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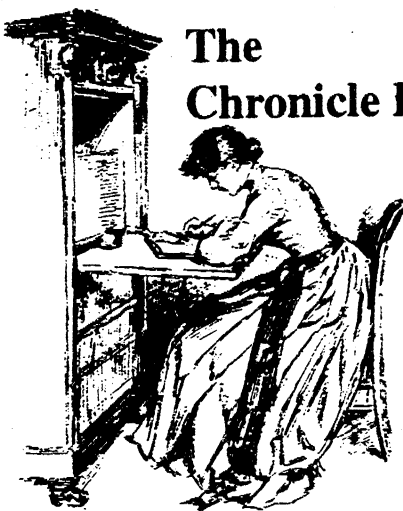
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Coming in July - the Special Edition Issue.

Call the Chronicle if you'd like to be included, 428-1230.

Congratulations to the 1997 graduates of Manchester High School. Please come see your "tree" in the window of Chapters & Verses. It was created by co-owner Edna Walker and each of your names are proudly displayed on diploma scrolls.

Marti's Salon has a great idea. If you want to try a new hairstyle --- but you don't want to commit irrevocably --- try a new style via computer imaging. In just thirty minutes you will receive a videotape and color photos featuring you with twelve different hairstyles customized just for you, for only \$34.95. Computerized hairstyling will be at Marti's Salon only June 4 through 7, so call today for an appointment at 428-7616.

June is "I Love My Ford Truck" month. Midwest Ford has all the hard-to-find trucks in stock. See their ad on page 20 --- and congratulations to the Midwest Ford 1997 Scholarship winner, Brad Kemner. Photos and details next month in our Special Edition!



Up to bat, a Manchester varsity baseball player has been selected to the Michigan All-Star team, but he needs our help. See Tony Farina's story, page 15.

"Leave 'em alone and they'll come home, wagging their tails behind them." Sheep, maybe, but not so cows. Thank you to our new neighbor, Scott Somerville, who graciously contended with our three cows that escaped a couple of weeks ago. And thank you to those who called the sheriff's department, including school bus driver Jim Hone and Jim Roberts to let us know their location

at various times during the period that they wandered down to Sharon Hollow Road, behind Manchester Stamping, along Herman Road and back to Grossman. Thank you to Sgt. Haensler for relaying the messages. And, thank heavens, the cows that were seen alongside Mahrie Road a few days later were not ours. Just another reason to drive slower down our rural roads.



IT'S A BOY Colin Benjamin

Dan and Lisa Kendra are proud to announce the birth of their son, Colin Benjamin.

Colin was born on Sunday, May 25, 1997 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. He was born at 4:16 p.m., weighed 7 pounds 2 ounces and was 20-1/2 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Dan and Sandy Trolz of Manchester. Paternal grandparents are Dan and Toni Kendra of Walled Lake.

Colin Benjamin is also the first nephew of Miss Shelby Ann Trolz, Lisa's sister.

Earth, Wind and Fire: Manchester Summer Day Camp

THE DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION TO SUMMER DAY CAMP HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO JUNE 6, 1997.

"Day Camp" is just what it says it is --- camping in the daytime! Each day brings new skills, new experiences, new friends --- and, most of all, FUN!

Manchester Summer Day Camp 1997 *Earth, Wind and Fire* has begun planning the summer program for boys and girls currently in grades K-6. Some of the stations the children will encounter will be: Forester, Geologist, Naturalist, Compass Point, Camp Cooking & Safety, Galaxy, American Indian Lore, the Obstacle Course, and Trash to Treasure Crafts.

Day Camp will be held August 4-7 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Carr Park. Registration fee is \$30 per camper (or \$20 if a parent works all four days.) The more volunteers we have the better the program for the children will be.

SEND IN YOUR CAMP REGISTRATION TODAY! Manchester Summer Day Camp, c/o Julie Mester/Registrar, 405 Territorial St., Manchester, MI 48158. Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for your confirmation.

For more information, please contact Siobhan Gorman 428-9616, Vickie Bolan 428-1673, Julie Mester 428-7884, or Marikay Kennedy 428-9374.

Registration forms are available at Chapters & Verses Bookstore, and various merchants in town.

— Vickie Bolan

CAR WASH — BAKE SALE — POP CAN DRIVE

Sponsored by the Sr. Youth Group of Emanuel UCC

Saturday, June 7, 1997, 10am-2pm

in Emanuel Church parking lot

Thank you for your support!

A few thoughts...June

— Jim Sprague, president Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce

Last month, I touched upon the subject of the growth of Manchester and along with it the challenges it presents to the Chamber. This month I would like to delve a little deeper into this and try to get more specific on how it effects all of us.

With the increase of residential development in this area (there are at least five projects I can think of that are in progress or being planned) we are looking at hundreds of new families calling Manchester "home." This will put pressure on the schools, create traffic congestion, complicate police protection, and change the way we do business; in other words, the way of life as we now know it will be completely transformed.

The Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce, as a representative of the business community, will be challenged to plan for the future and to ensure that the business growth is managed so as not to destroy the Manchester way of life. By this, I mean that when (oh, dare I say it) a strip mall is proposed, we cannot let it destroy the downtown area as has happened on other communities.

What I would like to propose is a round-table discussion for our September meeting. The areas to be discussed would be as I outlined above. I would like to have representatives from the major topics --- school, government, police, business, developers, etc., and any concerned citizens, attend to bring ideas and possible solutions to surface.

Our September meeting will be on Wednesday, the 17th, time and place to be announced.

If you have any comments or suggestions, please feel free to call me at 428-9259.

On Tuesday, June 17, at 9:00 a.m., the Chamber will host a business communication program. Ameritech representatives will present information about the impending area code change, cellular updates, and packages available to small businesses. At this writing the meeting will be held at St. Mary Parish Hall.

(See more Chamber news, p. 12)

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Gazebo Summer Concerts — They're going to be terrific!

Check out this schedule!

June 12: II-V-I Orchestra — "One of the swingiest units this side of the 1940s." — *Detroit Monthly*.

Since its inception in the mid-seventies, the II-V-I Orchestra has provided musical entertainment in a variety of settings throughout Michigan. The Orchestra has showcased the talents of numerous established musical stylists, as well as allowing listeners the opportunity to hear up-and-coming young talent. Ann Arbor native David Swain formed the Orchestra after graduating from the Berklee College of Music in 1974; several charter members continue to play in the band where everything from lush ballads to Klezmer to Afro-Cuban dance music can be heard.

June 19: Storytellers — Debra Christia, coordinator, with Michael Shelata and Craig Kukuk on guitar, Dr. Rick Armstrong, and Erick Engle. Debra is a dynamic force in the world of story telling. She is the host of the television show "Teller of Tales" on public access and loves the challenge of reaching as many people as possible to enchant them with her tales. Her performance of the original story "Grandpa's Journey" was first runner up in the "National Storyteller of the Year" competition.

June 26: Manchester's own Raisin Pickers — Varied, warm, humorous, and skillful old-time string band music. A great stage show — they're always funny and never funny in the same way twice!

July 3: The Napoleon Lions Club Band, and, The Manchester Community Brass Band, and, a children's parade complete with flag-waving and marching around the Gazebo, and, Bill Ames as President Abraham Lincoln.

Gazebo Concert committee members are: Bill Schwab, Carol Palms, Carl and Sharon (who quilted the wonderful banner) Curtis, Jack Falk, Carol and Ron Dreissche, and Connie and Bill Peterson.

For information on making tax-deductible donations, please call 428-7722.

The Raisin Pickers --- They'll be at the Gazebo June 26th



Quilter's Quarters Spring Summer Classes Begin Now:

Create an Uncle Sam banner in time for the 4th

The month of May started a new mystery challenge at Quilter's Quarters. We are going to hand out each new set of instructions, one each month. Simply stop by and pick yours up any time during the month. There is no cost for each set of instructions during the month that is current. If you miss a month, simply ask for the missing set and we'll gladly find one for you for a minimal fee. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third viewer's choice.

Many of you have requested a class to create the large circular butterfly that hangs in the back of the shop. This summer you will have your wish. The pattern is out of print, so the only way to get it is at class.

Enjoy our coupon this summer. (See our ad on the right.) If you have a friend you've tried to get to take a class with you offer her or him a bargain — join you for all the fun at half the price.

Check out the fabulous 4th of July Uncle Sam banner. (See photo above right). You can make it in time for the holidays. It's fast and fun. Class cost is only twelve dollars and you have a choice of an evening class (June 4th, 6:30-9pm) or daytime (June 10th, 11am-1:30pm).

Our Anniversary Sale is Friday and Saturday, June 6 and 7.

— Lynn Van Nest



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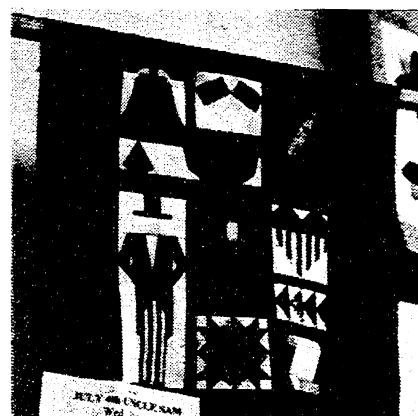
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Anniversary Sale June 6th and 7th

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Wednesday, June 25th

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- Baked Beans
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Thursday evenings all summer long!

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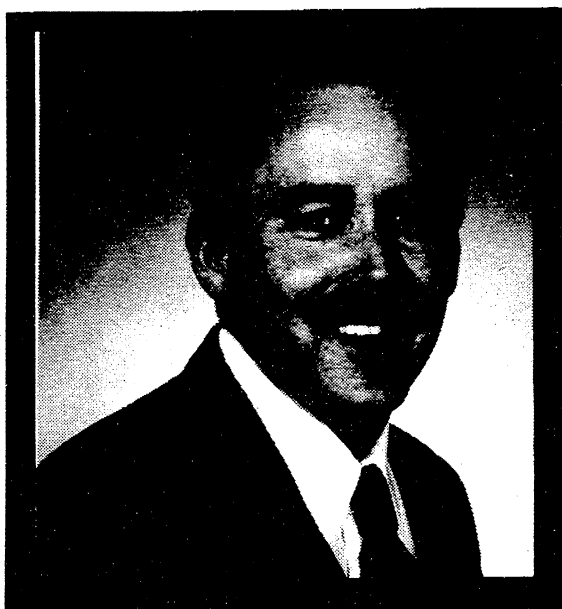
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Meet the Candidates

— by Gini Patak

On June 9, Bryan J. Evans and Michael Gleason will vie for the open seat on the Manchester School Board. Outgoing president, Paul Kluwe, has opted not to seek another term so both candidates approach the office with a fresh outlook.



Bryan J Evans long-time area resident, graduate of Manchester High School (1979), U.S. Navy veteran, honorable discharge (1983), BBA Eastern Michigan University (1988), Married to Victoria (Lehr) Evans, Three children Taylor (5), Morgan (4), Brooke (2), Attends Emanuel United Church of Christ.

Why I am seeking office: I am seeking office for several different reasons. A number of people in the community have encouraged me to become involved in the school district. I feel a personal responsibility to be involved in our schools' decision making beyond the scope of being a parent. I have three children who presently attend Manchester schools or will do so in the near future and I have a commitment to their education. I also believe it is my generation's time to serve in the public arena. Finally, my late father succumbed to a heart attack in the first year of his term on the Manchester Community School's Board of Education, and I would like to carry on his commitment to education.

