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Dutch Defense Deters Jayhawks

Manchester 2-0 for season after win over Vandercook Lake. Photo Ray Meyer



Above: #55 Levi Smith leads a Dutchman gang tackle of opponent ball carrier in varsity football action. See Manchester Sports Highlights, including Vandercook game, page 12.

Up & Over



Above: High School varsity equestrian team member Sarah Patak takes her Thoroughbred *Simon* over a fence during the jumping competition at the first meet of the season. See results, more photos, and listing of team members page 13. — photo/kk

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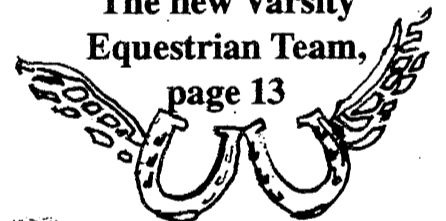
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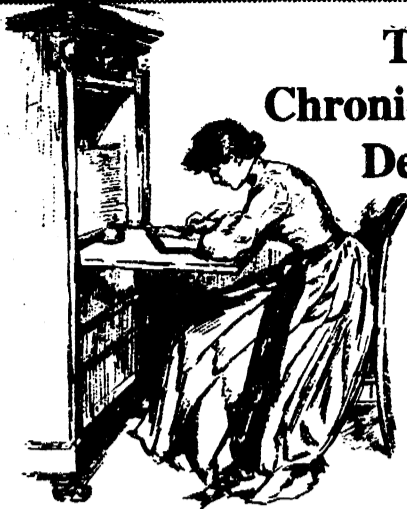
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The Chronicle Desk



FIRST OF ALL

Getting to Chapters & Verses Book Store on Main Street is a "must do" this week: Thursday, September 18th, 7:00 PM.

For everyone who could use a bit of humor in their life — that would be all of us — author Lila Green, *Making Sense of Humor*, will be speaking at the store and signing copies of her book. Humor relieves stress and is the direct cause of pleasant feelings. Lila Green will tell us how to lighten up.

SECONDLY,

turn to page 7. Our *Heart & Soul* page has been redesigned, and I hope you agree this is an exciting concept: a beautiful Church Page. It was created and designed by artist Trudi Cooper. (Her story is on page 5.) The page contains an invitation to the clergy and members of the congregations to share messages of inspiration.

The sponsorship window can be expanded to include your business or family name — and the cost is very reasonable: only \$20/year.

PLANS ARE ALREADY IN PROGRESS

for November 22 to begin the Christmas holiday season in the village with a special day of events and merchant specials. Sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, with a committee of shopkeepers attending to details, merchants are planning entertainment such as Dueling Carolers. As I understand, this is how it will work. Caroling groups are invited to sing Christmas songs during the day-long event. Baskets will be provided and we will vote for our favorite group with donations. Each dollar is a vote and organizations can then use the donations for their service club. O Come all Ye Carolers! Contact Sandy Trolz at The 18th Century Shoppe, 428-7759.

Santa will have a seat in an antique sleigh on the porch of the Mill and will listen to all good little boys' and girls' requests. Kids will also be able to get their picture taken with Santa.

Any ideas of what you'd like to see during Christmas in the Village are welcome. Contact Edna Walker at Chapters

& Verses Book Store (428-0299) or Peg Chizmar at Village Gifts (428-9640).

WONDERFUL FAMILY EVENTS

during the last couple of weeks of September, including the Family Farmfest, the 20th (see page 3), the Webster Fall Festival on the 27th (see page 3) and an Open House at PigHoppers the 28th. You read about PigHoppers in a spring issue of the Chronicle...great place to take the kids (see page 6).

UPDATE YOUR CALENDER

Wednesday, September 17, 7:30 AM: Chamber of Commerce breakfast meeting at the Whistle Stop Restaurant. All day Open House following at the office location for the Chamber, downstairs in the Mill

Thursday, September 18, 7PM: Book signing at Chapters & Verses Book Store with author Lila Green, *Making Sense of Humor*.

Thursday, September 18, 8:00 PM: Public Hearing, Sharon Township, for a Special Use Permit for

North Sharon News

— by Triscia Stiles

I anxiously entered the church building early Tuesday morning wondering how my senior year of high school would turn out. I looked around the auditorium at my thirty-eight classmates. They were all familiar, and I could put a name to every face. That is the security of friendship that every student longs for and every student has here.

I sat in my designated pew with my fellow high schoolers. We chatted excitedly and reminisced about our summer vacations until opening assembly was called to order. We began with prayer and pledges led by the principal and two elementary school helpers. After a song and announcements, we were dismissed to our classes.

The first class for junior and senior high was Bible class. Mr. Burton, our teacher, offered an exciting trip to a secret place for each of us who learns three hundred Bible verses and an entire chapter, and reads the entire New Testament. It will be difficult, but several of us have learned many verses already.

Friday, September the fifth, was titled "Crazy Hat Day." The children were excited all week; they couldn't wait to show off their homemade crazy hats. The day finally came, and we were privileged to view some undiscovered creativity. Each of the participants was rewarded with a well-deserved candy bar.

There may possibly be no other school anywhere, public or private, that can testify of such avid participation and involvement by its students. When I look at all of those around me, I see not only a class of friends, but also a family grounded on the foundation of Christ, a love that's virtually indestructible.



Dawna Stockwell wants to see what she just bid on during the Emanuel Attic Auction last week. The auction helped raise funds to go toward the Emanuel building fund and from the amount of people who came it was undoubtedly a great success.

AirTouch Cellular 250-foot tower at 10300 M-52.

Saturday, September 20, 11 AM-5 PM: Family Farmfest tours. See story, page 3.

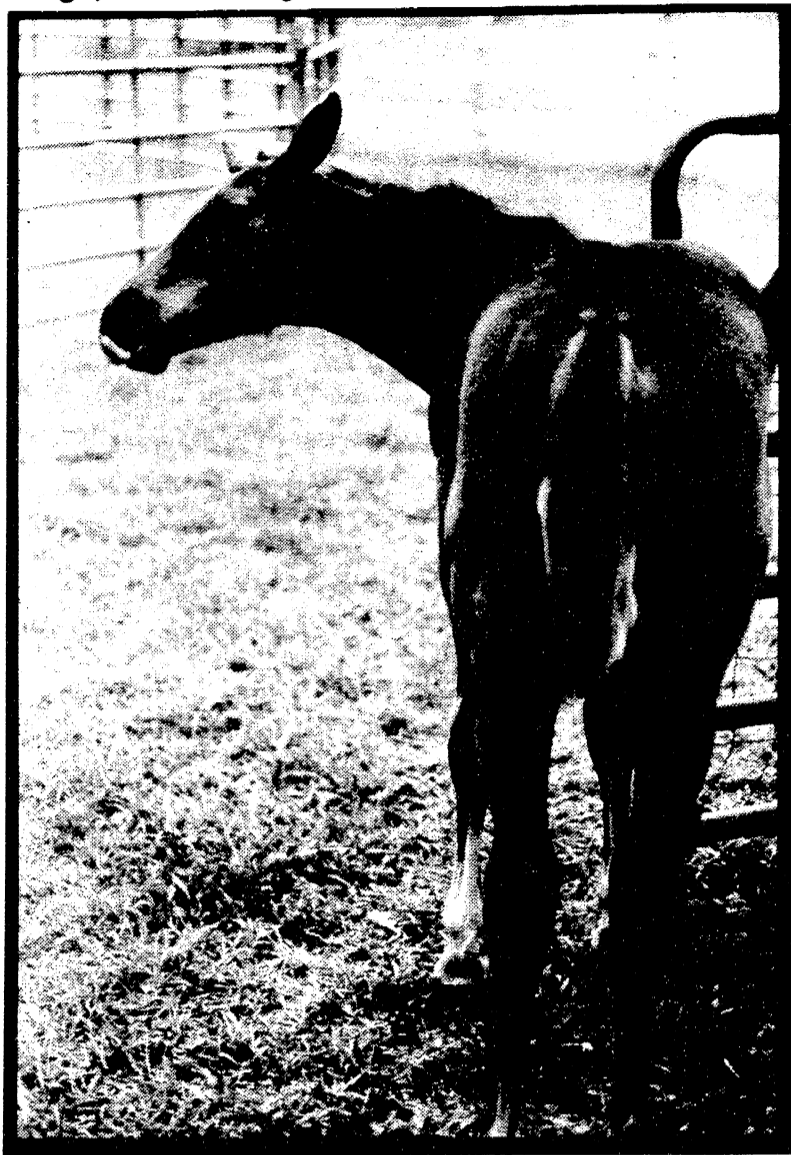
Saturday, September 20: The Village Tap's annual Oktoberfest celebration begins at 8:00 PM under the BIG tent in their parking lot - German sounds of Enzian, German food and beverages.

Saturday, September 27, 10 AM-7PM: Webster Fall Festival. Music, demonstrations, exhibits and country arts show and sale. See story, page 3.

Sunday, September 28, 12 noon-5 PM: Open House at PigHoppers, a nonprofit sanctuary for abandoned, neglected and abused rabbits and pigs. See story, page 6.

Throughout the rest of the month, of course, our fine Dutch athletes will be competing on the football field, basketball courts, equestrian grounds, track and golf courses. They hope you will come out and support them and cheer them on.

Okay, everyone! Follow me!



Above: A Manchester Haymeadow Farm colt invites families to this annual tour of area farms and rural businesses, including the place where he resides on Sharon Hollow Road.

