded twice, once in the leg and once in the elbow by mortar fire. My job was to keep communications up between our company and the battalion headquarters. I also called in air strikes. Another job I had was brining in helicopters for medivacs and resupply."

He retired from the Marines on June 30, 1989 as a Master Sergeant.

The last Marine I interviewed was Jeannie Amico (USMC - Master Sergeant, retired), my mom's friend. During Desert Storm she served as an electronic maintenance chief for a division of 20,0000 Marines. Jeannie wrote in a letter, "One of the most difficult things I did

in the Persian Gulf was to sit and talk to a young man who had been tasked to go into a vehicle which had been blown up to retrieve the electronic equipment in it. You see, his friend had been in that vehicle and there were pieces of flesh and blood all over the equipment. It was extremely important that the young man had someone to talk to when he got back from that very terrible job, but it was a conversation that I had night-mares from for quite awhile." Jeannie sent photos saying, "The picture of us eating was very typical. We were always dressed the same, with our gas masks and weapons... I worked with the British Royal Marines while I was in the Gulf. I installed some of our navigational equipment into their vehicles.

"I joined the Marine Corps because they helped finance my education and because I liked the uniforms. I stayed for 20 years because of the wonderful people I met like your mom and dad, and because the National Anthem and Marine's Hymn bring a lump to my throat and tears to my eyes."

I also learned about insignias, medals, and where these battles took place.

In conclusion, I learned that the Marines were some of the most elite and trained fighters in our military system.

Easter Bunny Picks Basket Winners



The Easter Eggstravaganza Evening scavenger hunt, with many businesses open until eight o'clock, was enjoyed by many. Three Easter baskets were awarded as the Easter Bunny, above, drew names. First place went to Katie Fielder, second to Charlotte Roger and third to Debbie Ecarius. Because of the success of this year's promotion, the Manchester Chamber of Commerce will sponsor this event again next year with more prizes and categories according to age group. Thank you to Jean Moull for an eggsceptionally fine portrayal of a certain March hare, and to Ron and Jan Burrows for graciously lending their Manchester Floors for the site of the drawing.

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McLennan property "grandfathered," Appeals Board decides.

The issue before the Sharon Township Board of Appeals March 12 seemed to be complicated so it was three hours before a motion was offered, supported and voted. The unanimous decision may have set a precedent: When there is a controversy involving zoning and the "grandfather" clause it seems Sharon Township decides in favor of the clause.

Chairman Charlotte Anderson called the meeting to order and spoke of clarifying the purpose of the public hearing. The wording of the public notice was to some extent misleading although, as Anderson put it, the results would be the same.

Last fall, Mike and Danielle McLennan were denied, at a public hearing in front of the Sharon Township Planning Commission, a conditional use permit to operate a landscaping business on property zoned residential. At this hearing on March 12 in front of the Board of Appeals, the McLennans were asking that a "grandfather clause" permitting farming, including a homebased Category I business, be allowed.

The McLennans indicated they were prepared to meet the strict conditions for a home-based business and were looking for commercial property on which they would store their heavy machinery and landscaping materials.

At issue was whether the property could be "grandfathered" as a farm. It was disputed that the property had actually been farmed by the various owners, a condition of the grandfather clause, since the land had been rezoned residential in 1983.

Chairman Anderson said: "They [the McLennans] have withdrawn their request to be recognized as a nursery... certainly a nursery would imply a retail operation. "From what I've been able to dig out of the ordinance, properties with a nonconforming use were created when the zoning was changed; this property is no longer agriculture. We cannot give it carte blanche." After the zoning was approved on January 5, 1983 as residential, Mr. Ahrens [the property owner at the time] could continue "but if that operation ceased then that right ceased."

After much discussion, that included revisiting the checklist for determining qualifications to be considered a home-based business which had been thoroughly addressed at the planning commission hearing, commissioner Jim Davey thought enough evidence had

VILLAGE COUNCIL **MEETING OF MARCH 17**

Janis Bobrin, Washtenaw County Drain Commissioner, presented an overview of that agency. There are two county drains that go through the village, one that starts on West Main near the park which goes underneath the car wash, up Madison and Macomb Streets, by the fire hall, then down to the river. The other comes down from Sharon Township, goes under the high school, beneath Manchester Tool and Die, takes in Division Street down to Vernon, and picks up a bit of M-52. According to audience member Don Limpert, the drains were established in 1912 by the village. The county drain commission is responsible for operation and maintenance. Board member Joe Marshall asked how the commission is funded and Bobrin replied that costs are shared, based on state-mandated formulas, by special assessment of property owners who benefit, the county, village, township and state, and reflect a range of considerations.