Evans is a 1979 graduate of Manchester High School and has been a member of the Manchester community since he was in seventh grade. A veteran of the U. S. Navy, he holds a Bachelor of Business Administration from Eastern. Now with three children of his own, the oldest a student here, Evans feels the time is right for him to follow in his father's footsteps and seek the office of school board trustee.

Gleason, a long-time resident of the community, has a long and varied history of community service that ranges from planting trees at Chi-Bro Park to helping start the Manchester Community Band. Both of his sons graduated from Manchester Community

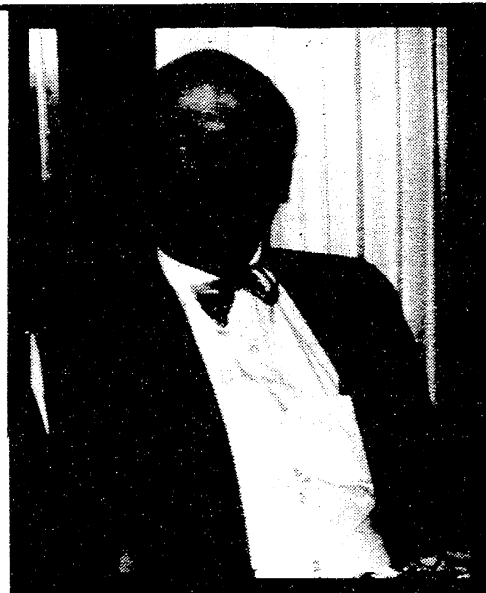
Schools and during the twenty or so years spanned by their school careers, Gleason was a frequent volunteer at school activities.

Both candidates have a strong interest and strong ties to the schools and community. Both have been encouraged by other community members to run for office. And, both have made it a point to attend at least a few board meetings during the last year. Gleason hasn't had a specific issue in mind when attending meetings during the last year, just a general interest in how things are going. Evans wants to keep tabs on "macro-management of the district's operations," and the issues, concerns and priorities being addressed.

Here's how they feel about some of those issues:

1. What is your vision of technology in the classroom and how can it best be applied to meet the needs of Manchester students?	2. Recruiting and keeping qualified teachers and administrators is central to the provision of a quality education. How will you help Manchester compete for these resources?	3. How would you respond to the need for additional and different types of classrooms?
Computers and their derivative technology are shaping the classroom, work place, our communities and the world. Our students must be prepared for this technological environment. They need awareness and knowledge of technology and should understand basic computer functions and applications. Computers and other technology, however, will not solve all education problems. Technology cannot replace good teaching. Students need to know how to read and write and technology is not going to serve as a substitute for those necessary fundamental educational building blocks. Technology is a tool for teaching and the learning process, not the process itself. It can be argued that every student or classroom should use computers. But the application of technology in the classroom must be based on sound educational philosophy. I believe the people most qualified to determine the needs of Manchester students are the teachers, who have the educational experience and resources to do so.	We need to know specifically what our district offers or does not offer in terms of job satisfaction for teachers and administrators. What attracts teachers and administrators to or schools and why do they stay or leave? One way we can improve our competitiveness for personnel is to establish a private, nonprofit education foundation or trust fund. This trust could ensure that our teachers have the resources necessary to improve needed areas. In addition, the fund could help recruit and retain personnel and show appreciation for the teachers and administrators. Another avenue for recruitment and retention is to encourage volunteers wherever help is needed. Everyone is responsible for our children's education, not just the administration and staff of our schools.	Eventually, we will need additional classrooms, and we must plan accordingly. The portable units for the high school are only a short-term solution. We should be planning now for expansion of the high school. I believe we should keep an open mind about the different types of classrooms we can use in our school system. There is now a promising program at Klager that combines first and second grades in certain capacities. This is a good example of flexibility in planning for classrooms.

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My "vision" of classroom technology is of students actually using all those expensive, new computers. My evening "view" of the computer labs included one faculty member using one expensive computer with the door locked. My "viewpoint" as a professional tech is that mathematics, sciences, English, foreign language, and shop would be the best educational foundation for meeting a world of changing technology. These are basic tools for technology and change.

Photo below: Student band members address the board, left to right (standing) Katie Okey, Audrey Bennett, Rebecca Koffman, Dan Riesterer, Ben Pietrowski, Steven Holloway, and in the front row Kevin Sahakian. (See next page.)

Recruiting and keeping teachers is easier than maintaining their ability to function. I don't see a serious teacher problem in Manchester. I see a serious board and administrative problem that is affecting our teachers. How many more band directors will we lose before we realize that competing for band directors is not the problem?

All but one of the principals that we lost functioned well, and they didn't all leave for more money. I would like to see our school board manage the resources it has and I would start by introducing conflict resolution.

Voters just responded to the need for additional and different classrooms. We patched the system for five years, but we're paying for a long term bond. Using a long term bond for a short term fix is one of many money games that borrows from our future ability to finance new schools. We put our administrative troubles on the back burner during this last building addition, and some of our administration would probably like to see that happen again. No, thanks.

Thank you for the opportunity to address the *Chronicle's* readers, and the Manchester public. I'm Mike Gleason. I've been interested and involved in our schools for over twenty years. One of my sons is in graduate school, the other is in college. They are both doing very well. My school activities have ranged from helping at track meets and chaperoning band trips to writing a school column in a local paper and making a presentation at a federal compliance hearing in Lansing. My community involvement includes things like shoveling sand for the first Christmas Eve Luminaria, Boy Scout leadership, helping to start the Manchester Community Band (please come join), and last month digging holes to plant junipers at Chi-Bro Park.

I am seeking a board position firstly because I would like to influence our public school's direction; secondly, because some people seem to think our school has already arrived and doesn't need direction; and, thirdly, because I was asked.

Thank you for reading this. Feel free to call me at 428-7189. Mike Gleason



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Breakfast Program Hearing, Curriculum Issues, Budget on May School Board Agenda

— by Gini Patak

Before the regular May school board meeting, employees were honored at an awards ceremony that recognized their contributions to the school district. When the official meeting began, the first topic of business was a public hearing to help board members determine the level of interest in continuing the breakfast program. Students from the band program asked the board to answer their request for air conditioning in the middle school band room and for help in getting an assistant band director. The board also heard updates on the work of the K-2 curriculum committee, the compensatory education program, and initial thoughts on an alternative education program. They also reviewed a preliminary budget for the 1997-98 school year.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM HEARING

Public comments on the breakfast program seemed generally favorable toward the program. Concerns were expressed by nearly every speaker about bus scheduling which appeared to have been adjusted to accommodate it. Parents Jim and Connie Achtenberg explained that in order to ride the bus, their daughter would arrive at school almost a half hour before classes began. Other parents echoed their concerns.

Trustee Marilyn Knaouse introduced a study conducted by the district's bus drivers which showed that the breakfast program was not the deciding factor in planning bus routes. "The district has grown and the routes are longer now. The buses are not arriving at school any earlier than they have before," she explained.

As the hearing wound down, vice president Joe Turk stated his understanding of the situation. "We're dealing with two issues here, the breakfast program and the bus schedule. There seems to be a lot of support for the breakfast program and a lot of concern about the bus schedule. We probably need to look at them individually."

A decision on continuation of the breakfast program is due at the June meeting.

VISITOR INPUT BECOMES FORUM FOR BAND STUDENTS

As the first order of business during the visitor input section of the meeting, middle school band member Audrey Bennett asked the board what had happened to the students' request for air conditioning for the middle school band room. She pointed out that the students had initiated the request last October when warm

4. What is your position on expanding Manchester's curriculum focus on arts and humanities?

EVANS: In any business or sport, the successful corporations or teams are good at the fundamentals of their enterprise. I think it is important that our children understand the educational fundamentals. They should know how to read and write and be proficient in mathematics. If our students show a need for more focus on the arts and humanities, then we should consider expanding that curriculum.

GLEASON: You're asking an amateur musician about support for arts? I like sports, too. Manchester needs to be as much a full service school as it can be.

weather combined with eighty-five seventh and eighth grade band students to make for a very unpleasant classroom experience. MHS band student and middle school classroom aide, Rebecca Koffman explained the costly toll uncontrolled humidity takes on musical instruments.

In response to the well-prepared presentations, the board moved a review of 1997-98 capital improvement projects to the head of the agenda and explained that plans were moving ahead on the air conditioning request and on the band director's request for additional instruments.

Once these concerns were out of the way, students then pressed for an assistant band director. Explaining that Mr. Throneberry is often stressed and sometimes irritable, they asked that a certified teacher be hired to assist him. In an impassioned plea, they carefully enumerated the many responsibilities of his job and the extra time required to meet the demands of different grade and skill levels. After thanking the students for the outstanding presentation, the board discussed budget limitations in the coming school year and told the students they would see what could be done.

CURRICULUM AND PROGRAM DISCUSSIONS

Yvonne Henry, Sandra Dunn and Mary Lowery shared a report on the progress of the K-2 curriculum committee. They have spent a great deal of time matching Manchester's curriculum to the standards set by the state. They expect to continue work and produce more concrete results early next year.

Compensatory education program coordinator, Cheryl Call, listed plans for this program in the 1997-98 school year. During this school year, the program had the benefit of a carry over of almost \$24,000. This allowed the program to provide an afternoon math tutoring program during the second semester, a summer school program and a program for parents. The compensatory program receives funding from the state and is designed to meet the special needs of students who are deemed to be at risk of dropping out of school.

School social worker, Sandra Dunn, also shared some initial thoughts on development of an alternative education program to meet the needs of these students. She explained that every year,

some of our school funds leave the district when students either dropout or opt out to attend the Columbia Options program. Board members were quite interested in the potential for a program of this type and asked that she continue investigating the idea.

1997-98 BUDGET

Small increases in the per student foundation grant and additional grants to cover growth will net the district only about \$220,000 in additional operating funds for the next school year. Projections show that 9-10 new students will join the district and the

5. Nationally and on the state level, there has been discussion of the need for character education. What are your thoughts on the need for this type of education?

I believe that developing children's character and values is primarily the parent's responsibility. The school environment obviously has an effect in shaping a student's character. Character education in the schools is inherent in the structure and protocols of classroom instruction. In that sense, our schools are already engaged in character education. To place additional responsibility for character education on our teachers and schools seems to be more than is warranted.

Character education in my opinion is one sure thing in a public school. Students will develop character of some sort at school, just as they do at home. Communities have traditionally taken a keen interest in the quality of character developed within schools. That is one reason that schools have baseball, bands, standards of conduct, and boards of education. An external influence such as a state program or some whiz-bang contracted seminar may be well-intended, but ineffective. Least effective of all are school programs that attempt to "help" students with their home life. Guided character education is ongoing within successful schools.



Above: left to right: Sandra Dunn, Mary Lowery, and Yvonne Henry shared a report on the progress of the K-2 curriculum committee. Also, in a preliminary proposal to adopt an alternative education program at the high school, school social worker Sandra Dunn reported that during 1995/96 and 1996/97 school years there were twelve drop-outs, eleven students who chose alternative schools, and a high number of students failing multiple classes. Dunn has been investigating experimental curriculums including computer assisted subjects. Principal Bob Smith said that an alternative program he initiated in Georgia succeeded "way beyond expectations." Board trustee John Ochs said, "Good and Godspeed. This is the most valuable thing I've heard all night. Let's do everything we can to implement this proposal."

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Tony's Entertainment Corner

— by Tony Farina

Now that summer is in full swing that means longer nights, shorter days, and most importantly — no school!