It's time again for the Family Farmfest! Saturday, September 20th

This is an excellent opportunity for families to visit farms and learn about agriculture and animals. This year Washenaw and Jackson counties are cooperating to host the event in the Manchester, Napoleon, Brooklyn, and Clark Lake areas on Saturday, September 20 from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

The combined Family Farmfest features seven very different farms and businesses which will be open to the public at no charge.

MANCHESTER

Interesting and diversified attractions will be the greenhouse, animals and farm equipment at the **Fusilier Family Farm & Greenhouse**, 16400 Herman Road. This family farm has been primarily cash crops and hogs, but has now diversified by adding greenhouses and specialty crops. The greenhouse has grown from 1,400 to over 7,000 square feet in just one year with its popular assortment of bedding plants, perennials and mums. Mike and Kathy Fusilier have four children: Matthew 10, Brittany 8, Travis 7 and Chad 3. They own 100 acres, rent another 750, and grow crops "on all of it that does not have a building in the way." New this year, (front page *Chronicle* aerial view photo August 1 issue), is a maze in a cornfield fashioned in the outline of a tractor.

Hay Meadow Farm, 6721 Sharon Hollow Road, is owned and operated by Donna and Rich Clark, (Donna teaches home economics at Manchester High School,) with assistance from their son Patrick and daughter Andrea. Andrea may

have started this whole thing from her involvement in 4-H, showing angora goats and competing in equestrian events. Hay Meadow Farm raises a herd of approximately two dozen goats that are sheared twice a year for their mohair. The farm also raises and breeds quality riding horses. There will be a spinning as well as a shearing demonstration during Farmfest.

Sharon Mills Winery, 5701 Sharon Hollow Road was built in 1835 as a grist mill, and is now a family-owned winery which generates its own power to bottle and produce wine and champagne products.

NAPOLÉON AREA

The oldest independently owned auction market in Michigan, according to the Heselschwerdt family, Dale and sons Randy and Ricky, **Napoleon Livestock Commission Company**, 6810 Brooklyn Road (M-50) will provide an overview for Farmfest visitors of how the livestock is trucked, handled and sold. Visitors may also see the Western Wear and Tack Shop.

YMCA Storer Camp, 6921 North Stony Lake Road, runs extensive outdoor environmental education programs, summer camping, weekend group camping and community programming. Of the 1,200 acres, approximately 110 is cropped, providing hay for the 115 horses who share the camp with two goats, two sheep, one llama and a chicken.

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Webster Fall Festival

Saturday, September 27

The annual Webster Fall Festival is scheduled for Saturday, September 27 from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Featured is a country craft show with local artisans, including Manchester's **The 18th Century Shoppe** owner, Sandy Trolz.

Besides the show there are many other fun events scheduled including a rummage and antique sale, a country store and bake sale, blacksmithing demonstrations, spinning demonstrations, antique cars and farm equipment displays, crafts and games for young adults (\$1 admission 10am-3pm), a children's zoo, hay rides, old and new collections on display, magician Jim Fitzsimmons; and music by the R.F.D. Boys, the Blackberry Jam Dulcimer Group, and pianist John Touchton.

A luncheon is available from 11:00 AM-2:00 PM and beginning at 5:00 PM there will be a pig roast until 7:00 PM.

This old fashioned country fun fall festival is sponsored by the Webster Township Historical Society and Webster United Church of Christ, located in a scenic, quaint, rural setting.

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September is Women in Business Month. We would like to do a series of profiles of area businesswomen. If you are interested in being featured, please call the Chronicle office at 428-1230.

— by Tony Farina

OK, so you're sitting around your house eating chips and cheese and watching re-runs of the Brady Bunch when you realize the extent of your physical workout is fighting for the remote control and even that makes you gasp a little.

You decide that it's time to start working out, but you don't have the equipment and if you did you don't have the motivation.

"If I only had a personal trainer like all those fashion models or movie star-types," you say as you give up and look back at your chips and cheese.

At that point it's time for you to give Linette Hebert a call.

"Who's she," you ask? Well, Linette is the owner/operator of Profile Fitness, a new personal training service for women. Hebert knows that sometimes getting motivated or getting to a gym is difficult, that is why she set up a fitness center in her basement.

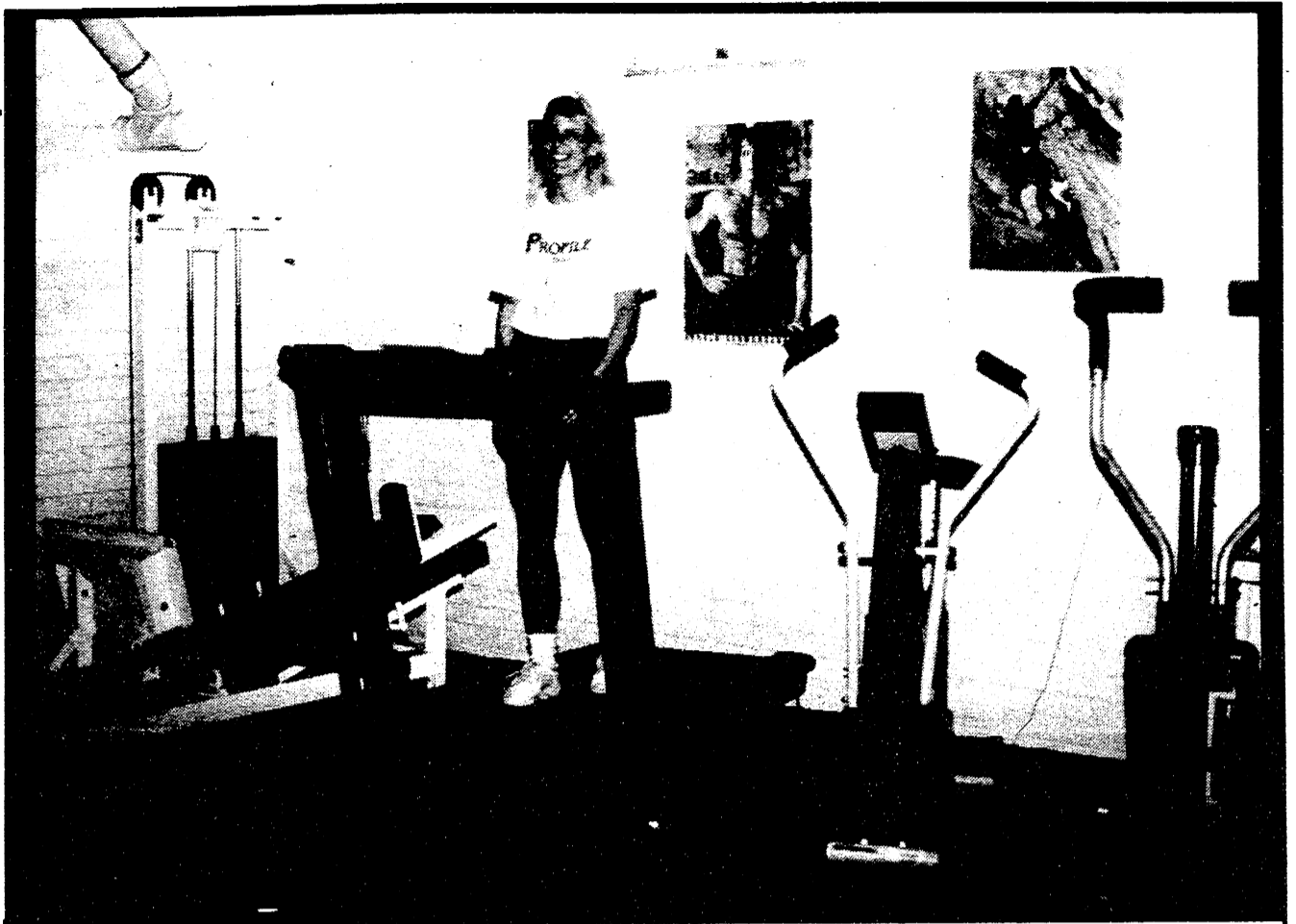
So, now you have someone in town who has a whole fitness center, who will supervise your workout thus putting you even with those fashion model/movie star-types, but you still need more.

You don't really want to go to a fitness center, you have too much to take care of around the house. No problem for Hebert, she'll come on over to your house and bring her equipment.

"Well, it sounds like a sweet deal" you think, but "who is she, why should I listen to her anyway?"

If the fact that she works out five to six days a week doesn't sway you, the fact that she is a certified personal trainer should. And if for some reason that still doesn't make you a believer, how about the second place finish at the Ujena Swimwear Competition in Mexico. The fitness competition was open to women around the world and Linette finished second. Not too shabby, huh?

Linette Hebert Fits the Profile



Above: Linette Hebert, owner of Profile Fitness, demonstrates a treadmill machine in her home basement exercise studio in Manchester Township. Linette offers certified, individualized training for women to decrease body fat, increase strength, improve bone density and slow aging. She is the first trainer in our area to offer freestyle training with a focus on trimming the lower body. Also available are correspondence programs, gift certificates, and Polar heart rate monitors at a discount. Profile Fitness accepts VISA and Mastercard. — photo/kk

So now you think: "Well, those programs aren't for me, I'm not a bodybuilder or a professional athlete, so it wouldn't work for me."

Not true. Linette will design you a program that fits you personally. Whatever you want to work on whether it is trimming down or bulking up, she can design a regiment that fits all your needs.

Now you have all your questions answered and your excuses refuted. There is only one thing to do: give Profile Fitness a call at the voice mail pager number, 313-370-1073, and find out when you can begin. Linette will be thrilled to get you started. And when you do, the chips and cheese will hardly be missed.


Besides, you've seen all the Brady Bunch episodes already.



