

Saturday, August 9th & Sunday, August 10th

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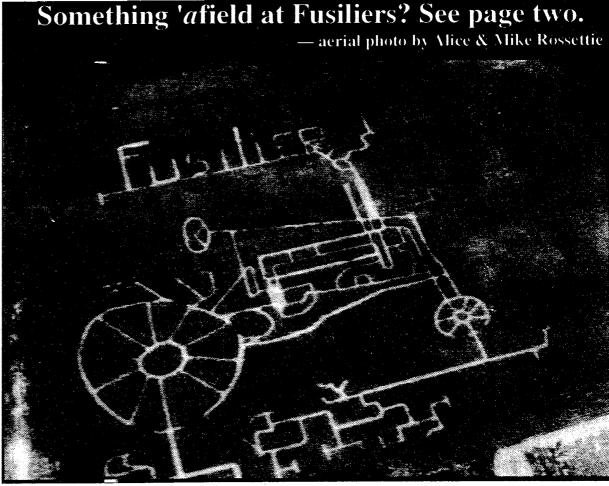
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Dear Readers

All right. Thank you for asking over the months. It's just that I'm a little slow about making decisions (in this case it has taken over four years, I admit.) We are going to publish twice a month, beginning this month. Depending how the dates fall, the issues will be published around the first and third weeks, with deadlines being roughly sometime the week before. Call to make sure if there is an item you want published or an ad you want placed by a particular date. As always, we try to accommodate even at the last minute.

With this issue, by popular demand, we are also bringing back our Church Page, the Chronicle's *Heart and Soul*, and again inviting area pastors to send us not only announcements and stories of events, but also to share favorite sermons or anecdotes whenever they would like.

Sponsors for the Church Page are welcome: the cost is \$20 a year.

Thank you to Ethel Wheeler for bringing the "Mitford" books to the attention of Chapters & Verses. Edna then recommended the series to me, I've finished the first and am half way into the second. What wonderful, gentle, comfortable stories. I think members of the clergy would appreciate the books in particular since the central character is an Episcopalian minister living in a small town.

Chapters and Verses' evening of poetry reading (and the wine tasting party at the Black Sheep afterwards) was enjoyed by an appreciative audience. Featured poets were Monica Pope, and Tina Zimmerman of Manchester who read from their combined book of published poems: one half titled Womanna by Tina, and the other half titled Femalaise, by Monica.

Also reading was Linda Halsey Ames, of Manchester, who has had her poems in many publications, including the Chronicle, and who has won many awards.

What about the Maude and Laredo poem challenge? Not only did someone accept the invitation to write the epic, but this "blooming poet" far exceeded our modest expectations.

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Charles Raymond Steffens

Mike and Connie Steffens are proud to announce the birth of their son, Charles Raymond, born Thursday, July 17, 1997 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, weighing 8 lbs. 6-1/2 oz, and was 21 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Sue Hone and the late Raymond Hone of Manchester. Paternal grandparents are Charles and the late Irene Steffens of Clinton

Photo front page: Various headings come to mind —

An A-Mazing Venture. If you build it... A maze in the maize.

Kathy Fusilier said "Follow me" and I did, on a path through their cornfield — which quickly became many paths. I would have been lost for a month of Sundays, as they say, but Kathy seemed to know her way around and said her kids did for sure.

Kathy and husband Mike first laid out the pattern on graph paper. And if that sounds easy, notice from the photograph on the front page the incredible detail of the tractor, including smoke coming out the stack.! What they ended up with is a rather complex maze as a complement to their family farm and greenhouse business.