Well, when it's time for the rain (or snow for that matter — it is Michigan, after all) to come and ruin your fun, fear not, for you can turn to Chapters & Verses, Video World and Snickers to cure your summertime blues!

We had so many comments from the May issue of the Chronicle, with photos of kids having a great time in Snickers that we are offering a special incentive.

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On to Chapters & Verses and Video World. Both stores have been gracious enough to let me have a sneak peek at what's to come for the month of June. And after the strenuous work of watching movies and reading books, I have a few nuggets of amazement to share with you to keep you and your kids occupied.

For those students who just graduated from high school, or have just returned for the summer from college, *Going Postal*, by Stephan Jaramillo is the

perfect reading. It tells the tale of Steve Reeves, a college graduate, son of a mailman, who loses his girlfriend and his job on the same day. The book introduces his friends and co-workers and takes you through the mind of a man who feels destined to "go postal" through genetics alone. This hilarious book should be kept out of the hands of younger kids but the older twenty-something crowd should have a wonderful time with it.

For the middle of the road readers who still want some comedy, *Saving Grandma* by Frank Schaeffer will tickle you silly. You follow the tale of Calvin Becker and his missionary family as they try to save the soul of their bedridden, grumpy, atheistic grandmother. The tongue-in-cheek spoof will make you laugh and look at the family structure in a whole new way.

Finally, drag the youngsters away from the Sega and hand them a copy of

Brian Jacques' *Redwall*. In the spirit of the *Lord of the Rings*, Jacques takes his readers to a fantasy land of heroes and magic. This, the first book of the series, should entice your little ones back to the bookstore for the continuing saga.

Speaking of the youngsters, Video World has the Rosie O'Donnell approved Cabbage Patch Kids videos that your kids are sure to enjoy. Plus, coming in June, look for *Shylow*, a wonderful kids' movie about an adorable dog's adventures.

For the whole family, look for John Travolta in *Michael*. The archangel who comes to earth to find love for Andie Macdowell and William Hurt. This movie that was hailed by critics and fans, is a perfect reason to rip the newly found book out of the youngster's hands for two hours and sit with the family to see a great story be told.

And if action is your bag, the world's greatest movie

action star, Jackie Chan, will be kicking his way to the video store along with Wes Craven's *Scream*: The winter smash on the big screen should keep high-schoolers and their parents glued to the set for the horror spoof that mocks Craven's own work. Speaking of spoofs, from the director of *Batman* and *Pee Wee* comes *Mars Attacks*. The sci-fi comedy takes the world's greatest actors and not only makes fools of them but has them battling the all-too-cliche little green men.

Finally, Diane Keaton, Robert DeNiro, Leonardo DiCaprio and Meryl Streep team up for the drama/comedy *Marvin's Room*. This movie, that earned Keaton another Oscar bid, should make you laugh and make you cry.

Well, that wraps up our little stroll through the highlights of June with Manchester's Chapters & Verses, Video World and Snickers. Please feel free to stop in these places and ask for a larger list of the June events, they will be glad to see you.

For Tony's Entertainment Corner, I'm Tony saying the only way you'll get my book is by tearing it from my cold, sleeping hand.

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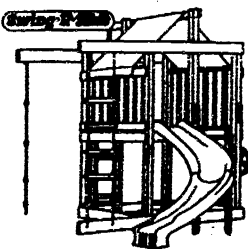
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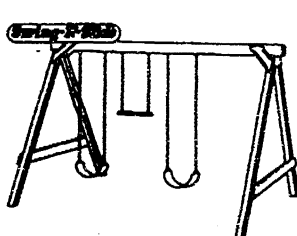
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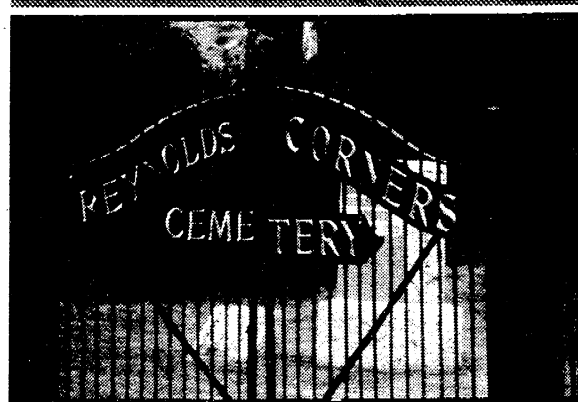


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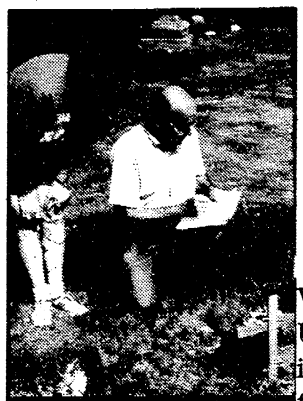
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Manchester Area Historical Society

— Betty Cummings, MAHS secretary, and Kathy Kueffner



The June meeting of the Manchester Area Historical Society will be a "Picnic Among the Tombstones," Saturday, June 14, from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at Reynolds Corners Cemetery, corner of U.S. 12 on Ely Road, where we will be finishing the cataloging project for Manchester Township. The community is invited to bring a picnic lunch and join us.

Women's Christian Temperance Union. In Michigan, it was started in 1908 and they became very influential, holding meetings and

working towards Prohibition.

"Taverns and Saloons, Breweries and Prohibition" at the beginning of the century in Manchester was the topic of Don Limpert's program for the regular monthly meeting of the Manchester Area Historical Society.

Eleven saloons in Manchester applied to the village council for a liquor license in 1906, seven were renewed at a cost of \$1,000 and those fees were a large part of the village budget. In that era, saloons were not regulated except that it was customary to close on Sundays. Saloons sold food and drink. Taverns had overnight accommodations and sometimes sold food and drink.

When women got tired of their men spending so much time and money in saloons, and since they couldn't obtain divorces back then, they started the

The Blacksmith Shop will be open from 3-5:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 21. Manchester High School alumni are especially invited to stop by and view the exhibit on MHS memorabilia.

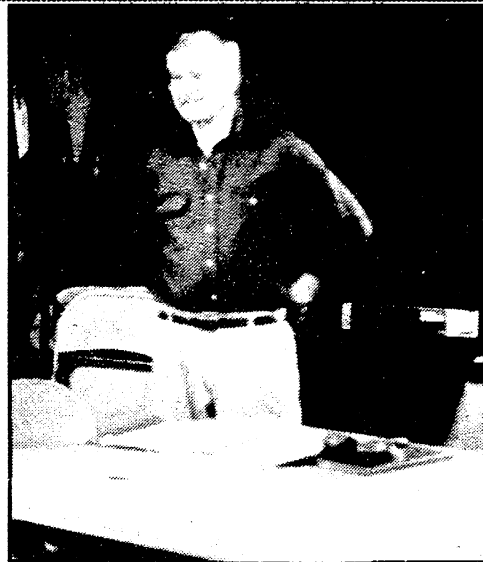


safe and the hoboes had a meal and a warm place to sleep.)

All of the saloons and the brewery closed in 1919-20 during national Prohibition.

The Manchester brewery was built on Macomb Street between 1874 and 1877 by John Bauer who lived in Bridgewater. It was owned by Joe Seckinger from 1877-1879; Frank Kuck, 1879-1884; John Koch 1884-1891; Charles Adrian 1891-1906; and George Eichorn 1906-1919. The Schleweis brothers rented the building and stored popcorn in it. The building was destroyed by fire in June of 1920. Part of the stone wall is still visible. Behind the building was a couple of cisterns where local youth used to throw beer bottles. Local collector, Jerry Swarthout, has bottles with names such as Michigan Southern Bottling Works which came with wired tops and crowned tops. The crowned tops have been harder to find in good shape because the farmers used to pop the tops off tractor axles, there were no bottle openers in those days.

The taverns changed ownership and location frequently. The Black Sheep



Tavern, although there were many owners, remained at 117 E. Main. That building was built in 1873. Called the Sloat Brothers Cafe during Prohibition, fountain drinks were served. Don purchased the building in 1968 preserving many of the original artifacts and displaying them in the tavern. After Prohibition ended in 1933, there were four saloons in town which were called beer gardens, only serving beer and wine, mandated by State law. After a petition, the liquor license was approved for the Black Sheep Tavern in 1971 by a village council vote of 3-2. An elderly lady on the council told Don, "I don't go into taverns but I voted for you."

Among the anecdotes Don discovered during his research was the story of the man who won an election bet and chose to be carted down Main Street in a wheelbarrow; the story of an imbibor who missed the outhouse located behind one of the saloons, fell in the river and drowned; and the story of an excavated cistern entirely filled with Canadian Club whiskey bottles.

The program concluded with an audience member commenting that most of downtown Manchester has not changed in 100 years, largely due to Don Limpert who has been responsible for preserving many of our historical landmark buildings, to which Limpert replied: "A society is no better then its history."

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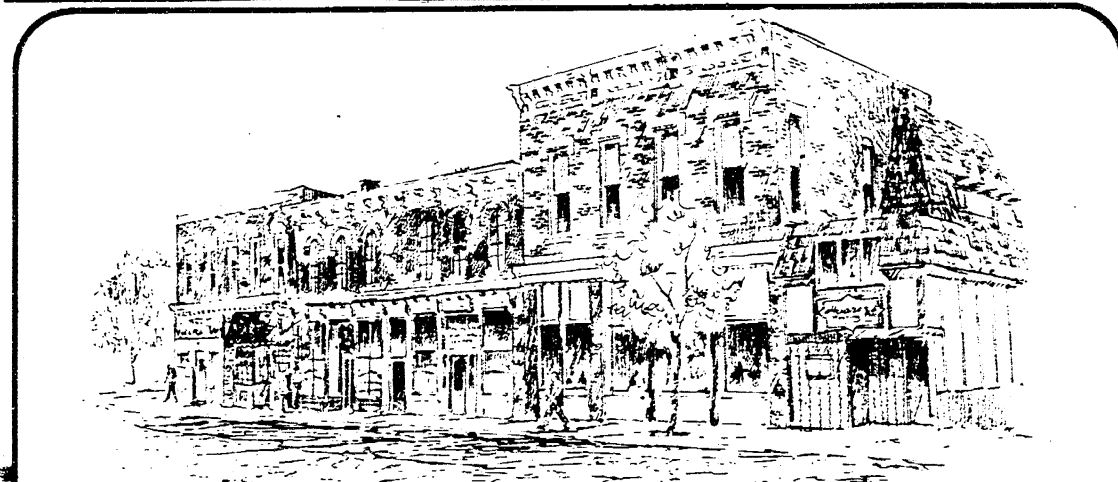
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Taking Care of Our Pets

— by Dr. William K. Wellman, The
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Let's continue our conversation about heartworm, but in cats rather than dogs. The cat is an abnormal host for the heartworm and requires a special test to detect it. The only symptom may be severe dyspnea which is labored breathing.

The following is opinion and may vary from vet to vet but not a lot:

Unfortunately, the subject is brutally simple. Test for heartworm in the cat if you like. It is expensive. If the test is negative, rejoice. Put the cat on monthly heartworm preventative. If the test is positive, there is very little, in my opinion, to be done. Treatment will very likely kill the cat because the dead heartworm is too large to be assimilated by the cat and will block the pulmonary artery.

Recommendation: don't test. It will only worry you. Put all cats on heartworm prevention and you will probably never have a problem.

Then, there is the mounting problem of Lyme disease.