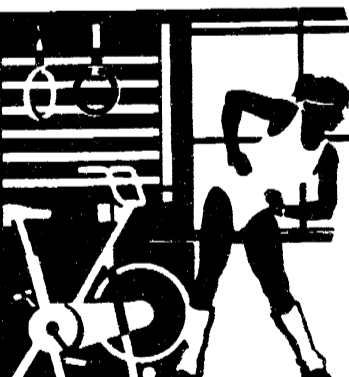
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—Kathy Kueffner

The Sea of Glass

The roof above the front porch is fashioned after the prow of a great ship. So it is easy to imagine, standing there and looking out over the front lawn that you are on a journey traversing emerald seas.

On top of the house is a tower. Accessed by an oak ladder, the room above the treetops is comfortably furnished with padded seating and has windows along all four sides. That room is easily imagined as a place of respite from the "surly bonds of earth," a place to meditate; read, listen to music, watch sunrises and sunsets; a unique perspective to enjoy the panoramic beauty of Sharon Township's rolling hills and the meandering of the River Raisin.

The home of Trudi and Eric Cooper on Sharon Hollow Road is a home in the process of being created with each addition a reflection of the family's view of life. Each part of the Cooper home that has already been designed and constructed *means* something; many new projects are being envisioned and contemplated.

Beneath the "ship's" great prow is the portal (to say "door" would be inadequate) to the Cooper home which visually announces their greeting: "Peace to all who enter here." (Photo top right.)

The entranceway was designed and made by Trudi. It is a stained glass picture of an angel, holding an olive branch, surrounded by the Hands of God and standing underneath the Holy Spirit. Every part of the scene is symbolic, from the religious implications, to the harmonious shades and texture of the colored glass. For instance, the face of the angel communicates serenity, yet also is challenging.

"We like to think she challenges us to face the day with courage and imagination as we go out the front door each day," Trudi explains.

Trudi is a commissioned artist who creates stained glass works of art for the public from her Sea of Glass studio behind their home.

Among her clients are two Manchester area residents. One family wanted a scene that incorporated a whippoorwill, autumn leaves and the blue-flowered gentian herb plant. Another wanted an abstract design that conveyed an astral impression of the universe. (See photos below.)

With a general idea of what the client has in mind, Trudi will lay out sketches; often, as with the whippoorwill scene, Eric will make suggestions and help with the initial drawings. Their children, Moses 11, Raya 9, and Joshua 7, helped design one project that depicted an underwater scene of fish, coral and sea grasses.

Trudi then consults with the client to decide on a specific design.

After choosing the particular colors and textures of glass, she makes a full scale numbered pattern, with each number corresponding to a particular piece of glass. The pattern looks like a paint-by-number canvas.

Because of a revolution in the technology of glass-making there is an exciting variety to choose from. She showed me panels, in a full spectrum of colors, filled with confetti, bubbles, beaded like raindrops, rippled to look like moving water, ridged, feathered, and jeweled.

When the pattern is completed, she then hand-cuts each and every piece of glass to fit the pattern pieces, grinds and files the edges.

"There is about a 1/32nd margin of error, maybe less" she says, "when I get to the process of soldering."

With the help of Eric, the finished artwork is framed and positioned between tempered glass. The piece is fully protected from scratches, wind, weather, rain, etc.

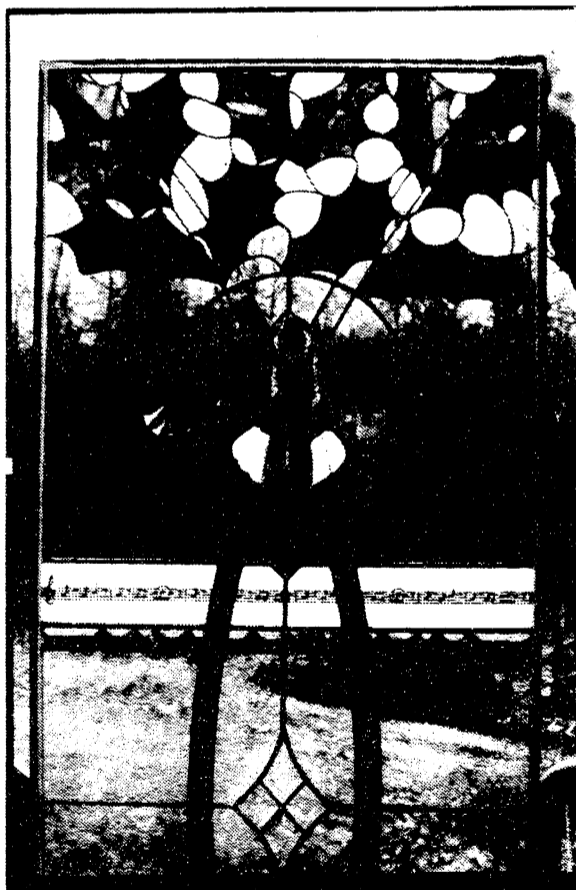
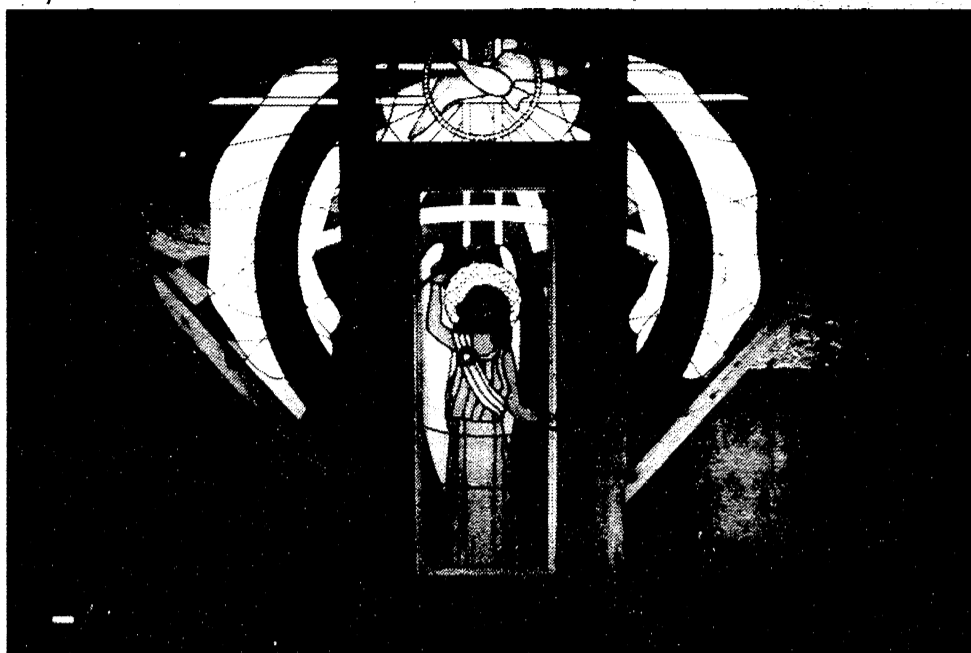
As an artist, Trudi has had a wide range of experience in different mediums. After graduation from college she did her student teaching in Australia. Then a friend living in Costa Rica invited to her to study sculpture at a foundry on a coffee plantation. As part of her studies, she sculpted a forty-foot clay mold for a city monument that would later be cast in bronze by her professor.

From sculpting to creating stained glass architecture was a combination of an artist's progression and collaboration with husband Eric who is a carpenter/craftsman.

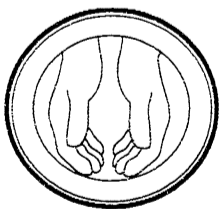
"It becomes almost a spiritual journey from seeing in my mind's eye what the client wants for his home to the final signature piece," Trudi muses.

"A man's home is his castle," Trudi continues, "but it could be his cathedral. I think a stained glass entranceway, or window overlooking a special view, can be such a beautiful enduring expression of the home and the family who lives within it."

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BROOKLYN AREA

Dean and Ida Dermeyer Dairy Farm, 8399 Riverside Road, Brooklyn. This dairy farm has been in continuous operation within the Dermeyer family since 1937. Using Management Intensive Grazing techniques for the herd of Holstein cows crossed with Jerseys and Brown Swiss has cut the work load and expenses in half.

Llama Hill Ranch, 4625 Reed Road, Clark Lake. In just seven years this llama ranch has grown from three animals to thirty, breeding for quality stock, show animals, pets, back packing and physical therapy. They will show the differences between three types of llamas and that they are good gentle companions.

Leon Hunt, Farmfest Program Associate, said "This event is for families. It is important to the younger generation's under-

standing of where things such as food and agricultural products come from, what kind and how much effort is expended to have those various products.

"The future is our young people. Our every-changing rural scene must be appreciated. How better than to make sure the youth are aware of agricultural practices, performance and potential?"

Maps and refreshments will be provided at each site.



Above: A few of the angora goats at Haymeadow Farms on Sharon Hollow Road, one of the farms on the Farmfest tour. The goat herd is guarded by "Bear", (left) who is a Maremma, a breed that originated in Italy. "Bear" has been raised exclusively with the herd and is not considered a pet, and therefore, will probably not be available during the tour. "He gets anxious and protective when strangers approach 'his' family," Donna Clark tells us.



PigHoppers Open House Sunday, September 28

PigHoppers, a nonprofit sanctuary for abandoned, neglected and abused rabbits and pigs, will host an Open House on Sunday, September 28, from noon to 5:00 PM. The event will be a fund-raiser for the sanctuary.

Visitors will be treated to tours of the sanctuary, during which they will have the opportunity to meet 42 pot-bellied and domestic pigs who will beg for tubby rubs, scratches behind the ears, and food treats. (Visitors are welcome to bring vegetarian treats for the animals.) The tour will continue on to the Rabbit Barn and Bunny condos, which collectively house 100 uncaged rabbits in semi-natural environments with outdoor yards.

