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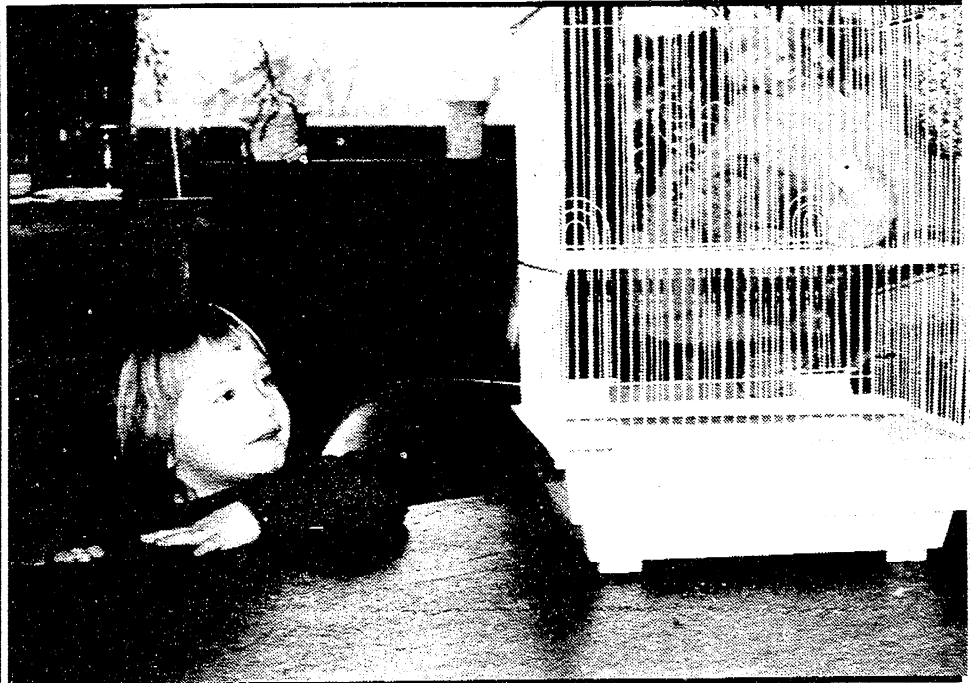
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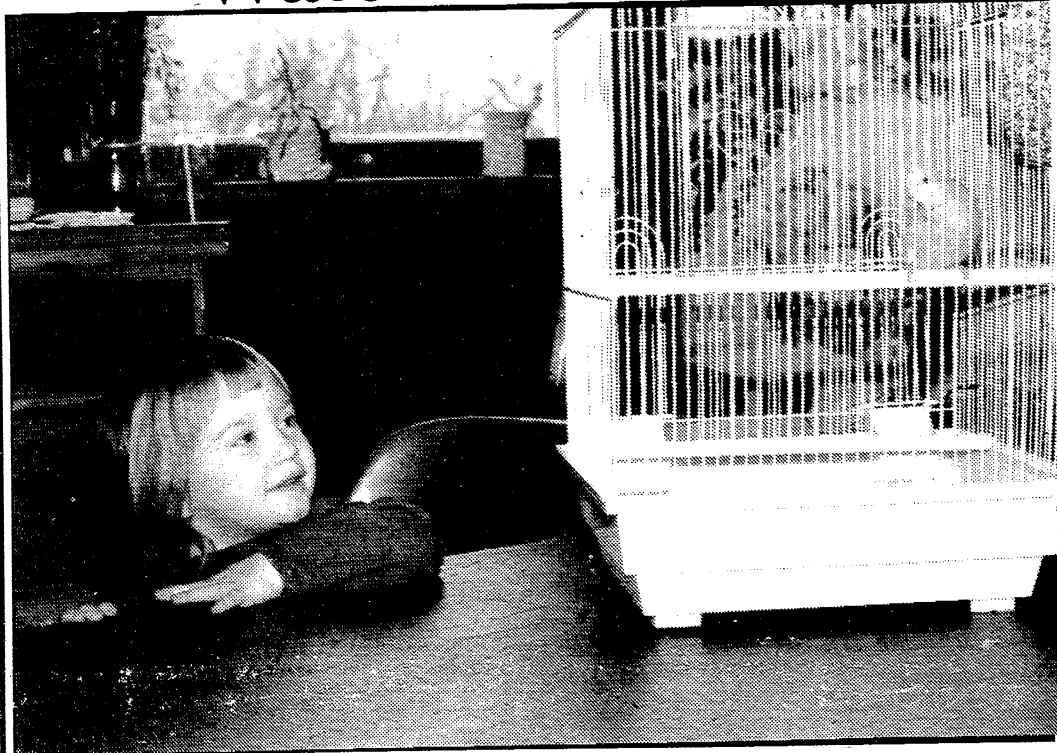
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## God Bless Manchester

Sometimes things happen to us in our lives. We have to stop and ask ourselves "Why do we take so much for granted?"

For example, our relatives, friends, where we live, who we see on the street, in the drug store, barber shop, coffee shop, restaurants, banks, and especially in our churches.

Thank God we get a wake up call from time to time that makes us look around at our life. It could be sickness, death of a loved one, loss of a job, or maybe we need someone to talk to or just listen to us. It could be one of many other things.

When the wake up call comes and the word gets out, don't worry — remember, you live in MANCHESTER — SO GRAB YOUR SOCKS — there's help on the way. There are the priests and ministers who offer prayers for us each day. All of our old friends, neighbors, and relatives are asking, "What can I do?" "I'll bring dinner." "Do you need a babysitter?" "Need a ride?" They will send cards, plants, flowers, fruit baskets, candy, books, games, coloring books and crayons. The best part is they visit hospitals, nursing homes, and they come to your home to comfort you. Don't forget the people we do not hear from, all the ones who are praying for us in their own way.

Yes, we live in MANCHESTER where there is a helping hand when we need it.

This is my way of thanking everyone for the things we take for granted, and the many prayers for my family and me during my stay in the hospital and now during my recovery.

GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU, Tom Burch

THANK YOU TO DAN HUNTSBARGER, ice carver extraordinaire, for the success of the 1997 Chamber of Commerce Winter Festival. The weather was perfect and many people turned out to watch Dan's talented sculpting. Area merchants reported a noticeable increase in traffic in their stores and restaurants.

The Chamber is looking for someone to coordinate the 1998 Winter Festival. If this sounds like something you might like to do, please contact Chamber president, Jim Sprague at 428-9259.



Left: Chris Ecarius and Arie Bates look on in fascination as Edna Walker assembles a doll during a workshop at Chapters & Verses. See page 13.

I recently learned how great it is to live in a place where individuals know the value of volunteering. A call to 911 will bring help to your door step in the beat of a heart — which can be a critical increment of time. Before one even considers the impact of the emergency at hand, life saving equipment and organized individuals move in and take over. These professional volunteers know exactly what to do and when.

I'd like to say thanks, and to let the Manchester Fire and Rescue Department know how remarkable they are — truly inspirational!

— Karen Smith

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## Inside the March Manchester Chronicle

Moms and Dads: Some day your kids will thank you if you save their sports action photos from this month's Chronicle pages 14 & 15, with a special report from JV basketball mom, Karen Smith. (Did you know original Chronicle photos are available free to Chronicle subscribers, first come first serve?)

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## Evening EGGStravaganza

Thursday, March 13th, 5-8:00pm

Downtown Manchester is always a pleasant place to visit. On March 13th it will be an Eggciting place to visit in the evening from five through eight o'clock!

Leave it to Siobhan and Edna of Chapters & Verses Book Store to come up with the idea of a fun scavenger hunt involving all the merchants downtown. And everyone agreed.

"Just like in the good old days," people have commented, when the stores were open one evening a week for the convenience of shoppers. And, think about it — how many other places involve the whole town in a scavenger hunt? (Manchester, once more is on the cutting edge.)

Here's how it will work. Stop by participating merchants on Thursday evening between five and eight o'clock. Pick up a form which will give you directions to the eggsact clues you will need to complete the scavenger hunt. They will be printed on egg-shaped cut-outs and you will need one from each and every one of the stores listed.



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## Jessica Joy Manders



Taylor Manders welcomes her baby sister, Jessica Joy, who was born on Tuesday, February 25, 1997, weighing eight pounds, one and a half ounces.

Taylor and Jessica's proud parents are Julie and Mark Manders.

Grandparents are Tim and Joy Marvin and Jack and Jean Manders.

Due to the arrival of Jessica Joy, born February 25th, Dr. Mander's office hours will vary slightly for the month of March. In general, assistant Kathy Gould will be in the office Monday through Thursday. Please call 428-2020 to check hours or if you need information. We hope this will not cause any inconvenience and we will make every effort to assist you.

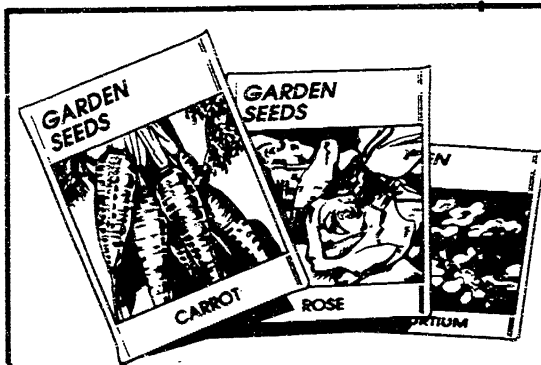
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We wish to extend a sincere *Thank You* to everyone who remembered us with prayers, cards and memorials when Ruth Ahrens, our Mother, Grandmother, and Great-grandmother entered her heavenly home.

A special thank you to Rev. Richard Hardy and Rev. Dr. Vincent Carroll for their comforting words and to the Saline Community Hospital nursing staff for their dedicated and compassionate care.

