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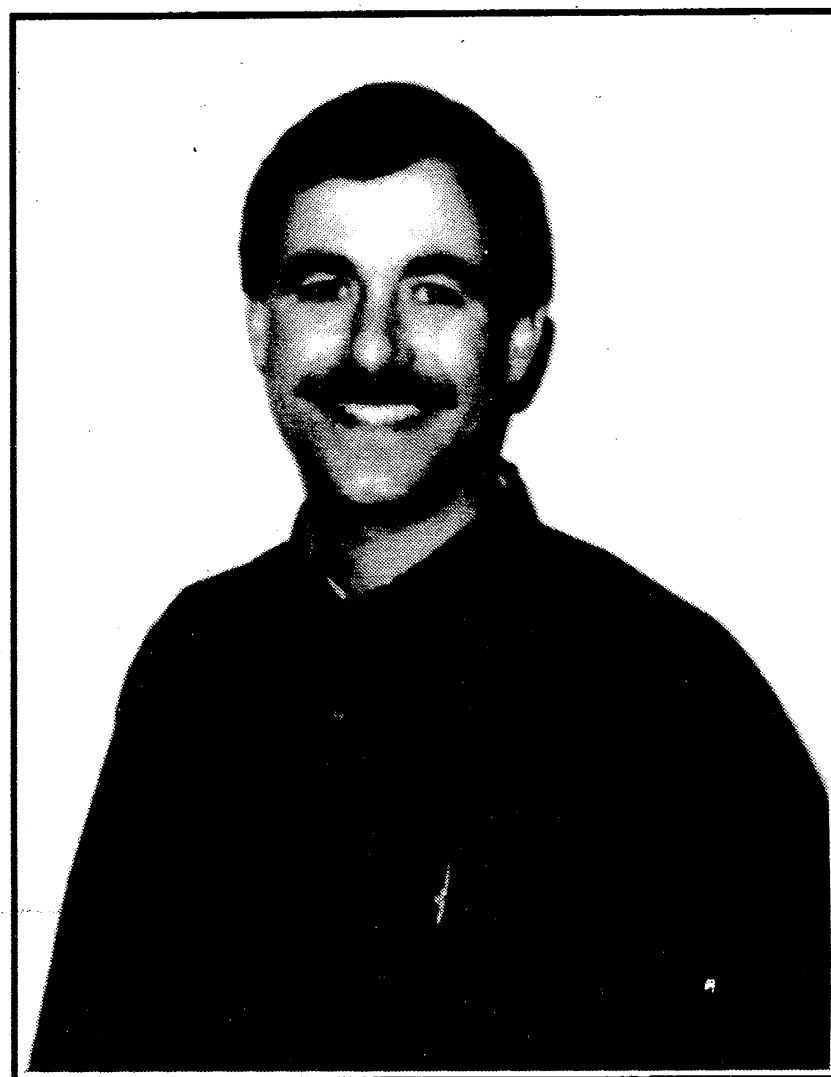
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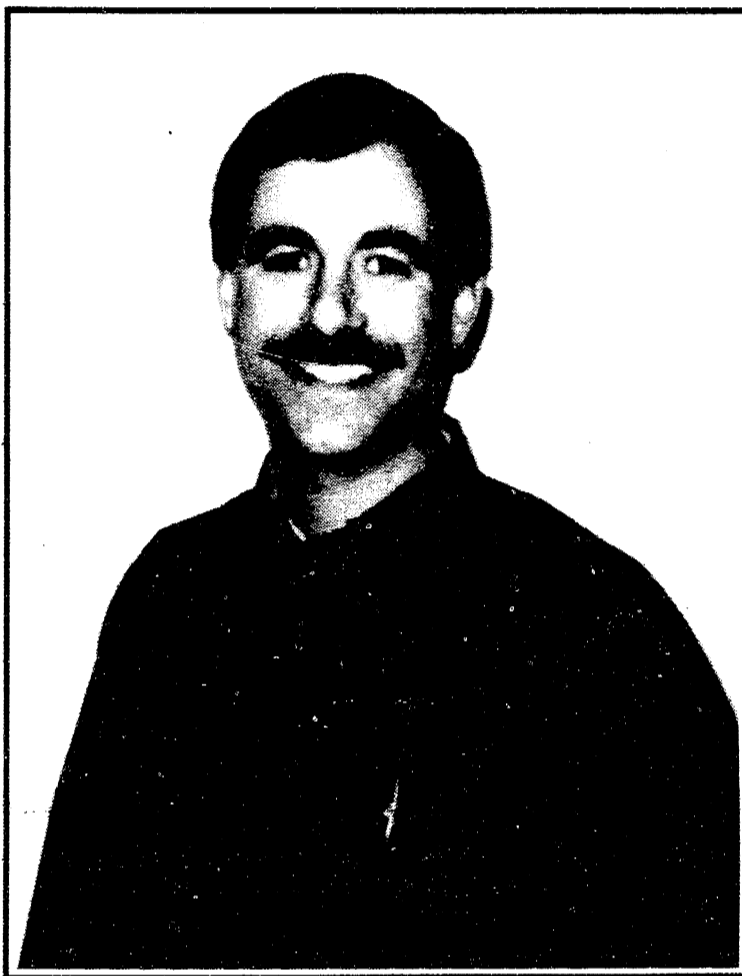
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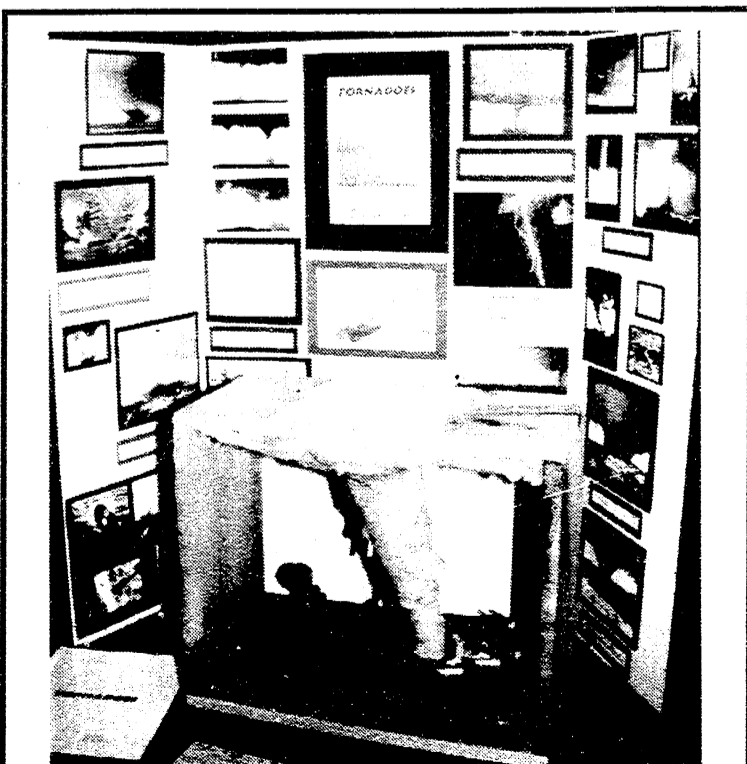
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Community Calendar

Scheduled Meetings

Bridgewater Township
Carol Peacock, Supervisor
517/456-7303
Karen Weidmayer, Clerk
13360 E. Austin
428-8641
Planning Commission
2d Monday 7:30
Township Board Meeting
3d Wednesday, 7:30
Freedom Township
Town Hall 428-7545
11508 Pleasant Lake Rd.
Robert Little, Supervisor
428-8585
Julie Schaible, Clerk
13785 Pleasant Lake Rd.
428-7241
Township Meeting
2d Tuesday 8:00 PM
Planning Commission
7:30 First Tuesday
Manchester Township
Town Hall 428-7090
275 S. Macomb St.
Ron Mann Supervisor
Kathleen Hakes, Clerk
Township meeting
2d Monday 8:00
Planning Commission
4th Tuesday
FIRE DEPARTMENT
428-9439 non-emergency
Sharon Township
Supervisor Gary Blades
5340 Hazel Rd., Grass Lake
428-9518
Teri Aiuto, Clerk
428-7002, 17250 Bethel
Church Road
Township Meeting
1st Thursday 8:00
Planning Commission
2d or 3d Thursday
Manchester Board of Education
Paul Kluwe, President
Meetings
3d Monday 7:30
MHS Media Center
Superintendent - Ron
Niedzwiecki 428-9711
Village of Manchester
Larry Becktel, President
Jeff Wallace, Manager
428-7877
Village Council Meeting
1st & 3rd Monday, 7:00
Planning Commission
2d Tuesday after the first
Monday, 7:30 PM

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Monday

1st Monday Manchester Township Library Board meets 7:30 PM
1st Monday: Manchester Masonic Lodge, business meeting 7:30 PM
1st & 3d Monday: Manchester Village Council, 7:00
2d Monday: Bridgewater Township Planning Commission meets 7:30
2d Monday: Manchester Knights of Columbus meets 8:00 PM. Grand Knight Ed Barnard
2d Monday: Manchester Township Board meets 8:00
2d & 4th Mondays: Manchester Optimist Club
3d Monday: School Board meets MHS Media Center 7:30
3d Monday: United Way Board meetings, 7:30 at First of America Bank

Tuesday

2d Tuesday: Freedom Township Board 8:00
2d Tuesday after 1st Monday: Village Planning

Commission, 7:30 PM
2d Tuesday: Manchester Area Senior Citizens, 9:30 AM
2d Tuesday: 20th Century Club, 7:30 PM
2d & 4th Tuesday: Shakespear Club, 1-3 PM
3d Tuesday: Manchester Historical Society, 7:30 at Blacksmith Shop
4th Tuesday: La Leche League 10 AM, call 428-8831 for location and info
4th Tuesday: Klager PTO 6:30 PM at school. Call 428-8321 for info.
4th Tuesday: Manchester Township Planning Commission
Every Tuesday: Boot Stompers at Emanuel Church 7-9 PM
Every Tuesday at Your Home: RECYCLE - containers at curb by 7:30 AM

Wednesday

1st Wednesday: Raisin Valley Land Trust, at the Blacksmith Shop, 7:30 PM
1st Wednesday: Veterans of Foreign Wars, 7:30 PM
2d Wednesday: American Legion Auxiliary 7:30 PM

2d Wednesday: Manchester Recreation Task Force 7:30 PM
3d Wednesday: Manchester Men's Club 7:30 PM
3d Wednesday, WIC Program, 9:30-3:00 Senior Citizens Bldg.
3d Wednesday: Bridgewater Township Board, 7:30 PM
3rd Wednesday: Chamber of Commerce Meeting
4th Wednesday: Manchester Township Fire Department meeting, 7:30 PM
Every Wednesday: Community Band - 7:30 PM

Thursday

1st Thursday: Sharon Township Board meets 8:00
1st Thursday: American Legion Post #117 7:30
2d or 3d Thursday: Sharon Township Planning Commission
3d Thursday: Cub Scout Pack Meeting, 7:00 PM
4th Thursday: Community Resource Center Board, 7:30
Every Thursday: AWANA 6:30-8:30 PM for kids ages 4-6th grade at Community Bible Church

Friday

Every Friday: AA MEETINGS 7:00 PM at Emanuel Church Kitchen. All are welcome, for more information call church office 428-8359

Notices

1st & 3rd Saturday: Manchester Kiwanis meets. Call 428-7722 for information on meeting place and time
1st Sunday of each month: Breakfast at the American Legion, 8 AM til noon, \$3.50 per person
3rd Sunday of each month: Breakfast at the St. Mary Parish Hall, sponsored by Boy Scouts

Coming Events

Alumni Association Board
Thursday March 20, 7:00 PM
Manchester Gutter Groomer, Inc. 617 City Road.
Sunday, April 6: Manchester Mill Run - Watch for more information in coming weeks!
The Community Calendar is a regular feature of the Enterprise. If your meetings or special events should be listed here, please call us at 428-8173

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Mike Ronan Joins Midwest Ford

are the strengths he brings to the Midwest Ford dealership. "I'm a Ford man as my father was a Ford man," Mike states. A youthful 35, Mike and his wife Teri, a native of Jackson, were looking for

a change of pace from the corporate life and they found this opportunity at Midwest Ford. Their children are nine-year-old Whitney, a fourth grader; Jay, seven years old and in first grade; and Allison, who is two. The Ronans are looking to relocate to the area after the end of this school year, and look forward to becoming part of the Manchester community.