* The maze is open to the public on weekends, and by appointment for groups during the week. Phone the Fusilier Family Farm & Greenhouse at 428-0092 for details and further information. —kk

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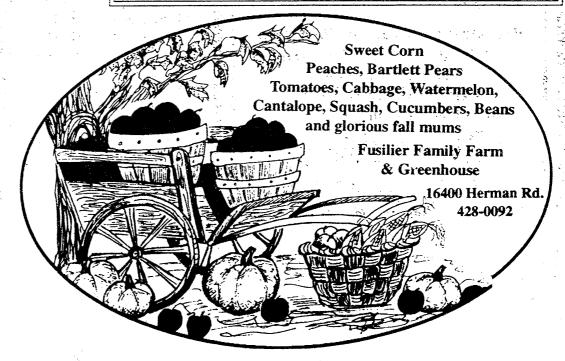
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Who attends Manchester Gazebo Concerts in the park on Thursday evenings at 7:30? Presidents such as Abraham Lincoln, waving our flag (above, far right) and leading children in a patriotic parade; Mackey Ives (above) stopping to chat with old friend David Swain who entertained at the first concert with his band II-V-I; the president (above center) of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce Jim Sprague and editor of the Chamber newsletter Mary Pillow with their Doberman Jordy; Recreation Task Force and Gazebo Concert committee member Ron Dreissche announcing in stars and stripes (far. right), and six children who had a front row seat for Sheila Grazioano's step dancing at the June Raisin Pickers concert.

You meet the nicest people at a Gazebo Concert.









Only two concerts left: Don't miss these!

Thursday, August 7th An evening of Sweet Adelines

Musical Moments put a song in your hearts, and a

contemporary County Connection Chorus

Carole, Amy, Gayl and Karen have a total of over twenty-five years experience singing women's four-part harmony as members of Sweet Adelines International. All of the members live and work in the Ann Arbor area. They can be seen and heard at many community events such as the Ann Arbor Art Fair, Domino's Farms, the Ypsilanti Heritage Festival and Greenfield Village

to name a few. They have also traveled around lower Michigan including stops in East Lansing, Frankenmuth and the Michigan State Fair.

Musical Moments performs an entertaining and harmonizing selection of turn-of-the-century standards, Broadway and pop hits, religious classics and comedy tunes to delight an audience. sc

The County Connection Chorus of Sweet Adelines International, is an enthusiastic group of women singing music arranged in the barbershop style,

without instrumental accompaniment. The chorus performs barbershop arrangements of contemporary

> songs like Weekend in New England, My Guy (Sister Act), and The Lion Sleeps Tonight (Lion King) as well as original compositions. Performances are a year around activity that have included Christmas carols at Briarwood Mall, downtown Ann Arbor and Greenfield Village, spring at Domino's Farms and volunteer recognition dinners, summer performances at the Belleville Strawberry Festival, Chelsea, and the Ypsilanti Heritage Festival. The chorus participates in regional competition each spring. In May, the County Connection Chorus earned the coveted Most Improved Chorus award and achieved second place Small Chorus.

The unique name reflects the diversity of the group. Members come together from seven Michigan counties to rehearse each Tuesday at the UAW Local 898 Union Hall in Ypsilanti. For more information, call (313) 995-4110.

Thursday, August 14th: A lively finale

The last concert of the season on August 14 welcomes LaSorpresa, a Tex-Mex band that plays country western, rancheros, boleros, cumbias, polkas and waltzes.



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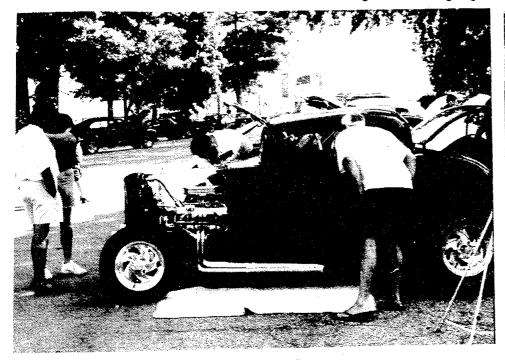
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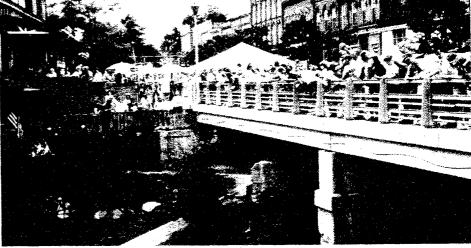
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Kool Kruisers Car Show Saturday 10-5 Men's Club Dance 9pm in Carr Park Pavilion