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MAY THE HAND OF A FRIEND ALWAYS BE NEAR YOU  
MAY GOD FILL YOUR HEART WITH GLADNESS  
AND CHEER YOU  
— AN IRISH PROVERB

## An EGGS-citing Evening in Manchester (continued from page 2.)

Then drop the completed clue form off at Manchester Floors. There will be a drawing at 7:30 p.m. from among the correct completed clues for prizes. (In the meantime you can see the baskets of goodies --- donated by participating merchants --- displayed in the window of Manchester Floors. You won't believe how absolutely packed full these baskets are!)

Here's just a sampling of some of the specials each merchant will have. **Manchester Eye Care** - nonprescription sunglasses 20% off; **Chapters & Verses** - 10% off storewide, 30-40% off selected merchandise; **Dr. Watson** - pick up coupon for \$15 off any dental service; **Suzanne's Interiors** - 15% off Fenton Glassware; **Flora in the Mill** - 10% off any Easter arrangement order this evening; **Manchester Pharmacy** - 40% off Precious Moments and Cherish Teddies; **Red Mill Cafe** - Authentic Irish Coffee Mug with coffee or cappuccino, you keep the mug; **Ollie's Main Street Pizza** - \$3.99 medium pepperoni pizzas, no additions, no deletions this evening only; **Marti's Salon** - 30% off everything in the store, including Nexxus and Paul Mitchell products, clothing and gifts. Paraffin hand therapy treatment, reg. \$12 only \$6 from 6-8pm; the **18th Century Shoppe** has 20 percent off storewide; and don't miss **Manchester Market, Video World, Harrier's Meeting Place...**

Join the fun — bring the family. Everyone is invited Thursday evening, March 13, 5-8:00 P.M. We'll be egg-specting you!

## Musical Comedy Murders Plays March 13-15

DIANE DUBUSSEL, as a German maid, who is apparently four different people — all of which figure diabolically into the plot (whew! take a breath here!) is one (or would that be four?) of the stars in *The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940*.

The play's author, John Bishop, is known for his biting satire and irreverent wit, both of which abound in *The Musical Comedy Murders*.

The story begins as the creative team responsible for a recent Broadway flop in which three chorus girls were murdered are asked to assemble at a Westchester estate. The wealthy backer of the new show wants to audition them.

As the actors, director, lyricist and composer prepare their performance, a blizzard cuts off any possible retreat from the secluded estate. Bodies start to drop in plain sight when the murderer known as the Stage Door Slasher strikes again - and again. Knives spring out of nowhere, masked figures drag their victims behind swiveling bookcases, and accusing fingers point in all directions.

A bumbling police inspector adds to the comic mayhem.

## Cast Prepares for Murder



Wielding the murder weapon? is Manchester's own Diane DuRussel, pictured above with cast members from surrounding area: From Adrian-Jean Pfister, Rick Vaught, Marc Daly; from Clinton- Kim Greenfield; from Tecumseh-Gina Salisbury; from Ypsilanti-Janet O'Brien; from Blissfield-Dennis Jacobs; from Monroe - Kahlene Ohlemacher. Director is Pam Swope from Clinton. photo/kk

The play guarantees the audience a side-splitting good time. It has all the ingredients: mystery, intrigue, energy, comedy, witty dialogue, great actors.

Come see *The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940*, performed Thursday

through Saturday, March 13, 14, 15 at the Tecumseh Civic Auditorium. Curtain time 8:00 P.M. Tickets \$7/adults, \$6 Seniors/Students. Phone (517) 423-6617 for further information.

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— by John Bishop



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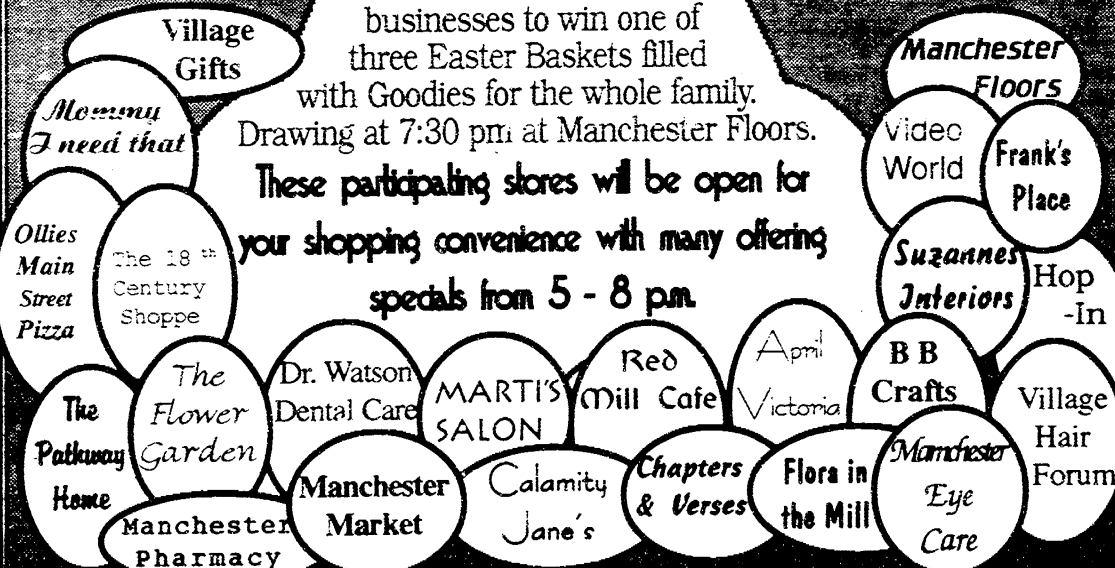
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## Mavis

written by Brenda K. Marshall



### Book Review — by Kathy Kueffner

She is a strong woman, this Mavis, this heroine, in Brenda K. Marshall's novel, *Mavis*. She is the caretaker who takes charge of everything and everybody because she knows she can do it best.

As the eldest in a family of six sisters with a hard-working mother and unpredictable father, Mavis is very matter-of-fact in her approach to life. Living on a North Dakota farm defined the parameters of her philosophy; accepting the vagaries of the seasons on the North Dakota plains prepared her for a dramatic decision.

It was Mavis who took the responsibility of raising her five sisters, sending them into adulthood. It was

Mavis who raised two sons, one who now worked the family farm. It was Mavis who had been married for thirty-five years, widowed for five — who is now confessing to murder.

What could have been merely a prosaic account of sisters, spouses, children and grandchildren brought together for a strange family reunion is, instead, a story rich in detail with characters universally identifiable, with situations that relate to our lives, with actions and inactions equally applaudable and reprehensible.

Woven into the story is a portrait of a generally obscure region. North Dakota, generally perceived as being covered in snow year around, is in reality rich and dynamic with four seasons: winter reluctantly moving into spring, teasing Chinook winds, the hum of summer, the bounty of autumn.

Mavis is an intriguing, insightful contemporary story, engaging, and noteworthy as a first novel that fulfills readers' lofty expectations.

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## "Quilts in a Garden"

Although it's a bit early for flower and vegetable gardens, it's just the right time for "Quilts in a Garden." You are invited to the fifth annual Quilt Exhibit and Craft Fair, featuring over 150 quilts on display at the First Presbyterian Church of Marshall, Saturday, March 22 from 9am-4pm.

Along with the 150 display quilts, two or three special quilts will be showcased in the sanctuary. Quilt displays feature antique heirloom and contemporary quilts as well as crib and children's quilts, wall hangings, the 1933 Chicago World's Fair quilt, and quilt pattern floor cloth.

Skilled quilt and craft vendors will be set up in the Fellowship Hall. Homemade baked goods, some prepared on site during the day, will be available. Homemade soup and sandwiches will be served from 11am-2pm.

A live demonstration area will feature skilled artisans exhibiting their particular talents throughout the day, including bobbin lace, smocking, tatting, spinning, rug making, needlepoint and basket weaving.

Also planned are a quilt raffle and quilting classes, lectures on quilting and the history of quilting. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1 for children over three and under twelve.

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## It Must Be Spring — It's time for the Chelsea Show!

The annual Country Crafts & Folk Art Show in Chelsea — who do we know that's going to be there? Manchester's HELEN FISHER for one. Helen is famous for her clothespins dolls suitably dressed up for the current holiday — so look for some long-eared furry white fellows with carrots. Helen has a reputation for a limitless imagination and a creative zest; her booth will be fun.

Also from Manchester, APRIL DECONICK will be represented with her line of April LeFay products which include a variety of handmade porcelain fairies dressed in silk blossoms for spring, honey-based soaps in fairy motif molds and April LeFay fragrances.

Besides our Manchester artisans, there will be ninety-eight other juried crafts people who will present their work for sale. Country wood and crafts, quilts, dolls and bears, handwoven rugs, silk and dried floral arrangements, pottery, tole painting, baskets, folk art, and many more crafts will be included.

The date of the show is Saturday, March 15 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at Chelsea High School. There is plenty of free parking in the high school parking lot.

Lunch will be served. Admission is \$2 for adults. Children under 10 will be admitted free with paid admission. Proceeds from this show benefit the Chelsea Senior Citizen's Organization.

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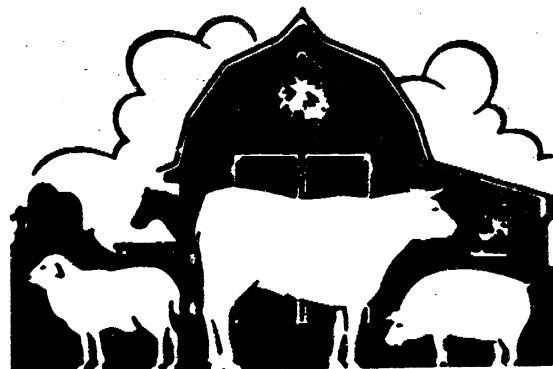
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*Measuring*, Sally Hewitt; *The Mammals*, Hugh Westrup; *Coral Reef*, Mary M. Cerullo; *Journey of the Red Wolf*, Roland Smith; *Ice Cradle*, Rei O'Hara; *The Skeleton*, Steve Parker; *Lungs*, Steve Parker; *Hearts and Crafts*, Sheri Brownrigg; *The People*, Robert B. Pickering.