The Open House will also feature a Silent Auction, as well as PigHoppers T-shirts and veggie burgers and hot dogs for sale. Admission to the sanctuary is free.

"We hope to raise the funds necessary to continue our work of providing a safe, permanent, and happy home for needy rabbits and pigs," states PigHoppers director Lake Jacobson.

PigHoppers is located in Clinton. From US-12, turn south onto Currier St., which is one block east of the traffic light in downtown Clinton. Go up Currier one block, then turn left onto Kehoe Road. PigHoppers is about a mile up, the first farm on the left, 3780 Kehoe Road.

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CLINTON ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Rev. Richard Coury
13300 Clinton-Manchester Rd.; (517)456-7510
Sunday School 9:30AM; Worship 10:45; Sunday
Eve 6:30; Wed. Prayer, Bible Study Youth 7:00 PM.

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Pastor Jody Riethmiller
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Rev. Vincent Carroll
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MANCHESTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Thom Davenport, Pastor
501 Ann Arbor St., Village; 428-8013 (Parsonage);
428-8495 (Church)
Worship 10:30AM.

NORTH SHARON BAPTIST CHURCH
Bobby D. Toler, Pastor; Robert Burton, Assistant
Pastor, Tim Butterfield, Associate Pastor;
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Twp; 428-7222
Sunday School: 10:00AM; Morning Church:
11:00PM; Evening Church 7:00PM; Wednesday
Bible Study and Youth Meeting: 7:00PM.

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Sunday School: 9:15AM; Sunday Worship 10:30AM.

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Thursday 7:00PM; Saturday 5:00PM; Sunday 8:30
& 10:30AM. Sacrament of Penance: Saturday
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SHARON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Peggy Paige, Pastor
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Sunday School: 10:00AM; Worship 11:00AM.

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Let me get involved, Lord By thoughts as well as deeds.*

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Enough to make me humble And want to share my bread.*

*Let me feel the torment Of those who live in pain
And make my lips ashamed, Lord To whimper or complain.*

*Let my hand reach swiftly To do all that I can do
For someone who's more needy Than I am, with help from you.*

*Alert me, too, to smiles, Lord And let me recognize
Each tiny spark of caring In another person's eyes.
Make me quick to praise, Lord, The good, the kind, the true
The thoughtfulness apparent In much that others do.*

*Last, let me not forget, Lord, That all men are my brothers.
That joys are doubles, sorrows halved
By sharing them with others.*

—Ethel D. Compton

An Invitation...

The "Church Page" is expanding its mission to become a forum for discussion about religious living and spiritual growth, and will be focused around specific themes. Please send us anything you may have to share. Missives from Pastors are always happily received, but we are also asking you to send anecdotes, jokes, poems, drawings and writings to The Chronicle for inclusion in future issues. Upcoming themes include "The Fruits of the Spirit", "Thanksgiving", "Service", "Teaching the Children", "Sharing the Inner Life", "Angelic Helpers" and "Christmas". Work from children is especially welcome. Thank you.

Area Church News in Brief

Emanuel United Church of Christ

Every Wednesday: Bell Choir rehearsal 6:30PM; Adult Choir rehearsal 7:30PM. Children's Choir practices each Sunday morning at 9AM in the Sanctuary

Every Thursday Evening: Worship 6:30PM & Bible Study 7PM

Saturday, September 20: Church Workday, 9AM-1PM

Sunday, September 28: Senior members of Emanuel, White House Parsonage Afternoon Tea, 3-5PM.

St. Mary Catholic Church

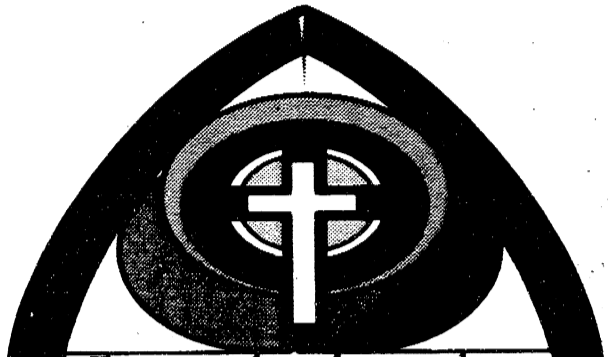
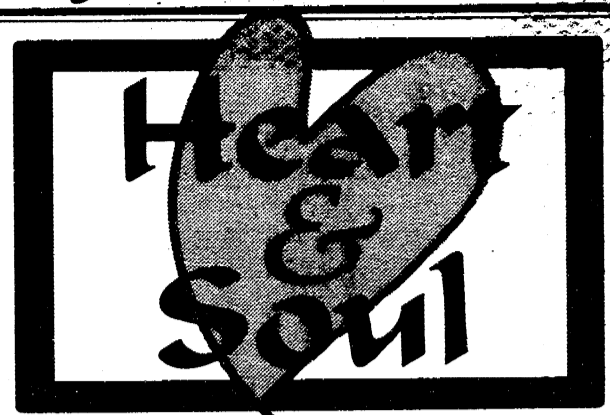
Sunday, September 21: Teen Mass at 6:30PM; Confirmation meeting immediately after. For more information, Janet Shurtliff 428-9312.

Every Tuesday, 7:30PM: Faith Inquiry/RCIA Adult Religious Ed. Phone Fr. Charlie 428-8811.

Every Wednesday, beginning September 24, 9:00AM: Mother's Prayer Group - a morning of community, friendship and spirituality. Child care available. For more information, phone Breeda Miller 428-0847, Janet Shurtliff 428-9312, Dee Dee Sahakian 428-9468.

Catechism Grades Pre-K through 8: Pre-K Sundays during 10:30 Mass; 1st-8th Tuesdays 3:30-4:40. For more information, phone Church Rectory 428-8811.

BeFriends Ministry, preparing people for lay (pastoral) care begins in November. For more information, phone Church Rectory 428-8811, or Beth Ball 428-8559.



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Starting Over

— by Emma Jackson



Photo: Phyllis Meranuck of Freedom Township

A letter of sympathy expressed more than the standard sentiment for Phyllis Meranuck when her husband Jim died nine years ago. It was an offer of help that Meranuck, a Manchester resident, says in many ways saved her life.

The letter was from someone she didn't know, but who had read her husband's obituary and had gone through a similar experience; widowed at a young age, with small children.

The group the woman recommended to Meranuck was *Starting Over*.

Starting Over is a bereavement program sponsored by Arbor Hospice celebrating its 10th anniversary. Cathy Clough, director of bereavement services at Arbor Hospice, says the organization has endured and thrived because of meeting specific needs.

"It's an unique experience," says Clough. "It's primarily peer led and new leaders are always bringing in new ideas to the program. It's a team approach."

Meranuck was one of those who drive the distance from Manchester to Plymouth, to participate with the group. She says the trip was worth it.

"I can't imagine going through this journey without their (Starting Over) help. You can find grief groups, but they're typically for older people. When you are a widow or widower with young children, you have to get out of bed in the morning."

Clough says that many bereavement groups are general in scope and may represent people of all ages who are dealing with various grief issues that may include the loss of a child, spouse or parent. *Starting Over* targets adults who have specifically lost a spouse and range in age from young adult to age 45.

Starting Over also has a program for children while the parents are moving through the various step-groups that include: The orientation group where newcomers "tell their story" sharing about their loss, the early grief group, first step group, transition group and - the final stage — the moving on group.

Meranuck says the group helped her children, then 8 and 2 years old, work through their grief. She says the group also helped her to know that her emotions weren't abnormal.

"I thought I was going crazy. I've since learned just about everyone has that same feeling because everything is clouded. Your emotions shut down. I felt like I was in a fishbowl and could see everything going on around me, but was not a part of it. Here I was left suddenly with two small children, a 40-acre farm and my husband's business that covered two states. I was overwhelmed."

Starting Over provided Meranuck with emotional as well as practical help that has given her the tools to make life adjustments.

"We're doing fine, time indeed helps and heals wounds. My kids and I both carry memories of their dad with us. We are functioning as a whole family, the three of us. I've had wonderful friends in Manchester and *Starting Over* who have helped me stand through the years, helped me to stand on my feet again. It was a long journey to get there but we've done it."

Arbor Hospice offers many bereavement programs for residents in southeastern Michigan. For more information about *Starting Over* or other loss specific groups, call Arbor Hospice 313-677-0500 or 1-800-783-5764.

Solutions?

Library Board Ponders Future



AT THE MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP LIBRARY BOARD MEETING on Monday, September 8, the discussion focused on the financial situation at our Library.

Treasurer Gary Seguin reported that the bank balance can be relied on until December but that, unless unexpected income appeared before then, the Library would be out of money.

Board Chairman Charlotte Major opened the meeting for discussion of possible cost cutting. Library Director Dorothy Davies noted that with the reduction in hours for Frances Kennedy, due to her acceptance of another position, as well as the financial situation, cuts in hours the library is open may help. The board agreed then to keep the library closed on Friday, open at noon each other day, keep evening hours Monday through Thursday to 8:00 PM, and close at 4:00 on Saturday.

Assistant librarian Carol Johnson will then work 24 hours each week (down from 27); Dorothy Davies will be on the desk more; and Mrs. Kennedy will continue at only 6 hours weekly (down from 18).

With the use of volunteers, the Library will be open for 36 hours each week (down from 46 last year).

If enough money is saved, the group agreed to increase student page hours, now at 3-1/2 each week (down from 11 last year).