Mike commented that "We have capable people already here. I'm here to learn along with them." He says that no drastic changes are planned for the immediate future, but he will be working to bring his skills in marketing and finance to the dealership and enhance the service department's reputation. "We have a good team right now," he states.

Welcome to Manchester, Mike!

- MJC/TMB

GUN SHOW

Saturday, March 8th 9am - 5pm
Sunday, March 9th 9am - 4pm

Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds
5055 Saline -Ann Arbor Rd

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The Second Front Page

"Hooking" Makes a Comeback

And It's Happening Right Here In Manchester!

What's a "Hook-In?" Well, just ask the members of the Southern Michigan Chapter of the National Guild of Pearl McGowen Rug Hookcrafters, and they'll be happy to tell you all about it!

You will have your opportunity to do so this coming Saturday, March 8, at the Emanuel Church - and the women are busy making preparations for their annual Rug Hooking Exhibition. Five Manchester residents are members of this Guild and are pleased to host this statewide gathering in their home town.

Irene Kemner, who is a certified teacher of the Pearl McGowen Rug Hookcrafting technique, Naomi Eisele, Mary Kay Bailey, Jo McKeever, and Vicki Eisele, are the Manchester contingent in Guild Chapter #2, the second chartered group after Pearl McGowen's own Chapter in New York state. But up to 35 "hookers" from as far afield as Monroe, Ann Arbor, and Napoleon, also attend the twice-monthly Monday sessions held at the Smith-Kimball Community Center in Clinton. Some of these women are also teachers in their respective communities.

Rug Hookcrafting is a traditional craft which was revived in the early 1940's by Pearl McGowen. "Pearl was a business woman who wrote books on color and design," explained Vicki Eisele. "She trained teachers, sent out newsletters, and created numerous designs. She made a business out of this craft."

Irene Kemner adds that Pearl's granddaughter, Jane McGowen Flynn, has taken over the designs for the National Guild. Pearl was born in 1892 and died in 1983, having given her pattern collection in the early 1970's to Old Sturbridge Village, hoping for their preservation. However, several years later the collection was sold, "much to Pearl's dismay," and it was at that time Jane acquired the rights to the patterns.

Irene also noted that traditional hooking designs were marketed door-to-door in the early days (among the notable peddlers was an artist named Robert Frost); but that Pearl McGowen was the one who returned the craft to popularity; although from all accounts it had never quite disappeared

from Manchester society. "Many years ago there was a hooking group here in Manchester," Vicki relates, which included Mrs. Stafford, Isabelle Widmayer, Mrs. Kuebler, and Esther Smith.

Rug Hookcrafting is different from the more familiar, and recent, latch-hook creations. Rather than yarn and a webbed backing, these rugs (or wall hangings, or seat covers, or pillows) are done with wool strips on burlap. "Many people recycle wool clothing in this way," Vicki told us. "But you can also purchase strips of wool to get exact matches and blends of colors." This suits the people of an artistic bent, who appreciate the combination of color and texture.

The craft is begun by using 100% wool fabric and a burlap, cotton or linen backing. The wool is cut in widths of 2/32" to 1/4", with a "slitter" or by hand. The wider the cut, the more "primitive" the style of the design. Primitive designs might include the "country" style so popular these days; other "Tapestry" designs are finer cut, and have more subtle shading and traditional designs. "These can include scrolls, florals, oriental style, pictorials, or flowers," explained Vicki. "These designs provide realism in the form of the shading and blend of colors." The crafter uses a hook (the size of which depends upon the width of the fabric strips), to pull loops of fabric through the backing.

The Southeastern Michigan Guild was begun by Judy Vandermolen, now Judy Coley, in the 1970's. She started classes in adult education here in Manchester, and some of these crafters joined the guild. Judy has since moved to Grand Rapids where the Western Michigan Chapter is based, so the local rug hookers have a connection across the state, as well. The other Michigan Chapter is based in Livonia. Over 100 local guilds are spread across the nation.

"We are so fortunate to have a wonderful group of women; among the best in the nation, in our group," enthuses Vicki. "It gives an opportunity for those of us who are newer at the craft to receive creative input from a wide variety of artists, and many of them are real experts." Vicki herself has been a member of the

guild since 1991, having started relatively recently, in 1989.

The opportunities are endless for those who hold this tradition dear. There are Rug Camps in the summer, held at college campuses or campgrounds, where you can work under the direction of expert teachers. Many of these "camps" are for the purpose of working on a specific design; at others you may complete a piece which you've already begun.

Vicki has attended camps at such diverse places as California; Calgary, Alberta; and New York. "You can learn many different styles from each different teacher," she explains. There are also statewide exhibitions, such as the one hosted here in Manchester, and every other year there is a nationwide exhibition.

Like most of the other women in the Guild, Vicki has tried "almost every" type of

craft. This is the one for which she currently feels the most enthusiasm. The samples brought to Monday's "hooking day" at the Smith Kimball Center, showed a wide variety of wonderful talent collected in a single room. One can only wait in expectation for this weekend's grand exhibition. Stop down at Emanuel Church this Saturday between 1-3 PM, to catch some of their excitement.

- Marsha Johnson Chartrand



Naomi Eisele (front) looks over her large log cabin project which she had hoped to complete by March 1. Although it hadn't yet happened, she received a lot of encouragement and suggestions from her fellow "hookers." At rear is Irene Kemner, the group's instructor.

One of the members of the Guild proudly displays her recent completion of a traditional tapestry which she had framed. The little girl with pantalets was truly beautiful. Another member was binding her replica of an M.C. Escher print, Birds and Fishes.



A large work-in-progress was displayed by a member of the Guild, who noted that she had completed several other small works since beginning this last May. She's feeling more upbeat about it now that she can see "light at the end of the tunnel."

Editorial/Opinion Page

Editorial - a statement of opinion in a newspaper, or on radio or TV by an editor or publisher.

Opinion - a belief not based on certainty but on what seems true or probable. What is thought on any matter or subject; judgement or belief resting on grounds insufficient to produce certainty.

This is an Editorial Opinion Page. Views expressed on this page are the opinions of the writer.

Teresa M. Benedict, Editor

Guest Editorial

Dear Editor,

Congratulations to the 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th grade students of Manchester Schools for the excellent entries in the recent Middle School Social Studies and Science Fair. I attended to see my granddaughter's entries and enjoyed the entire fair.

I was impressed with the wide variety of topics the students chose, the creative ways they were illustrated, eye-catching and neat presentations and the hours of research and preparation that obviously went into every project.

Keep up the good work Manchester schools, and students and adults who encourage and support them!

Sincerely,

Mary Jessup
Dimondale, MI

Dear garlene,

You're right - the drug and alcohol problem is not new. It's as old as can be. Whether or not it is better or worse, I dunno. Hard to say. What is new to me is this - at the Manchester Coalition for Drug Free Youth - committed people getting together around one table - teachers, cops, nurses, business people, mom's dad's, (and even a few kids) all with a common purpose - and question: How can we motivate the youth in our community to decrease its dependency on drugs and alcohol? How can we communicate a message of zero tolerance for use of potentially harmful substances by our kids? This is new and maybe a little threatening for some. So be it. The members of this little coalition are still gonna show up and try to make a difference even if it's only in one kid. It could be my kid.

Sincerely,

Carol Rose Kahn

Here we are poised for the new millennium at the "Home of the Famous Chicken Broil." The umbrella notion is that the "Home of the Brave" tops the "Home of the Broil" perhaps the originators ought to have combined the two into something like:

HOME OF THE BRAVE CHICKEN BROILERS or, at least HOME OF BRAVE CHICKENS.

Although chickens don't put up much of a fight.

Be grateful the originators of the Broil didn't decide to label Manchester as the, Home of the Falafel Jamboree, or Home of the Alfalfa Sprout Festival. Pity poor Hamburg, Michigan - "Home of Kohlrabi," or consider for a moment, Hell, Michigan - "Home of ...Beelzebub? Mr. Scratch? (Fill in your own term here.)" There is only so much one can do with Kohlrabi and the devil ought not be left to his own devices.

Here in Manchester, things are much better. gar discusses cloning and garlene has e-mail while Captain Pink and Bob Smith nudge for the sake of credibility. No, no, we're not like Hell at all - we're civilized and above it all. Certainly our leaders, thinkers, and writers wouldn't direct written volleys of righteous indignation toward one another. Certainly not - by the way, would you like to buy the Furnace Street Bridge?

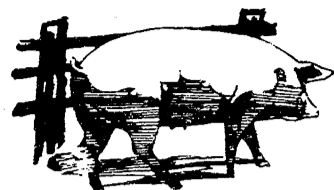
Ah well, the dawn of the information age is shining its golden rays upon Manchester. Spring will soon be here! Perhaps we will go the way of surrounding communities and adopt a sister city; on the other hand, we seem to be acting as if a sister city ought to adopt us. What about Manchester, England? It was once known as the "Home of Being Civil." Nah...it would never work here - we're much too busy sniping at one another, basked in the blue glow of our personal computers.

So, while we mull things over, contentedly munching a donut at the Village Bakery, or staring into the monitor - perhaps it is time to ponder how we might exhibit a friendly tone, generation to generation. Who knows - we may even decide that it is a good idea to clone gar (4A's comment notwithstanding).

Anyway, it is nice to know some things never change - try not to laugh. Feathers will fly.

- Finch Roberts

Out of the Pen



- by garlene

garlene has noticed people getting pretty defensive lately.

It may have something to do with people reading articles in the Enterprise written by one of her colleagues, Captain Pink. Sorry to say, there are many people who don't like the captain's articles.

Well, garlene admits that she sort of likes them, although she doesn't always agree with what the captain has to say, either. However, she has been known to pronounce (more than once) that everyone's entitled to their opinion, even if it's wrong. She is interested in others' point of view and whether or not she's in total agreement with the writer, she will always listen and try to see their side of the issue.

Although garlene has limited sports experience, in the football game of life, people usually don't get defensive unless something offends them. Sure, sometimes they've got their backs up just in case, but more frequently it is because the ball lands a little too close to the goal.

Over the years garlene has noticed that people get more

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tactful (or should she call it guarded) as they get older. You know, how when your piglets are little they can embarrass you by saying, "Mama, why is that man so fat?" Of course we ourselves would never think of calling that man fat. Pleasingly plump? Overweight, perhaps? Porky? Hmmm...

Although it would be inappropriate to consider Captain Pink a piglet, many have correctly guessed that the captain is on the brink of adulthood. Perhaps our adult term for what the captain writes could be "calling a spade a spade." That can be embarrassing, all right.

Mr. Roberts, you are right. Perhaps our days of basking in the blue glow of our computers have jaded us just a little. Perhaps we forget to remember the finer things of life, like getting along with others. We could probably do that. We don't always mean to offend; perhaps we are just a little reactionary instead of pro-active. Thanks for the reminder.

Dear Editor,

There have been a couple of editorial opinions expressed by those on the Enterprise staff this year that I take issue with. In an editorial opinion in January, Captain Pink expressed unhappiness because the police were doing their job in trying to prevent minors from consuming alcohol New Year's Eve. She even cheered on those who thought of clever ways to escape being caught. Her logic was that they were going to drink somewhere; better that it be all in one spot than at various locations. (I think she should have had to sign her own name to that opinion instead of enjoying anonymity as a staff member).

Then garlene's attitude expressed in the Feb. 13 Enterprise, while discouraging drug and alcohol use to some extent, still conveyed the idea of "come on, guys, a lot of us took drugs, too, and came out fine." (a synopsis, not a direct quote).

Maybe this is the overall attitude in Manchester - after all, we have a beer tent at our fireworks display, giving the message that this is the way to celebrate and have fun (I know, it probably pays for a lot of the great fireworks we enjoy each year), and I totally agree with garlene's overall message that this isn't a horrible drug-crazed place to live, but still I think that the Enterprise staff needs to be careful that they're not giving the message that drugs and alcohol are okay or taking a "kids will be kids, you know" approach to these issues.

Someone taking a drink or accepting a drug doesn't know for sure how far that first drink or smoke or whatever will go. Those upstanding citizens of 1997 are probably matched by counterparts whose lives were ruined, and even the upstanding ones have paid a price somewhere. The one thing that is sure is that you can't become a drug addict or an alcoholic if you never take a drug or a drink of alcohol, and I personally have a lot of respect for any of our kids who have resisted peer pressure and just said, "NO!"

Sincerely,

Kathy Johanson



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Editorial/Opinion Page

Pink's Opinion

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- by Captain Pink

The breakfast program is there to help out those families who can't afford breakfast, don't have time to feed their children, or just wake up late. One of the major points that were clearly illustrated by teachers and staff is that some children only eat at school. Due to their family's financial standing, they can't afford three square meals a day. Having the breakfast program now gives these children two chances for a meal - breakfast and lunch.