Chris Brooks, acting as chairman in the absence of Becktel, asked how funds are spent. Bobrin said the fees pay a field staff of four which use chain saws and chippers. The commission is allowed \$2,500 per mile per year for routine maintenance; they need a petition to spend more. Major repairs are subcontracted out by

The commission is required by law to be involved with requirements for subdivisions, but not site condominiums. When asked her opinion of curbs and gutters versus ditch drainage, Bobrin replied the commission tries to keep as much as possible of the rural character of the community adding, "the more pavement, the more runoff is generated.".....

- Kathy Kueffner

been presented to conclude the property had been farmed continuously through the various changes of ownership.

Dan and Shannon Fleck spoke of their concerns that the landscaping business could escalate into a commercial operation, seriously effecting property values. Dan said he specifically bought their home in an area he was assured would remain residential.

Ironically, the real estate agent who handled the sale of the Fleck property, Jim Mann, spoke at the hearing in favor of granting the request saying, "the [zoning] ordinance is not set in granite." "I sure wouldn't want to see a Frank's Nursery going in there but I don't think that's what they're asking for or what we would want to give them," Mann said.

A Queens Court resident offered that the McLennans knew the property was zoned residential when they purchased it.

Commissioner John Savage said although the property is zoned residential, it is agricultural, and that it is still being assessed as agricultural.

Davey asked if the use of the land was grandfathered as agricultural, would a nursery be an enhancement. "I suspect it is," he stated. The use may be permitted but the intent is not to encourage their survival, not enlarged, expanded or extended or used as grounds for adding other structures and uses prohibited in a [residential] district.

There was discussion about the intention of the ordinance to distinguish between farming and a nursery operation. How much of a landscape business could take place in a grandfathered farming operation? Would a nursery include landscaping?

Commissioner Terry Auito asked, "Suppose it is grandfathered in as a farm, what rights do they then have for farming trees? What about semis hauling in trees and plants?" Chairman Anderson replied, "It has to do with growing. They can grow or produce some of the material that they use in their landscaping business. Plant material that comes in just to go out again needs to be stored someplace else. I can see a distinction."

Davey added, "There are two different definitions because the writers of the ordinance recognized two



Danielle and Mike McLennan, standing, requested that their property be grandfathered in as a farm, in a hearing before the Sharon Township Board of Appeals. Also pictured, left Commissioner Terry Aiuto and right — photo/kk Chairman Charlotte Anderson.

different uses; farming is distinctly different than operating a nursery, in my opinion."

A resident asked if McLennan was in violation of continuing to operate in spite of the cease and desist order or if he was protected by the grandfather clause. McLennan indicated he did not receive a written notice to cease operation after the planning commission hearing. The resident further thought the commission was "waltzing around the law to accommodate the landscaping business and asked, "Why do we have zoning at all?"

After a brief discussion about allowing a fact-finding period of time, it was determined to vote a decision. Savage said "The losing parties have the option of hiring legal counsel," and made the motion that the property be considered as grandfathered agriculture farm use; supported by Davey; roll call vote-all yeas. Motion carried.

Township supervisor Gary Blades asked the decision be clarified. "You are recognizing the property for farm use, but they would have to request an application for substitute use for the landscape business? There will be a determination of the definition of the farm operations with limitations understood?"

Chairman Anderson suggested a meeting with zoning inspector Dave Wilson, supervisor Blades, and the McLennans to assure the interpretations of the ruling were mutually understood.

PUBLIC HEARING - PARKS COMMISSION MASTER PLAN

Jim Dzengelski and Susan Gleason presented a very comprehensive Master Plan from the Manchester Parks and Recreation Commission, including a focus on the available facilities with standards suggested by the National Parks and Recreation Association, neighborhood analysis determined by geographical boundaries such as rivers and streets, and residents' preferences. Dzengelski said "This basically paints a picture of the Village. The majority of the information," Dzengelski said, "had been obtained by previous park commission members." Improvements to Carr Park and the purchase of

both Kirk and Chi-Bro Parks (with its hilly, wooded land and three-acre pond) were possible because of funds raised by the Manchester Chicken Broil.

The role of the Manchester Parks Commission is delineated in the Village Charter with responsibilities to assure sufficient public parks and open space, provide a broad range of park and recreation opportunities, provide clean and safe surroundings, preserve and enhance the scenic and aesthetic features and encourage citizen involvement. With the five-year plan filed, the commission can apply for state grants. The commission hopes to have a booth at the Manchester Fair this summer and gather an updated survey of residents' wishes about our community parks.