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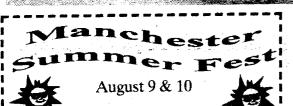
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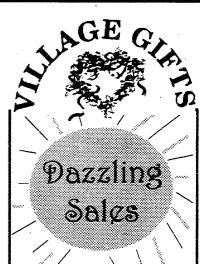
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> in person during Summer Festival, Saturday August 9th at 1:00 Reading from his latest release Marker

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IDIDIT

- by Tony Farina

A sponsor of the Kool Kruisers 7th annual Car Show, during Manchester Summer Festival, Saturday, August 9,10 AM-5 PM

Imagine this, you're driving down the street, you see a classic 1948 truck coming your way. Even if you don't know much about cars, you have a general sense of beauty. That's it you decide, you are going to get yourself one of those cars. After an outlay of a few dollars, you own a 1942 street rod, the problem is, you need a new drive shaft.

Since Detroit is the motor city, you would think if you wanted to rebuild a classic street rod, you would call around Detroit and sure enough, you could find the right parts.

Well, if you wanted to make a million long distance phone calls and then drive for a few hours until you found your parts, you could. But, if you wanted to make life simpler, all you would have to do is call Ken Callison in Clinton and drive a few miles away.

Callison is the owner/operator of Ididit. Well, that doesn't really clear up anything does it? Ididit is a shop that creates car parts for 1948 and earlier street rods.

Callison and his family run the business with the help of seven other employees. "We do all the work right here. It doesn't look like it by the size of our showroom, but we supply for people all around the world."

Ken started the business when he made a drive shaft for his own classic truck. "I made it for myself and then someone asked me to make one for them and then..." Well, you get the idea. "I worked for Ford for over twenty years. This business was growing and I had to make up my mind. It wasn't a tough decision."

Ididit is one of ten main companies in the country that do this kind of work as well as one of the sponsors that will bring Manchester Kool Kruisers' Custom and Classic Car Show to the Manchester Summer Festival on Saturday, August 9th. They tour all around the country, going to shows and other museums. They will be gone for a week on an extended tour of the mid west with the destination being Springfield, Illinois.

"I want to make it clear that we can make the parts for the entire car, but we don't build them here." Callison added. "If someone wanted to rebuild the entire car, we could make all the parts. The great thing is, we have all the machines right here, so the customer can see it done. If it isn't right, we do it again."

Callison and company are located on Clinton-Tecumseh Road between those two towns. You can't miss their fifties neon Ididit sign. Give them a call or stop in if you are a serious collector or just curious, the staff is friendly and the parts are quality. Besides if you get interested in this, your car will be guaranteed to draw some attention.

The Manchester Township Fire Department will be competing in the popular waterball contest over the River Raisin (Saturday 12-2) and raising funds for their new rescue truck with a dunk tank and sponsoring photos with the fire station Dalmation.

Dunk Tank Saturday 11am-5pm Sunday 12noon-4pm Photos with
Fire Station Dalmation
Saturday 3-5pm Sunday 1-3pm

Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps

Performing Sunday at 12 noon during Summer Festival

Founded in 1971 as the first fife and drum corps in the Midwest, the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps has become a seasoned musical company. The Corps is made up of students, ages 12 to 18, from Plymouth, Michigan and surrounding areas. These young people are independent, self-supporting and dedicated to preserving the heritage and art of fifing and drumming, and of enriching their own musical experience.

Jim Predhomme, music director, heads a staff of music and marching instructors. The Corps is led by drum major Clayton Walker and color guard commander Casey Swanson.