### Manchester Township Library News



— by Ann Fowler

## Puzzled?



Florence Parr and Gareth Bates ponder their next move in the jigsaw puzzle set up in Chapters & Verses Book Store, while Jasmine the Great Dane looks on. Jasmine was one of the many who stopped by the store during the Shakespeare Club's 100th anniversary celebration, on Saturday, February 15th. Why? As club member Gail Curtis pointed out, "Hamlet was a Dane, wasn't he!" —photo/kk

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## Speaking of Danes

Linda Dalton's team of four won first place this fall in competition where all four Danes had to stand for judging and walk a pattern together. Left to right: Annie and CJ (who also won brace competition.) Jasmine (mother of the other three, and pictured above) and Obie. Congratulations, Linda and Danes from TLC Farms of Manchester!



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## Land Use Meetings

At the Sharon Township Special Land Use Meeting of January 30, 1997, present were members of Township Land Preservation Committee - Jean Kuhl, Reno Feldkamp, Will Stuart, Delores Strahly, Willard Blumenauer, Jim Schnearle, Elaine Feldkamp, Duane Beuerle, Larry Sweet, Mark Blumenaur, Duane Haselschwerdt, Chuck Beck, and Terry Brinkman, Washtenaw County Planning Commission. Absent-Brian Zink and Donna Wahr.

The committee was organized at the request of township supervisor Gary Blades to look at ways of preserving farm land and open space. This evening Terry Brinkman of the Washtenaw County Planning Commission discussed the various options, or tools, for the committee to review, including the newly publicized State of Michigan's Purchase of Development Rights.

After Mr. Brinkman's presentation, questions and comments were taken from committee and audience members. PDR dominated the discussion.

Reno Feldkamp offered a nontraditional way of funding PDRs, saying there are taxes levied on hotels to finance Tiger Stadium, perhaps a tax on Ann Arbor football games, but admitted no one had agreed with him yet on this one. Someone from the committee thought a tax on gravel trains might be a good idea.

Duane Haselschwerdt thought the PDRs in Traverse Bay area were successful. They are preserving area orchards after some were bulldozed for developments. There has also been some success in preserving California vineyards using PDRs.

One person said there were those who lost sleep worrying about signing up for 10 years under PA 116 and would really be hesitant about signing off development rights forever.

"What is it the community wants to have?" asked another. "What's it going to look like after we're done? A farm here, one over there? If there isn't an organized approach to preserving the rural community who knows what it's going to look like in the future?"

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## PDRs?

The Department of Natural Resources' Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program (commonly known as PA 116) is interested in purchasing "development rights" of qualified farmland parcels in order to preserve the parcels for future agricultural use.

The legislation gave the Department of Natural Resources the authority to use approximately \$12 million in P.A. 116 lien funds to purchase development rights from landowners as a way to preserve farmland in Michigan.

Advantages for property owners include a cash payment for the development rights, retention of ownership and all other nondevelopment rights to the property, possible reduction of property and estate taxes, and reservation of the property for future generations of farmers.

Through this voluntary program interested property owners may nominate their farmland parcels for purchase of development rights by submitting an application form to the DNR. All applications postmarked or hand-delivered by April 15 will be considered for the 1997 purchase of development rights acquisition year. The application form requires information and signatures from the land owner, the local unit of government, and the local conservation district. All applications must be approved by the local unit of government in order to be considered.

All applications will be evaluated according to criteria established by the Michigan Legislature and a scoring system approved by the Michigan Natural Resources Commission and the Michigan Commission of Agriculture. Factors considered include productive capacity of farmland, threat of conversion to non-farm uses, proximity to other protected land, and funding availability.

To request a PDR application form or to receive more information, contact the DNR Farmland and Open Space Preservation Unit, Real Estate Division, P.O. Box 30449, Lansing, MI 48909; phone 517-373-3328.

## MANCHESTER FARMERS MEET LAWMAKERS IN LANSING



Representing Washtenaw County at the 1997 MFB Lansing Legislative Seminar were, left to right: Front row - Lewis Gilbert, Jeff Bristle, Mike Fusilier. Second row - Jeff Horn, Luke Schaible, George McCalla.

Local farmers joined nearly 400 others from across the state at the annual Lansing Legislative Seminar, held February 19, at the Lansing Center. The event was conducted by Michigan Farm Bureau, the state's largest farm organization, to give county Farm Bureau leaders an opportunity to discuss key issues with their state senators and representatives.

"Every year, this event proves to be an important one for farmers," said Howard Kelly, Michigan Farm Bureau legislative counsel and coordinator of the seminar. "Not only does it give farmers the chance to meet with legislators from their own districts, but they're able to talk with lawmakers from other areas who also have influence on agricultural issues. They hit on some important areas that affect Michigan farmers."

Key issues that farmers discussed with more than 100 legislators at the seminar included property tax assessing and classification, farmland preservation, funding for road repairs and truck weight limits.

— Michigan Farm Bureau press release/photo



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# Land Use Meetings, continued from previous page

Rocky Ward, who is on the Washenaw County Planning Commission said, "Tangible actions can be taken at the county level but all too often we look to the county. I believe if as a township we are concerned about preserving land we can act decisively at the township level without looking to the county for salvation.

"I'm not too sure how the township people feel about preserving farmland. It's a retirement policy for some farmers," Ward added.

Ward continued. "We're currently revising our 1992 land use policy which will act as our guide to preservation. We can go right down the list, many would apply, many could be adopted with citizen input. I have to personally be convinced we are truly committed to open land, ag land. Twenty percent of township residents feel this way. There are a lot of large land owners who feel compelled to sell their land to developers. We are looking at a voluntary program in many cases. It's a township matter when we zone. The county may not view our township lands as prime ag land.

"The worst case would be there isn't any land in the township the county would want to purchase but the township may want to do that ourselves. We

have a lot of local control over this issue. We need to decide internally. The future of the township is right here in this township hall."

Township supervisor Gary Blades said, "You have to look at the master plan; that will dictate a lot of how we preserve, how we zone. I'm not sure a checkerboard is the picture we want to have of the township. What area do we as a township want to have developed? Obviously there will be some happy people, some not so happy."

Someone offered, "If we had been building on two acres the last 20 years we would still have 80% of our farmland available but it has been developed in 10 acre parcels."

Beuerle said, "I don't think I'd want a lot of houses around me on a couple acres—pretty soon we'd have to go to town to buy bottled water."

Committee member Chuck Beck spoke about the recent bill passed that changed the Plat Act, saying, "This bill that was passed changes the plat act and created a monster. It takes effect 90 days after signing, March 30th. Any parcel which is legally existing as of that date

is now eligible for a full set of splits. If you can find a surveyor and have 100 acres into 10 parcels on the books before March 30, they can be split again after March 30. As a developer I should buy up all the acres I can; as a citizen, this thing could mushroom into 2-acre minimums, I don't think I would want to live there," Beck concluded. "Most developers don't," quipped Reno.

The next Sharon Township Special Meeting to discuss land use was scheduled for 7:00 March 4th.

Bridgewater Township will hold a Special Meeting March 24th at 7:30 P.M. with a Washtenaw County Ag Agent to discuss land use in that township.

- Between 1982 and 1992, Michigan lost approximately 854,000 acres of farmland, or 85,000 acres per year. This would be comparable to losing the area of 3.75 Michigan townships every year. An increased number of households in Michigan and a desire to have larger building lots in rural areas has accelerated the conversion of farmland to non-agricultural.

- It is projected that in 20 years, farmland acres in Michigan will be reduced from the current level of 10.1 million acres to between 8.1 and 8.6 million acres.



I have had seatmates on a Dublin bus miss their stop because they had involved themselves too deeply in talk; it was more important to finish the joke (no such thing as a brief one, either) than to get off the bus. —David Dempsey

Translating Irish humor onto the printed page is like trying to take home a handful of mist. So much of charm is in the ambience.



To celebrate Girl Scouting's 85th anniversary, Brownie Troop #729 is participating in a service project to collect personal care items for area family shelters for victims of domestic abuse. Donations will be collected through the month of March; the collection box is located at the Community Resource Center. Personal care items needed are: toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, diapers, bandaids, small bandages, soap, combs, hair brushes, shampoo, hand lotion, baby wipes, tissue, nail polish, wash clothes. Please no mouthwash, razors or glass containers.

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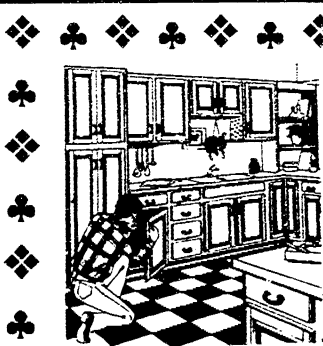
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# CHRONICLE CALENDAR FOR MARCH 1997

## SUNDAY



**Happy March Birthdays to Senior Citizens:** Wanda Hinz (1), Ella Kemner (5), Rita Townsend (5), Vernie Kastl (6), Marie Gilbert (6), Winnie Tager (7), Arlene Walter (11), Adeline Stone (11), Margaret Ekin (12), Dorothy Willingham (12), Louise Brietenwischer (13), Lena Meyer (13), Max Walter (14)

## MONDAY

At its Feb. 18 meeting, the **Alumni Board** continued to lay plans for the association's 120th annual reunion to be held at the Manchester Sportsman Club, Saturday, **June 21, 1997**. Board members request all graduates of Manchester High School circle that date on their calendars and watch this publication for further details. The board will meet on Thurs. Mar 20 at 7pm in the offices of M'r Gutter Groomer, 617 City Rd.