Additional income will come from an increase in overdue book fines (from 10¢ a day to 20¢ a day) and an increase in photocopy charge (from 10¢ per copy to 20¢). This will go into effect on October 1, 1997, and is in keeping with service charges at other libraries.

For the first time in at least 20 years, the director will not attend the annual Michigan Library Association Conference this fall, a savings of about \$220.

Board member John Crispin offered to repair and paint the rusted drop box to save the cost of replacement.

Carol Driessche volunteered to help with the housekeeping at the library. She is hired now to be on call when needed to staff the desk area.

A computer, no longer useful for library demands but adequate for home use according to board member Ruth Van Bogelen, will be offered to the public for sale.

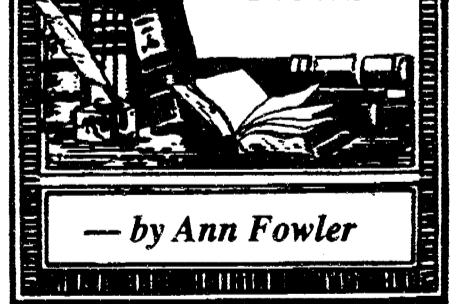
Member Laura Sutton reviewed the report of the District Library Committee presented to the Manchester Township Library Board and the four township boards in 1993. Since many Michigan libraries are now district libraries with the ability to levy property taxes, this would be a solution to our Library's present situation. District library funding is proven both stable and equitable in that all areas served share the costs. In 1993, the Manchester Township board agreed to the committee's proposal providing the other township boards would also agree. At that time, Bridgewater Township was the only other one in agreement with the proposal.

In 1997, times are changing with increased population in all townships and greater needs for the residents. Hopefully, Sharon and Freedom Township boards will reconsider.

To make the public more aware of the library and its services, board member Linda Conzelman will submit reviews of new books to the Manchester newspapers. Board members will assist in establishing a Friends of the Manchester Township Library group. All agreed that if a District Library is the goal, citizen knowledge and support is required.

Though the meeting began with negative reports, your Library Board appeared ready to meet the challenges. We are all fortunate and should support this group who as unpaid public servants are working for the betterment of our community.

Manchester Township Library News



— by Ann Fowler

"When I was 4 years old, I did not have any books.

So, mom told me that I could take books out of the Public Library and bring them back.

When I took out books it helped me with my reading. If I did not have a library, I would not know how to read.

Books made me smart.

— Alexis Johnson, age 8.

7th Grade Lady Dutch Basketball



The 7th Grade Lady Dutch Basketball team is ready for a great season. The word is that this is an exceptionally talented and competitive group. Go Dutch! Jenny Meyers, Kate Meyers, Julia Steinaway, Michelle Slocum Sarah Tervo, Christine Fairbanks, Daisha DeLawter, Cori Chrestensen, Melissa Luckardt, Amy Hough, Becky Noggles, Michelle Krutsh, Liz Okey, Heather Popkey, Kristine Smith. Coach Mark Ball

Eighth Grade Football

— by Minnie Fuerstnau

Thursday, September 11th found the 8th grade football team facing their first fun of the season during the annual Clinton/Onsted scrimmage held this year in Manchester. After the cancellation of the scrimmage on Wednesday due to rain and a soggy field, the Dutch were ready to go!

The first quarter had Manchester playing defense against Onsted, and Chris Roberts, Nathan VonBroda, Jeff Punches, Michael Hall and Alex Kormendi were busy scrambling to hold them. Onsted got the ball to the end zone twice for what would have been scores in a regular game; but it ended on a strong note when Alex Kormendi picked off an Onsted pass and ran right through their line at the whistle! Adam Little was sidelined with a hand injury.

Next the Flying Dutchmen played offensively against Clinton, a long-time rival. With Ryan Maggetti at center and Jeff Punches at quarterback, some nice coverage by Chris Maly, Dusty Harris and Damien Evans allowed Punches time to get off some forward passes to Jacob Sawyer. He had better luck connecting with Karl Schaible and Chris Roberts in hand-offs; both had nice outside runs, Schaible for a "score". Seth LaRocque was on the bench after a hard blow to his right forearm.

Continuing in the offensive mode against Onsted found a long pass by Punches to Chris Loud unfortunately incomplete; but the next one glanced off the fingertips of an opposing player that Loud snatched right back!

Later during this offense, Aaron LaRock was Quarterback while Michael Fuerstnau was at center. A couple of good drives through the line by Punches got some yardage, and a nice forward pass to Jacob Sawyer counted for another "score". Yet another Manchester player was on the bench- Clint Grenier appeared to have hurt his right shoulder and was icing it.

The last match of the afternoon was Manchester defense against Clinton offense. This time period found players switching positions on every play as they held Clinton to minimum yardage. Some of the hard-working young Dutch included Kormendi, VonBroda, Maggetti, Maly, Fuerstnau and both Chris and Chad Roberts. It took Clinton the entire time period to move the ball to scoring position; in a regular game, they would have turned over the ball on downs. Great effort!

Brent Leverett appears to be out for the season due to a knee injury suffered on the practice field. His enthusiasm for playing will be missed.

This week's team captains were Chris Maly and Chris Roberts. Team managers are Jon Schaible and Joe Mullikin. Coach Curt Fielder is assisted by Tony Punches. Good luck against Michigan Center on September 17th!

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Kindergarten Readiness Program

Manchester Community Schools is pleased to announce that they have been awarded funding to continue a kindergarten readiness program. This grant was awarded by the Michigan State Board of Education.

This program will serve a limited number of pre-kindergarten students. The program will be combined with Chelsea Community Education's program and will take place in Chelsea. Transportation provided.

There are no tuition fees - all expenses are paid through the grant! There are several qualifying criteria for enrollment. In order to meet eligibility, children must be 4 years old by December 1, 1997.

If you are interested in applying for enrollment, please call Klager School (313) 428-8321 by Wednesday, September 17. Your call will be returned to discuss application procedures.

Please feel free to share information about this program with other families in the Manchester School District.

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Brian Kissman,
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Sharon Township Splits Hairs on Splitting Parcels

— Mike Clinansmith

At its September 4 meeting, the Sharon Township board took action on several procedures used in addressing land development. Under the leadership of Sharon Township supervisor Gary Blades, trustees Reno Feldkamp and Willard Blumenauer, clerk Teri Aiuto, and treasurer Lorraine Dunney, took part in a lively discussion of such diverse topics as the use of temporary structures (i.e. house trailers) used on site while homes are being constructed, to fees charged for splitting of parcels, (land division) and the fees that should be charged for the township's permit structures for each.

Noting that home construction in Sharon Township jumped by 100 new homes between 1990 and 1995, a 21% increase, the board agreed with Blades that the permit situation had to be streamlined to meet the increasing requests for building permits. Symptomatic of the snarled process, according to Blades, is the archaic site plan review process and the issuance of permits to erect temporary structures, usually house trailers, while a home is being built.

To solve the site plan review snarl, Blades and the board agreed to reforms that would make available to prospective builders the entire list of actions which must be taken to complete the building permit process.

Then, addressing the temporary structure problem, Blades outlined the typical current process. First, he noted, the request to erect a temporary structure on the building site has to be filed with the zoning board. A hearing then is scheduled for as much as three months in the future. In the meantime, no building can be begun. With delays, Blades noted, such a sequence of events would almost take as much time as it would take to build the proposed home.

"We've got to make the process more user-friendly," he concluded.

The new procedure for issuing permits for temporary structures would allow the builder to work with the zoning administrator who would, if nothing "odd" were perceived, issue the permit for the temporary structure on a pro forma basis. Otherwise, if there were problems, the passage before the planning commission would still be followed.

Noting major changes in several nearby townships which are also experiencing developmental pressures, the board passed a new land division ordinance and attempted to find a fee schedule to pay for its anticipated bureaucratic result.

Currently, land parcels in Sharon Township may not fall below 40 acres in size. The new ordinance would bring the township ordinance into conformity with procedures outlined in the Michigan Land Division Act of 1967. The state law prevents creation of parcels that do not comply with local ordinances. Specifically, land in Sharon Township may no longer be divided without prior approval and must conform to the Michigan Land Division Act.

All new requests for land division must now be filed with the township clerk (Teri Aiuto) and approved by the township board. A proof of fee ownership will be required to be presented along with proof that the proposed division meets the standards of the state law. A tentative parcel map, including full legal description of each parcel to be divided with boundary lines, approximate dimensions and noting accessibility for traffic and public utilities will be required. If a transfer of division rights is included, detailed information of those rights must be included as well as a history of any previous land division to March 31, 1997.

The board, after passage of the new ordinance, ran into problems in trying to establish an appropriate fee schedule for the permit system. Supervisor Blades and clerk Aiuto proposed a two-tier fee schedule in which a simple division into no more than four result-

ing units would require a fee of \$50 per resulting parcel. Any divisions beyond four resulting units would require a flat fee of \$700 plus \$10 per lot for divisions such as those used in subdivisions.

Trustee Reno Feldkamp objected to this structure as too complex. "I'm in favor of a flat fee, say \$100," he stated, "and any later fees should meet the township's expenses."

Both plans received two votes in favor and two against with one abstention. Trustee Willard Blumenauer said he just did not believe either plan was correct and refused to vote for either.

The discussion ended with Feldkamp suggesting that he will bring in a different proposal at a later date. As a result, the ordinance exists but without an established fee schedule.

The only other action taken was the passage of an ordinance to establish a weighmaster for Sharon Township. This came on the suggestion of Supervisor Blades who noted that the Prosecuting Attorney of Washtenaw County was not enforcing load limits or even issuing load limit violation tickets.