The uniform worn by the Corps is a replica of that of George Washington's Life Guard (1776-1783) with white wool knee britches and waistcoat, a white cotton shirt and leather neck stock, and a blue wool continental coat with red trim. Corps members also wear a black bi-corn hat and black shoes with white knee socks.

The corps uses ten-hole wooden fifes, rope tension snare and bass drums. The music played by the Corps spans the 17th through 20th centuries with emphasis on more traditional fife and drum melodies from the days of the Revolutionary War.

The Corps performs between 40 and 50 times a year. In addition to performing in Michigan, the Corps has also performed in Washington, D.C., the 200th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution parade in Philadelphia, Mount Vernon, Toronto, and many musters and historical sites in the New England states.

This year, as in past years, the Corps will entertain in the villages and towns up and down the shoreline of Michigan, as well as other states.

Listen for them on those warm summer weekends: listen for the fifes and drums.

The Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps is sponsored for Summer Festival by Manchester Pharmacy.

Raffle for \$\$\$ — CASH — \$\$\$
during Summer Festival
1st prize — \$500

Two 2nd prizes — \$250 Three- 3rd prizes — \$100 Four 4th prizes — \$50

Tickets \$1/each

available at the Whistle Stop Restaurant, Flora in the Mill, and Suzanne's Interiors in the Mill Drawing 3:30 Sunday afternoon, August 10th



SATURDAY — 10am-5pm Kool Kruisers Custom & Classic Car Shown 1:00 MEET THE AUTHOR & Book Signing with popular true crime novelist Lowell Cauffiel @ Chapters & Verses Live Radio WLEN 8:30am-12 noon — KOOL 107 11:30-1:30 4:30 Colors the Clown 6pm Big Band at the Village Tap 9pm Men's Club Dance in Carr Park pavilion

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SUNDAY Entertainment, featuring Plymouth Drum & Fife Corp at Noon

1:30 Patrick the Magician 2:30 Cottonwood Gloggers

Raffle 3:30 - Rubber Duck Race on the River Raisin 4:30

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Race starts on the Main Street Bridge

at 4:30 in the afternoon on Sunday, August 10th

helsea State Bank Observes "Celebration of a Century"

Chelsea State Bank, one of Michigan's longest surviving independent banks, is celebrating their 100th anniversary in grand style. To make the occasion, CSB has planned a spectacular outdoor party with a turn-ofthe-century carnival theme. Entitled the "Celebration of a Century," the event will be held on Saturday, August 16 from 1-4 in the afternoon at the Bank's main office grounds (corner of Old US 12 and M-52) in Chelsea.

The day begins with a "chityaqua," the traditional ceremonial opening of old time social events. From then on the afternoon is filled with games and amusement for the entire family. Attractions include: hot-air balloon rides, games for kids and adults, side shows, food and beverages, cake and ice cream, face painting, psychics, horse and buggy taxi rides, live music, a moon walk for the kids, clowns, magic shows, prizes including a Carnival Cruise, and more.

And — it's all free to the public.

The event is Chelsea State Bank's way of saying thank you to the community and its customers for their loyalty and support over the last 100 years.

"We are extremely proud to reach such a significant milestone as a 100-year anniversary, and very excited to share in the celebration with our community and neighbors," states bank president and CEO John K. Mann. "Even if you're not a current customer, if you live in Chelsea, Dexter, Manchester, Grass Lake, or anywhere in between, please come and let us show you our style of service."

According to local records, Chelsea State Bank observes December 18, 1897 as its actual birthday. On that day, Rueben Kempf and Charles H. Kempf consented to sell their private banking business, known as R. Kempf and Brothers (est. 1876) to a diverse group of Chelsea investors. Some twenty-one individuals shared in the purchase of four hundred shares of stock and Kempf Commercial and Savings Bank was born with an initial capitalization of \$40,000. Upon receipt of a state banking charter, the bank was opened for business on January 17, 1898.