## TUESDAY

**WOMEN'S EASTER LENTON BREAKFAST MANCHESTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MARCH 26 9:30AM RESERVATIONS BY MARCH 24 CALL CHURCH OFFICE 428-8495 OR 428-7280**

Lent is an occasion for us to journey with Christ --- into tomorrow. For you never walk with Christ long, but what the dawn breaks, the sun shines and hope breaks through.

— Erianuel United Church of Christ, *The Ark*

*The Deer's Cry* is an old Seventh Century Gaelic rune. It is said to have been spoken by St. Patrick on his way to Tara, to join in combat with the pagan High-King of Ireland. As he chanted the words, assassins lying in ambush ready to kill him and his followers saw only a herd of deer wandering by.

I arise today

Through the strength of heaven: Light of sun, Radiance of moon. Splendour of fire, Speed of lightning. Swiftmess of wind,

Depth of sea,

Stability of earth, Firmness of rock.

I arise today

Through God's strength to pilot me: ...From everyone who shall wish me ill, Afar and anear Alone and in a multitude.

1:30pm Movie "Maple Sugar Farmer", discussion and walk in the woods. Waterloo Recreation Area Program (Phone 313/475 3170 for further info)

4:30 MS Wrestling vs Napoleon at home

7:00 Village Council

7:30 Library Board

7:30 Masonic business mtg

JV & Varsity Basketball Regionals

## VILLAGE ELECTION

6:30 Optimist Club-

7:30 Bridgewater Twp Plan Comm

**PUBLIC HEARING** For Vet Clinic Special Use Permit

7:30 Annual Mtg of Manchester Family Services, 617 City Rd.

(See above)

8:00 Manchester Twp Board mtg

8:00 Fair Board mtg

8:00 Knights of Columbus

**NATIONAL AGRICULTURE WEEK**

7:00 Village Council

7pm Freshman BB vs

Sand Creek, home

7:30 School Board mtg at

high school

7:30 United Way meets at First of

America Bank Conf Rm

**HAPPY 85TH BIRTHDAY, EMILY CUMMINGS, ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY**



6:30 Optimist Club

7:00 Fireside Crafters meet at Blacksmith Shop.

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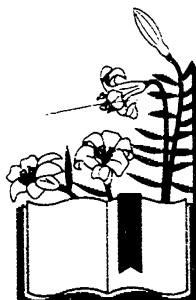
7:30 Special Land Use meeting,

Bridgewater Twp Hall, with

County Ag Agent



## HAPPY EASTER



For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone, the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land.

— from the *Bible*, The Song of Solomon II:11-12

Village Curbside Recycling 12 noon Senior Citizen Dinner

7:00 Boy Scouts

7:00 Band Boosters' meeting, MHS band room. All band parents welcome!

7:30 Freedom Township Planning Commission

Village Curbside Recycling

9:30 Sr Council mtg

12 Sr Dinner

7:00 Computer Club meeting at Chapters & Verses. (See page 2.)

7:30 Manchester Village Plan Comm

8:00 Manchester Twp Plan Comm

8:00 Freedom Twp Board mtg

JV & Varsity Basketball MHSAA Regionals

JV & Varsity Volleyball MHSAA State Finals

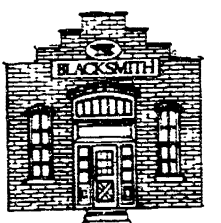
Village Curbside Recycling

11:15 Sr Clergy presentation

12 noon Sr Dinner

7:00 Boy Scouts

7:30 Manchester Area Historical Society meeting at Blacksmith Shop



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12 noon Sr Dinner

8pm Manchester Township

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## APRIL


Thanks, Dave!

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7:00 Boy Scouts

7:00 Band Boosters' meeting, MHS band room. All band parents welcome!

7:30 Freedom Township Planning Commission

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>Annual Meeting of Manchester Family Service, Monday, March 10, 7:30pm at M'r Gutter Groomers, 617 City Rd. Public is invited. Officers will be elected. For more information, contact Dee Dee Sahakian 428-8852.</b></p>	<p><b>Vanishing FarmArchitecture, a photography exhibit, 2102 Bonisteel Dr., U of M, March 16-30 8am-11pm. Further info 764-7544</b></p>	<p><b>Chelsea Community Hospital</b> Noon-1, March 11, Nutrition Phytonutrients, antioxidants and healthy eating - to register, phone 475-4103</p> <p>Brain Injury Support Group meetsWednesdays from 1-2, phone 475-4138 for more information</p> <p>Diabetes Sharing Group, Wednesday, March 12, 3:30-5pm, phone 475-4103 for more information</p> <p>Learn CPR for Infant/Child Victims, Wednesday, March 12, 6-10pm, phone 475-4103 for more information.</p>	<p><b>1</b></p>
<p>6:30 Varsity Wrestling, Addison, home <b>5</b></p> <p>7:30 VFW, Legion Home, 203 Adrian</p> <p>7:30 Raisin Valley Land Trust mtg., Blacksmith Shop</p>	<p>9:30-11:30 Sr Yoga <b>6</b></p> <p>12 noon Senior Citizens Birthday Dinner</p> <p>12:30 Senior Bingo</p> <p>7:30 Am. Legion Post #117</p> <p>8:00 Sharon Twp Board mtg</p>	<p>IV &amp; Varsity Volleyball MHSAA Regionals <b>7</b></p>	<p>9am MS Girls Volleyball - Columbia Central Inv, away <b>8</b></p>
<p><b>Ann Arbor Women Painters WINTER EXHIBIT</b> Now through March 31, Washtenaw Community College Art Gallery, Morris Lawrence Building, 4800 E. Huron River Dr., M-F 12-2pm, T-Th 6-9pm</p>		<p><b>WORLD DAY OF PRAYER</b> 1:30 P.M. Emanuel United Church of Christ</p>	<p>1pm Appalachian Trek: Slide program of 5-1/2 month hike along this trail. Waterloo Recreation Area Program (Phone 313/475 3170 for further info)</p>
<p>9am Manchester Beautification Committee at the Whistle Stop Rest. <b>12</b></p> <p>7:30 American Legion Aux</p> <p>7:30 Manchester Rec Task Force, at the B'smith Shop</p> <p>8 PUBLIC HEARING, Sharon Twp Board of Appeals to reverse ruling of Sharon Twp Planning Comm</p> <p><b>LENTEN CHOIR CONCERT</b> 7:00 P.M. SHARON UMC</p>	<p>9:30-11:30 Sr Yoga <b>13</b></p> <p>12 noon Sr Birthday Dinner ♥ Smart Lunch</p> <p>12:30 Sr Bingo</p> <p>7:30 Purple Heart mtg --- locations vary, phone 428-7052 for info</p> <p><b>EVENING EGGSTRAVAGANZA</b> 5-8:00 P.M. downtown Manchester --- Scavenger hunt for prizes. See pages 2/3</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p><i>The Musical Comedy Murders od 1940</i> Tecumseh Civic Auditorium March 13, 14, 15. See page 3.</p>	<p>10-4 Chelsea Country Crafts &amp; Folk Art Show. (See p. 4.) <b>15</b></p> <p>Little League Coaching Clinic in middle school gym. Phone for info Mike Mullikin 428-1375</p> <p>2:30pm Back Country survival: Basic survival skills discussed. Learn how to build a primitive shelter, start a fire using natural materials. Waterloo Recreation Area Program (Phone 313/475 3170 for further info)</p>
<p>7:30 Manchester Men's Club <b>19</b></p> <p>7:30 Bridgwater Twp Board mtg</p> <p>Manchester Community Band meets Wednesdays 7:30-9pm in the high school band room. Open to all levels of musical proficiency</p>	<p>9am Chamber Board <b>20</b></p> <p>12 noon Sr Dinner</p> <p>12:30 Sr Bingo</p> <p>7 Chamber program (pg. 10)</p> <p>7:30 BOOK SIGNING with Author Brenda Marshall at Chapters &amp; Verses. See front page.</p> <p>7 MHS Alumni Board mtg., 617 City Rd. (See above)</p> <p>7:30 Village Piecemakers meet at Emanuel.</p> <p><b>FIRST DAY OF SPRING</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p></p> <p><b>REMEMBER:</b> You read it in the Chronicle!</p>	<p>9-4 "Quilts in the Garden", First Presbyterian Church in Marshall. See page 4. <b>22</b></p> <p>2:30pm-Open Fire Cooking - Demonstration Waterloo Recreation Area Program (Phone 313/475 3170 for further info)</p>
<p>9:30 MUMC Women's Easter Lenton <b>26</b></p> <p>Breakfast. (See above)</p> <p>6:30 Land Use Meeting. Freedom Twp Hall</p> <p>7:00 Coalition for Drug Free Youth meeting at St. Mary Parish Center</p> <p>7:00 Manchester Twp Fire Dept</p>	<p>12: Senior Dinner <b>27</b></p> <p>12:30 Bingo</p> <p>7:30 CRC board meeting at CRCoffice</p> <p><b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p><b>GOOD FRIDAY</b></p> <p>Alcohol Anonymous meets each Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. at Emanuel UCC, 324 W. Main St., Manchester. For info, contact church office at 428-8359.</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p><b>ANNUAL MEN'S CLUB EASTER EGG HUNT - CARR PARK</b> 1PM --- Sharp!</p> <p>Easter Egg Specials &amp; Jelly Beans at Video World --- See page 11.</p>
<p><b>APRIL 2</b></p> <p>7:30 VFW, Legion Home, 203 Adrian</p> <p>7:30 Raisin Valley Land Trust mtg., Blacksmith Shop</p>	<p><b>APRIL 3</b></p> <p>9:30-11:30 Sr Yoga</p> <p>12 noon Senior Citizens Birthday Dinner</p> <p>12:30 Senior Bingo</p> <p>7:30 Am. Legion Post #117</p> <p>8:00 Sharon Twp Board mtg</p>	<p><b>APRIL 4</b></p> <p><b>CHRISTMAS IN APRIL</b> Clean-up projects sought. Need help with spring chores inside or outside your home? Christmas in April volunteers are willing to assist you. Call Dianne Schwab at the CRC for more information. 428-7722. Deadline is April 11th.</p>	<p><b>APRIL 5</b></p> <p><b>COMING APRIL 6 --- MANCHESTER MILL RUN.</b> SEE PAGE 15.</p>

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### SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION ONE BOARD SEAT OPEN

The annual school election for the purpose of electing school board members will be held on Monday, June 9, 1997. One seat on the Board of Education will be vacant. The four-year term held by Paul Kluwe will expire in June. Nominating petitions for this Board of Education position may be obtained from the Manchester Community Schools, Central Administration Office at 710 East Main Street, upon request, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Completed petitions and affidavits of identity are due no later than Monday, April 7, 1997 at 4:00 p.m.