I want to know where all the food from the canned food drives go? Where is the CRC? Are they too busy to actually help the really needy ones? This goes for all of the other community organizations.

If this was done, the percentage of students taking advantage of discount lunches would be lower than what it currently is. Right now it is below 20%. State law states that if 20% of students take advantage of the reduced lunch program, you must offer a breakfast program. Why do Manchester Schools have a breakfast program if we aren't required to?

Feeding the needy is not in the "mission statement" of our schools. Personally I feel that we should change our name from Manchester Community Schools to Community Day care.

A lot of letters have been mailed to the Enterprise saying Captain Pink's articles are based on "half truths" and "hearsay." One letter in particular was not able to be printed; the Manchester Enterprise is not a publishing house. This means three or four page letters, whether supporting or slamming previous publications, will not be printed.

Captain Pink's editorials are based on facts and information collected from eyewitnesses, people involved, and reports. On all topics I have requested reports, videos, and a chance to speak to all parties involved. As usual, at that point, people clam up and avoid helping me with my request.

I guess the facts would be highly incriminating. Captain Pink stands behind what he has printed and feels strongly the information is true.

Dear Middle School Student:

It was brave of you to write your opinion on school breakfasts. I agree with you that it is important for you to eat breakfast.

I don't understand your statment that you need to eat breakfast at school because of sleeping in.

Perhaps if you woke up fifteen or thirty minutes earlier you could eat breakfast at home and then the hundreds of other students and bus drivers could spend their time doing the things that they enjoy doing. Maybe you should be more thoughtful of others.

Sincerely,
Dorothy Purfield

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Editor - Manchester Enterprise:

As the Fleet Manager and mechanic for Manchester Community Schools I feel I must respond to the editorial letter from Mr. Ricamore concerning Bus 15 having dangerously sharp metal ledges under the windows. First of all, Bus 15 window ledges are no different than most other bus in our fleet or the fleet of any other school. Furthermore, the so called sharp ledge is 14 inches above the seat. This is hardly head level even for Kindergarten children. All school buses, regardless of manufacturer, **must** meet national and Michigan standards. A school bus is built much stronger and safer than any car or van. These buses are required by law to be inspected thoroughly, inside and out, by the driver each and every time a bus leaves the parking lot. The inspection results are logged on the drivers' Pre-Trip Inspection sheet, signed by the driver. Any defects are noted on the log and a repair request slip is turned into the garage. Any defects that concern safety are reported immediately to the mechanic or dispatcher so the vehicle can be repaired or replaced by a spare bus. (Spare buses are required to meet the same safety standards as the regular fleet.)

I not only believe, I **know**, the #1 concern at Manchester Community Schools is the safety of its children. In all my years at Manchester the superintendent has always insisted on installing every known safety devise ever recommended to him by the Transportation Department whether it was required or not. We are usually the first in the area to comply with the regulations.

Manchester is fortunate to have a professional driving team. The community should recognize the outstanding safety record of our drivers and their *personal* commitment to student safety. I am part of that transportation team and proud of it!

Howard Poley
Fleet Manager/Mechanic



Out & About

- by gar

gar was privileged to attend the Manchester Men's Club Awards banquet Saturday evening. Co - Chairman Terry Harris handed out the awards and accolades to many deserving members. Interestingly enough, we residents of Manchester take for granted many of the fine works and deeds performed by so many individuals.

Kid's projects starting with the annual Easter egg hunt, sand box filling, uniforms for high school baseball, cheerleader outfits, little league uniforms and the annual scholarship. Community projects at Chi-bro park, river cleanup, M-52 Cleanup, Fireworks and the many other activities. The Men's Club picked up a lot of the old Jaycee projects. Harris pointed to 1996 accomplishments as an upgrading and overhauling of their fine organization.

An interesting side conversation arose between a few members when they began talking about scholarship qualifications and how the Men's Club determines the award. The conversation turned to MEAP testing and then to a comment how Manchester Schools achievement is declining. I was asked, (since gar follows the school scene closely), "if that assessment was fair or not." I could only reply that, "based on the most recent MEAP results, we are going downhill." When asked why, I was unable to answer. I suggested that would be a good question for our school Superintendent so I will pose it in this column:

Superintendent Ronald Niedzwiecki, Why have our MEAP scores declined over the past four years and what is the school system going to do to correct this decline?

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BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL PERSONS LIABLE TO ASSESSMENT FOR TAXES IN THE TOWNSHIP OF FREEDOM COUNTY OF WASHTENAW, STATE OF MICHIGAN

THAT THE ASSESSMENT ROLL OF SAID TOWNSHIP AS PREPARED BY THE UNDERSIGNED WILL BE SUBJECT TO INSPECTION AT

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP HALL
11508 Pleasant Lake Road

in the said Township,
on Tuesday, March 4, 1997 at 9:00 AM
Board of Review - organizational meeting

Appeals and Conference with Taxpayers will be heard on

MONDAY, MARCH 10, 1997

9:00 AM -12:00 Noon; 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
and 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 1997

9:00 AM -12:00 Noon and 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

At which place, and on each of said days, said Board of Review will be in session, and upon request of any person who is assessed on said roll, or of his agent, and upon sufficient cause being shown, said Board of Review will correct the assessment as to such property in such manner as will in their judgement make the valuation thereof relatively just and equal.

Such assessment tax roll as reviewed and proved by said Board of Review will assess role of said Township of Freedom for the year 1997:

Agricultural	44.66	Industrial	46.10
Commercial	48.99	Residential	48.08
Developmental	0.00		

Robert C. Little, Supervisor

2/20, 2/27, 3/6

NOTICE MEETINGS OF BOARD OF REVIEW

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THAT THE ASSESSMENT ROLL OF SAID TOWNSHIP AS PREPARED BY THE UNDERSIGNED WILL BE SUBJECT TO INSPECTION AT

SHARON TOWNSHIP HALL
Corner of Pleasant Lake and Sylvan Roads

on Tuesday, March 4, 1997 at 9:00 AM
Board of Review - organizational meeting

THE BOARD OF REVIEW WILL MEET TO HEAR APPEALS AND MAKE JUSTIFIED CHANGES AT THE TOWNSHIP HALL

MONDAY, MARCH 10, 1997

9:00 AM -12:00 Noon and 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 1997

1:00 - 4:00 by Appointment, and 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Letters, instead of personal appearance, are acceptable if received by March 10, 1997.

Mail to:

Gary Blades, Township Supervisor
5340 Hazel Road
Grass Lake MI 49240

1997 tentative ratios and multipliers as determined by the Washtenaw County Equalization Department

	<u>Ratios</u>	<u>Multipliers</u>
Agricultural	44.14	1.1328
Commercial	49.20	1.0163
Residential	46.64	1.0723

Gary Blades, Supervisor

2/20, 2/27, 3/6

Agenda Village of Manchester Planning Commission Meeting

Tuesday, March 11, 1997,
7:30 PM

1. Call meeting to order
2. Approval of agenda
3. Approval of minutes of previous meeting
4. Public participation
5. Reports from administration
6. New Business
 - A. East Main Street P.U.D. discussion
7. Old Business
 - A. Review village zoning book with village planner
8. Adjourn

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Sharon Township Board of Appeals

The Sharon Township Board of Appeals will meet for the purpose of electing officers and conducting such business as may come before it at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, March 12, 1997 at the Sharon Township Hall, 18010 Pleasant Lake Road

Following the business meeting, a public hearing commencing at 8:00 PM, will be held to consider an appeal to reverse a ruling of the Township Planning Commission which, if reversed, would permit a parcel in an R-2 zone to continue a non-conforming use as agricultural land.

The address of the subject property is 10710 M-52. The tax parcel is #15-35-400-027.

Please direct written comments before March 12, 1997 to:

Sharon Township Board of Appeals
Charlotte Anderson, Chairperson
14689 Waldo Road
Chelsea, MI 48118

NOTICE

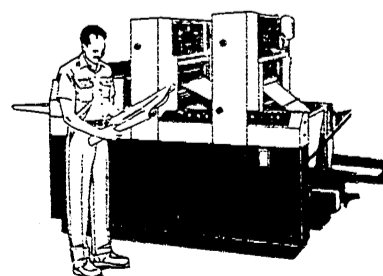
The Freedom Township dates for Board of Review meetings were incorrect on the Notice of Assessment and Taxable Valuations.

Correct Dates are

March 10th and March 11th, 1997

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Week of February 24-
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Monday, February 24:
7:36 AM: Traffic Crash,
Hibbard Street
Tuesday, February 25:
4:49 PM, Traffic Crash,
Main Street & Division
Wednesday, February 26:
6:33 AM Warrant Arrest,
Main Street;
6:40 PM Larceny re-
ported on Ann Arbor Hill
Thursday, February 27:
8:57 AM Private Property
Crash, West Main St.
Friday, February 28: 6:24
PM Drive off E. Main St.
7:05 PM Traffic Crash,
W. Main St.
8:11 PM Drive off, E.
Main Street
Saturday, March 1: 7:10
AM MDOP, Duncan St.
Sunday, March 2: 11:13
AM; MDOP to motor
vehicle, Kirk Park
4:36 PM B&E Alarm,
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MINERAL LICENSE BOARD Bridgewater Township

Date: March 12, 1997
Time: 7:30 PM
**Place: Bridgewater
Township Hall**
10990 Clinton Road
Clinton, MI 49236

NOTICE MEETINGS OF BOARD OF REVIEW

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TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER COUNTY OF
WASHTENAW, STATE OF MICHIGAN

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TOWNSHIP AS PREPARED BY THE
UNDERSIGNED WILL BE SUBJECT TO
INSPECTION AT

BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP HALL
Corner of Clinton and Braun Roads

on Tuesday, March 4, 1997 at 7:30 PM
Board of Review - organizational meeting

THE BOARD OF REVIEW WILL MEET TO
HEAR APPEALS AND MAKE JUSTIFIED
CHANGES AT THE TOWNSHIP HALL

MONDAY, MARCH 10, 1997

9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon and 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 1997

9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon and 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

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acceptable if received by March 10, 1997.

Mail to:
Bridgewater Township
Board of Review
PO Box 469
Clinton, MI 49236

1997 tentative ratios and multipliers as determined
by the Washtenaw County Equalization Department

	<u>Ratios</u>	<u>Multipliers</u>
Agricultural	45.11%	1.1084
Commercial	48.53%	1.0303
Industrial	49.08%	1.0187
Residential	47.40%	1.0549
Developmental	47.46%	1.0535
Personal	50.00%	1.0000

Carol A. Peacock, Supervisor

2/20, 2/27, 3/6

Proposed synopsis of regular meeting of the Manchester Township Board held February 10, 1997.

The meeting was called to
order at 8:02 PM with all
board members present. Also
present were Manchester Vil-
lage President Larry Becktel,
Village Manager Jeff
Wallace, Fire Chief Gary
Wiedmeyer, Fire Department
Officers Gale Koebe and

Kris Kensler, and Planning
Commission Member Don
Limpert.

Minutes from the Board's
regular meeting of 1/13/97
and special meeting of 2/3/97
were approved as presented.
The treasurer's report was ac-
cepted. After an amendment
to the budget, approval was
given for bills that have been
paid and for payment of out-
standing bills.

Village President Becktel
and Village Manager Wallace
presented a letter outlining
several questions regarding
the assessing process.

Fire Department activity
for January included 2 fires,
9 medical, 9 personal injury,
and 1 miscellaneous for a to-

tal of 21 runs. John Roe and
Joe Dunny were appointed to
the Fire Department, upon
recommendation of the offic-
ers. Richard and Eileen
Disbrow have presented 700
shares of Comerica Stock to
the Dutchmen Firefighters
Association, and the associa-
tion has formed a committee
to raise funds for a rescue
truck. The Board approved a
motion to support the efforts
of this committee.

In unfinished business, a
resolution was adopted gov-
erning the use of township
credit cards. In new business,
the Board approved payment
of \$30 per inspection to sub-
stitute inspectors, to help off-
set the cost of additional train-

ing required by the state, and
agreed to make that rate ret-
roactive to January 1, 1997.
Dyer's Auto Parts' salvage
yard licence was renewed.
Correspondence required no
action from the Board.

There being no further
business, the meeting ad-
journed at 10:14 PM. A com-
plete copy of these minutes
may be obtained at the town-
ship office during regular of-
fice hours, which are Mon-
day, Tuesday, Wednesday,
and Friday from 8:00 AM to
noon.