Initially, the Kempf Bank had five directors: Rueben Kempf, Harmon S. Holmes, Charles H. Kempf,

Rolland S. Armstrong, and Christopher Klein. The banks' two employees at the time were John A. Palmer, cashier, and George A. Begole, assistant cashier. To illustrate the sense of the times, early board minutes include the approval of a \$15.63 expense for 2-1/2 tons of coal and a recommendation from the audit committee to purchase a typewriter in 1903, "in order that the correspondence of the bank may be printed and in keeping with modern progress."

The Chelsea Savings Bank, principally owned by the Glazier family, was the other bank that existed in Chelsea at the turn of the century. The bank was closed by the State of Michigan in 1907 after twenty-seven years as it was judged to be insolvent. This left Chelsea with one banking institution, the Kempf Commercial and Savings Bank.

In April of 1908, the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Chelsea was incorporated and granted a charter by the State of Michigan. As its name implies, the bank was formed by a large contingent of local farmers and merchants. Paul G. Schaible, Sr. was one of the primary organizers and served as cashier, the bank's only employee in the early

The next two decades saw both banks flourish. The Kempf Bank operated out of the building on the southwest corner of Main and Middle streets (currently Chelsea Print & Graphics.) The original sign is still in place today. The Farmers and Merchants Bank was located one store front north of Main and Middle. In 1927 F&M Bank purchased Chelsea Savings Bank's old building at the corner of Main and south (currently 14th District Court) and opened there on July 9, 1927.

During the early 30s, the country fell on hard times and many banks across the nation failed. Although the Chelsea banks were managed conservatively, they did decide that operating as one institution

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would be more practical and better for their customers. Thus, on February 24, 1934, the two banks merged to form the Chelsea State Bank, "for the purpose of greater efficiency and economy of management as well as for the general welfare of said corporation and the community wherein they transact business."

Paul G. Schaible, Sr. was named the new bank's first president, and would remain in that position for the next 28 years. Chelsea State Bank became a member of the newly formed Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation in 1935 with deposits insured to \$5,000. The bank grew as the community and surrounding area grew and

continued to operate out of the Glazier building until the late 1960s when the need for drive-up window services and expanded facilities necessitated a move down the street to the corner of Main and Orchard, the site of a new facility for the bank (currently a branch office.) The location enabled the bank to retain its much desired downtown presence. The bank opened at its new building with \$15 million in total assets in 1968. Chelsea State Bank donated the Glazier building to Washtenaw County to be used as a district court.

Upon the retirement of Paul Schaible, Sr., as president in 1962, Paul E. Mann was named as the new president and served under that title until 1985. At that time, another Schaible, Paul G. Schaible, Jr. was named the bank's president where he served for the next nine years. He currently serves as Chairman of the Board. In 1994, another member of the Mann family, John K. Mann became president and currently holds that title. There is today a member of the Schaible family employed by the bank; David Schaible is Chelsea State Bank's assistant vice president.

To better serve the community and it growing base of customers. Chelsea State Bank built new offices at the corner of Main and Old US 12 in 1993. This will be the site of the "Celebration of a Century" anniversary party on August 16.

"It's an honor for all of us currently employed at Chelsea State Bank to represent the bank during this 100 year celebration," said Mann. "We pay tribute to our founders for their integrity, resourcefulness, and determination; to our former directors and employees for their dedication, honesty, and service; and, to our customers for their patronage, loyalty, and support."

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it is time once again for Tony's entertainment corner. This month, not only do I have ac-WORLD tion and adventure, I have a real live author. First up are the new books by Lowell Cauffiel. (See Top Titles in August related front page story.) The author will be at Chapters &

about her life in The Boys of My

For the kids, K. A. Applegate's installment of a new series called Animophs should keep them going. This series takes reality and bends it in half. Children turn into all

Hello there, dear reader,

Verses signing on August 9th, at 1:00 in the afternoon. Dark Rage, about a man who takes over Detroit Metro, and Marker, about two ex-cons who blackmail a judge, should keep you up all night reading and the rest

of the night terrified. They are great reads for the older crowd. And if you love a good story teller, check out Jo Ann Beard's collection of stories

Youth. These glimpses into her life will leave you in stitches.

sorts of creatures and then go on great adventures that should make the little ones beg for the next installment.