"As a result," Blades noted with concern, "our roads here in Sharon Township are suffering from the abuse of truckers who use highways like M-52 to circumvent the weigh station in Jackson County every time it opens. Maybe if we start issuing tickets and enforcing the load limits, the Prosecuting Attorney will get the message."

EDITOR'S NOTE: PUBLIC HEARING, Thursday, September 18, 8:00 PM, Sharon Township Hall, re request for permit for cellular tower.

"... and red geraniums all in a row"



Above: Della Widmayer says her secret in maintaining the healthy red potted geraniums on her porch, and the lush black-eyed Susans to the left of the house, is Rapid-Gro. Although I couldn't persuade Della to pose in the photograph, she said she was very pleased to receive the Manchester Beautification Committee's Garden Award and was looking forward to seeing the picture in The Chronicle. The home is located at 10855 Chelsea-Manchester Road.

Below: The Randy Guenther residence at 18806 West Pleasant Lake Road is remarkable for its always neatly manicured lawn and shrubs. Silk begonias add a dash of color to the cozy setting in front of french doors.

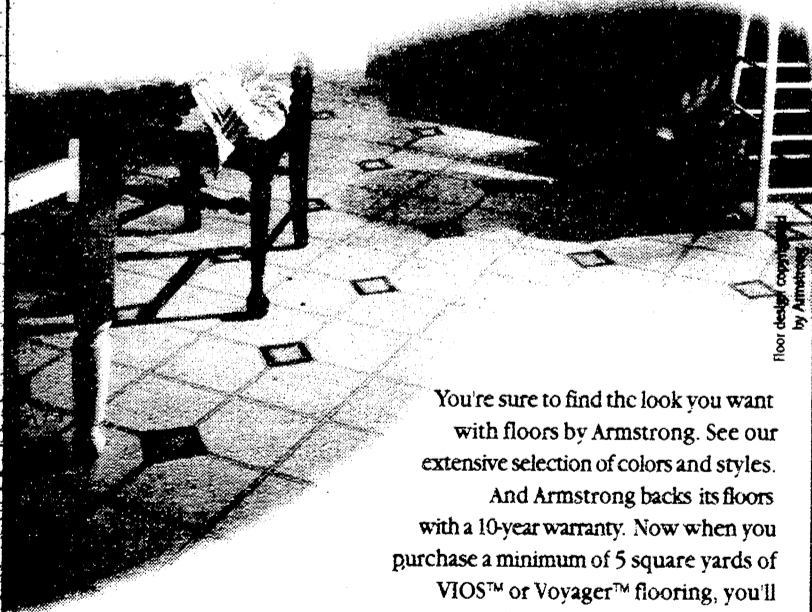


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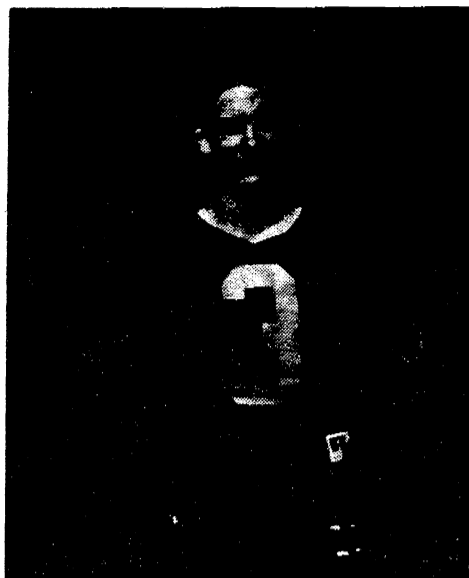
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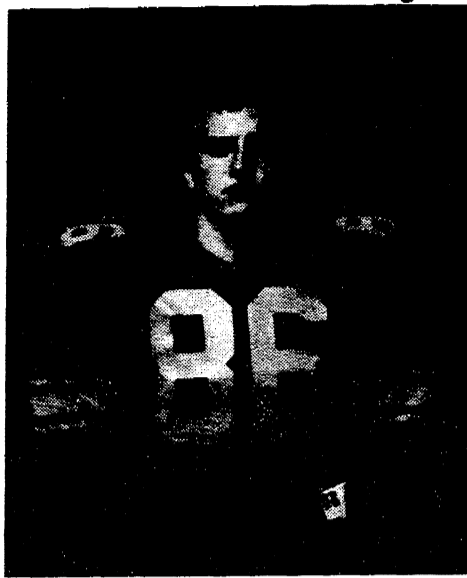
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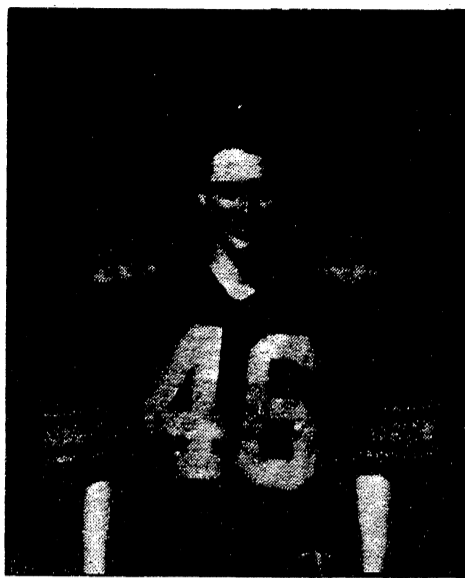
Dutch Varsity Coaches' MVPs



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Defense: #86 - Eric Van Bogelen

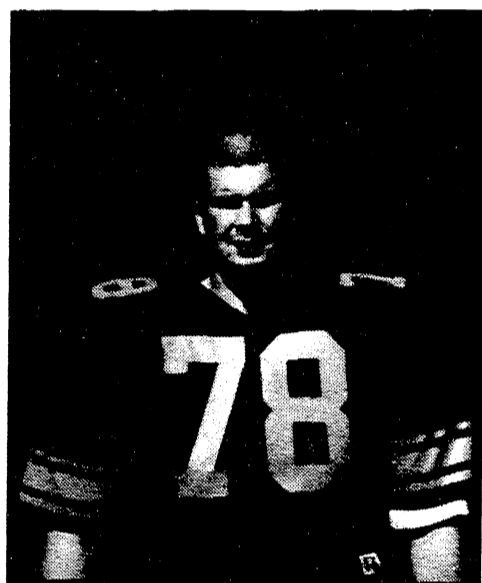


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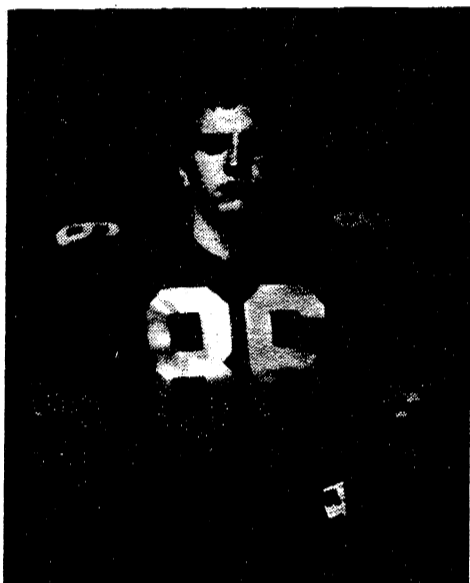


Special Team: #66-John Hochstetler

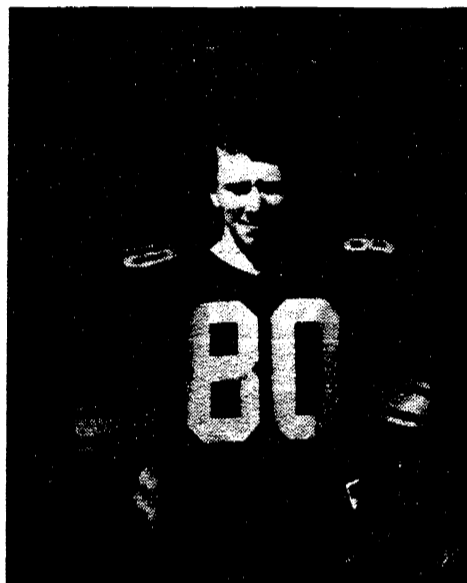
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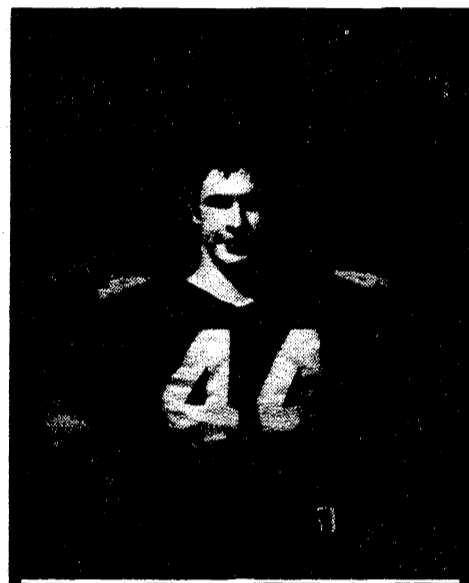
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Defense: #86 - Eric Van Bogelen



Scout Team: #80 - Mike Eversole



Special Team: #44-Kirk Horodeczny

WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Stu Evans Ford Purchases Local Dealership

The Stu Evans Lincoln-Mercury dealerships of Garden City and Southgate, Michigan, have purchased the former Midwest Ford dealership on West Main Street in Manchester.

John Evans, grandson of the founder of the company, said the Manchester Ford dealership will be named in honor of his grandfather, who passed away last year at the age of 88.