Submitted by Kathleen
M. Hakes, Clerk

Approved by Ronald E.
Mann, Supervisor

NOTICE MEETINGS OF BOARD OF REVIEW

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TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER COUNTY OF
WASHTENAW, STATE OF MICHIGAN

THAT THE ASSESSMENT ROLL OF SAID
TOWNSHIP AS PREPARED BY THE
UNDERSIGNED WILL BE SUBJECT TO
INSPECTION AT

MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP HALL
275 South Macomb Street
Manchester, MI 48158

in the said Township,

on Tuesday, March 4, 1997 at 9:00 AM
Board of Review - organizational meeting

Appeals to the Board may be made by letter to the
Board by March 14, 1997 or in person on the
following days:

MONDAY, MARCH 10, 1997

9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon and 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 1997

1:30-4:40 PM and 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 1997

9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon and 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM

At which place, and on each of said days, said Board of
Review will be in session, and upon request of any person
who is assessed on said roll, or of his agent, and upon suffi-
cient cause being shown, said Board of Review will correct
the assessment as to such property in such manner as will
in their judgement make the valuation thereof relatively just
and equal.

The County Board of Commissioners of Washtenaw
County has proposed the following starting ratios for
Manchester Township for the year 1997:

Agricultural	43.81%	Industrial	49.51
Commercial	48.12	Residential	45.87
Personal	50.00	Developmental	43.22

Ronald E. Mann, Supervisor

2/20, 2/27, 3/6

BAPTIST CHURCHES

NORTH SHARON BAPTIST CHURCH - Bobby D. Toler, Pastor; Tim Butterfield, Associate Pastor, Sylvan & Washburn Rds - 428-7222; SS 10 AM; Morning Church 11 AM; Eve Church 7 PM; Weds Bible Study & Youth Mtg 7 PM

VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH - Jon King, Pastor; 423 S. Macomb, 428-7506, Sunday School 10 AM; Morning Worship 11 AM; Evening Public Bible Class 6:00 PM; Wednesday Praise & Prayer 7 PM

CATHOLIC CHURCH

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH - Rev. Francis J. Murray, Pastor; Telephone 428-8811; Masses: Monday thru Wednesday, Friday 8:30 AM; Thursday, 7 PM; Saturday 5 PM; Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 AM

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

ST. BARNABAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH - Rev. Jerrold F. Beaumont, OSP, MTh, DD; 20500 Old US-12; Chelsea; 475-8818; Worship Sundays at 10 AM

LUTHERAN CHURCHES

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH - (Missouri Synod) Rev. Dale Grimm, Pastor - 1515 S. Main, Chelsea; 475-1404; Heritage Service 8:15 Contemporary Worship 10:30 AM Sundays

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - Rev. Erling Aaserud, Pastor; Austin Road, Bridgewater; 429-7434 Sunday School 9:15 AM; Worship 10:30; various mid week & Bible Study groups

ST. THOMAS LUTHERAN CHURCH - Rev. John Kayser, pastor; 10001 W. Ellsworth Road (5 miles north and 6-1/2 east of Manchester); 663-7511; Sunday School 9:30 AM; Worship 10:45

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH - Pastor David Hendricks; 3050 S Fletcher Rd., Chelsea; 475-8064; Sunday School 9 AM; Worship 10:15

UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES

MANCHESTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - Rev. Thomavenport, Pastor; 501 Ann Arbor St. Parsonage 428-8013; church 428-8495. Worship 10:30 AM

SHARON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - Rev. Peggy Paige, Pastor, Corner M-52 and Pleasant Lake. Parsonage 428-8430; church, 428-7714; Sunday School 10 AM, Worship 11 AM

MORMON CHURCH

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS (MORMONS) - Gary Spooner, Branch Pres; 1330 Freer Rd., Chelsea, 475-1778; Sacrament 9:30 AM; Sunday School, 10:40; Relief Soc, Priesthood & Youth 11:40

NON DENOMINATIONAL CHURCHES

COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH - Pastor Jody Riethmiller; 8400 Sharon Hollow Rd., 428-8709; Worship 10 AM; Sunday School 11:30 AM; Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer 7:30 PM. All are welcome!

IRON CREEK COMMUNITY CHURCH - Tom Butterfield, Pastor; English & Sharon Hollow Rds.; Sunday School 10 AM; Morning Church 11 AM; Sunday Evening 7 PM

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

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

BETHEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST - Rev. Richard E. Hardy, minister - 10425 Bethel Church Rd. at Schneider; Parsonage & Church 429-7155/428-8000; Church Service 9:30 AM

EMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST - Rev. Dr. Vincent Carroll, Pastor 324 E. Main; 428-8359; Sunday School 9:15 AM; Worship 10:30 AM; Fellowship 11:30 AM

ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST - Rev. Dr. Nancy M. Doty, Pastor; 12376 Waters Road at Fletcher, Rogers Corners; Worship & Sunday School 9:30 AM

UNITY CHURCH

UNITY CHURCH OF JACKSON - 3385 Miles Road, Ackerson Lake, Jackson, 517-764-6900; 11 AM Sunday Services & Sunday School

COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH

Thursday, March 6:
AWANA for youth, 6:30 PM
Sunday, March 9: 10:00 Worship; 11:30 Sunday School

MANCHESTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Wednesday, March 5: 1:00 PM Willo Circle; 6:30 PM Lenten Soup Supper & Worship
Thursday, March 6: 9:30 AM Senior Yoga Class; 7:00 PM Choir cantata rehearsal; 8:00 PM Bell Choir
Sunday, March 9: 9:00 AM Sunday School; 9:00 AM New Members' Class; 10:30 AM Worship; 11:45 AM Choir Rehearsal; 1:00 PM DISCIPLE Bible Study
Monday, March 10: 4:00 PM Scouts; 7:00 PM Last Supper Drama rehearsal
Tuesday, March 11: 6:00 PM Scouts
Wednesday, March 12: 3:15 PM Scouts; 6:00 PM Lenten Soup Supper & Worship; 7:30 PM Community Choir Sing @ Sharon UMC

EMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Wednesday, March 5: 9:30 AM Women of Emanuel; 1:00 PM Emanuel Quilters; 5:30 PM Jazzercise; 6:15 PM Girl Scouts; 6:30 PM Basket weaving; 6:30 PM Bell Choir; 7:00 PM Pass; 7:00 PM Board of Christian Education; 7:30 PM Adult Choir
Thursday, March 6: 9:15 AM Jazzercise; 12:00 PM Senior Meal; 12:00 PM School meeting; 6:30 PM Worship; 7:00 PM Bible Study; 7:30 PM Volleyball
Friday, March 7: 1:30 PM World Day of Prayer Service; 7:00 PM AA
Saturday, March 8: All Day Rug hooking; 9:15 AM Jazzercise
Sunday, March 9: 9:15 AM Sunday School; 10:30 AM Worship Service; 11:30 AM Fellowship Time; 11:45 AM Confirmation Class; 1:00 PM Baton; 4:00 PM Samaritan Benefit Concert
Monday, March 10: 3:30 PM Children's Choir; 5:30 PM Jazzercise; 6:30 PM Girl Scouts; 6:30 PM Optimists; 7:00 PM Stewardship/Mission meeting; 8:00 PM Fair Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 11: 9:15 AM Jazzercise; 12 Noon Senior Meal; 7:00 PM Boy Scouts; 7:00 PM Country Dance

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Wednesday, March 5: Moms Prayer Group (church basement) 9-10 AM; Cub Scouts (church basement) 5:30-6:30 PM
Thursday, March 6: Agape Group (parish center) 6:30 PM
Friday, March 7: Children's Choir, 3:30-4:45 PM; Fish Fry (parish center) 5-8 PM
Sunday, March 9: Adult Choir, 9:30 & 11:30 AM; Rel Ed, Pre/Kind (church basement) 10:30 AM
Monday, March 10: K of C Business Meeting, 8 PM; First Communion Celebration of Carling, 7 PM
Tuesday, March 11: Rel Ed Grades 1-4 at Klager, 3:15-4:15 PM; Rel Ed Grades 5 & 6 (parish center) 3:30-4:30 PM; Faith Inquiry, 7:30 PM

SHARON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, March 2, 6:30 PM Potluck supper; 7:30 PM Lenten Service, Rev. Sherman Beird, retired United Methodist minister from the Louisiana Conference, speaking
Wednesday, March 5: 8:15 PM Chancel Choir Practice

ST. JOHN'S UCC, ROGERS CORNERS

Wednesday, March 5: Potluck Dinner and Lenten Study - rescheduled
Sunday, March 9: 9:30 AM Worship & Sunday School; 10:30 AM Annual Congregational Meeting

BETHEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Wednesday, March 5: 7:30 PM Lenten Service
Thursday, March 6: 6:15 PM Children's Choir; 7:00 PM Youth Choir Plus; 7:30 PM Ways & Means meet; 7:30 PM Women's Circle
Friday, March 7: 1:30 PM World Day of Prayer at Emanuel UCC
Sunday, March 9: 9:30 AM Worship Service - One Great

Lenten Choir Program

Music will fill the Sharon United Methodist Church on Wednesday, March 23, 7:30 PM, as the choirs of five churches combine to present a Lenten Service with the theme, "Lean on the Lord."

Choirs of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Emanuel United Church of Christ, Manchester United Methodist Church, Bethel United Church of Christ, and the Sharon United Methodist Church will each sing an anthem and they will also join together to sing three songs.

There is plenty of parking available in back of the church and across the road in Wacker's lot. Don't stay away because you think there's not seating room as 160 people can easily be seated for the program.

Hour of Sharing Offering - Dedication of Material Aids; SS 3 & 4 & KDG; 10:30 AM SS grades 1-8

Monday, March 10: 7:45 PM Senior Choir

Wednesday, March 12: 7:30 PM Lenten Choir Sing - Sharon United Methodist Church

ST. THOMAS LUTHERAN CHURCH

Wednesday, March 5: 7:30 PM Lenten Service
Sunday, March 9: 9:30 AM Sunday School & Bible Study; 10:45 AM Worship Service
Wednesday, March 12: 7:30 PM Lenten Service

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

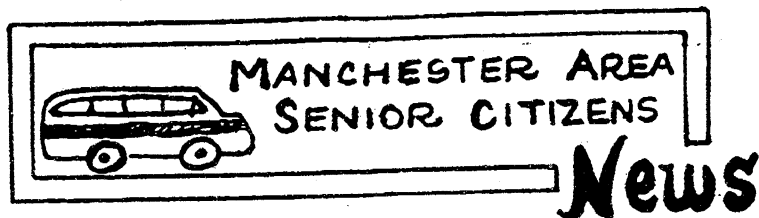
Sunday, March 9: 9:00 AM Sunday School for all ages 3-Adult; 10:15 AM Worship Service

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN, BRIDGEWATER

Sunday, March 9: Sunday School 9:15 AM; Worship With Holy Communion, 10:30 AM; Youth Group, 6:30 PM

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- by TV Ludwick

They say "Traveling broadens one" and if you ate everything offered up and didn't or couldn't get up and walk a little you could get broad in a hurry. We were either eating or drinking some goodies on our flight to & fro London on British Airways. The coup de grace came for me on the return trip home. Seemed as though we had just eaten a large dinner meal and lo, here came those flight attendants with, of all things, high tea! My stomach literally turned over at the thought and I politely said, no thanks. Thoughtless of me, I could have given it to Clayton Carroll, who could eat like all young men can. Trying to remember what we ate in Israel is a challenge. Breakfast buffet was different... scrambled and hard cooked eggs, yogurt, vegetables such as tomato wedges and assorted others, tuna, creamed fish, and something which resembled orange and/or lemonade. Toast, of course was available with instant coffee on tables. For lunch at stops, falafels were on every menu - like taco shells containing meat and Vegas, etc. Dinner was a surprise and tasty. All in all, fresh bananas, oranges, and dates

were there for us to snack on at each stop.

Thursday, March 6: If you are 65 or older, come join us in yoga class at the Methodist Church beginning at 9:30. Boy, are we stretching our muscles. Birthday Bash is held today at Emanuel's dining room for all you who are 55 or older in our area. Call Sharman (ahead) to reserve your spot at 428-8359, or Jan (before 10:30 on meal days) at 428-7630. Birthday folks may eat for half-price, we invite you to come try our senior meals. We have 23 seniors listed on our March birthday roll; wouldn't it be fun to have most of them with us? Come and enjoy chicken by Jan and go to the Center for Bingo at 12:30.