Now that you've filled your head with words, its time to fill your head with pictures. Head over to Video World and see what's new. Since we're talking about kids, try Disney's That Darn Cat. Christina Ricci, from the Addams Family movies, plays the lead and Doug E. Doug from Cosby plays the cop outwitted by a cat. The whole family will enjoy this one.

After you and the family are done, put the cat and the kid in the other room and fire up Murder at 1600. Wesley Snipes and Diane Lane star in this drama about a cop (Snipes) who suspects the president has com-

mitted murder. This intense picture should keep your hair on end. Follow that up with The Devil's Own. Harrison Ford and Brad Pitt star in this movie about a New York cop (Ford) who unknowingly takes in a member of the I.R.A. (Pitt). I don't really want to give it away but be on the lookout for Pitt's accent, it comes and goes, but the movie is great.

For the teenager and college students, get Inventing the Abbots. This drama with Liv Tyler and Jennifer Connely tells the story of sisters living with the restraints put on them by their wealthy father. It captures the youthful feeling of the fifties that is still around now.

Change gears and catch everyone's favorite nanny, Fran Dresher in The Beautician and The Beast. The beast is supplied by ex-Bond Timothy Dalton. Dresher put this one together mostly by herself. The story is as known as her voice, but it's cute and its funny, you should have a good time. Speaking of voices, if you want to hear, Goldie Hawn, Drew Barrymore, Tim Roth, and Ed Norton sing, grab Everyone Says I Love You, Woody Allen's newest film that involves typical hilarious Allen humor with musical numbers from the stars themselves.

Well, that about wraps up the corner this month. Pop in say hey to the wonderful people of Chapters & Verses and Video World. This is Tony saying, Drew Barrymore can sing to me anytime.

Now, that was a birthday party!



To Mike, my sister Pam, Jonathan Braun and his mom, Donna, Cheryl and Dave, Pat, Kelly Hone/ Colors the Clown, all my family and friends - my big friends and my little friends thank you to all who made my birthday such a very special day. Love, Mrs O'Dell ((Elsie)

Photo: Elsie O'Dell and Amanda Kleinschmidt share the same birthday, July 10th, if not the same birth year. Amanda turned one year old.

Elsie celebrated her fiftieth birthday in the style to which she is accustomed joined by the many, many children in Manchester who know and love her from Klager Elementary where she has worked with the little ones for

many years.

The party was held in Carr Park; children and adults alike were entertained by the magic of Colors the Clown.Guests signed a quilt top (right) which Elsie will have finished for next year's Community Fair. Photos by Kathy (who has a great one on display in the Chronicle office of Mike in his balloon hat!



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Putting stone on the exterior of Bethel's new addition represents a final step of the church's building project that broke ground May 5, 1996. Charles Scott Butler is the stone mason doing the work, referred to Bridgewater Lumber by Walter Pish. Butler moved into Hillsdale County from the Upper Peninsula. "Most of my jobs deal with cutting and fitting stone and cobble," he comments, "since there isn't much call to work with square stone or Belgian block like this."

The rock face of natural granite was gathered from nearby farmers' fields. This was done for the original sanctuary built in 1909 and the annex later in the sixties. The stone for this new addition comes from nearby fields and a quarry located on the Burmeister farm.

"The original stones were larger and more massive," Butler points out, "but I'm following the same pattern of arrangement."

How did he get into this kind of work? His great-, great-grandfather was one of the first stone masons in Michigan, but Butler's introduction came through friends. He talks about masonry as an art form that holds religious significance, i.e. working with "stone sacred" and the everlasting quality and strength connected with stone. From studies on masonry, Butler adds, "Stones in medieval castles were sometimes cemented with a mixture including egg white and shells for coloring." He musingly reflects, "This stone will be here long after I'm gone."