Lyme disease, or Borreliosis, is a tick-borne bacterial disease affecting both humans and animals. First discovered in the United States in humans in 1975 and reported in dogs in 1984, Borreliosis has since spread rapidly across the country, affecting more victims every year. Lyme disease is caused by corkscrew-shaped bacteria. The carriers are ticks. Ticks are blood-suckers — parasites that draw their life from other creatures. When an infected tick bites, the bacterium

is transferred to the blood of the host animal.

Lyme disease has the potential to exist in any area where infected ticks are present. In humans, surveillance data revealed 11 states reporting 497 cases of the Lyme disease in 1982. By 1992, approximately 50,000 cases had been reported by 47 states; and more than 10,000 cases were reported in 1994 alone, a 20-fold increase since 1982! Lyme disease has become the most common tick-borne disease in the United States. Experts believe that Lyme disease exposure in the dog may be up to 10 times greater than that reported in humans.

While no one knows for sure there are several possible explanations why Lyme disease is spreading so rapidly. Waterfowl and other migratory birds have helped disperse the infected tick. Dogs and wildlife that run in infected fields can bring infected ticks back to suburban locations and backyards. Dogs traveling with their owners can spread infected ticks to distant locations. Secluded wooded areas where people live or spend leisure time are the natural environments.

Clinical signs of Lyme disease in pets include arthritis, sudden onset of severe pain and lameness, fever, lethargy, loss of appetite and depression. Lyme disease also affects the heart, brain and kidneys. After observing symptoms which suggest Lyme disease, blood tests can be used. Several broad spectrum antibiotics have been proven effective in treating Lyme disease, especially in its early stages.

What can you do to protect your pet from Lyme disease? Routinely check your pets after they have been outdoors, especially if they have been in areas with tall grass and brush (the favorite hiding places of ticks.)

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Red Wigglers

— by Tony Farina

Spring is here. That means it is time for gardens to get built back up and flower beds to be protected from the children who find biking through them lots of fun.

The first question you might ask is where do I begin? My garden never looks like Jim Martendale's, of course, but he does have the advantage of the garden weasel.

If you ask Tracey MacDonald of Manchester — all you really need are worms. Not any old worms that you find on the ground post rain storm, or the worm bait you get to catch the big fish — the one that is always bigger in the story than real life — what you need are E. Foetida.

Don't know what E. Foetida are?

Well, not to fear, because they are also known as red wigglers and Tracey has millions of them. Literally — millions.

All you need is a bit of time and a bucket of worms and you are all set, according to Tracey. The worms will take care of your green waste for you and, in the process, make the best fertilizer you have ever seen.

The worms are not that expensive and will make your gardening experience much more enjoyable. "Worms will cut the time it takes to fertilize in half," Tracey explains.

"What the worms do is called 'vermi composting'." What that means,

for those of us who are not so worm-literate, is the worms will take your garbage, mixed just right with a few other ingredients, and turn it into a fertilizer that will make your garden the happiest on the block.

"The thing I want to stress is that this isn't just about gardening. The average family of four creates five to six pounds of green waste a week. If you

multiply that by the week, but the month, you get an astounding amount of waste that cannot only feed the worms but really take some pressure off the landfills," Tracey says.

Tracey, who is a verified animal lover, has worms coming out of her ears. Well, not literally. She is a business woman, nurse, and well...as she says, "When I get bored, I go to school."

She keeps herself occupied with her nursing job as well as the worms.

"I had a kennel for dogs last year, but it was just too much work for one person."

"I've been raising worms since I was three years old." Tracey, who is an avid fisherman, wants to make very clear, "I'm not a bait dealer." Her business, called Earth Source, is the growth of worms and the creation of usable compost for other people's benefit.

"I'll sell some for bait by the thousand or by the pound, but generally I want to use the worms for helping out."

Her long term goal is to see a compost bin in half the homes of the world by the year 2000. "The worm bin can be right in the home. I'm always available to help people set one up. Not only is it great from the ecological standpoint, but kids can learn from it, too."

She encourages everyone to try this out. If you are at all interested in reducing waste, teaching your children, and growing a great garden, give her a call at 428-1482 between ten o'clock in the morning and five o'clock in the afternoon. She might be out in the barn but she'll call you back.

"I'm waiting for the weather to get warmer so I can move the worms outside." Her worm stock in the basement will be transplanted and Earth Source will be up and running.



Above: Cody, Tracey's mammalade cat, investigates a Red Wiggler.

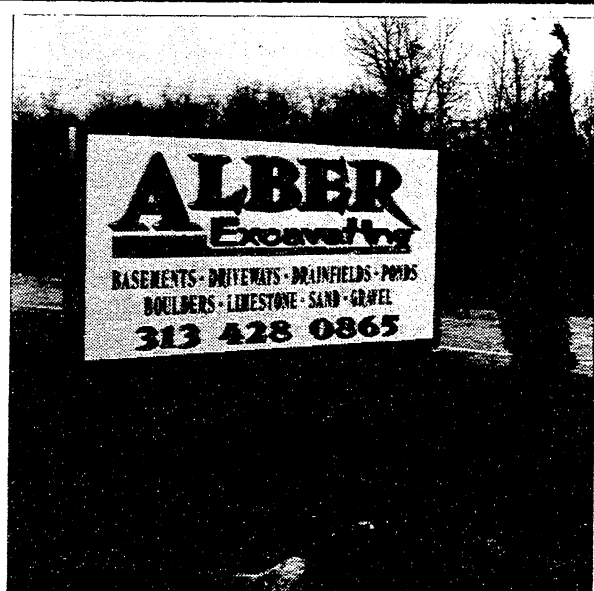
So if you want to be part of the solution and help the environment and yourself, give Tracey a call and start a worm bin. The price is cheaper than mail order, and Tracy will gladly assist you.

A Composting Party?

The Committee for the Beautification of Manchester is having a composting party, at the residence of Carol Kahn, 18101 Sharon Valley Road, Saturday, June 28, beginning at ten o'clock in the morning.

Here's how it works. Call to register, either Carol at 428-8504, or Josie at A&J Travel 428-8307, just so they know about how many are coming. Then the day of the party, just bring something for the compost heap: grass clippings, vegetable scraps, etc.

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CHRONICLE CALENDAR FOR JUNE 1997

SUNDAY



Happy June Birthdays to Senior Citizens: Clayton Frinkel (3), Gladys Geer (3), Ron Jenter (4), Alice Sawdey (4), Vivian Joey John (6), Violet Halme (12), Myrtle Roberts (13), Pete Martin (13), Elgin Motluck (14), Lehman Wahl (18), Bessie Davidson (19), Phyllis Koernke (19), Erwin Haab (19), Marie Haab (20), Jean Mollenkopf (20), Viola Poley (22), Josephine Simmons (23), Norman Halme (25), Maureen Strong (26), June Jenter (27).

2pm High School
Commencement at the
Athletic Complex

Ann Arbor Bagpipes &
Drums Concert at
Washtenaw Community
College. 2:30 Towsley
Auditorium

10am Hard Rock Basics,
Waterloo Geology Center.
Phone (313) 475-3170 for
info

MONDAY

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

School Board Election
6:30 Optimist Club
7:30 Bridgewater Twp Planning
Comm mtg
8:00 Manchester Twp Board mtg
8:00 Fair Board mtg
8:00 Knights of Columbus

Heart Health Screening 1-3pm -
blood pressure and cholesterol
testing, at Extension Building on
Hogback. Phone (313) 484-
7200 for more information

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY 15

Sign up at the Library for the
Summer Reading Program
"Be Eager to Read," now
through June 28. See page 20.

Peony Garden Party, Nichols
Arboretum in Ann Arbor, 2-
5pm. Phone 763-6632 for
details.

2pm Michigan Bats &
Their Habitats,
Waterloo Geology
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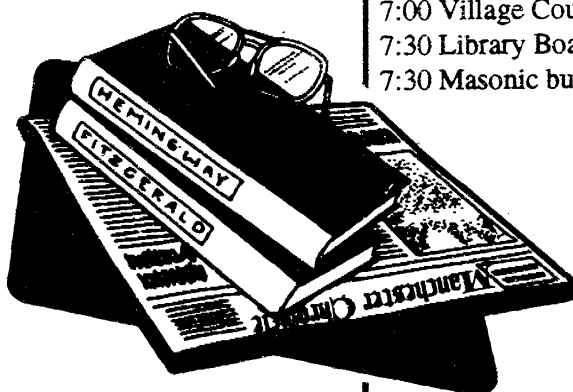


Ann Arbor
Antiques Mkt
6am-4pm See
classifieds.

Here comes the
good news, the



JULY 6



JULY 7

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

TUESDAY

Village Curbside Recycling
12 noon Senior Citizen Dinner
(Meat Loaf)
7:00 Boy Scouts
7:00 Band Boosters' meeting, MHS
band room. All band parents
welcome!
7:30 Freedom Township Planning
Commission

**MANCHESTER DAY CAMP 1997
EXTENDED SIGN-UP TIME.
SEE PAGE 3.**

Village Curbside Recycling
12 Sr Dinner
7 Computer Club meets at Chapters
& Verses
7:30 Manchester Village Plan Comm
8:00 Freedom Twp Board mtg

Village Curbside Recycling
7:00 Boy Scouts

Winners of the BB Crafts
drawing for Teeny Beanie
Babies were: Brandon
Gladden, Samantha Ybarra,
Dominic Ridenour, all of
Manchester; Susan
Kaczorowski of Chelsea; and,
Ruth Havener of Clinton

7:30 School Board mtg at
high school
7:30 United Way meets at First of
America Bank Conf Rm

HAPPY RETIREMENT, FR. FRANCIS J. MURRAY 24

Village Curbside Recycling
9:30 Senior Council Meeting
8pm Manchester Township
Planning Commission

7:30 PUBLIC HEARING:
Manchester Village
Planning Commission
See front page

JULY 1

With heads held back in harmony
They sing out loud and strong
God's creatures sit attentively
To hear each happy song
There is no chorus on the earth
More precious to my heart
Or one that brings more joy and
peace
To each new day I start
— sent to us by Mrs. Florence M.
Parker, Bridgewater Township

JULY 8

Village Curbside Recycling
7:30 Freedom Township Planning
Commission

MANCHESTER COMMUNITY FAIR

WEDNESDAY

7:30 VFW, Legion Home, 203 Adrian
7:30 Raisin Valley Land Trust mtg., Blacksmith Shop
7:30 Book event at Chelsea Library. See page 12.

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A local chapter of the American Historical Truck Society has been chartered in Southeast Michigan. The SE Michigan chapter

THURSDAY

9:30 Senior Yoga
12 noon Sr Birthday Dinner for June & July - Ham
12:30 Sr Bingo
7:30 Purple Heart mtg --- locations vary, phone 428-7052 for info

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encourages anyone interested in the collection and preservation of the history of trucks to join in the fun

FRIDAY

June 6-8: 7th Annual Classics Farmfest at Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds.

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Quilter's Quarters Anniversary Sale. See page 3.

SATURDAY

7:30 Kiwanis meets at Black Sheep

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9am Manchester Beautification Comm. at the Whistle Stop Rest.

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7:30 American Legion Aux
7:30 Manchester Rec Task Force, at the B'smith Shop

HAPPY 93rd BIRTHDAY, BESSIE DAVIDSON



9am Chamber Board at Comerica

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9:30 Sr Yoga
7:30 Village Piecemakers meet at Emanuel
7:30 Gazebo Concert. See page 3

FRIDAY
THE 13TH

6pm Pick up for Saline Sr Citizens Card Party

Fredonia Garage Sale. See ad

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Picnic Among the Tombstones Historical Society project 10am-2pm. See page 7.