Friday, March 7: Senior bus leaves the Center at 8:30 for Mason and the Sugar Bush Maple Syrup festival. You may call Marion Ahrens at 428-7865 to see if there is room to go along.

Tuesday, March 11: Turkey divan...let's see, that is either a long, low couch or sofa (in Persia) or a smoking room, but what does it have to do with turkey other than being close to that country? Jan, where do you come up with these menus? Maybe it,

after all, is just a typo. Anyway, let it not detract from our presentation at 12:30 "Amigo Mobility Center" is the topic.

Thursday, March 13: Come join us at yoga at 9:30 at the Methodist Church. Back at Emanuel, we will be treated to a St. Patrick Day celebration...what do you suppose the cooks will serve? Bingo is played each Thursday afternoon at the Center at 12:30.

Our trip chairperson, Marion Ahrens, reminds us of some trip deadlines: Sunday, May 11 is the date for the Ice Show at Joe Louis Arena by American Tours. **Monday, April 14 is the deadline.** The trip to the Bavarian Inn Festival in Frankenmuth is set for Saturday, June 14. This is a six-act dinner show plus two hours of shopping time and the **deadline for tickets is Wednesday, April 23.** Call her soon as these two trips will sell quickly.

Nearly forgot to mention the breakfast menu always (In both England and Israel) included Mr. Kellogg's eternal corn flakes! Coca-cola was there too, although it was difficult to get it in anything except straight up. More later after I talk to the experts!



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GIRL SCOUTS

Brownie Troop 729 Celebrates Scouting's 85th Anniversary



Brownie Troop 729 is pictured with the collection box which is at the CRC

This is the 85th Anniversary of Girl Scouting. To celebrate the anniversary, Huron Valley Girl Scouts and Briarwood Hudson's are participating in a Council-wide service project. The 85th Anniversary Helping Hands Community Service Project is a collection drive of new, unused personal care items to be donated to family shelters in the local area. The donations will be used by victims of domestic violence while they are at the shelters.

Donations in Manchester will be collected through the end of March and can be deposited in the box at the Community Resource Center. Items will also be collected

at the Girl Scout Swap Meet March 16 from noon-3 PM at the American Legion.

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Cub Scout Den 4 visited the **Manchester Enterprise** on Wednesday, February 26, to learn more about how a newspaper is run. They asked questions about how we find the news, how we write the stories, and what happens to the story once it is written.

They are working on completing a merit badge and we wish them luck! Pictured, Left-right, are Josh Scott, Joey Mierzwa, Allison London, Zachary Johnson, Matt Pieske, A.J. Tallman, and leaders Judy Mierzwa and Laura Tallman. Not pictured is Dustin Lee.



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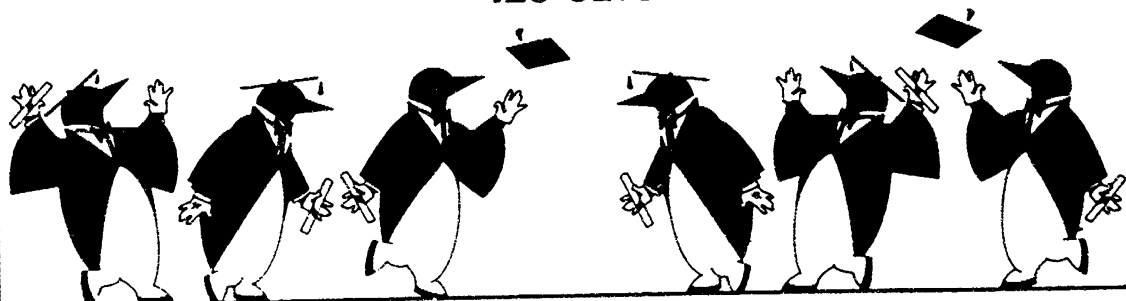
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Manchester CoOp Preschool News



Boy are we having fun! Since the beginning of the year the kids have had the best time at Preschool. Starting right off in January with making their own Tin Can Ice Cream for ice cream treat day. The they studied the "Bears:" you know, the Berenstain Bears, Corduroy the Bear, Winnie the Pooh, and Paddington Bear. They have had a walking field trip to see the Dentist. Don't forget about the Valentine's Day party.

The most important was VIP night. Each child invited a very important person (somebody who can't usually come to class during the day), to attend a special night time class. The fund doesn't end there either, there is so much to look forward to. There's Carnival Day, St. Patrick's Day Party, Easter Basket Day, and some great field trips.

Now the four year olds have Visiting Artists on Wednesdays. Those are more than just fun, but also a great learning experience. We owe a BIG THANKS, to the many local people who have come in to share their great talents. The kids have enjoyed a variety of artists (some of whom even brought in a collection of their work), showing them how to make such things as their own Raggedy Ann or Andy, or a Valentine clothespin doll, to a story telling artist like Abe Lincoln. The Pre-

school has many special artists lined up to come to class. If you have a special "Art" you would like to share call the Preschool Office (428-1684), there just might be a day open yet this school year.

Something else made special at preschool is Birthdays. You have never celebrated a birthday until you have celebrated it preschool style! The anticipation starts days in advance; the soon-to-be birthday child is sent home with a huge poster board to fill with pictures of just them. The day of their party, the picture collage is brought to school to show and share. It then gets hung in the hallway for

all to see. There is a special crown to wear and keep, a special song is sung (along with the Happy Birthday song, too), and of course each Birthday Child has a special treat they have chosen to bring in and share.

But best of all is when the time comes to pick out their birthday toy from the special box. Many a minute have been spent looking through that box, to choose just the right one.

Well, as we say at Preschool, "Friends, friends, friends are we; all my friends are here with me!" If you would like your child to be enrolled, just call.

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Science and Social Studies - A Great Combination!

From over 350 projects submitted to last week's Science and Social Studies Fair, 140 semi-finalists and 76 ribbon winners emerged with an enhanced sense of pride in their accomplishments. And everyone who entered their project, received the satisfaction of completing an important task which constitutes a major portion of their grade for this term.

The 48 volunteer judges came from Manchester and other communities, such as Chelsea, Brighton and Grass Lake. These judges conducted interviews with all the semi finalists in a division - up to eight students were classified as semi-finalists in each category, so the decisions were tough. One veteran judge said that this year's group were the best she has ever worked with.

Each student who was in the semi-finals deserves recognition as they all demonstrated their understanding of their subject and enthusiasm for what they were doing.

Many judges complimented the students on the wonderful job they did in their presentations, and how well they handled themselves in the interview process.

A wide range of talents are represented in the semi-finals. Students whose interest leans to an artistic bent are equally judged with the academic achievers. One fascinating aspect of the Science and Social Studies Fair is that not all of the "winners" are the A students. The judging process rewards students who may not receive recognition for other accomplishments, when they have done an exceptional job in presenting their topic. All students are

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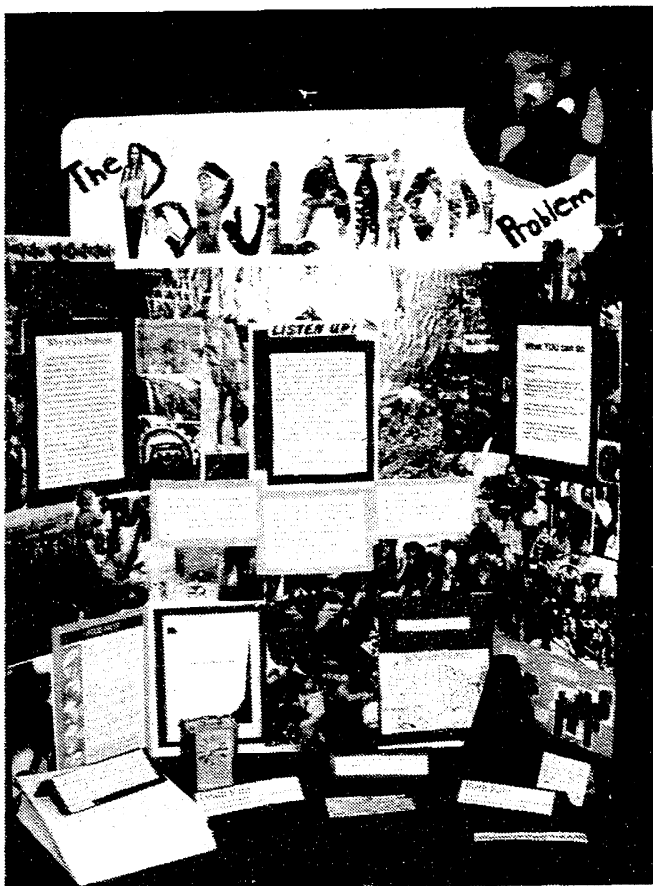
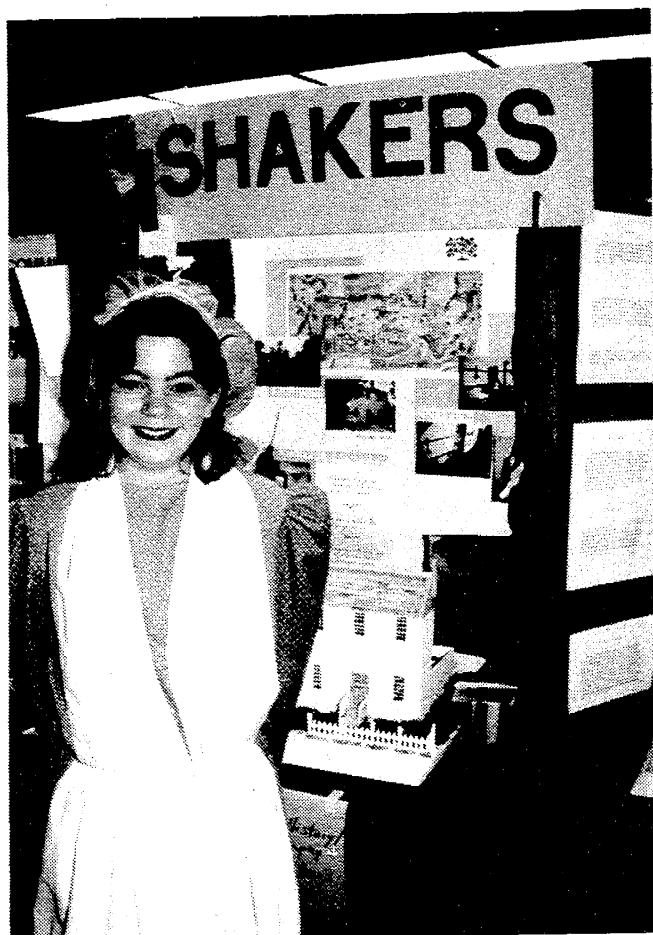
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given the chance to shine and to pursue specialized interests, while working on their projects.