### March is Parenting Awareness Month

Chapters & Verses Book Store is focusing on Parent Awareness Month with a display of resources available to parents. Many of those books and tapes are available at the Community Resource Center.

Other resources available to families are the Parent Network for Safe Homes Project and Parenting in the 90's Workshops.

The Manchester Coalition for Drug Free Youth has an open door for all parents who wish to interact with others who are concerned with the health and safety of their children. The next meeting is March 26, 7:30 at St. Mary Parish Center.

Huron Valley Child Guidance is available to children and parents who need a little special help for a short time. Contact Health Connection, 313-484-7227 or the Community Resource Center 428-7722.

"It Takes a Village to Raise a Child."

— Additionally, one of the most poignant books recommended at Chapters & Verses for, in particular, parents of teenagers is *Don't Stop Loving Me*, by Ann E. Caron, Ed.D. It is directed to mothers of teenage girls, however, the wisdom and advice is universal, and in fact the author's sons helped write this book.

### CRC Annual Meeting

The Community Resource Center will hold its Annual Board Meeting, 7:30, Tuesday, March 25, 1997 at the CRC office, 122 W. Main, lower level.

CRC board meetings are always open to the public. The March annual meeting provides the opportunity for the public to discuss constructively the activities of the corporation for the last year and propose new activities that benefit the Manchester area. Future goals of the organization are adopted by the board of directors and are based on community service needs.

All nonprofit organizations are governed by a volunteer board of directors. A director of the Community Resource Center board has the privilege of collaborating with people who represent local government, schools, business and the community as they cooperate to address

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### "To Walk in the Land of our Lord" Emanuel Church Visits Holy Land

Forty-seven hearty souls from Emanuel Church and several other parishes in Washtenaw County departed Manchester February 2 for a twelve day visit to London, England and Israel.

After an overnight to England the group spent their first day abroad visiting the sights of London. Early the next morning everyone boarded a British airways flight for a five-hour trip to Tel-Aviv, Israel.

Our first days were spent visiting Cesarea, Megiddo and Nazareth. After a brief stop in Tiberias, the rest of the tour was spent in various places Jesus performed his ministry in and around Galilee.

The latter portion of the trip saw stops at Masada, the Dead Sea and en-Geddi where King David hid from Saul. The evening brought us to Jerusalem where we spent four days at the Bethlehem hotel. During our stay in this ancient city, visits to the churches of the Holy Sepulcher and Nativity were capped off by a worship service at the Tomb of Christ in the Garden near Golgotha.

No one imagined the joy and experience that could arise from such a spiritual pilgrimage. Emanuel Church is planning another visit to the Holy Lands next year, including Egypt.

— Pastor Vince Carroll

Pastor Carroll added in his Emanuel newsletter, *The Ark*, that among the most momentous experiences of the trip were the Baptism celebration in the Jordan, descending the stairwell into the crypt/manger where Christ was born and the group singing the Kyrie, singing *Amazing Grace* in the Roman open air theater in Cesarea, and viewing the 2,000-year-old olive tree in Gethsemane.

### Look out, World, here comes Manchester. Yes, soon Manchester will be on the World Wide Internet.

The Ann Arbor Convention and Visitors Bureau is offering their members a free home page on the World Wide Web. As a member of the Bureau, the Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce has decided to take advantage of this new and innovative way to promote the town of Manchester and the local business community.

The Manchester Chamber page is being developed by several Chamber members under the guidance of Arthur Talbot of Internet Advertising Services. The web site will showcase our town and its many attractions as well as listing all the Chamber member businesses.

The page will also provide links to any businesses that have their own home pages - surprisingly there are quite a few - and will feature all upcoming events and activities in the Manchester area. This page will be linked to the Ann Arbor web site through their listing of Chambers.

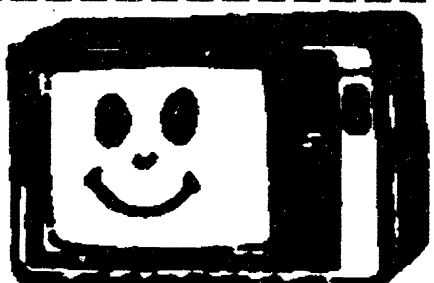
Another benefit the Ann Arbor Bureau will provide to the Chamber is the distribution of a printed brochure about Manchester and its businesses to anyone who contacts the Bureau for such information, either through the Internet site or by phone or mail. This brochure is currently being update and reprinted by the Chamber and will also be available to any Chamber member who would like to use it themselves as an advertising tool.

Anyone with questions about the Manchester Home Page can call Chamber president Jim Sprague at 428-9259. To have your business included on this page you must be a current member of the Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce. To visit the AACVB web site, their address is [www.annarbor.org](http://www.annarbor.org).

The next meeting of the Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce is Thursday evening, March 20th at 7:00 p.m. in St. Mary Parish Center to discuss accounting and accounting software with Don Dickerson of H & R Block and Jim Achtenberg of Woodbrook Computers. Come join us ; you do not have to be a member to attend, and it is free. For further information, call president Jim Sprague at 428-9259.

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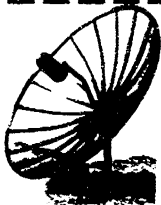
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## How the Irish Came to America

— by Ashley Billitier

For her Social Studies project, Ashley included photos of her Irish ancestors, and the following report.

The year 1847, or as the Irish called it, "Black 47," was the worst year in Irish history. Thousands of Irish died from hunger or disease because of the famine which lasted from 1845 to 1850.

For most poor families the only choice next to starvation was to come to America. Most families had no money to pay for their way out of Ireland. A few immigrants received passage money from their landlords, but for many other Irish peasants the only place to turn for help was other family members who had gone to America before the great famine had begun.

Thousands of Irish in North America sent money or passage tickets to their relatives in Ireland. In only ten years nearly 30 percent of Ireland's population left the island because of the famine.

The horrors of the famine were nothing compared to the journey they had ahead of them crossing the Atlantic. Most immigrants first journeyed across the Irish sea on crowded cattle boats to the English port of

Liverpool before getting on larger ships for their journey across the Atlantic. The trip usually lasted for five to six weeks. The ships were old and did not have enough water, food or medical help. The immigrants were crowded together in the ships' dark damp holds, with only two feet of space for each person. There was a lot of diseases in the dirty holds of the ships, and many people became sick and died before they could reach the new world.

Once their ships finally docked in one of the American ports like New York, Boston, Philadelphia or New Orleans, most of them were either too poor or sick to go any farther. So they settled where they landed.

Their first homes were shacks in a dirty part of towns; they called these parts of town Paddytown or Little Dublin.

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Ashley Billitier's project in the recent Science & Social Studies Fair included photos of her Irish ancestors and a model of a typical Irish cottage.

They worked at jobs that weren't steady and their working conditions were dangerous. Most of them only earned less than a dollar a day. Thousands of Irishmen died early from overwork, industrial accidents, diseases, and thousands more died in the Civil War. The average length of life of an immigrant after coming to America was only six years.

I learned a lot about what a hard life Irish immigrants had. They went from one sad place to another that wasn't much better. It made me feel sorry and angry at how they were treated here in America. I was glad my ancestors came to America because they wanted to not because they had to.

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## MEAP Scores, Equestrian Team and MHS Weight Room Topped February School Board Agenda

School board members heard an analysis of the district's MEAP (Michigan Educational Assessment Program) scores. They received a proposal from members of the high school equestrian team to become a varsity club sport. And, they got a look at plans for a weight room to be built in back of the high school.

### MEAP SCORES

Marge Mastie of the Washtenaw Intermediate School District provided an analysis of the scores achieved by the district's fourth and seventh grade students. While Manchester students continued to rank ahead of the state average in both reading and math, their scores were behind the 1995 students, in some cases as much as 20 percentage points. Mastie explained that what appears to be a dramatic difference year over year is due in large part to the small size of the classes here.

"In the case of the fourth grade, which has only 85 students, each student accounts for more than one percentage point," Mastie said.

Having said that she explained that Manchester teachers and administrators are not taking the situation lightly. They are looking at the curriculum and searching for better ways to reach students to ensure that the downward trend does not continue, particularly among fourth-grade boys, whose aggregate score dropped 20 points over 1995.

Mastie also noted that many schools throughout the state experienced similar drops in fourth-grade scores. Educators are somewhat baffled by the situation which seems to have developed in just one year, and she expects that there will be a concentrated effort to turn the situation around.

Finally, she explained the significant of the "Low" category, which she believes is almost more telling than the measure of passing scores. Increases in the Low group indicate area where students are failing in all tested areas. She suggested that a downward trend in this area should be of greater concern than a decline in overall passing scores.