In the report, Carr Park was described as a "multipurpose" park designed to cover a broad spectrum of activities; Chi-Bro as a "nature" park with an undevel-



ABOVE: Washtenaw County Drain Commissioner Janis Bobrin seated, with Manchester Township supervisor Ron Mann to her left, and village council member Mary Ames, right. Also pictured, left to right, village manager Jeff Wallace, clerk Karen Tucker, councilmen Joe Marshall and Jack Conoway. — photo/kk

oped pond and wooded hills and an emphasis on hiking, picnicking, jogging and nature observing: volleyball courts should be available by Memorial Day. Kirk Park is described as Manchester's "sports" park with improvements planned which will provide nighttime access to certain activities.

The commission was commended by council for the thorough and comprehensive report.

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SHERIFF'S REPORT

Because of the power failure as a result of the ice storm, Sgt. Haensler could not access computer records for his monthly report. Sgt. Haensler said he is still receiving responses from the village survey and thirty have been returned to the sheriff indicating main concerns of speeding, traffic, weed and snow removal.

Village manager Wallace updated council on the village planning commission's progress with the zoning ordinance, and development of the property on East Main Street near the high school, known as the Cannon-Tisch site.

VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT

Wallace talked with Tower Automotive about the noise from the loading docks on the north side of Tower Automotive and has given them information about the type of fence to build there to alleviate the problem in the neighborhood. He has followed up with a letter and is waiting for a response. He has

suggested a meeting between Pilot and their neighbors about different things including truck schedules.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Election Results: There were 41 voters. With the resignation of council members Bob Vooght, there is one vacant seat. Council members are considering appointment to the position from interested citizens.

Marshall asked if a policy should be considered, particularly with new developments, of requiring hookup with village sewer and water. Limpert said fifty percent of village residents are not hooked up to sewer and water.

Brooks asked if there was a way of appropriately thanking village workers who helped in extraordinary ways during the power outage emergency Friday, March 14. The work of the Consumer Power crews was recognized. Wallace said he would send a letter to that company with a particular thank you to Larry Gardner who having worked in this area for the last 20 years was particularly invaluable.

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The Coalition for Action — Addressing Health Issues in our Community

The Coalition for Action is a local group of volunteers who are meeting to address issues related to health care in Manchester.

How and why was the group formed? In July of 1994, the Community Health Committee was established to oversee the Health Improvement Plan for Washtenaw County (HIP). The group members represent health care providers and other community members from the entire Washtenaw County area. Their goal was to assess the health of the people in Washtenaw County and to work with a wide variety of individuals and organizations to develop strategies to improve it.

The focus of the HIP Project is to assess and address not just primary causes of death, but health related conditions, behaviors and beliefs that affect daily quality of life for each county citizen.

In Manchester, citizen perception of the most important health problems and resources were identified with a telephone survey, town meetings and resource groups. The information is published in the Health Atlas of Washtenaw County and is available at the Community Resource Center.

A Coalition for Action has been organized in Manchester. As a result of

the first two meetings, the following issues were identified. (1) Level of community wide drug awareness and training. (2) Family mental health (3) Local addiction treatment. (4) Eldercare (5) Prevention and early detection, i.e. immunizations and screenings, and (6) Teen risk behaviors.

The members of the Coalition participated in an exercise using a Priority Issue Selection Grid to determine the focus of the group. Criteria used to determine the group priorities is (1) Worthwhile community need, i.e., positive impact on the community (2) Create a sense of accomplishment for the group (3) Opportunity to address root causes (4) Doable i.e. resources available (5) Community support (6) Measurable outcome/impact and (7) Costs

High priorities identified through the process were numbers 1, 4, 5 and 6 listed above.

The Coalition decided at their March 19 meeting to plan a Healthy Living Matters event that will kick off the beginning of an ongoing project to help Manchester become a healthier community.

The Community Resource Center, 28-7722, is seeking volunteers willing to use their special gifts to help plan the event.

How Arbor Hospice is helping an area family

A new home in the countryside which you spent so many hours building and personally designing; where, now that it is for the most part complete, you can smell the flowers and lie on your back in the field and watch the clouds float by on a soft summer day, has been the dream of Steven Trolz, 39, of Manchester, that will only be briefly enjoyed.

You see, Steve has lung cancer which has metastasized. He's not even 40 yet, when a lot of people say life begins, and he's already deep into the autumn of his years.