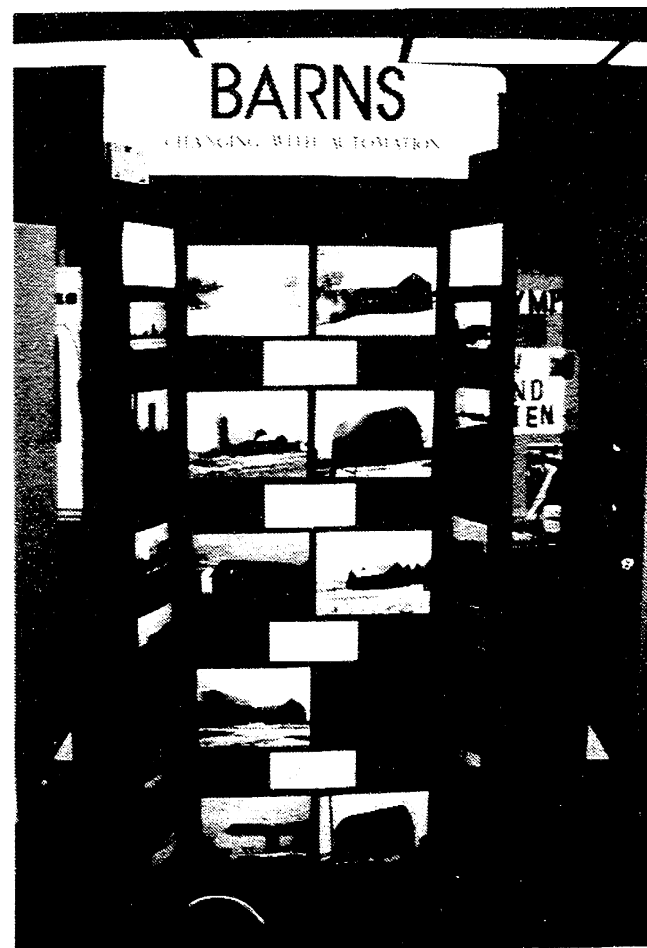
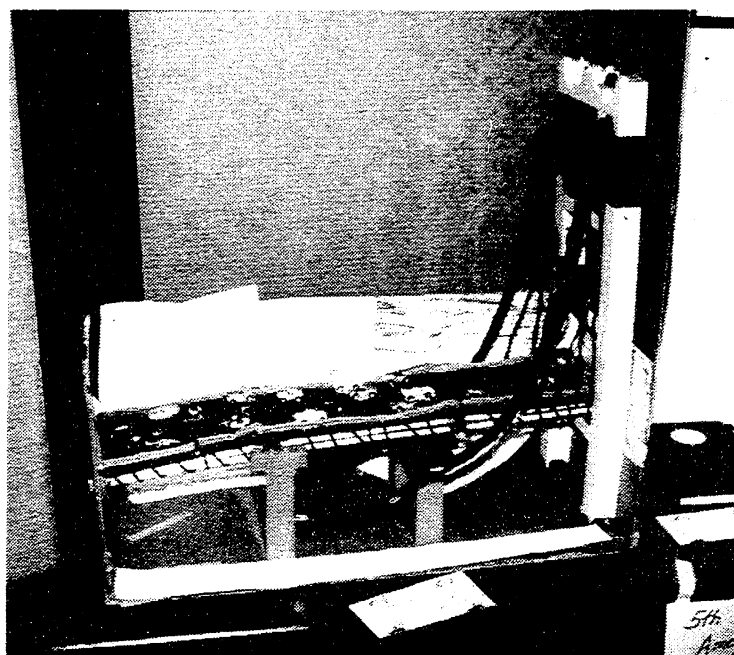
Parental involvement varied among the participants, as well. Obviously there was a great degree of parental support among the younger students who created elaborate models. Yet the judges are able to discern through their questions, how much the students actually participated in the construction of their project and the degree of learning which took place. Yet it is those students whose parents provided support and opportunities for growth, who learned the most. As the criteria provided to the judges stated, "Even experts receive some degree of assistance in specialized projects." They were asked to note whether the work was *primarily* that of a middle-school student.

Two judges interview each student as a team and their scores are totaled to provide a balanced perspective on the project. The judges are given time prior to the students' arrival to have a leisurely look at each project in their category. However, experience shows that a judge's first impressions may change when the student arrives and begins talking about their topic. Their enthusiasm and knowledge can make a big difference in their score. Each student is allotted 15 minutes for their interview. Although most are nervous at first, their presentations get more adept as they warm up to their topic.

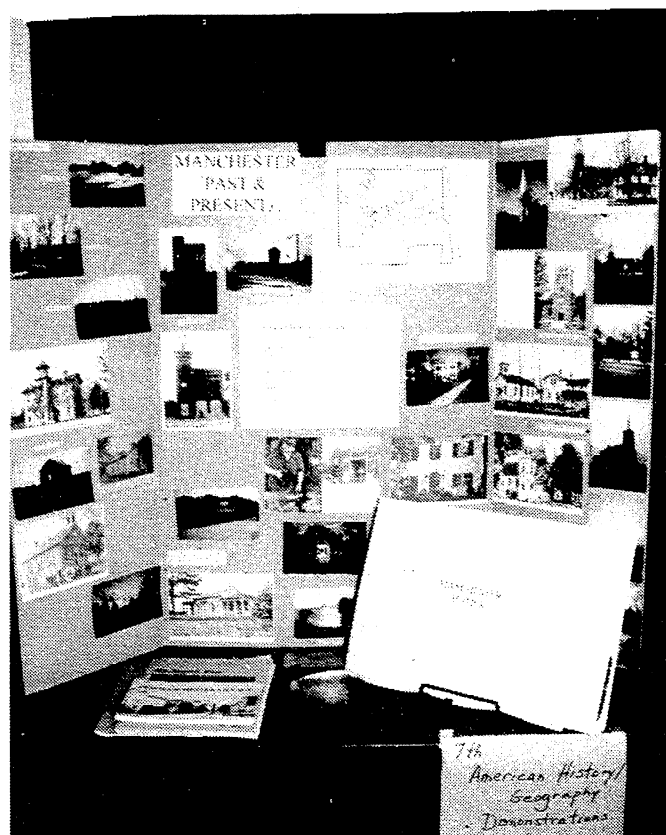
Listed below are the top projects in each category, but all students who entered the Science and Social Studies Fair at the Middle School this year, deserve recognition for their hard work and outstanding efforts. Thanks to all the teachers, parents, judges, and others who support these young people and give our community an additional source of pride!

Fifth Grade

American History Models: 1st - Katie McConnell, 2nd - Terris Ahrens, 3rd - Ryan Brinkman, Honorable Mention - Heather Walter and Rosie Sondeen. **American History Demonstrations;** 1st - Jon Schaible, 2nd - Wade Goodell, 3rd - Dan Fleck/ Josh Knouase, 3rd - Sean Montie. **World History Models;** 1st - Sebastian Gregerson, 2nd - Katie Ochs, 3rd - Bryce Dettloff. **World History Demonstrations;** 1st -



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Katelyn Nye, 2nd - Abbey Preuninger, 3rd - Korie Zink, Honorable Mention - Stephanie Kuebler. **Maps and Globes**; 1st - Mike Coval. **Family Trees**; 1st - Noah Kuhn, 2nd - Caitlin Sewell, 3rd - Clairissa Dancy, Honorable Mention - Dawn Collins.

Sixth Grade

Physical Science Models; 1st - Ken Schwab, 2nd - Matt Hintermaier, 3rd - Katie Ray. **Physical Science Demonstrations**; 1st - Jeff Galaska, 2nd - Dyon Evans, 3rd - Melissa Luckhardt. **Physical Science Experiments**; 1st - Stephen Jankins, 2nd - Chris Robertz, 3rd - Jenna Novess. **Biological Science Models**; 1st - Graham Parker-Finger, 2nd - Shelby Trolz, 3rd - David Armstrong. **Biological Science Demonstrations**; 1st - Annie Ganger, 2nd - Joshua Tobias, 3rd - Ashley Golka. **Biological Science Experiments**; 1st - Amy Ervin, 2nd - Amy Hough, 3rd - Nathan Smith.

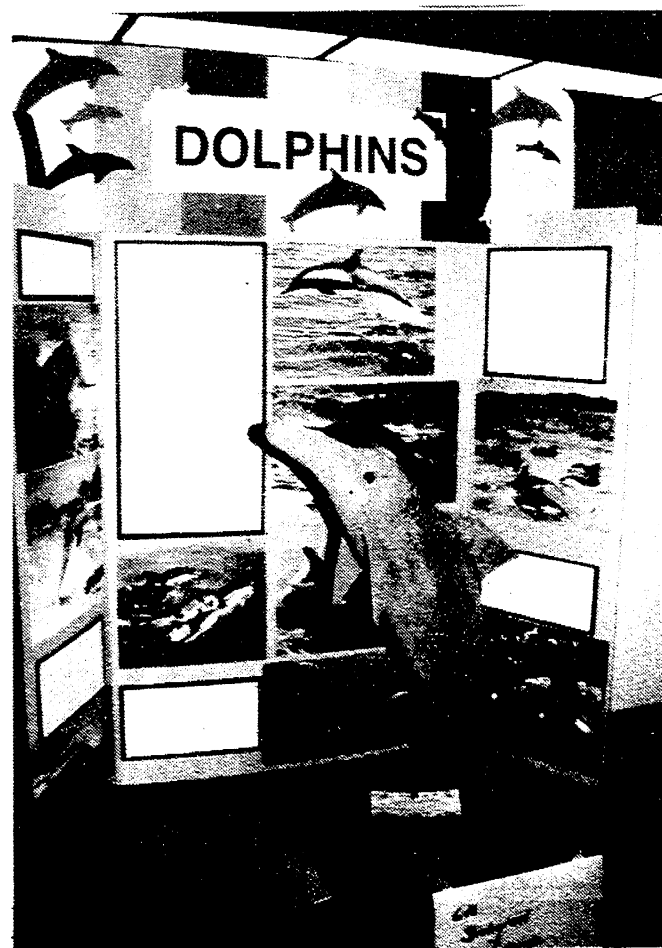
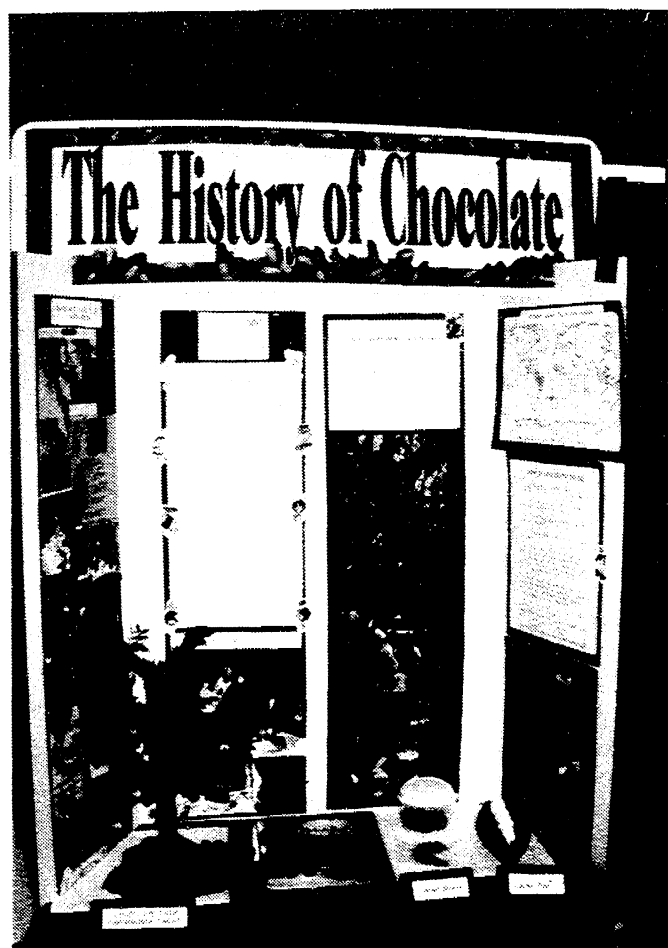
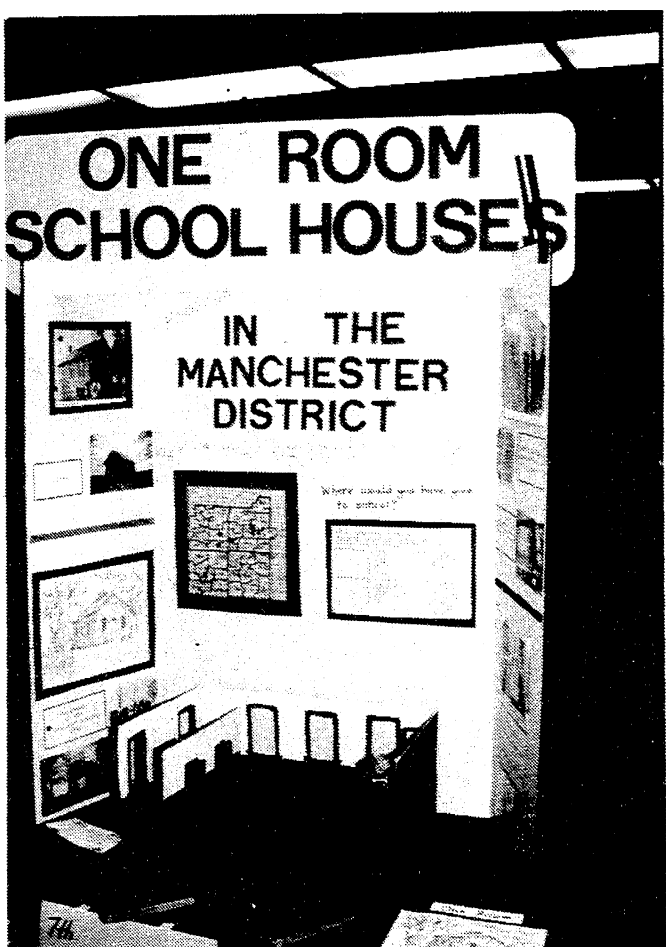
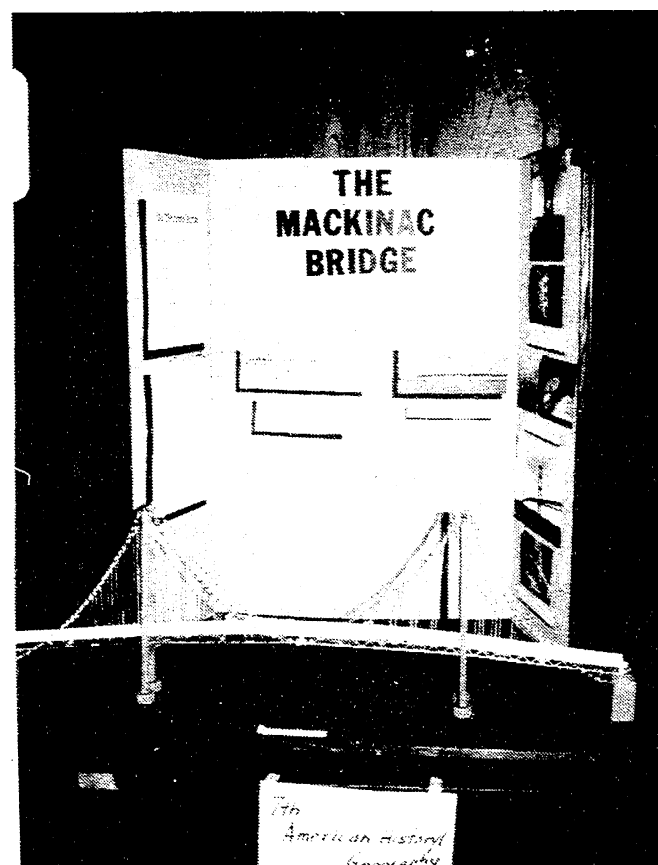
Seventh Grade