John began working for his grandfather over twenty-five years ago and learned the business literally from the ground up. He started by sweeping floors. He moved through the various jobs over the years, earning the respect of his grandfather, and eventually purchased the dealership in the early 90s. Stu Evans remained as Chairman of the Board and was active in the business until his death last year.

Joining John Evans is general manager Ray Schilinske who has been with the company for almost 30 years. "We have built our reputation over the years on service to the customer," says Ray. "It is THE most important part of our business."

John Evans knew some time ago that he wanted to open a Ford dealership and began a search throughout the Midwest. When he came upon Manchester, he knew he had found the place he had envisioned, told his general manager about his discovery and brought Ray to our town.

"It's like the neighborhood where I grew up, said Ray. "People are friendly, they look you in the eye."

Ironically, fifty years or so ago, the same qualities that appealed to Henry Ford and persuaded the inventor of automobiles to purchase mills in the area for his small factories are the same qualities that appealed to John Evans.

Immediate plans for the dealership include extensive landscaping and expansion of the service department.

"We want to commit to this community and we plan to begin that with improvements in the appearance of the building and surrounding area. Expanding the service department will enable us to further demonstrate our desire to do everything we can to earn the community's business," said Ray.

John said, "An important part of our focus to the community will be involving the youngsters." John talked proudly of his daughter Jan who not only won many trophies and ribbons this year showing her Morgan horse, but in fact qualified for the national finals held in Oklahoma. "It would have meant taking a week off from her senior year in high school which she decided not to do. She said she was happy with what she had accomplished."

John's son Stuart also qualified for national competition at age 17 — in race car driving. That was the beginning of Stu Evans Motorsports. "We will be bringing the cars to Manchester for the young people here to see. We've had demonstrations and invited nationally known figures in the racing business come out and talk with high school kids. That's something I'd like to do here," John said.

As I left the showroom from my visit with John and Ray, I met a friend coming in and asked her if she was going to buy a new car.

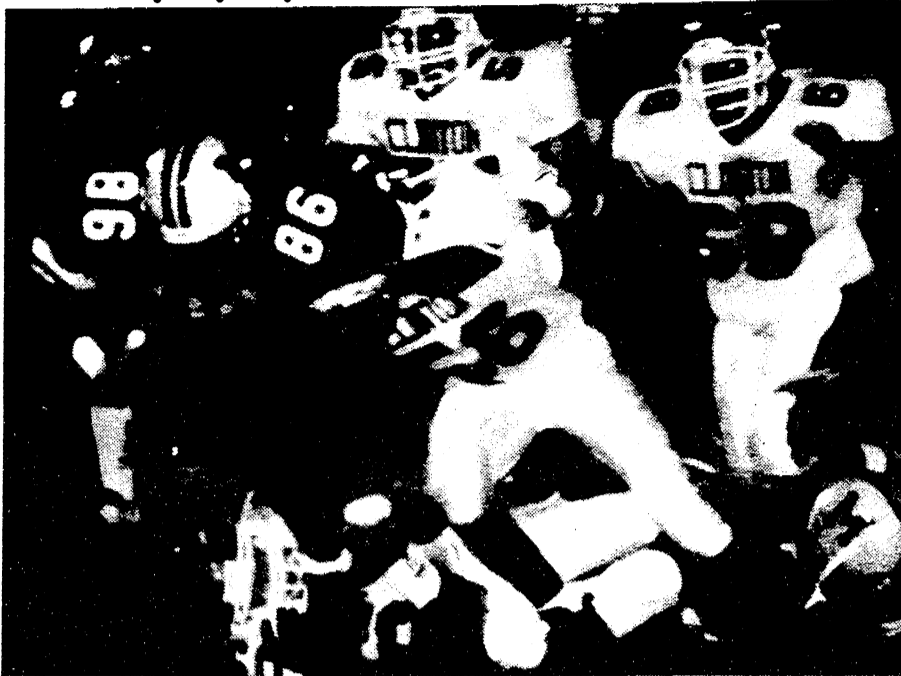
"Yes, we are. We know the Stu Evans reputation from when we lived near Southgate. They truly are great people to work with."

So, we get the comfortable impression that Stu Evans Ford is going to fit into our Manchester community quite nicely.

Welcome to the neighborhood!

— Kathy Kueffner

—Photos by Ray Meyer



Above: #86 Eric VanBogelen muscles through the Clinton defenders in the September 6th game.

Below: #44 Kirk Horodeczny breaks into open field.



Dutch Sports in Brief

VARSITY FOOTBALL —

vs Vandercook Lake, September 12. Final score: Manchester 14, Vandercook Lake 10.

The story: Amazing defense game!

Manchester's defense ruled as Eric VanBogelen led with 18 tackles including one sack, along with stops by Kirk Horodeczny, Mike Meranuck and Jim Hall. The game's first 75 yard touchdown came when junior Nick Rose hit Nick Niehaus on the left sideline for 8 yards. Niehaus then flipped the ball to Davis down the sideline for another 67 yards.

Vandercook Lake scored on a field goal and 28-yard interception return.

In the fourth quarter, linebacker Chris Kemner chased down a runner to foil a Jayhawk touchdown. With first-and-ten at the Manchester 15, the Jayhawks were stopped by Tim Hough for a one-yard loss. Then on fourth down, it was Manchester's ball when Kemner went high and defensive back Nick Davis went low to stop Vandercook on the Dutchmen's sixth.

"Vandercook Lake was fired up to beat us," said a Dutch fan. "We heard there were banners and signs from Jayhawk territory half way to Manchester." Game plan was to stop Manchester's senior running back Nick Davis who ran for 213 yards on only six carries in last week's game against Clinton. Often sidelined with cramps, Davis was getting pretty beat up, but didn't give up.

Individual stats: Rushing-Nick Davis 26-216, Kirk Horodeczny-8-40, Nick Niehaus 1-minus 2, Terry Coleman 2-3; Passing-Nick Rose 3-10-27; Receiving-Niehaus 2-12, Levi Earhart 1-15.

vs Clinton September 6. Final score: Manchester 54, Clinton 0; touchdowns by Nick Davis (4); touchdown and extra points by Terry Coleman; recoveries by Jon Hochstetlar; pass interception by Justin Turk.

Dutch Community Spirit

Three dedicated moms (Claire Turk, Cheryl Davis, and Ruth VanBogelen) took it upon themselves to send all JV and Varsity football parents a letter regarding reintroducing the tradition, which began when Chuck and Sandy King owned Village Pizza, of having pizza for football players the week of home games.

Current owners of pizza businesses were offering pizza at reduced prices. The moms' letter asked parents for \$10-\$15 per player and gave a deadline for payment.

Once again, Manchester parents were promoting togetherness and team spirit. I considered myself a lucky participant and made a call to tell Claire that I wanted to send her a check. It was then that I learned more about Manchester parents.

"No. You don't need to send me a check," Claire said.

It seems that a couple of different sets of parents had anonymously volunteered to pay for ALL of the pizza, for ALL of the football players, at ALL of the home games!

Now, think about what you've just read: Parents organizing for kids, businesses donating for kids, and more parents providing support for kids.

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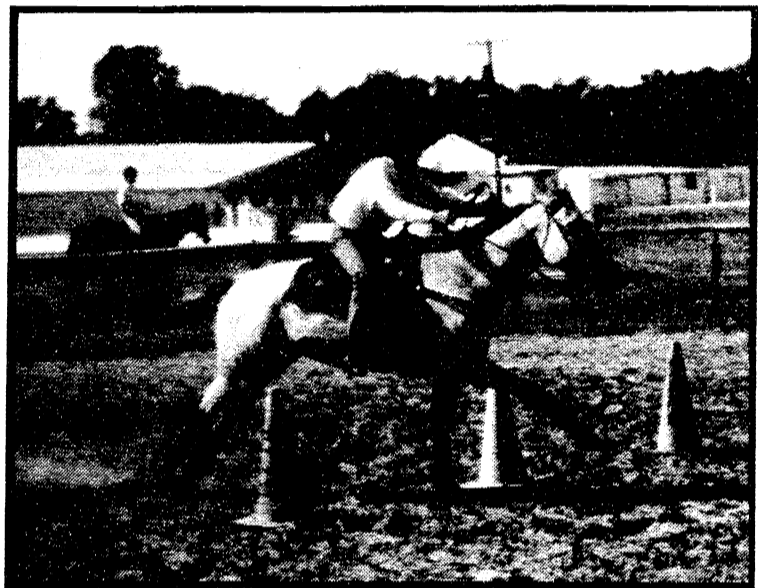
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Above: Laura Haeussler riding her palomino mare, Katy, and below, Lisa Burmeister on her buckskin appaloosa, Sunny.



High School Varsity Equestrian Team Wins First Meet

One-third of the Manchester High School varsity equestrian team's game plan has been accomplished: they won their first meet Saturday, September 6th, competing against other area high school 'A' teams, including two from Ann Arbor Pioneer. (An 'A' team consists of ten or more members.) The next two meets, the next two-thirds of their game plan to go to State Finals in October, are scheduled for September 21st and September 28 (date changed from October 5).

This is the first year the equestrian team has participated as a varsity sport, although there has been a high school equestrian team for many years. Last year, team members applied to the Manchester Board of Education for varsity sport status and were accorded recognition after complying with various requirements. Coach Len Ellsworth said team members must earn their varsity letter by accumulating

10 points, five of which can be earned by participating in between-meet practices, and the other five during competition.

Points earned by the teams in thirteen show events and four speed events accumulate over three meets: the team with the most points at the end qualifies to go to the State Finals held at the Michigan State Fairgrounds in October, where winners of districts and divisions (A through C) compete against one another. Manchester won their District VII and Division A last year to qualify for finals.