FLAG DAY

GARAGE SALE

The 2nd Saturday of June, July, Aug. & Sept. 9am-3pm
Fredonia Store parking lot
Pleasant Lake Rd.



4:00 Pick up for Sharon United Methodist Ice Cream Social
7:30 Manchester Men's Club

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7:30 Bridgwater Twp Board



Sharon United Methodist Ice Cream Social.

9:30 Last Sr Yoga

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7:30 CRC board meeting at CRCoffice
7:30 Gazebo Concert. See page 3

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JANET SHURTLIFF



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7:30 Kiwanis meets at Black Sheep Restaurant

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Blacksmith Shop open from 3-5pm for MHS alumni and the public.

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4:00 Sr pick up for Emanuel UCC Ice Cream Social
7:00 Coalition for Drug Free Youth
7:00 Manchester Twp Fire Dept



Emanuel Ice Cream Social - See page 3

6pm Senior pick up for Card Party at Freedom Twp Hall, 7:30pm
7:30 Gazebo Concert. See page 3

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BEVERLY SCHOOK



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10am Compost Party sponsored by the Committee for the Beautification of Manchester. See page 9.

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10am Digging Those Rocks, Waterloo Geology Center, Phone (313) 475-3170 for information



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JULY 2

7:30 VFW, Legion Home, 203 Adrian
7:30 Raisin Valley Land Trust mtg., Blacksmith Shop

Manchester Community Band meets Wednesdays 7:30-9pm in the high school band room. Open to all levels of musical proficiency

JULY 3

7:30 Gazebo Concert --- See page 3.
7:30 Am. Legion Post #117
8:00 Sharon Twp Board mtg

MANCHESTER MEN'S CLUB FIREWORKS!!!

JULY 4



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.

JULY 5

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JULY 9

Bull Mania at Manchester Community Fair

JULY 10

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JULY 11

JULY 12

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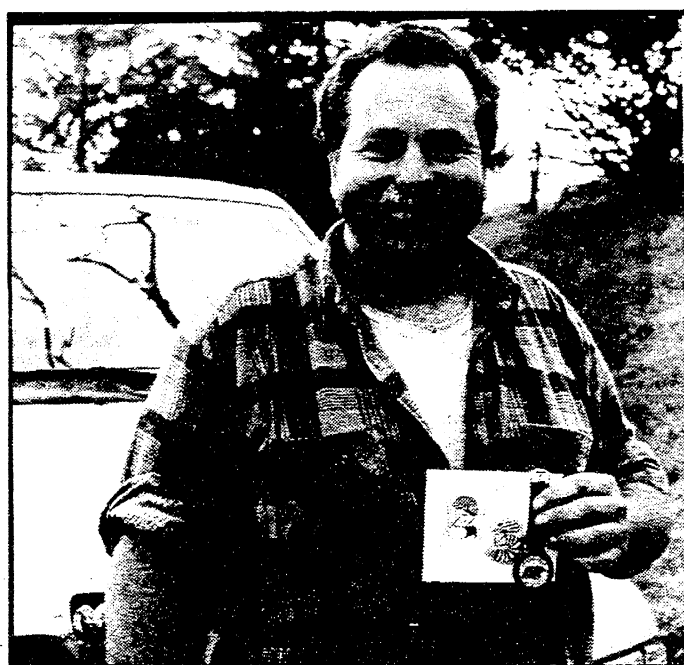


Award-winning Michigan author and publisher, Willetta L. Heising, will talk about the popularity of the mystery series for adult readers on Wednesday, June 4 at 7:30 P.M. upstairs at Chelsea's McKune Library.

Using her popular mystery reference books, *Detecting Women* and the forthcoming *Detecting Men*, she will provide suggestions about finding favorites among the hundreds of mysteries published each year

Pocket Guide editions of the checklists are available for readers who like to keep their reading lists handy for visits to bookstores, used book sales and library visits, and is available in Manchester's own bookstore, **Chapters & Verses**. Heising has arranged to have copies of both pocket guides available for sale on the night of her presentation by Chelsea resident Edna Walker, co-owner of **Chapters & Verses**.

Heising's presentation is a part of the Chelsea District Library Grapevine Series, featuring presentation-discussion programs by literary stars and experts. McKune's Mystery Book club will host the program which is free and open to the public.



We found Mike Miner, where else but working, to congratulate him. Mike, sexton of Oak Grove Cemetery for twenty-five years, was presented a watch by the cemetery board in appreciation for his many years of dedicated service.

Middle School News

— by reporter Wendy Jovanelli

Manchester Middle School had a big candy sale that was a big success. The kids of Manchester Middle turned in their money for equipment that the school needed. As soon as all the money is turned in the school will have forms in the office to give to students to write down what the school needs to replace, such as new basketball hoops and new footballs and new four square balls. We hope that the school gets the things they need and the best of luck to them.

The school held an assembly in the gym The assembly was about the prizes the students get. The prizes the students get is money. They have a couple of things that they have to do with the money. First they have a money booth where the student who gets picked goes in a booth and tries to grab as much money as possible. However, while the student is trying to catch almost \$300 a fan is spinning the money around.

The next challenge is the basketball shoot. In this challenge the student picks a spot to shoot from and if he/she makes it they get \$5. Then the student goes to a certain line and shoots. If they make it again they get \$15 more. Next they go to the free throw line. If they make it again, then they get \$25 more. Then the student goes to the green line and shoots. If they make it, they get \$50 more!

Finally the last thing is where the student's name gets picked out of an envelope and the student goes up and picks out one or two envelopes. That certain envelope has from \$1 to possibly \$20 in it.

Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce News

— from the Chamber Newsletter

The Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce is in the process of redesigning a brochure that will showcase the shopping and services located in the downtown area of Manchester. This brochure will be distributed primarily through the Ann Arbor Convention & Visitors Bureau as well as through the Chamber and its affiliates.

The brochure will include a map of downtown Manchester with the location of all featured businesses, a listing of each business and a short description of services, hours of operation and other pertinent information.

All current Chamber members will be included in the brochure for free, however, due to the cost of printing and distribution, any non-Chamber business wishing to be included will be charged a fee of \$25.

To request copies of the brochure and for further information, please contact Bob Wahr and Comerica Bank, 428-8334.

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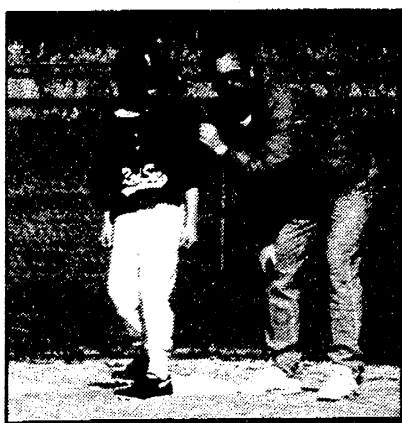
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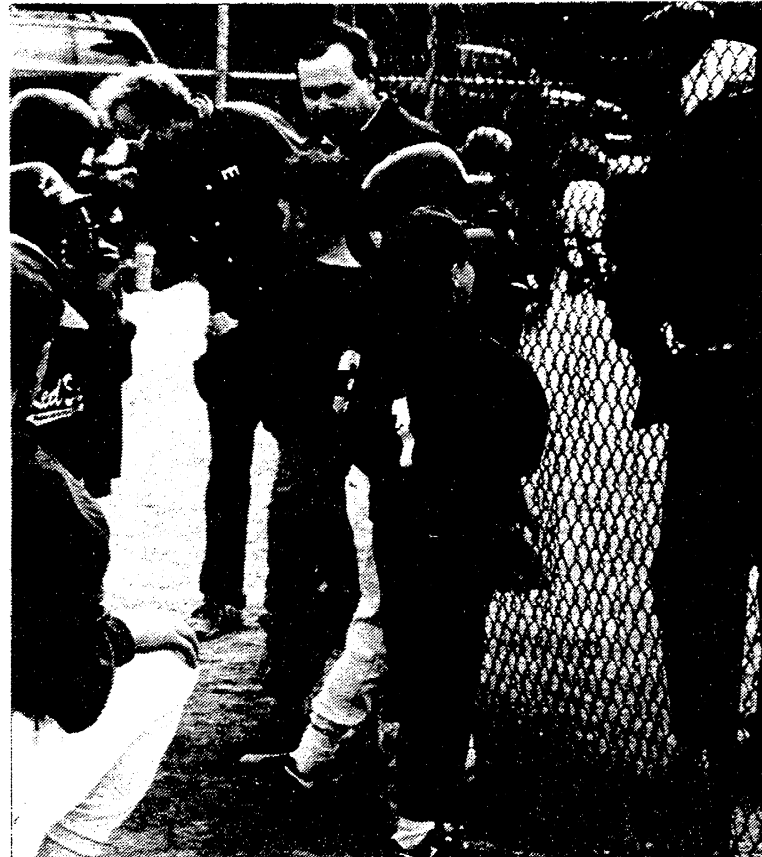


A wine tasting social was hosted by the Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce on May 21 at Sharon Mills Winery. Winner of the drawing for a bottle of Sharon Mills Champagne was Mary Wolber-Pillow. Mary designs and edits the monthly Chamber newsletter. Congratulations, Mary.

7722 (Community Resource Center answering); or, e-mail mac-chamber@aol.com; or write MACC, P.O. Box 521, Manchester, MI 48158-0521.



"Okay, guys, listen up!"



Above: Time to smell the flowers, at the Plant Sale in May to raise money for Manchester Little League, sponsored by the MOB (Mothers of Baseball) and flowers by Fusilier Family Farm & Greenhouse.

— photos by Kathy Kueffner

A Canoe Thank You

It was Sunday, May 18, by the River Raisin at the Fellows Bridge on Sharon Valley Road. All volunteers in place to register and launch canoes on the river. More volunteers as timekeepers, spotters, record keepers and other helpers were ready to greet the competitors as they finish their race in downtown Manchester.

The Canoe Race planning and preparation, coordinated by Manchester Recreation Task Force, takes about three months and 25 volunteers to "clear the waters" so to speak. The vent is successful because of organizations and individuals working together to give service to the community of Manchester.

Queen, Manchester Chiropractic Clinic, Manchester Floors, Premier Contracting, T&N Service, Inc., Haarer's Meeting Place, Manchester Pharmacy; assistance from Video World, Pyramid Office Supply, the Community Resource Center; volunteers Tom & Rhonda Ash, Mike Briggs, Chris Brooks, Len Bruner, Ron & Jan Burrows, Bob Krall, Kathy Kueffner, Dick & Judy Kuntz, Phil & Tina Maly, Joe Marshall, Mike Miner, Bill Peterson, Bill & Dianne Schwab, Jim & Cindy Sewell, Ted Stautz, Bill Swaney, Wendell Young; and a final congratulations to Don Stockwell who won the kayak in the raffle.



Pictured above is the 200,000 pound wench owned by the River Raisin Watershed Council, used by the Sharon Hollow Acres Canoe Livery and the Manchester Men's Club to clean trees out of the river. Local business people are trophy sponsors, Kiwanis Club of Manchester provided mailing labels and designed forms, Manchester Department of Public Works sets up barriers and the Washtenaw County Sheriff Department are the safety experts.