— by Gini Patak

At the conclusion of Mastie's analysis, trustee John Ochs commended the staff for looking for ways to address the scores but he cautioned against placing too much emphasis on standardized tests.

"At what cost do we gain 20 more points on the MEAP test?" Ochs asked. We can build our whole curriculum around what someone in the state government thinks is important, but what we really want are kids who are healthy, happy, productive members of society."

### EQUESTRIAN TEAM ASKS TO BECOME CLUB SPORT

In a detailed written package, members of the Manchester High School equestrian team

asked the board to allow them to become a varsity club sport. As a club sport, team members would be able to earn varsity letters, and be able to purchase varsity jackets. Essentially, the status would give them the same privileges and responsibilities as other varsity athletes.

The difference would be in the cost to the school and the school's responsibilities. Unlike other sports, the school would not have to provide transportation to meets and would not be required to own team equipment. In addition, the position of coach would be voluntary.

The board had questions about administration of such a sport and how it could work in concert with other varsity sports. A decision was deferred to the March meeting to allow time to find out how other schools with similar organizations accomplished their goal.

### WEIGHT ROOM

The high school weight room is in need of updates and board members heard how that might be accomplished when they received a drawing and cost analysis for the project. Athletic director John Easley explained that the proposed 44' x 60' building could be placed in back of the school across the parking lot from

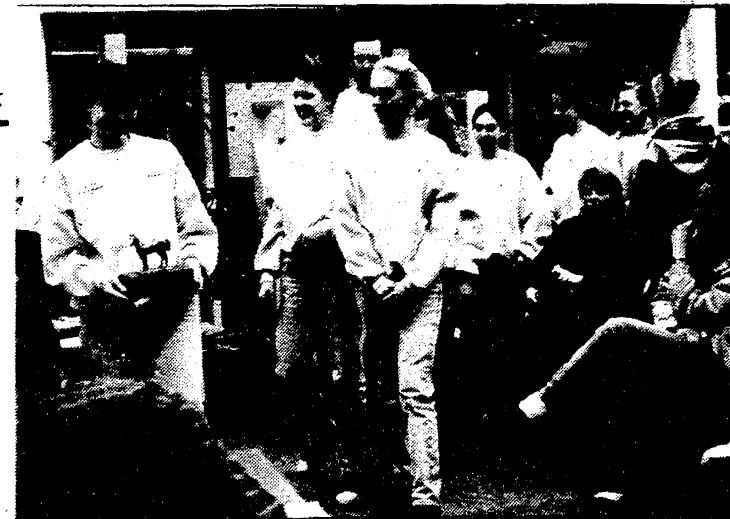
the main building. The room would be equipped with three sets of basic equipment and would have room for lockers and benches.

The project is estimated to cost about \$60,000 and nearly half of that has already been accumulated through various fund-raising efforts. Easley explained that additional fund-raisers are planned to raise the remaining money.

Concerns were raised about access to utilities and Easley acknowledged that this was a preliminary plan and estimate and details would have to be finalized before the project began.

Ochs said he would support the plan only if he could be assured that the portable classrooms planned for the high

Equestrian Team presents '96 Trophy to School Board



LeAnne Ellsworth, from the Manchester High School Equestrian Team, presents the 1996 trophy the team won in competition last fall. The equestrian team is requesting varsity club status.

school were placed next to the weight room and no further consideration be given to placing them closer, but in front of the main building.

The issue will be discussed in more detail at a future meeting.

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

Editor's Note: Board president Paul Kluwe called me after last month's editorial to say what a sneaky politician he really is — sneaky enough to make an unenforceable motion to end the breakfast program without a public hearing. He explained that he took this action to focus community attention on the program knowing that such a motion could not stand without another public hearing. And, he wants people to attend it this time. Well, he got our attention. Let's hope the end justifies the means. —GP

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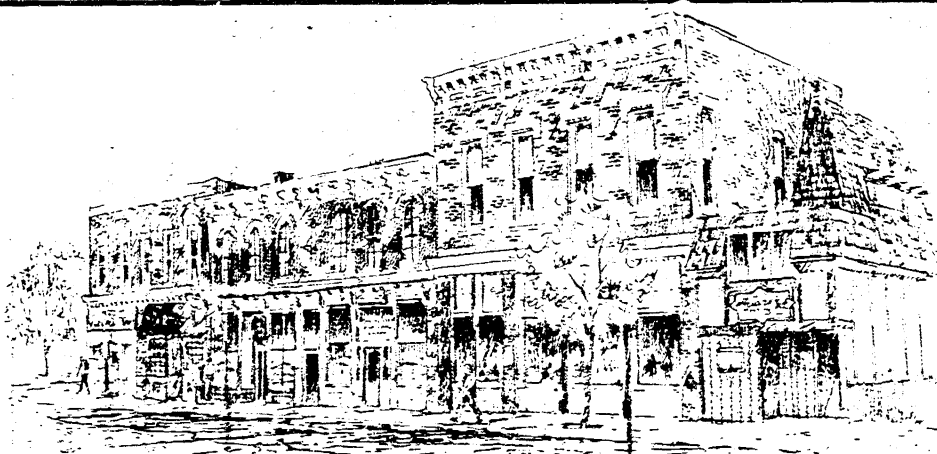
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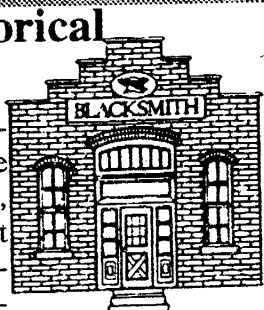
## Manchester Area Historical Society

It was appropriate that during Presidents' Month, Abe Lincoln should come to town, and as an historical personage, it was also appropriate that he should visit with the Manchester Area Historical Society during their regular monthly meeting at the Blacksmith Shop, Tuesday, February 18.

That he did. The Society was visited by President Abraham Lincoln in the person of Bill Ames, former Washtenaw County Extension Agent and resident of Freedom Township. Lincoln recited the Gettysburg Address and told about his life and times.

The Manchester Historical Society has interesting programs at their meetings on the third Tuesday of the month, and delicious refreshments are served afterwards. Join us for the next meeting of the Manchester Area Historical Society, Tuesday, March 18, at 7:30 P.M. in the Blacksmith Shop.

— Betty Cummings, MAHS secretary



— Chronicle file photo

## Her hobby is playing with dolls

Debbie Ecarius (center) held a doll-making workshop at Chapters & Verses in February



DEBBIE ECARIUS said as a little girl she had a Barbie doll or two that she played with occasionally, but mostly she spent time adding to her collection of horse statues.

So it's ironical that now in adulthood, she's playing with dolls, specifically collector Sechrist Dolls.

Debbie said she first came across the doll last year in Rita Burkhardt's antique shop in the Mill. "I fell in love with 'Bubba' - the doll looked just like my son, Chris, did at a few months old. The face, the expression, was so lifelike, so I bought the doll."

Later that summer she ran across a booth at a craft fair that featured these dolls and found out more information. The dolls come in kits from a company in Midland, Michigan. The family-owned operation supply the handcrafted and

hand-tinted vinyl sculpted parts which they design and mold.

Now Debbie teaches workshops, like the one recently held at Chapters & Verses, where dolls are assembled. "They are so cuddly," Debbie remarks. "The vinyl feels like the soft skin of a real baby. The eyes, which are patented, are full of expression."

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 eyeglasses just the right size.

Debbie lives in Manchester Township with her family where, besides her day-job, raises Rhodesian Ridgeback dogs, designs trophies — and plays with dolls.

## The Mill Run: Another Great Annual Manchester Event

The Annual Manchester Mill Run, a 5-mile race and a 1-mile fun run, is scheduled for Sunday, April 6, 1997.

Proceeds go to Manchester School athletic programs.

The 1-mile starts at 11:00 a.m.; the 5-mile at 11:15. Register at St. Mary Parish Center on Madison at Clinton Streets.

Participants range from world class runners to recreational walkers. Everyone is welcome.

The \$15 entry fee (for applications received prior to March 28 - \$17 fee after April 3) includes a four-color long sleeve t-shirt; all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast following the race (\$3.50 for nonparticipants, age 6 and under free); a raffle for two pairs of Asics running shoes and gift certificates from southeast Michigan running stores; flowers for all participants; and, awards. The 5-mile M/F group winners will receive a signed original matted race print, created by Ann Arbor News artist (and Manchester resident) Bill Shurtliff, plus coveted second place horse's tail trophies and other dubious prizes.

Everyone over 21 is invited to a post race cross-country fun run and get together hosted by the HHH running club with free dinner and beverages afterwards (approximately 2:00 p.m.)

Please join us in either the five-mile or one mile event. Bring a friend, your spouse, the kids, or the dog and get some exercise. Registration forms will be available all over town.

If you are unable to participate, join us for breakfast or cheer on the runners and walkers along the race course or at the finish.

Please fill out the entry form below and send it to: Mill Run/Chris Brooks, 306 Riverbend, Manchester, MI 48158. Make checks payable to: Manchester Mill Run. For further information, contact Chris Brooks at 428-1447 or Rick Soltesz 313-285-1116.

## HHH

The annual Manchester Mill Run is sponsored by the Ann Arbor Motown Hash House Harriers. What is "hashing?" Something like a wild goose chase.

The "hare" sets a trail by laying down various marks of flour. The trail may cover pedestrian infested city streets or wooded trails or places never seen before. The "hashers" then try to follow the marks, keeping track of each other by yelling "On! On!" when they are on trail, or "Are you On?" when they are confused. The hashers often become lost as they go — to the absolute delight of the hare.

When a runner comes to a "Check," the trail goes in any of many directions. The front runners have to split up and look for the true trail. The people checking the wrong trails then end up behind the slowest runners.