Steve is not alone, however. He is being cared for quietly and lovingly by his wife, Juli. She has a business called the Wallpaper House and specializes in installing wallpaper. She has put that virtually on hold to care for her husband, but she sometimes does take small, quickly completed assignments. She will go back to the business when she no longer has responsibility for Steve, for that will be her chief means of income.

Family members assist her in transporting Steve to and from treatments.

Ironically, Juli is no stranger to the demanding care of this nature for her mother had the fatal Lou Gerhig's disease a few years ago.

"At this time," she says, "Steve functions rather normally. He takes care of himself pretty well. I like to be around when he receives instructions from the doctor or the nurse about his medication to be sure we understand what has to be done.

"He is taking chemotherapy now, although the doctor has said he can eliminate it because of the side effects. But Steve says he wants to continue."

Steve had radiation on his hip so he is not in as much pain, she indicates.

"I think about him all the time. It is very difficult for me to see my husband getting so thin. It just tears me apart.

"Our new house is an outlet for me because for a short time I can think about that. As for my business, spring normally is a busy time for me. The occasional short job I can do releases the pressure because I can concentrate on something else."

"Steve is an Arbor Hospice patient, so a nurse and a social worker visit once a week. They are tremendously helpful.

"The social worker talks to my husband and makes sure, for instance, that he has no insurance problems. She also consults with me to find out if I'm having problems. I can't emphasize enough the importance of that, of giving the caregiving spouse someone to talk with who's not in the immediate family.

"The nurse also got Steve his hospital bed and was very helpful in convincing my husband to do a living will that states in writing his wishes about his present and future care."

"The Arbor Hospice people are wonderful, wonderful human beings."

Juli says friends come over occasionally to chat with Steve, but they often find it difficult because "everybody knows what is going to happen."

Juli said sometimes Steve has dinner with his mother who lives nearby and that they watch television together.

"Without the help of the Arbor Hospice people, and the support of family and friends, it would be extremely difficult," Juli says. "I watch and care for a husband who's rapidly slipping away, my teenagers are typical youngsters full of hope and promise. Steve and I built our new house. We were full of hope and promise, too.

"I guess I just want to let people know how much we appreciate their kindness and what an invaluable service Arbor Hospice offers."

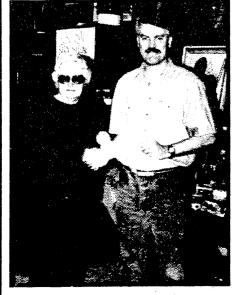
In recognition of the demanding role of the care give, Arbor Hospice has formed Care for the Caregiver. This informal support and educational group for those who are caring for a chronic or terminally ill person is now meeting Wednesdays, from noon to 1:30, at the Arbor Hospice Office, 3810 Packard, Ann Arbor (near the Carpenter and Packard intersection.) Classes are free. For more information and to register, please call Esperanza Barcelona at 313-677-0500.

Patient care volunteers are needed at Arbor Hospice to care for patients in the Manchester area. Our volunteers care for patients who live near to them. The volunteers provide an invaluable service to both the patient and family by assisting with transportation, errands, light meal preparation, reading, listening and sharing in conversation.

Please phone Arbor Hospice in Ann Arbor to learn more and to register for the upcoming training session.

Ideally, hospice care is provided in the home where there is a primary care giver attending to the needs of the seriously ill loved one.

> — Pamela Reading-Smith Arbor Hospice



Local agencies receive CROP WALK checks

Local churches cooperated in sponsoring CROP WALK in the fall of 1995 and 1996 raising funds to combat hunger world-wide. Twenty-five percent of the monies raised were returned to the Manchester area and divided between Manchester Family Service and the Manchester Community Resource Center. A total of almost \$17,000 was raised by Manchester area walkers with over \$4,000 returned for local use.

Left: Jean Little, vice-president of Manchester Family Services receives a CROP WALK check from committee member Bill Callaway. Right: Dianne Schwab, director of the Community Resource Center receives a check from Bill Callaway of the CROP WALK committee. — photos/kk

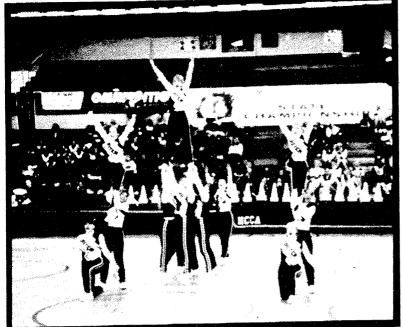


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