American History Models; 1st - Jeff Panches, 2nd - Jennifer Schulze, 3rd - Karl Schaible. **American History Demonstrations**; 1st - Christina Carpentier, 2nd - Kelsey Johnson, 3rd - David Ellison. **World History Models**; 1st - Taryn Nye, 2nd - Chad Roberts, 3rd - Nathan Bragg. **World History Demonstrations**; 1st - Megan Patak, 1st - Chris Loud, 2nd - Mike Fuerstnau, 3rd - Casey Preuninger, Honorable Mention - Ashley Schlosser. **Maps and Globes**; 1st - Katyn Craig, 2nd - Laura Braddock, 3rd - Mike Walter. **Family Trees**; 1st - Kristi Trinkle, 2nd - Michelle Smail.

Eighth Grade

Physical Science Models; 1st - Tristan Kladzyk, 2nd - Erin Makielski, 3rd - William Slocum. **Physical Science Demonstrations**; 1st - Shannon Green, 2nd - Holly Sutton, 3rd - Jennifer Lawson. **Physical Science Experiments**; 1st - Nick VanBogelen, 2nd - Ryan Kee, 3rd - Amy Preston. **Models Biological Science**; 1st - Heidi Ernst, 2nd - Brett Maki, 3rd - Jason Roe. **Biological Science Demonstrations**; 1st - Jonathan Miller, 2nd - Jackie Palms, 2nd - Kristen Taddonio, 3rd - Rachel Jefferson. **Biological Science Experiments**; 1st - Sarah Luckhardt, 2nd - Cassandra Clark.

CONGRATULATIONS!



School lunch menu

March 10-14, 1997

Monday, March 10: Hot Dog, Pizza Hut Doritos, Salad, Fresh Fruit and Milk

Tuesday, March 11: Folded Grilled Cheese, Tomato Soup, Fruit Cocktail & milk.

Wednesday, March 12: Chicken pot pie, mashed potatoes & gravy, Peas, Peaches & milk.

Thursday, March 13: Soft Shell Taco, Corn, Fruit Roll up, & milk

Friday, March 14: Ollie's Pizza, Juice, Salad, Cookie, & milk

Michigan Supports Public Schools

Governor Engler has proposed \$7,262.565 in education funds for the Manchester Community School District in the 1997-98 school year. This breaks down to \$5,940 per student and represents a 13.3% increase in per pupil allocation since Proposal A went into effect in 1994. "Proposal A promised more dollars for public education, greater equity among districts, and lower property taxes for Michigan citizens," said Governor Engler. "This year's budget proves the promises we made, we kept."



Solo & Ensemble Students, From front: Rebecca Koffman; middle row, L-R: Amber Reed, Katie Tolen; Back row, Erin Wiley, Brandy Aiken, Justin Turk. Not pictured Annie Hinkley

And The Band Plays On...

On Friday, February 28, the Manchester Middle School Band participated at the annual MSBOA district Band Festival, held this year at Lenawee Christian School. This year's group earned a second division rating of "Good." The 73 member band, consisting of seventh and eighth graders, performed three pieces; one march and two concert pieces. The next concert for the 7/8 band will be held on Tuesday, May 20, 1997.

The High School Band will have their festival performance on Saturday, March 15, at 1:30 PM at Clinton High School. This performance is open to the public and there is no charge. The following performance for the High School Band will be on the road in Boston, Massa-

chusetts, on Friday, April 18.

Members of the Manchester High School Band recently participated in the annual MSBOA district solo/ensemble festival. Of the students who participated, all received a First division rating of "Superior." They are Rebecca Koffman, Amber Reed, Katie Tolen, Erin Wiley, Brandy Aiken, Justin Turk and Annie Hinkley.

Of these participants, senior Rebecca Koffman (Bassoon) and Junior Justin Turk (Trumpet), have chosen to participate in the state level solo/ensemble festival being held on Saturday, March 22, at Eastern Michigan University. Only those students who receive a first division rating are eligible to participate.

-Jared Throneberry

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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 AM and 3:30 PM Monday through Friday. Completed petitions and affidavits of identity are due no later than Monday, April 7, 1997 at 4:00 PM.

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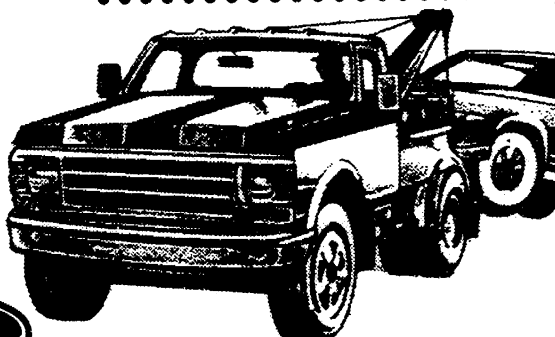
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Klager Kids prepare to JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

D.A.R.E. to Keep Kids Off Drugs

Representatives from the Fourth Grade classes at Klager School, read their D.A.R.E. speeches to members of the Optimist Club on February 24th. Pictured are, left to right, Tom Breilein, Alex Sondeen, R.J. Layher, Shelley Schulze, Brian Meadows and Tanya Lorincz. Joining the students were their guests and Klager School staff, pictured in the back row (left to right), Sandi Graff, Karen Ellsworth, Jane Raus, Jim Krzyzaniak, Joanna VanRaden, and D.A.R.E. instructor Angie Catalano.



The students at Klager Elementary are jumping at the chance to fight heart disease. On Friday, March 7, the school will hold its fifth annual Jump Rope for Heart event. Students can win exciting prizes and raise money to benefit the American Heart Association's fight against heart disease.

Jump Rope For Heart is sponsored by the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. This year, 145 students plan to participate in this event, which raised over \$4,400 last year for the Heart Association.

Jump Rope For Heart teaches participants about the benefits of regular exercise and a healthy life style while they have fun and challenge themselves. The event emphasizes the importance of a healthy lifestyle, including proper nutrition, exercise, not smoking, and controlling high blood pressure.

Please support our students as they Jump Rope For Heart! Contact Sandee Sheats at 428-8321 for more information about how you can become involved.



Milan Walks All Over MHS Quiz Bowl

On Wednesday, February 26, Varsity Quiz Bowl staye home to play agianst Milan High School. The game was close at half-time, yet the Dutch were still behind with 170-220. Milan seemed to control most of the game, and finally took the win with 370 points to Manchester's 255.

Angelo Petrino and Sean Clifford led the team with 50 points each. Other scorers were Brad Kemner and Amber Reed, each with 20; and Pat Chapin and Chris Gilbert, each with 10 points.

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Sports

Varsity Basketball at End of Their Season

The Dutch have winded down their season, playing four tough teams. The first of these games was home against Litchfield on the 18th. MHS won 67-62. Ryan Fielder led in points with 18, and rebounds (7). Levi Earhart and Jason Flint also had 5 assists.

The next game, on Friday the 21st, was against Hanover Horton, away. The Dutch lost this game, 65-54. Nick Niehaus scored 11 points and had six rebounds. Jason Flint also had a good game, with 10 points, 4 assists, and 3 steals. Nick Davis led with 8 rebounds.

The next week the Dutch were one and one, the first game home, against Clinton. The Varsity boys won this game, 69-58. Levi Earhart led with 20 points, 5 rebounds, and 3 assists. Ryan Fielder scored 13, and had 8 rebounds. Jason Flint had 12 points and 7 assists.

On Friday the 28th, the Dutch lost against Napoleon, the game being away. The Dutch lost this game also, with 61 points to the Pirates 73. Ryan Fielder scored 17 points, and had 9 rebounds. Nick Woods had 16 points, and 8 rebounds. Levi Earhart scored 10 points, and had 7 rebounds, and Nick Davis led in assists, with 8.

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Manchester Little League Coaching Clinic

Manchester Little League will be sponsoring a Coaching Clinic in conjunction with the Youth Sports Institute, from Michigan State University. It will be held in the Nellie Ackerson School Gym on Saturday, March 15, 1997, beginning at 9 AM.

This free clinic is open to anyone who is interested in helping with Little League baseball this year. Other leagues in the area have been invited to participate as well, so we hope to have a good turn out.

If you wish to participate in the hands-on demonstrations, please wear tennis shoes and bring a baseball glove. Hope to see you there! For more information, call Mike Mullikin, Clinic organizer, at 428-1375, or Doreen Birnie, League president, at 517-456-4962.

Cheerleaders Going to State

Saturday, March 1st, the MHS Varsity Cheerleaders competed at Crestwood High School in Dearborn to determine which squads would qualify for the state competition. The state competition will be held this coming Saturday, March 8th, at 4:00 PM.

There were three teams in our division, including the long-time state title holders, Flat Rock. Flat Rock is also a competitive cheer team (MHS is only side-line), and placed fourth in the MHSAA competitive cheer state championship. MHS qualified for state by receiving 90% of Flat Rock's score, placing second place.

Looking through the stands, Manchester obvi-

ously had the most fans. Not only were they dedicated, but, in Mr. Roos' case, were willing to give something up for the win. The fans, as well as the squad, were ecstatic to learn that this squad was to be the first-ever team from MHS to qualify for the state round!!

The girls qualified for state by performing two cheers, one a leadership (with no mounts or gymnastics), and the other a creative cheer.

The state competition is Saturday in Saginaw, at Delta High School. Class C competition begins at 4:00, and at least 18 teams will be competing in this division.

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-Lacea Curtis



Cheerleaders beam as they display the BLUE ribbons earned at Saturday's competition

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The polls of said election will be open at 7 o'clock AM and will remain open until 8 o'clock PM of said day of election.

Karen Tucker
Village Clerk

"Like A Seed Which Grows Into A Tree"

Church Women United to Sponsor World Day of Prayer Service

Women throughout the Manchester area will gather at Emanuel United Church of Christ, 324 W. Main St., on Friday, March 7, 1997, in observance of the annual World Day of Prayer service, sponsored by the Women of Emanuel.

This year's service is based on the planting of a Mustard Seed which grows into a tree. Korean Women who wrote the 1997 World Day of Prayer service, hope to plant seeds of "An Yung," or peace. They pray for reunification of North and South Korea and equality for women.

The program will be held in Emanuel's sanctuary at 1:30 PM. There is ample parking and the building is wheel chair accessible.

We hope that all women from the Manchester Area will attend.

-Women of Emanuel
Pauline Bruestle, Secretary

YMCA Fitness opportunities in the area!

Now is the time to register for the next session of fitness classes offered through the Lenawee County YMCA. All instructors are certified through the National YMCA Instructor Training Program.

Mondays and Wednesdays aerobics are held at the Clinton Elementary School from 3:40 to 4:40 PM. Contact Barb at 423-2520 for more information.

Also in Clinton, at the hall, "Where Friends Meet," Judo class is held on Mondays from 7-9 PM and Low Impact on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30-7:30 PM. More details are available by calling Melinda at 456-7513. All of the above programs begin the week of February 24.

Tuesday, March 11, is the start of Aerobic Dance at Manchester Middle School. This class meets from 6:30-7:40 PM. Call Kim at 517-456-6171 with questions.