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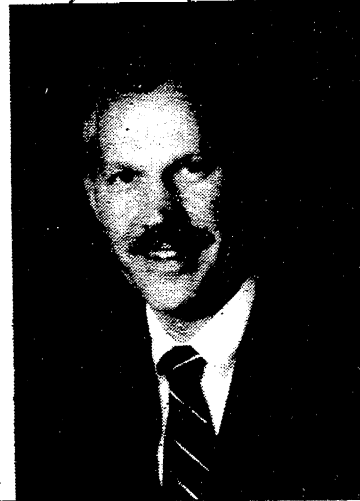
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Dutch Baseball and Softball

— by Tony Farina

As the school year winds to a close, the baseball and softball teams continue to play. There is a good chance that each team could carry their seasons well into June.

The boys baseball coach, Scott Stull, and the girls softball coach, Wes Gall, had some nice words about their respective team's seasons.

Stull, whose team didn't have the best year, still have a chance in districts. "We're a young team, even though we have eight seniors, we only had three with varsity experience. Districts are around the corner and the team is looking forward to the second season."

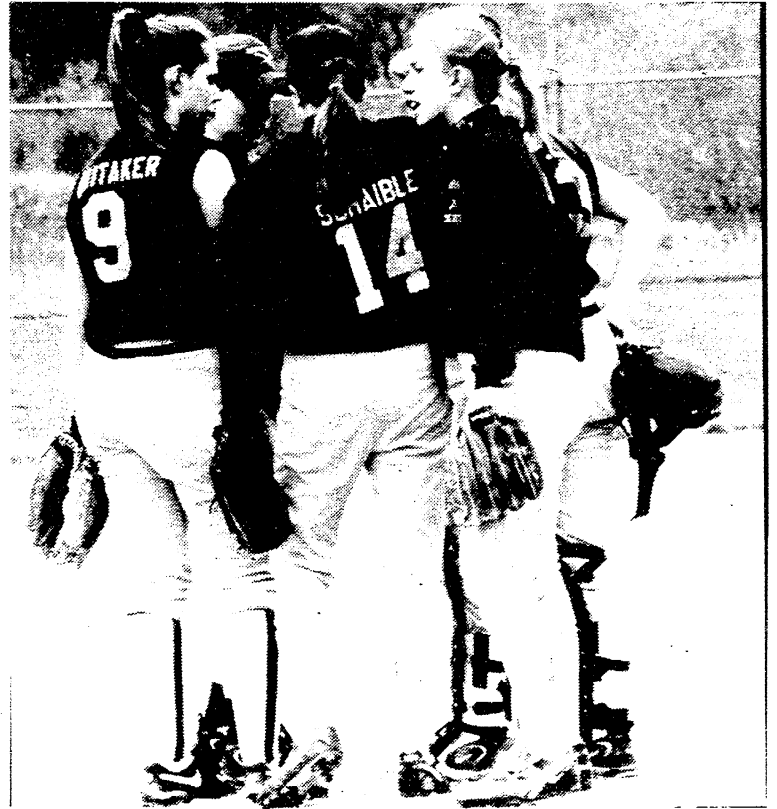
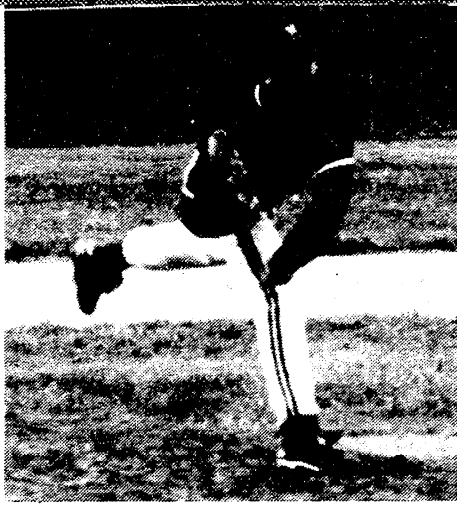
One player even joined in with the fact that the state finals are in June and that is when their season would end.

From that comment it's obvious the team still has a fighting spirit. And sometimes that's all it takes to get the job done.

On the softball front, the team has fared a bit better. Wes Gall said "We have a good chance at achieving our goals. We wanted to finish over five hundred and have a great chance at doing that. We've beat all the teams in the conference except one. If we draw them first in districts, we could have a tough game on our hands."

Gall expressed his feelings that the team has a good shot at advancing past districts. Since there are no playoffs, each game could be the end of the season. He expressed that he tries to keep them relaxed and approach each game like it's any other.

Keep your eyes peeled for the sluggers of Manchester. If their spirit is any gauge on how well they will do, you might be seeing a new sign when you enter town claiming the right to the state champions.



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Nick Rose selected for all star team

— by Tony Farina

Babe Ruth, Ty Cobb, Shoeless Joe Jackson, and Nick Rose.
Who?

Well, there is a possibility that the fourth name could one day be added to that list of baseballs greatest players.

Nick Rose, a sophomore at Manchester High, has the honor of being selected to the Michigan All Stars. This is a team of young baseballers who get the chance to travel The Netherlands and play against international teams.

"I just am grateful for the chance. I think it will be great to travel around, meet people, and play ball," Rose said. His teammates razzed him a bit when he was asked for an interview. "They're pretty good about it," was his reply to the onslaught.

"I was pitching for Pinckney last year and some scouts saw me play." That was how he was selected for the honor.

According to the organizers of the event it's a stepping stone for the Olympic team, which is Nick's ultimate goal.

His coach, Scott Stull, was really excited to have him on the team this year. "He was a starting pitcher at a class A school as a freshman. I was really glad to get him. It's nice to see his drive. He's willing to play all summer to enhance his ability."

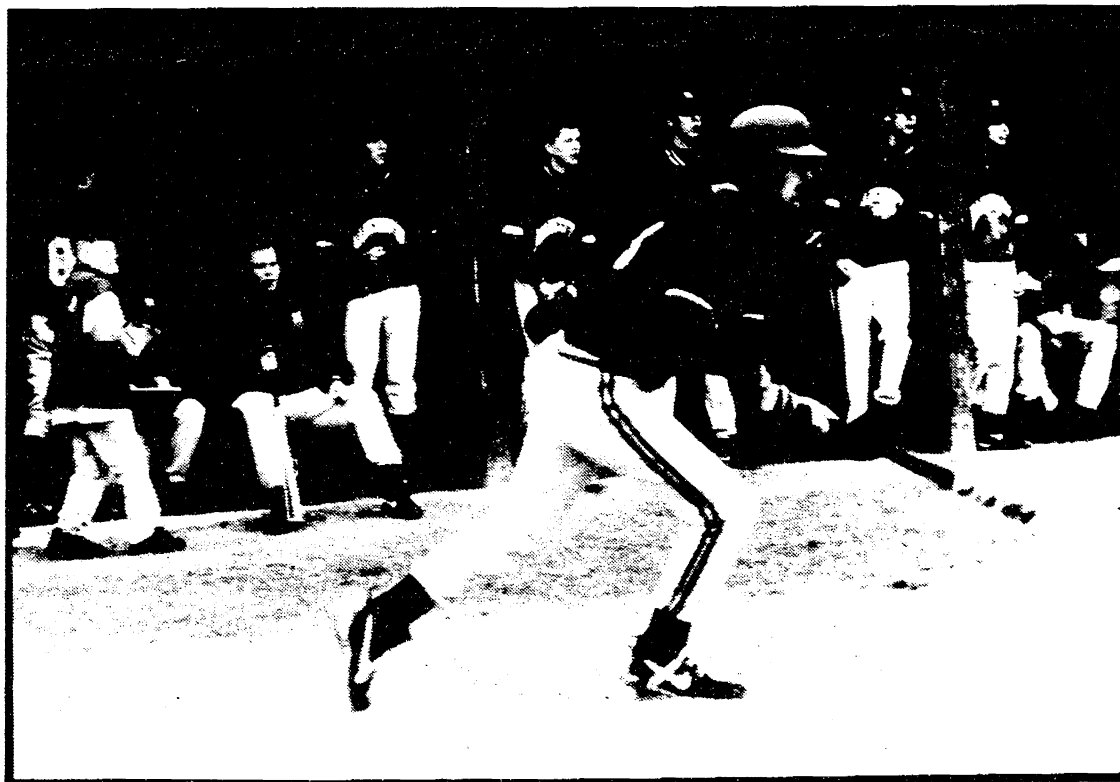
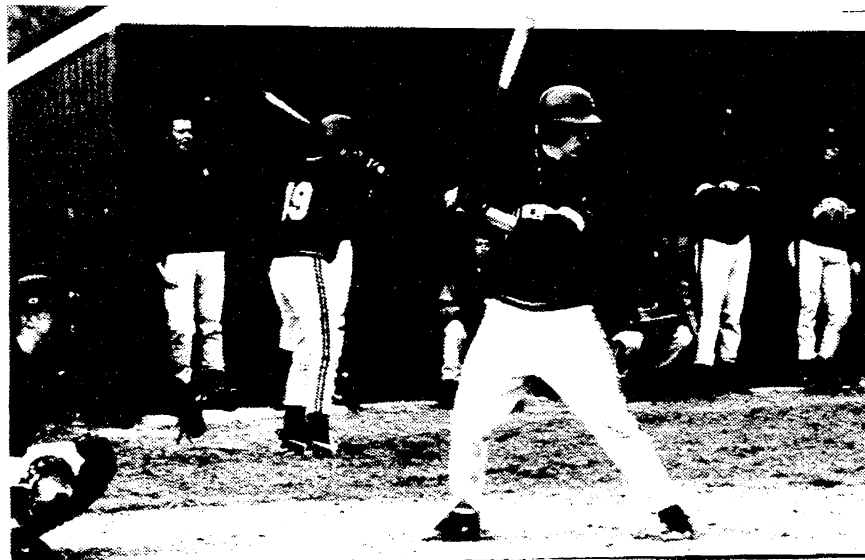
The only downside to the entire experience is that there will be a cost for the travel and the accommodations. Nick is asking for donations for his chance to play. His enticement is to give the biggest donor a present from Holland upon his return. Please feel free to call Nick at 428-7094 if you have any questions or would like to help him out.

Just think, one day you could go to Cooperstown with your kids or grandkids, point to Nick Rose, and say, "I helped get him here."

— photos by kk



Nick Rose
smiles as he
warms up in the
batter's box with
teammate Dan
Alber.



MANCHESTER DADS ARE THE BEST

The perks of being a Dad

— by Tony Farina

It is time once again that we, as good children, honor Dear old Dad. The tricky question isn't "what to buy a man who has everything," but, "What to buy a man who is a father?"

Those at Black and Decker will tell you that a snake light is the way to go. Well, isn't that the whole point of having kids — so they can hold the flashlight?

Not that we do it well. Ninety percent of the time, Dear old Dad is reminding us to light the part of the car or the house that needs fixing, not holding it with one hand and making shadow puppets with the other.

I've oversimplified. Fathers don't believe that the only reason to have kids is to hold the flashlight, that's just a perk. Dads get the fun job of playing chase with their children. What is chase? Well, it's called catch when it starts, but as the children under or overthrow Dear old Dad, he ends up chasing the ball, be it football or baseball, across the street, into the woods, or across the park.

Still, that isn't the only perk of being a Dad. Consider this story. When I turned twenty-one, my father took me down to the Legion to have my first beer with him. He was proud, not because I was drinking with him, but that there I was, a grown up. Outside of my haircut and the occasional random thought about putting a clapper in a lighthouse, I turned out fine and he was largely responsible for that.

Dads take pleasure in the little things. Win or lose, they are proud that you tried. That's the reason to have kids. Dads want to play chase, get on you about your hair, tell you what a fine job you did when you embarrassed yourself in front of hundreds wailing away as the singer in a band, (when he and you both know you can't sing a lick.) They want to scream at the umpire who called you on the obvious third strike, but in Dear old Dad's eyes, it was so far outside, it was in the next county.