Classes included three Fitting and Showing, three Equitation, and three Bareback Equitation each in Western, Saddle Seat and Hunt Seat. There are two pattern classes, Saddle Seat and Western Riding, a Trail obstacle course and an Equitation Over Fences. Six points are received for a first place, five points for second place, etc. down to sixth.

There are four speed events where contestants compete against a stop watch: the fastest times, with no errors, win. The classes are Flags, Cloverleaf (or barrels), Speed and Action (sometimes called down and back) and the two-man relay.

The Manchester varsity equestrian team captain is LeAnn Ellsworth, with co-captains Kelly Parr and Angie Makielski.

Team members are: Erin Braddock (horse's name Ginger), Lisa Burmeister (Darby and Sunny), LeAnne Ellsworth (Cass), Laura Haeussler (Katy), Marie Haeussler (Scorp), Rachel Jefferson, Sarah Jefferson (Baxter), Laura Kanta (Diamond and Heather), Lindsay Kloster (J-J), Angie Makielski (P.C. and Vosstok), Erin Makielski (Sassy), Alicia Novess (Puppy and R.D.), Kelly Parr (Lou), Sarah Patak (Scotty and Simon), Dawn Shaw (Be-Bop), Ginger Taylor (Smoky).

The team's coach is Len Ellsworth; assistant coaches are Leslie Buckner, Arlene Haeussler, Cathy Makielski and Doug Parr.



Left: Laura Kanta slides to a stop on Heather; and, above, Alicia Novess heads R.D. out on course.

Letter to the Editor

We wanted to let you know how accommodating Dr. Wellman, also known as The Bridgewater Vet, was for our dog, Penny. We discovered that Penny had a large laceration on the inside of her leg. The cut was about two inches long and through the skin, resulting in a large, exposed area inside her leg.

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While the doctor was mending our dog we took care of the paperwork, and, within about 30 minutes of our call, Penny was all fixed up.

This is the kind of service that goes beyond expectations, yet the bill was very reasonable.

The dogs and cats in the Manchester area are certainly lucky that The Bridgewater Vet is here.

Thank you.

Jim, Connie and Connie Achtenberg — and Penny

Manchester High School

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Volleyball Tournament Winners: DuRussel Farms/Novice Division



The DuRussel Farm-sponsored team was the winner of the 1997 annual Kiwanis Volleyball Tournament/Novice Division, pictured above with their families who cheered them on to victory. The Pyramid Office Supply team won the Competition Division. Congratulations to all! Proceeds from this annual tournament, held in Carr Park, benefit the Mott Childrens Hospital.

— photo/Dianne Schwab

Chamber Hosts Round Table Discussion



— Jim Sprague,

Chamber of Commerce president

Citizens of Manchester and surrounding townships are invited to come together for a round table discussion hosted by the Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce, on Thursday, October 2, 7:00 PM at the high school.

The Chamber has engaged Susan Lackey, president of the Washtenaw Development Council to chair and direct the discussions.

Everyone from civic and government leaders, school and community officials, business members and the general public is encouraged to attend and share their viewpoint.

The discussions will revolve around the central issue of growth and development in the Manchester community and how it affects the various groups.

After opening statements, we will break up into groups to discuss the land use development in the Manchester area.

Finally, we will establish a steering committee to work on these areas of concern and establish guidelines for solutions.

A growing list of new members of the Chamber indicates that there is a firm commitment by our businesses to our community and what it stands for.

It also tells me that they want a unified voice in how this community develops in the coming years and that they want to be part of that voice.

The time has now come to exercise this positive trend and put this united voice to use. On October 2nd attend our evening session on the future of Manchester.

Agenda

7:00 PM - Introduction and explanation of evening activities by Jim Sprague, Chamber president, and Susan Lackey, executive director/Washtenaw Development Council.

7:15 - Susan Lackey: Group Discussion

8:00 - Small group discussions, community land allocation process

9:30 - Return to main discussion area and report on findings of groups

9:45 - Form a steering committee for follow up

10:00 - Adjournment

Refreshments provided.

Don't Get Burned

— BY M. S. CLINANSMTIH

Ah, fall!! Harvest time and the changing colors. Football games and the smell of burning leaves.

The first three items are delights to the senses. The last can mean a fine and a host of unpleasant memories.

A few weeks ago, in what passed for the end of summer, several local citizens got into a debate about what is required before they set a match to that pile of brush, weeds and leaves. There was no common answer. One said that before anyone burned anything, the person doing the burning had to secure a burning permit. The possibility of a fee was mentioned. No, no! cried the alarmed neighbor, burning is prohibited. A third chimed in: Before you burn, you have to clear your action with the local fire department.

To tell the truth, all were basing their judgments on actions they had taken and did not know for sure.

To end the controversy on "to burn or not to burn," I decided to track down THE authoritative word.

First, I started at the top — the state fire marshal's office. Spokesperson John Madden indicated that the state fire marshal usually does not get involved with burning permits, but is primarily concerned with "after-the-fact" fires. He suggested a call to the Department of Natural Resources.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources referred me to the county sheriff, in this case the Washtenaw County Sheriff.

The communication officer at the Washtenaw County Sheriff's office said I had to contact the local fire department. Finally, someone I can deal with.

At first, I received a recorded message at the Manchester Township Fire Department which is exactly what any resident of the townships of Sharon, Manchester, Freedom and Bridgewater and the Village of Manchester will get if they call about burning regulations. When I consulted Manchester Township Fire Chief Gary Wiedmayer with my questions, I got not one answer but five.

If you are a resident of the village of Manchester, Chief Wiedmayer explained, you cannot burn leaves. "From May to October, however," he continued, "we do operate a chipper to chop up branches and twigs. That also includes times, on an emergency basis, when a storm like last March's, leaves debris all over the place." The chipper is usually available for its operation the first Monday of each month.

For the four townships serviced by the Manchester Township Fire Department, those who wish to burn leaves, twigs and branches MUST call the department at 313-428-9439, and leave a message of their intent to burn.

"The department does not issue permits," Wiedmayer stressed, "but wants to know intent to burn."

He noted that the four townships under his area of concern can issue their own fire or burning regulations and permit procedures. "So far," he noted, "they have not."

"Someone mentioned that Gale Koebbe is the person to contact if you can't be reached," I interjected. "What's the story there?"

"Well, you have to realize that there is no one at the firehouse until after three o'clock on most days," Wiedmayer explained. "If you call and leave a message at nine o'clock in the morning," he continued, "you call will not be heard until that afternoon." Wiedmayer stated that Koebbe was the Assistant Fire Chief.

Well, there you have it from those who know. If you are going to burn anything in the townships around Manchester serviced by the Manchester Township Fire Department, please call and alert the fire department. Allow some time for them to respond to your notification.

A good rule is also to have access to a supply of water and fire fighting equipment to prevent a fire from getting out of hand. That's the hitch: If the fire department has to respond to a call in Sharon, Freedom or Bridgewater townships, it will cost you, the resident — I think I heard it right — about \$300 for the call.

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Volunteers to be Recognized

— Dianne Schwab

Chelsea Community Hospital is sponsoring the 10th Annual Benefit Banquet as a fund-raiser for the Community Resource Center.

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During the past ten years, 84 residents of our community have been recipients of certificates for their dedicated service to benefit the quality of life in Manchester. Ten of these men and women are Claire Reck Outstanding Volunteer Award recipients.

The cost of organization/individual sponsorship is \$30 for candidates or \$45 for candidates and their guest to attend the banquet. The money raised is used for operational costs of the Community Resource Center.

Which volunteers will be added to the list in 1997? Contact the Community Resource Center, 428-7722, to get a volunteer recognition information form.

Each volunteer nominated will receive a personal invitation to the banquet and a certificate of recognition at the banquet.

The Principal's Corner

— Bob Smith
Manchester High School

Manchester High School has opened its doors for the 1997-98 school year, and there are lots of exciting new programs to discuss. This week I'd like to review our new Student Planners which the staff believes will improve communication with parents, and provide our students with organizational skills which will improve their grades.

The Chelsea school district implemented this program last year and 85% of their students supported the program. Many local businesses, particularly the Community Resource Center, have supported this program and we'll be publishing a thank you in the paper as soon as all contributions are collected.

Essentially, the Planners are a daily calendar book in which students will be instructed by all teachers to record homework assignments, grades, appointments and school activities. This should help our parents to solve a problem I've sometimes experienced from time to time: I'd ask my own kids, "Have you started your homework?" And, the response was: "I didn't have any."

This answer wasn't always true, as indicated by their frantic last minute work and the occasional "ugly" report card comment, "Not prepared for class."

Now, all I need to say to either of my sons is, "Hand over your planner."

The great thing is that I can initial in the book indicating that I've supervised the homework so that their teachers will know I've done my part.

We expect this program to work much better than the infamous weekly reports. In this program the parents and teachers did all the work in trying to "lead the horse to water." We expect the student planners to make the students responsible for producing and providing information to their parents.

If any students have problems in recording grades and assignments, assistance will be provided. In my opinion, this is a sound practice, meeting a need to prepare Manchester students for the adult roles they will soon assume.

—classifieds—

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From there we will canoe to Manchester, a two- to three-hour trip. Lunch will follow, along with a naturalist led discussion on the habitats observed and the flora and fauna that live along the river.

Details on lunch are being finalized. Canoes can be reserved by calling the livery at 313-428-0100. The livery provides transportation for canoes and canoeists from the livery to the put-in, then back to the livery, for \$26 per canoe.

There is a charge of \$15 for transport for those who bring their own canoes.

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