There are no "winners" in a hash run. Competitiveness is frowned upon and punished. And, as there are no rules in hashing, shortcutting the trail is highly encouraged. Mostly the Hash is about having fun with a group of slightly odd people who happen to have a love of running in common.

The Hash was begun by a bunch of bored Brits in Malaysia more than 50 years ago. They patterned a running game after the hounds and hare chase their countrymen were so fond of. Today there are more than 200 chapters of the Hash around the world.

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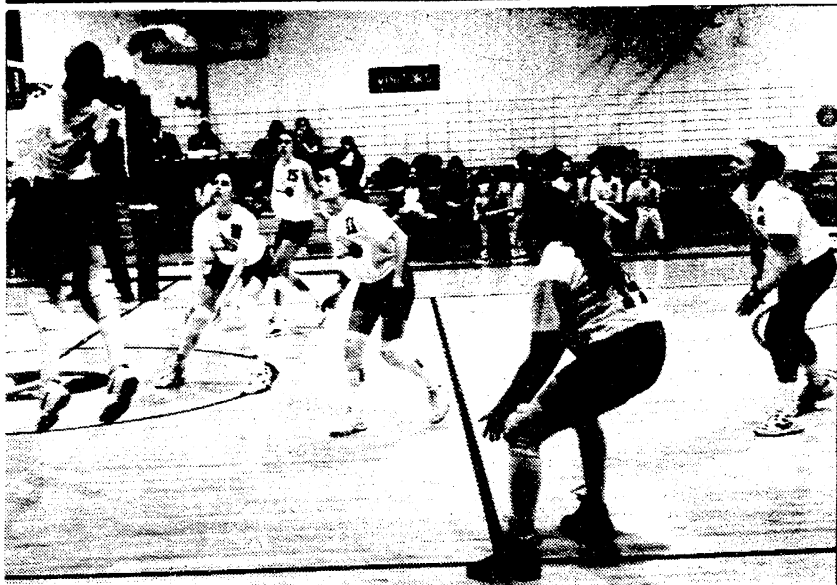
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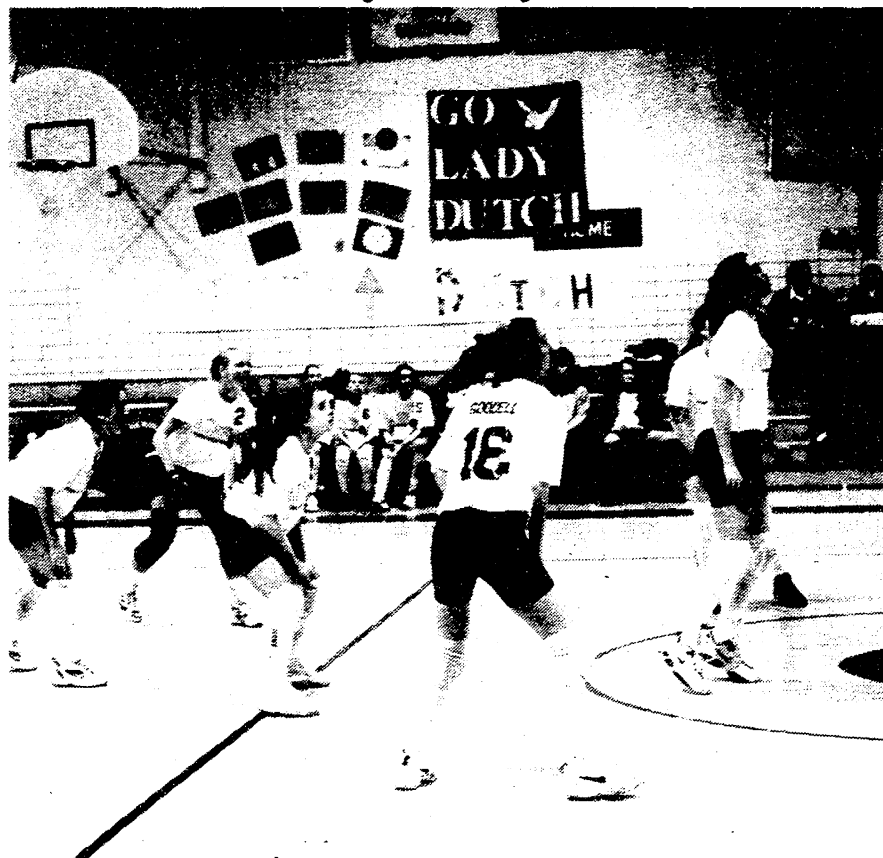
# HIGH SCHOOL JV & VARSITY VOLLEYBALL



In home games against East Jackson, February 13, Dutch JV and Varsity volleyball teams prevailed against their opponents.

Returning at the net, Karen Goodell #16; ready to assist, left to right, Stacy Mann #13, Mary Barrett #15, Pam Preston #11, Michelle Schaible #14, Jessica Porter #2

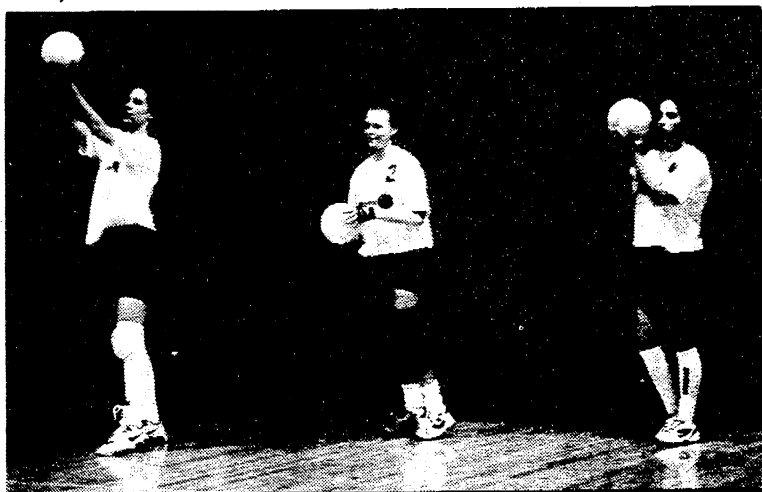
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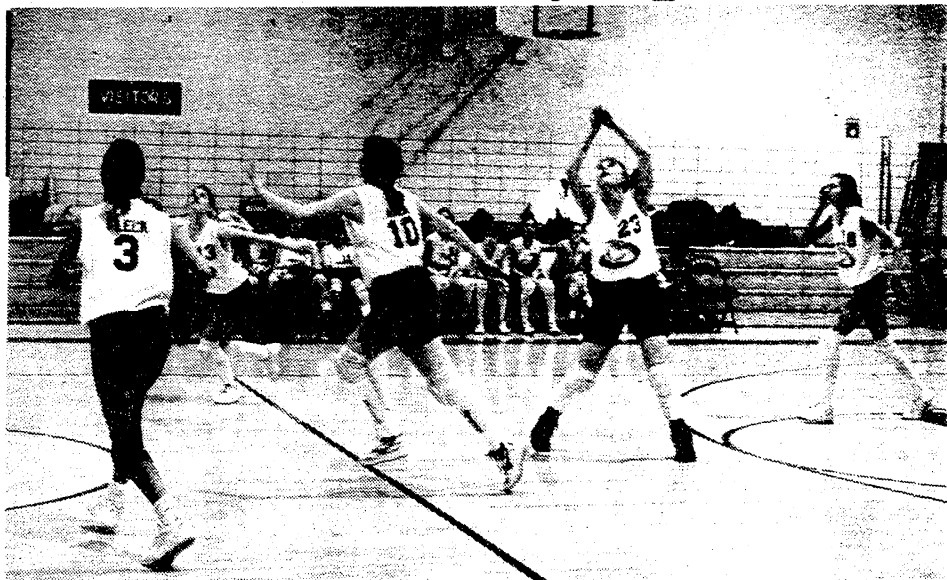
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Left to right: Sarah Gould, Jessica Porter, Michelle Schaible, Karen Goodell, Stacy Mann. The Lady Dutch won against East Jackson 19-17 and 15-6. Michelle Schaible had 9 points, Karen Goodell had 7; Carmen Kapa had 10 assists; Stacy Mann had 8 kills; Kelly Parr had 6 kills and 5 blocks.

Pre-game warm up, practicing the mighty Dutch serve, left to right: Stacy Mann, Jessica Porter and Sarah Gould.



## Junior Varsity Spikers



Left to right: #3 Rachel Fleck, #10 Brandi Aiken, #23 Amy Gall, #18 Erin Fox

February 13 was Parents' Night. Parents and daughters were introduced to fans. Right varsity volleyball team member Sarah Gould with her parents Kathy and Jack.



Below right — Left to right: #12 Kari Binder, #52 Julie Porter, #3 Rachel Fleck, #21 Ginger Taylor, #56 Beth Sodt.

The JVs won against East Jackson on Feb 13, with scores of 15-13 and 15-12. Beth Sodt had nine points, Chrissy Abbott eight; Brandy Aiken had two assists and seven kills; Amy Gall had three assists; Julie Porter had three kills.



#23 Amy Gall,  
#13 Chrissy Abbott



## Varsity Cheerleaders

— by Ceara Brown

Manchester Varsity Cheerleaders traveled to Vandercook Lake Thursday, February 6 for the Cascade Conference meet. They competed against eight other teams and got second out of those eight. They came in close behind East Jackson. Michigan Center came in third. Three of our seniors competed in the individual portion: Renee Foster, Suzanne Lowery and Heather DuRussel. All three of the ladies got All-Conference for their cheers. Congratulations, ladies! See front page for latest Varsity Cheerleaders news.