So I still haven't come to the part where you decide what to get your Dad on Father's Day. Well, maybe there isn't a gift. Sure, you can get him the snake light, or a new socket set, or a new cordless drill, and he will be thrilled. He'll use it, just like he watched the movies you got him last year or the universal ratchet you got him when you were ten.

But if you really want the child of the year award, you'll get him one of those things and then you'll go to the video store, rent *Field of Dreams*, sit in the chair next to his recliner, share a beverage of choice and be quiet. Share that moment of silence that Dads love.

Be the good kid who would dig up his cornfield so you can play catch with him one more time. And, as Dear old Dad chokes back a few tears, he'll be proud of you, like only your Dear old Dad can be.



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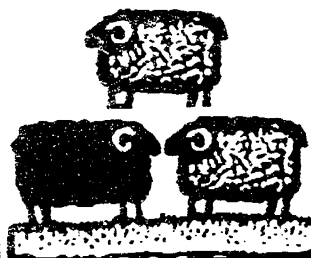
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MANCHESTER DADS ARE THE BEST

A Father's Day Tribute — and belated Mom's, too.

— To George and Mable Macomber
from their son, Harry

My mother's and father's parenting guidelines were based on a simple premise: Intelligent and respectful people conducted themselves a certain way. That was true whether you were two, twenty-two or fifty-two years old. Dad took great pride in knowing he could "take us kids anywhere" and indeed he could, all six of us without ever being embarrassed by our behavior.

There were simple rights and wrongs and we all learned them at an early age. Unlike many parents of their day, Dad and Mom never used physical punishment to keep us in line. We were never spanked. At family gatherings we sometimes witnessed our cousins getting spankings. If any of us kids strayed over the line, a simple raising of Dad's eyebrows brought us quickly back. It was discipline based on no-nonsense intelligence. Though it was never put into words, Dad and Mom knew we kids were fully capable of understanding the boundaries of human behavior.

Another of Dad's valuable lessons was that he would never belittle or chastise us in front of other people. If we did something to get the "raised eyebrows," Dad always waited until we were in the car or back home to verbalize just what that look meant. One time in particular is still fresh in my mind though it happened over 45 years ago.

We were all gathered in front of the church after Sunday services. I was a young teenager trying to be "cool" with my friends. A group of men, including my Dad, had gathered to talk about farming, weather, crops, etc. My friends and I were looking down on them from up on the church porch. I noticed my dad was getting a bald spot. Without thinking I blurted out that fact to everyone there.

Though my friends laughed loudly, I instantly regretted what I had done. I waited for the inevitable reaction from dad to my gross lack of character. No head turned, not one eye looked my way. The men continued their conversation. It was like the gentle morning

breeze had swallowed up my words before anyone had heard. But my sinking heart knew the truth. I had humiliated only myself. None of those men acknowledged my stupidity out of respect for my father. As we all got into the car for our ride home, I sat in back hoping dad had either forgotten or would just let it go. No such luck. I don't remember most of what he said, but I felt lower than a snake's belly when he finished. However, the last thing he said that long ago Sunday morning has stuck with me and is my favorite advice to myself even now. He finished up his "sermon" with this phrase: "Make sure your brain is in gear before your mouth starts working."

Dad was and still is a strong individual. Even at age 87, shades of grey have not penetrated his black and white view. There is right and wrong. There are things a man must do and things he cannot do if he is to maintain his self-respect, the very bedrock of his character. He has not changed with the times, and I am forever grateful he hasn't. He still speaks his mind because it is his ingrained, inherent right and duty as an American to do so. Anyone who has witnessed my father speaking his mind at a public meeting will readily agree that he usually puts in more than a mere two cents worth, and he's usually right.

My mom is truly one of a kind. Dad would be the first to agree with me that her quiet strength is what held us all together. She was born handicapped, though no one would ever know it to watch her. I myself never realized it until about age 12 when a neighbor's son asked me what happened to my mom's arm. She gave birth at home to us kids. We never had a babysitter, never hired anyone to help her. Family members came a few days for each birth, after that she was on her own which is how she wanted it. She cooked, cleaned, washed, sewed and even drove horses. We ran to her to tie our shoes, wipe our noses and heal our hurts. She did it all with one hand, a tender heart, and never once mentioned what to her was just a minor inconvenience. Dad told me once that he had been cautioned about marrying a woman with only one hand. Farm life was challenging enough back in the 20's for people with both hands. In one of the smartest things he ever did in life, he decided to ignore that advise and marry Mom. That was over 60 years ago and still counting.

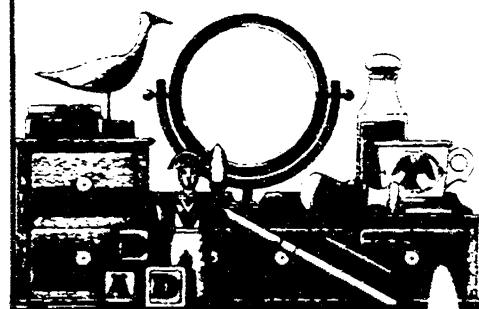
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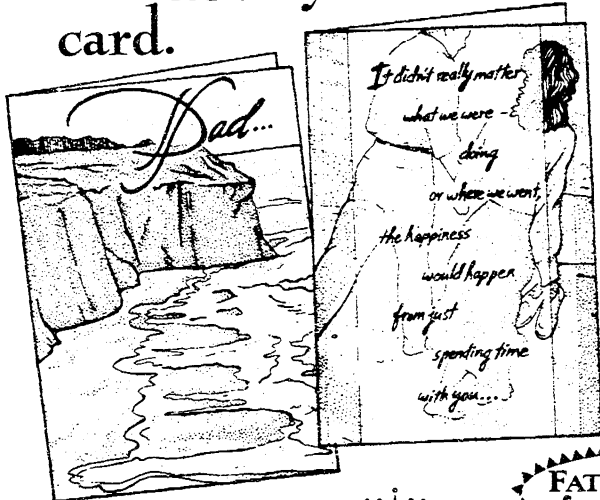
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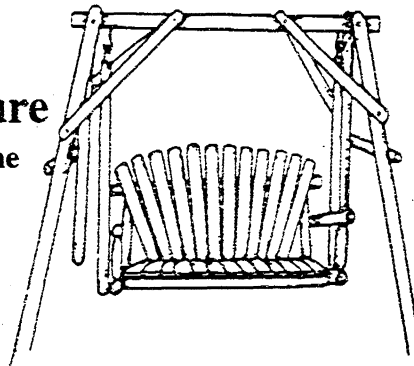
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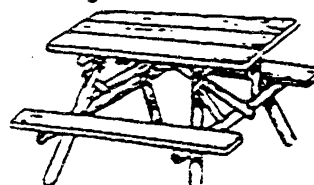
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Manchester Beautification Committee and the Gardens of Manchester

— Janet Shurtliff and Vickie Bolan

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Gardens large and gardens small. Gardens fancy and gardens humble. Your garden or the garden of a friend or neighbor.

Maybe one of them is worthy of recognition. Get ready for the roving garden judges!

The Committee for the Beautification of Manchester is encouraging all in the Manchester area to make their yard the prettiest it can be. And to make that encouragement more tangible, they are sponsoring a Beautiful Garden Award.

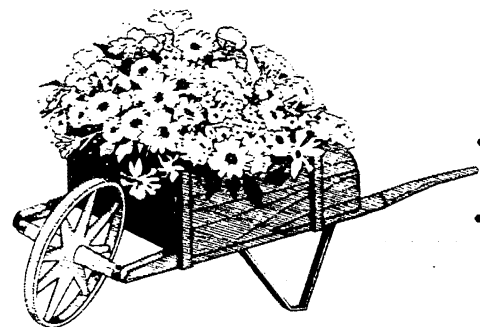
Throughout the spring, summer and fall, residents and business owners may be surprised by the Committee with a recognition of their efforts to beautify their space in the community. One morning you may wake up and find a pretty little garden stake "award" planted in your yard, designating it as worthy of honor! You may also find a "mystery surprise."

Robin Wellman,

pictured left with daughter Rachel, painted the charming sunflowers in a watering can on the lower door panel of Sandy Trolz's The 18th Century Shoppe. Robin plans to paint a different panel for each season, and will be doing other panels that will be for sale in Sandy's Shoppe.



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Josie Santiago (who is responsible for this wonderful idea and heads up the committee) says, "It can be the front yard, the back yard, even just putting a hanging basket on the porch or some potted geraniums on the steps!"

You might also wish to consider volunteering to be a judge! If so, call Josie at A & J Travel at 428-8703. The judges will look at nominated gardens and also keep their eyes open for those which may have been overlooked. The garden space can either be a home or a business.

The idea is that all in Manchester will enjoy and benefit from our common effort to make the community more beautiful!

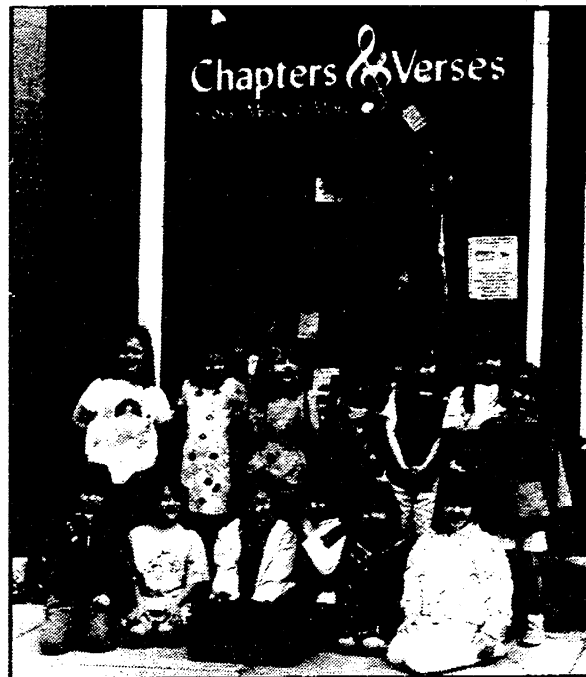
Left: Other youngsters are getting involved in beautifying Manchester. Michael Bolan spent hours (with a broken finger, too) helping to clean up the recycling station.



Below: Jodi Feldkamp and David Haight plant perennials on the riverbank below A & J Travel.



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When getting ready for the Manchester Community Fair: Residents

Letters from Dad, continued from page one.

According to the location of Dad's farm, sixty acres of which lay in Freedom, and twenty in Bridgewater, we boys should have gone to the Silver Lake district. As it was, however, the Bauer girls had insisted on taking brother Clarence with them to the Short district, and naturally I followed him a year later. And here is another case where a trivial thing had a life-long effect. In this school, there were the children of two Yankee families. I have already mentioned their influence, real or imaginary, upon the little German kids. I'm not sure, of course, but I believe that going to this school, through contacts with pupils and teachers, had something to do with my going to high school later on. The Silver Lake district, which strangely enough was to be my first school to teach after graduation from high school, was very German at the time. In fact, when I taught there in 1909-10, the youngsters used English only while in the school room. Their games were all played in German.

An important part in my district school training was played by one Minnie Randall, whom I had as teacher during the seventh and eighth grades. She was a graduate of the Ypsilanti State Normal, rather unusual for district school teachers of that day, and I got a real foundation in the subjects for that year, particularly in grammar. Prior to that time, and this is not a reflection upon the teachers that preceded her, I couldn't tell a noun from a verb, expect perhaps if the former was capitalized, but by the time we had finished the second year, we were diagraming "Thanatopsis." As far as I know, I have the distinction of being the first one from this district to have graduated from high school.