Stop in and try out a class. If you like it, sign up then. There are many health benefits from exercise.

John Young Pool Tournament

March 8, 3:00 pm.

Village Tap

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March 14 - 15

Friday 4 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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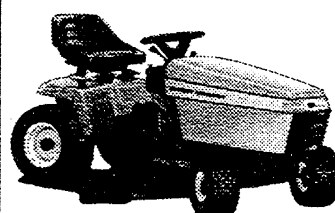


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Jessica Joy Manders

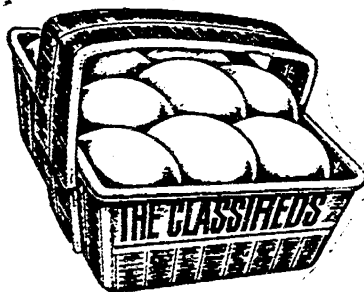
Taylor Manders welcomes her baby sister, Jessica Joy, who was born on Tuesday, February 25th, weighing 8 pounds, 1-1/2 ounces. Taylor and Jessica's proud parents are Julie and Mark Manders.

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Manchester Area Chamber Of Commerce

A Few Thoughts...March

Networking!! Why is this such a repulsive word? Unfortunately, for most people, it conjures up images of push sales-people shoving their business cards in your hand and demanding you sign on the dotted line.

Networking is simply a process of meeting people and discovering common interests with each other. These interests are as varied as there are numbers of people. Everyone does one form of networking that is usually referred to as socializing.

In business situations most people think of networking as selling, *which it is not*. It is developing a social/business relationship with someone who may or may not ever do business with you. But that relationship is there, until one day that person may meet someone who *does* need your services. And they can't recommend you if they don't know you.

We meet people every day in one fashion or another. Whether it is through a school, church organization or club, or just a chance encounter on the street, you will meet somebody and develop a closeness because you enjoy each other's company and conversation.

All you have to do is make the effort to introduce yourself to a person that you think would be interesting to talk to. Then, sit down over a cup of coffee and have a stimulating conversation. Surprise! You have a new friend. This is networking.

Business functions, such as a Chamber of Commerce meeting, are a place to learn new ideas and to *meet people*. They give you a chance to broaden your knowledge, make new friends and get a fresh approach to your current procedures. All this new information can make your job and your life a lot easier and more interesting.

The Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce meets the third Wednesday of the month. Come join us and our programs; you do not have to be a member to attend. Since the time of day and location of the meetings vary from month to month, check the newsletter or the local paper for that information. Or you can call me at 428-9259.

- Jim Sprague



Organizations

NOTICE

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF MANCHESTER FAMILY SERVICE IS SCHEDULED FOR;

Monday, March 11, 1997
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 Back, Left-Right: Jim Schook, Sr., Mel Sroufe, Don Limpert, Greg Weidmayer, Bob Rhees (Treasurer), Scott Mester (President), R.D. Scott, and Jerry Ahrens (Vice President)
 Those whose positions are not noted are Board members.
 The Men's Club is proud of their 1996 Financial support to the community, which included \$2,500 to the Little League, \$1,000 to scholarships, and \$750 to the Boy Scouts.

Manchester Men's Club Holds Annual Awards Night



The Manchester Men's Club held an awards banquet Saturday evening at Haarer's Meeting Place. Above, Bob Rhees receives his "dose of fine" for various misdeeds.

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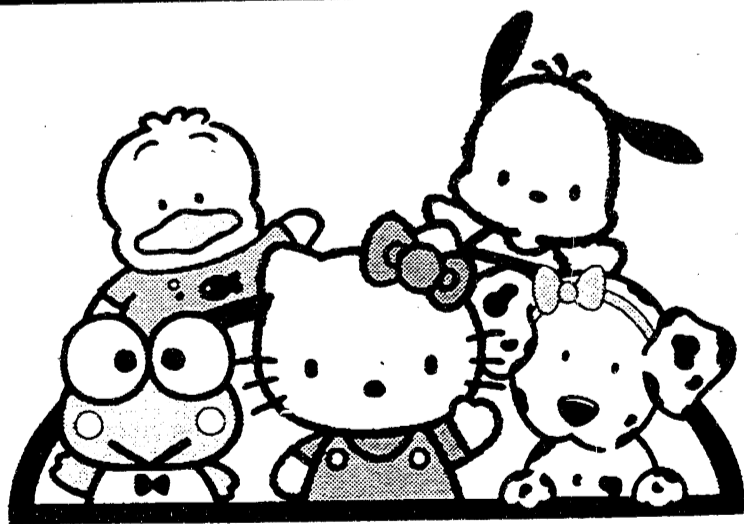
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Center Left, Funniest Laugh: Ryan Green and Lizzy Steele

Bottom Left, Moodiest: Jason Miner and Renee Foster

Top Right, Most Athletic: Ryan Fielder and Pam Preston

Center Right, Most Laid Back: Steve Riske and Debbie Lobbestael

Bottom Right, Teacher's Pets: Angelo Petrino and Nicky Barnhizer

- Lacey Curtis

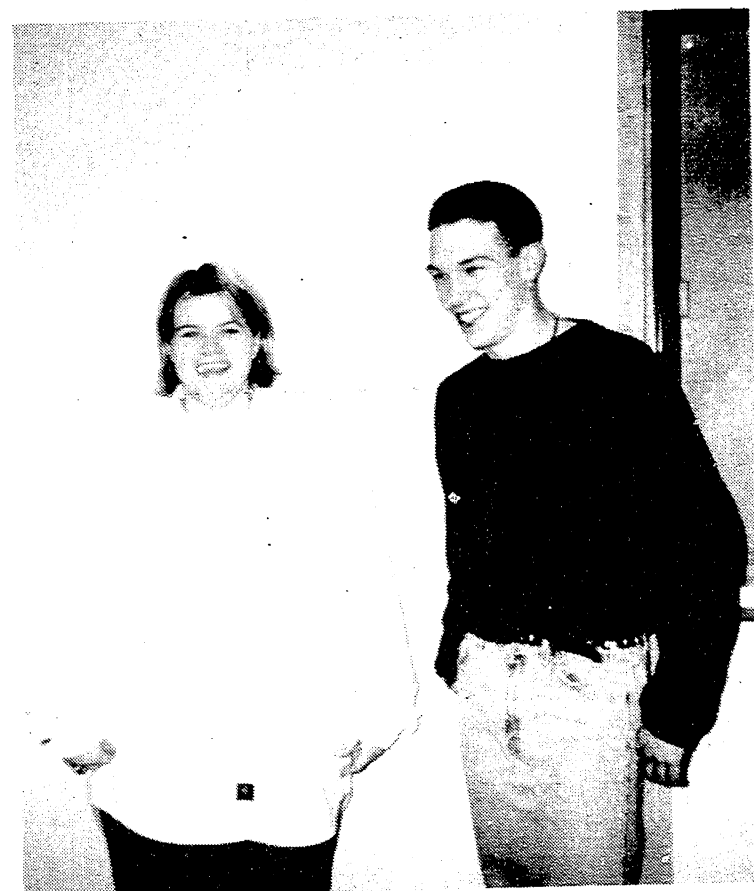
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The family of Dianne Kidd would like to **Thank** everyone who remembered us with their support, prayers, flowers, cards, food, and donations during the loss of our mother and wife. A special Thanks to all the people especially the couple who discovered the car in the ditch and was brave enough in the freezing weather to stay by my wife's side and comfort her until help came to the rescue.

Also the man in the leather coat, the man from Napoleon Lawn & Leisure, to Rev. Malsacki for his comforting words and visits and the ladies from St. Mary's Church who prepared and hosted the Luncheon.

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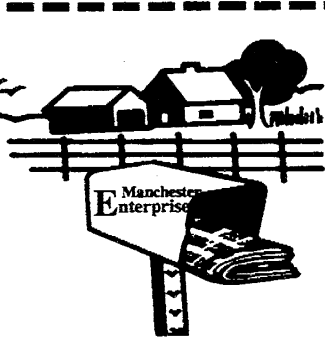
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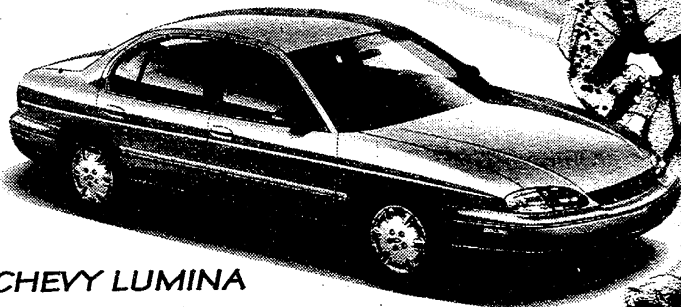
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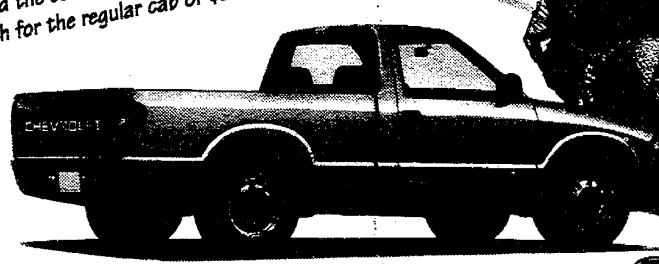
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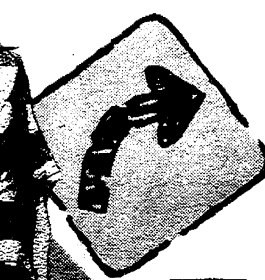
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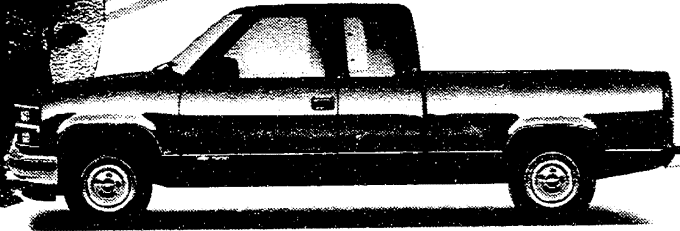


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School Buses are "On the Road Again" - Safely

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we in the School Bus division."

"I have reviewed all paperwork and discussed the situation with Mr. Poley. He would have had no way of knowing that this would pose any concerns with the inspection," said Van Campen. "They have met all the criteria; the school has acted most responsibly - the Manchester buses are safe and on the road."

As in the past, the bus inspections are a "snapshot" of a bus fleet on a certain day. This year's inspections, due to budget constrictions, were an even more candid picture of the fleet. Inspector Doty stated, "We randomly selected one half of the fleet for inspection. Nine buses were inspected, on two separate days." A This random selection criteria is being done on a trial basis. Doty is responsible for about 75-80 fleets in the southeastern corner of the state - from M-52 to Lake Erie, and from I-94 to the Ohio border.

Van Campen explained that even though Doty can give a tentative rating to the bus fleet, the official rating comes from Lansing. And her assessment as of Friday, February 28, is that the condition of the bus fleet is "Good."

As to further safety issues on the bus, where a young child was recently injured on a Manchester bus, Van Campen said she had not been informed about this situation. However, a similar, widely publicized incident had occurred in the Walled Lake School District. She will be attending, and extended an invitation, to the Walled Lake Board of Education Meeting. Her focus will be on why buses are built as they are, in response to parents' requests for seat belts on school buses.

She spoke eloquently about the "compartmentalization" of school buses. "I have researched this issue thoroughly myself, and have come to the conclusion that seat belts would be unsafe on

school buses," she contends. "Children need to have immediate access to emergency exits on the buses. Nothing in the interior of a bus is sharp; with the exception of perhaps the emergency exit window. I don't know if this is the case in the situation you're talking about." She continued, "The handles on emergency exits need to be able to be accessed by children as young as kindergartners."

"I am absolutely passionate about the issue of safety on school buses," she stated. "If the children remain seated, the structure of the bus will protect them from injury. We have a phenomenal safety rate; not one child has been killed on a school bus in Michigan since 1989.

We do provide the very safest mode of transportation to and from school. If parents were more aware of the safety factors, not one parent would allow their children to drive to school. They would put them on that yellow bus each morning, confident that they would get to school safely."

-Marsha Johnson Chartrand

Editor's Note: Our information was compiled from conversations with Sgt. Van Campen, Inspector Doty, and a copy of Mr. Poley's letter dated February 13. Although we filed a freedom of information request with the Superintendent's office on February 21, at press time the only response we have received is a notification (on 2/24) that the reports were not ready for release at that time.

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