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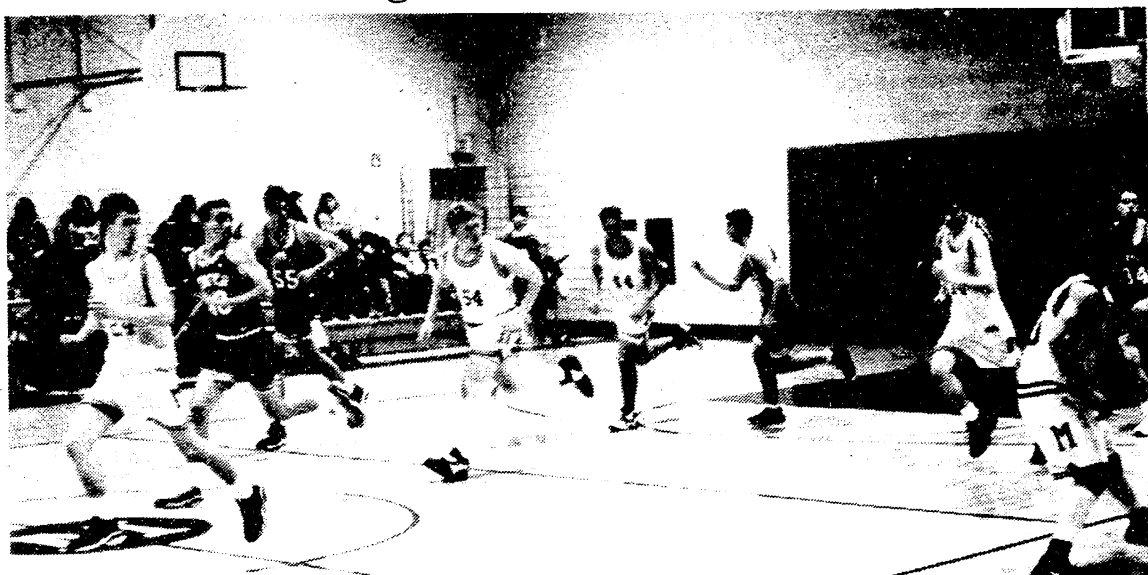
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# High School JV AND VARSITY BASKETBALL



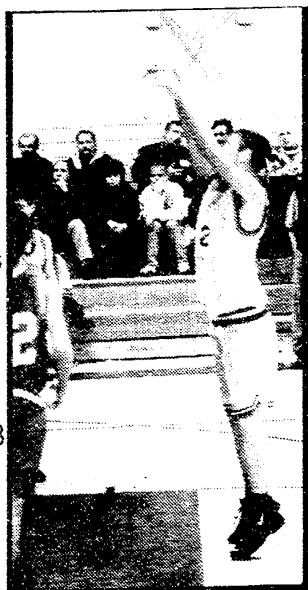
Defense, left to right, #44 Chris Kemner, #54 Landon Burkhardt, #24 Levi Earhart, #10 Nick Davis

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Left to right: #24 Levi Earhart, #54 Landon Burkhardt, #14 Chris Kemner, #14 Nick Woods, #10 Nick Davis

At home against Michigan Center, February 14, the Dutch Varsity won 67-61. Nick Woods scored 18 points with 9 rebounds, 4 assists and 7 steals. Ryan Fielder scored 15, Nick Davis scored 11 and had 5 steals, Levi Earhart scored 8 with 4 assists and Chris Kemner had 7 rebounds.



Above: JV Levi Smith pops in a free throw.



Ben Grenier #34 jumps for the tip in; #22 John Klama, #24 Bill Alber



Capturing the rebound, Chris Kemner and Landon Burkhardt

## Manchester JV Basketball

— by Karen Smith

It was another nail biter for Manchester JV basketball on Tuesday, February 11. The Addison Panthers came out strong gaining 10 points within two minutes of the start of the game, while Manchester missed several shots. Then it happened. **Mark Hollosy** scored 2, then another 2-point basket seconds later. The next shots came from the outside by **John Klama** and **Ben Grenier**. The first period ended with Manchester at 13 and Addison at 15.

The second period started great with **Levi Smith** rebounding and **John Klama** shooting successfully from the outside once again. Smith, Hollosy, Grenier and **Bill Alber** all scored during the period, leaving the Dutch at 27 and Panthers at 29.

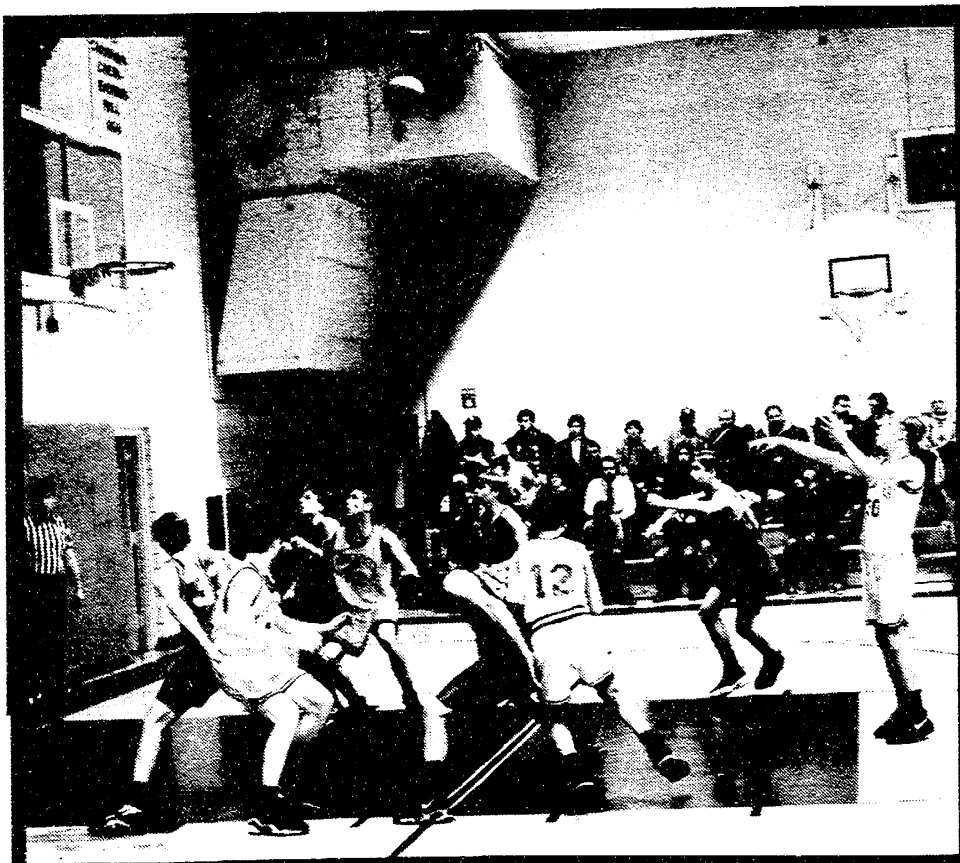
Quick work by **Andrew Hughes**, **Chris Ahrens**, **Nick Rose** and **Jason Schaible** kept the third period exciting. They kept the ball moving, pushing their team with determination. The Dutchmen were supported by spirited **Pat Schulz** and **Brian Hough**, contributing to this team's strength. Alber, Smith, Grenier and **Derek Hanewald** all scored. The period ended with Klama scoring 2 points with only one second remaining on the clock, bringing Manchester to 41 and Addison to 39.

The fourth period began with Addison scoring 2 points. Klama scored for the Dutch, followed by several free throws by Addison, bringing the score to 43 for Manchester and 48 for Addison. Hanewald and Alber scored but the end of the game brought two free throw points to Addison for a final score of 52-58 Addison.

Point leaders were John Klama with 17, Bill Alber with 12, Ben Grenier with 9, Mark Hollosy with 6; Levi Smith and Derek Hanewald each scored 4 points.

The next game was on Friday, February 14, at home against Michigan Center. It was a solid start by **Jason Schaible** who scored 2 points within the first 30 seconds of the game. **Mark Hollosy**, **Ben Grenier** and **Derek Hanewald** each scored ending the period with the Dutch at 8 and Cardinals at 11.

The second period began with two free throws by Hollosy and a 2-point shot by **Levi Smith**. **Bill Alber** had a steal and **Andrew Hughes** showed talent by rebounding for the Dutch. Additional work by **Pat Schulz**, scoring by Hanewald and Hollosy brought the close of the first half with the Cardinals leading at 24 and the Dutch at 22.



Derek Hanewald tosses in a free throw; under the basket #52 Levi Smith and #12 Jason Schaible

Manchester showed what they were made of during the third period. Schaible, Klama, Hollosy, and Hanewald all scored and the third period ended with the Dutch leading 37-34.

The Cardinals came back in the fourth period with a 3-point shot in the first fifteen seconds, but the Dutch worked hard and a Valentine win came to Manchester 61-51.

The leading scores for this game were held by Mark Hollosy-13, John Klama-12, Derek Hanewald and Ben Grenier-11 each, Jason Schaible-10 and Levi Smith with 4.

Coach Bryan Barnard leads these young men, exemplifying good sportsmanship and this writer noted the support teammates gave to one another, especially from the bench! GO DUTCH!!!

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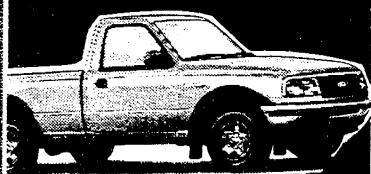
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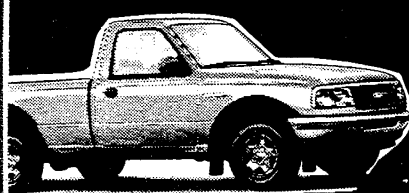
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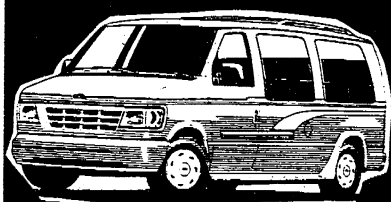
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