Along with our English schooling, when we were about twelve or thirteen years old, we had to take religious instruction at Bethel Church under Rev. Paul Irion, a gruff old fellow of whom we were dreadfully afraid, and quite rightly so, for he would dispense "tattsens" (the application of a ruler on the extended palm) without much provo-

participating can find books about animals. *Pets* by Blumberg, *Domestic Pets* by Payson, *Great Pets* by Stein, *Mice as a Hobby*, Young, *Starting the colt, the first two years of your horse's life*, *Raising Poultry the Modern Way*, *Livestock Showman's Handbook*, *Homesteaders' Handbook to Raising Small Livestock*, *Career Success with Pets*, *Living with Llamas*, and *Miniature Pigs*, to name a few.

Participants who wish ideas for handicrafts find them in *Readers' Digest Crafts and Hobbies*, *Crafts for All Sea-*

son, *50 Things I Can Make with Stuff Around the House*, *Pebbles and Pods: A Book of Nature Crafts*, *Paperworks*, *Outdoor Art for Kids*, *Let's Make Windsocks*, and many additional Library titles.

When learning new games during summer recreation with the family and Little League: Parents and players will find *Sports Without Pressure*, *Trouble Shots* (golf), *Book of Horseback Riding*, *The Rule Book*, *Hopscotch*, *Hangman*, *Hot-potato*, and *Ha, Ha, Ha - a Rule Book of Children's Games*, and the *Sports Illustrated* series of rule books full of information and suggestions.

When arranging day trips in the area: The Library has *Footloose in Washtenaw*, *Public Art in Ann Arbor and Washtenaw County*, as well as the general Michigan guides.

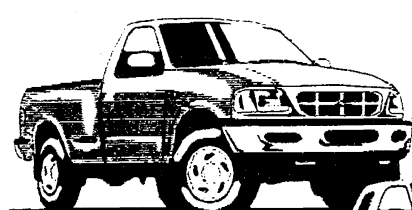
When vacationing in Michigan: Among the many titles suggesting places, food, amusements and historical sites in our state are *What's Cheap and Fun in Michigan*, *Ultimate Michigan Adventures*, *Hunts' Highlights of Michigan*, *Fodor's Michigan*, *Canoeing Michigan Rivers*, *Natural Michigan: Nature Lovers' Guide to 165 Michigan Wildlife Sanctuaries and Nature Preserves*, and *Fifty Hikes in Lower Michigan*.

For information about places in the lower 48, patrons can refer to *Traveler's Guide to Major U.S. Airports*, *Travel Around America*, *Harrison Salisbury, Travels with Charley*, *John Steinbeck, Blue Highways*, *A Life on the Road*, *Kuralt, The Walk West*, *The National Park Atlas*, the *Family Travel Guide*, and many others.

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staff required to support these additions will just about use up the increases. The budget doesn't yet include health insurance increases, salary adjustments, or textbook upgrades. The budget hearing will be held prior to the June board meeting.

SCHOOL ELECTION NEWS

Candidates Bryan J. Evans and Michael Gleason will vie for the one open seat on the Manchester School Board. Outgoing president, Paul Kluwe, has decided to retire at least for the time being. Take a minute and get acquainted with the candidates. See page 4.

Election inspectors, Marjorie Bentscheider, Mary Blossom, Joyce Golightly, Jane Jenter, Wilma Lentz, and Maggie and Ted Tapping were appointed at the May meeting.

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Summer vacations — with a little help from your Township Library

— Ann Fowler

For example: When relaxing at home or away young people may join the Library's Summer Reading Program — which runs from June 14 through August 9, and includes a party and prizes — by registering at the Library between June 14 and June 28. The theme this summer is *Be Eager About Reading!*

When getting ready for the Manchester Community Fair: Residents

participating can find books about animals. *Pets* by Blumberg, *Domestic Pets* by Payson, *Great Pets* by Stein, *Mice as a Hobby*, Young, *Starting the colt, the first two years of your horse's life*, *Raising Poultry the Modern Way*, *Livestock Showman's Handbook*, *Homesteaders' Handbook to Raising Small Livestock*, *Career Success with Pets*, *Living with Llamas*, and *Miniature Pigs*, to name a few.

Participants who wish ideas for handicrafts find them in *Readers' Digest Crafts and Hobbies*, *Crafts for All Sea-*

sons, *50 Things I Can Make with Stuff Around the House*, *Pebbles and Pods: A Book of Nature Crafts*, *Paperworks*, *Outdoor Art for Kids*, *Let's Make Windsocks*, and many additional Library titles.

When learning new games during summer recreation with the family and Little League: Parents and players will find *Sports Without Pressure*, *Trouble Shots* (golf), *Book of Horseback Riding*, *The Rule Book*, *Hopscotch*, *Hangman*, *Hot-potato*, and *Ha, Ha, Ha - a Rule Book of Children's Games*, and the *Sports Illustrated* series of rule books full of information and suggestions.

When arranging day trips in the area: The Library has *Footloose in Washtenaw*, *Public Art in Ann Arbor and Washtenaw County*, as well as the general Michigan guides.

When vacationing in Michigan: Among the many titles suggesting places, food, amusements and historical sites in our state are *What's Cheap and Fun in Michigan*, *Ultimate Michigan Adventures*, *Hunts' Highlights of Michigan*, *Fodor's Michigan*, *Canoeing Michigan Rivers*, *Natural Michigan: Nature Lovers' Guide to 165 Michigan Wildlife Sanctuaries and Nature Preserves*, and *Fifty Hikes in Lower Michigan*.

For information about places in the lower 48, patrons can refer to *Traveler's Guide to Major U.S. Airports*, *Travel Around America*, *Harrison Salisbury, Travels with Charley*, *John Steinbeck, Blue Highways*, *A Life on the Road*, *Kuralt, The Walk West*, *The National Park Atlas*, the *Family Travel Guide*, and many others.

Letters from Dad, continued from page one.

According to the location of Dad's farm, sixty acres of which lay in Freedom, and twenty in Bridgewater, we boys should have gone to the Silver Lake district. As it was, however, the Bauer girls had insisted on taking brother Clarence with them to the Short district, and naturally I followed him a year later. And here is another case where a trivial thing had a life-long effect. In this school, there were the children of two Yankee families. I have already mentioned their influence, real or imaginary, upon the little German kids. I'm not sure, of course, but I believe that going to this school, through contacts with pupils and teachers, had something to do with my going to high school later on. The Silver Lake district, which strangely enough was to be my first school to teach after graduation from high school, was very German at the time. In fact, when I taught there in 1909-10, the youngsters used English only while in the school room. Their games were all played in German.

An important part in my district school training was played by one Minnie Randall, whom I had as teacher during the seventh and eighth grades. She was a graduate of the Ypsilanti State Normal, rather unusual for district school teachers of that day, and I got a real foundation in the subjects for that year, particularly in grammar. Prior to that time, and this is not a reflection upon the teachers that preceded her, I couldn't tell a noun from a verb, expect perhaps if the former was capitalized, but by the time we had finished the second year, we were diagraming "Thanatopsis." As far as I know, I have the distinction of being the first one from this district to have graduated from high school.

Along with our English schooling, when we were about twelve or thirteen years old, we had to take religious instruction at Bethel Church under Rev. Paul Irion, a gruff old fellow of whom we were dreadfully afraid, and quite rightly so, for he would dispense "tattsens" (the application of a ruler on the extended palm) without much provo-

cation. It was his habit to walk up and down the aisles striking his long black-walnut ruler against his pant leg with resounding whacks. Long and constant repetition of this finally caused it to split in two one day, somewhat to our relief, but our respite was only short-lived, for the ruler was quickly replaced by another whose appearance indicated quite clearly that the old Pastor knew his wood.

How I escaped receiving "tattsens" is still somewhat of a mystery to me. My closest call was one day when we were having rough-house during the noon hour, while he was home at luncheon. Somehow, our guard at the door was caught napping and we were caught red-handed. Scared quite white, we slithered to our seats expecting each and every one of us to get the maximum, but nothing came of it, and I was convinced that I must have been right in thinking I saw, as he burst in upon us, a faint twinkle in his eye, reflecting that the scene had just witnessed may have reminded him of his own boyhood days.

That a guardian angel hovers over us now and then is quite evident. One morning in the fall after a rather cold night or two, we were walking to German school with our lunch pails and books. When we came to Silver Lake, we found it frozen over, not very thick, perhaps less than half an inch. Kid-like we started over. We had not gone very far when we discovered several large sunfish just under the ice. We found an old plowpoint and with it proceeded to punch holes through the ice in an effort to catch some of the fish. But with each jab, the fish would move to a new place, demanding a new hole to be punched. We managed to get two or three which we placed in one of our lunch pails, having combined the lunch with another; but in our excitement in cutting the holes, we were unmindful that we were gradually weakening the ice to the point where we might easily break through. A resounding crack of the ice brought us quickly to our senses and sent us on our way. I'm quite sure we were tardy, but what became of the fish I do not remember.

To be continued.

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staff required to support these additions will just about use up the increases. The budget doesn't yet include health insurance increases, salary adjustments, or textbook upgrades. The budget hearing will be held prior to the June board meeting.

SCHOOL ELECTION NEWS

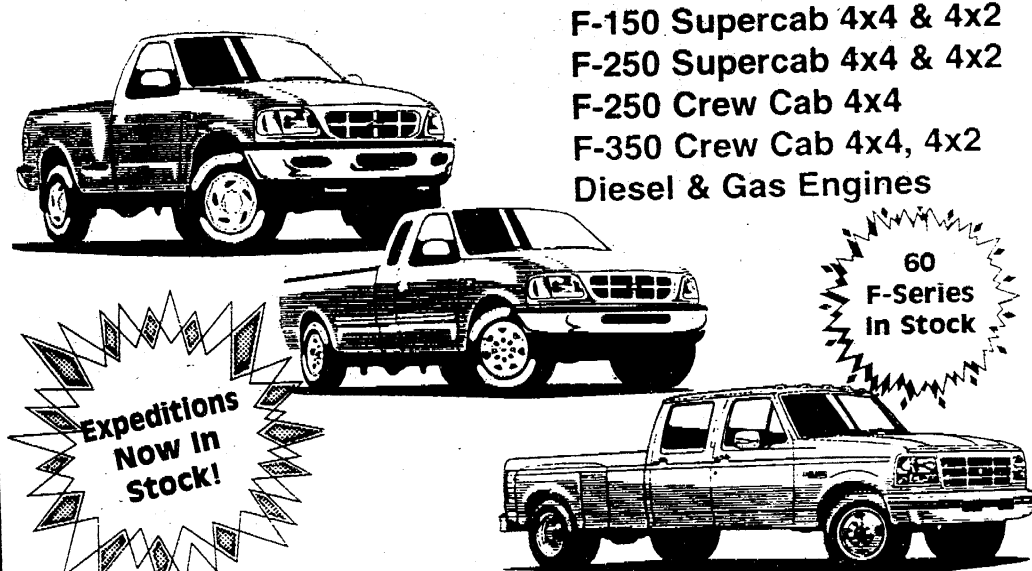
Candidates Bryan J. Evans and Michael Gleason will vie for the one open seat on the Manchester School Board. Outgoing president, Paul Kluwe, has decided to retire at least for the time being. Take a minute and get acquainted with the candidates. See page 4.

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