The estimated \$310,000 addition includes five classrooms and a social hall Concluding the stone exterior, placement of the three stained glass windows on the north side of the building and four courtyard windows ends the project.

The dedication date for the new building is set for Sunday, September 28 at

Bethel United Church of Christ is located at 10425 Bethel Church Road and is a local historical site.

REV. RICHARD HARDY 10425 Bethel Church Rd, corner of Schneider, Freedom Twp.: 428-8000/429-7155 Church Service 9:30 a.m. **EMANUEL UNITED CHURCH** Rev. Vincent Carroll 324 West Main Street, Village: 428-8359

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SHARON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Rev. Peggy Paige, Pastor Corner of M-52 and Pleasam Lake, Sharon Twp.; 428-7714 (Church); 428-8430 (Parsonage) Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.; Worship 10:30 a.m.

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ZON LITHERAN CHUNCH Pastor David Hendricks 3050 S. Fleicher Road, Prendom Twp.: 475-8064 (Chelsen) Summer Worship 9:30 a.m.



Photo: Displaying cake, left Marja Warner, Manchester community coordinator of Red Cross blood drives and right Dick Strowger of the American Red Cross. Behind them, left to right Manchester village mayor Larry Becktel, village manager Jeff Wallace and Red Cross representatives Jeff Weathers and Randy Hadcock.

A cake decorated in honor of Manchester receiving the 1997 National Award of Merit, was served to blood donors at the Summer Blood Drive on July 14. Manchester was selected as one of only eight communities presented each year with the award as a significant contributor the community blood donor program. Marja Warner, as coordinator of the community blood drives, greeted representatives of the American Red Cross who came that day to congratulate the citizens of Manchester.

Manchester Village has had a long history with the blood donor program. Over the past forty-four years they have collected of nine thousand pints of blood from its 1,739 residents and count dozens of one- and two-gallon donors among its citizens. In fact, Manchester Village has the honor of having held Washtenaw county's first every blood drive on March 2, 1953. They collected ninety-eight pints of blood at that first drive and have sustained this level with subsequent drives.

According to Marja, the entire community is involved with the drives which are held at St. Mary Catholic Church, Manchester United Methodist Church and Emanuel Church of Christ, and the American Legion hall.

"The award is a tribute to the generations of Manchester residents who have participated in our community blood drives," said Marja. "Their donations can mean the difference to those whose life depends on blood."

Marja and her husband Jim will attend the American Association of Blood Banks' national meeting in Colorado in the fall to accept this award on behalf of the citizens of Manchester.

In Memory: Donna Burnison

The Manchester community was saddened by the sudden passing of Donna Burnison on Sunday, July 13,1997.

We will miss her lovely voice, her friendly smile, her kind ways.

We still look for her at Manchester Market when we walk in the door because for many years it was often Donna who first greeted customers with her soft smile, cheerful welcome and good humored comments.

There are special people in our community and Donna was certainly

one of them: people who touch our lives in such a quiet and unassuming manner we hardly notice we are suddenly smiling or just feeling better, because of them.

Donna was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and with her husband Jim indefatigable supporters of the monthly breakfasts at the American Legion Hall.

Donna loved to sing and was a member of the Irish Hills Sweet Adelines. She loved to share the joy singing brought her by entertaining others and brought many smiles to many faces during summer festivals, as in our photo as lead singer with her New Town Sounds, and gazebo concerts.

We will miss Donna for a long, long time. -kk





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MONDAY -

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

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TUESDAY-

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7:00 Volleyball Tournament Captains mtg at CRC. See page 12. 7:30 Bridgewater Twp Plan Comm mtg :00 Manchester Twp Board mtg 8:00 Fair Board mtg 8:00 Knights of Columbus

6:30 Optimist Club

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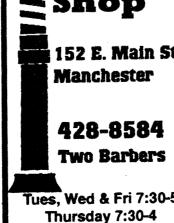
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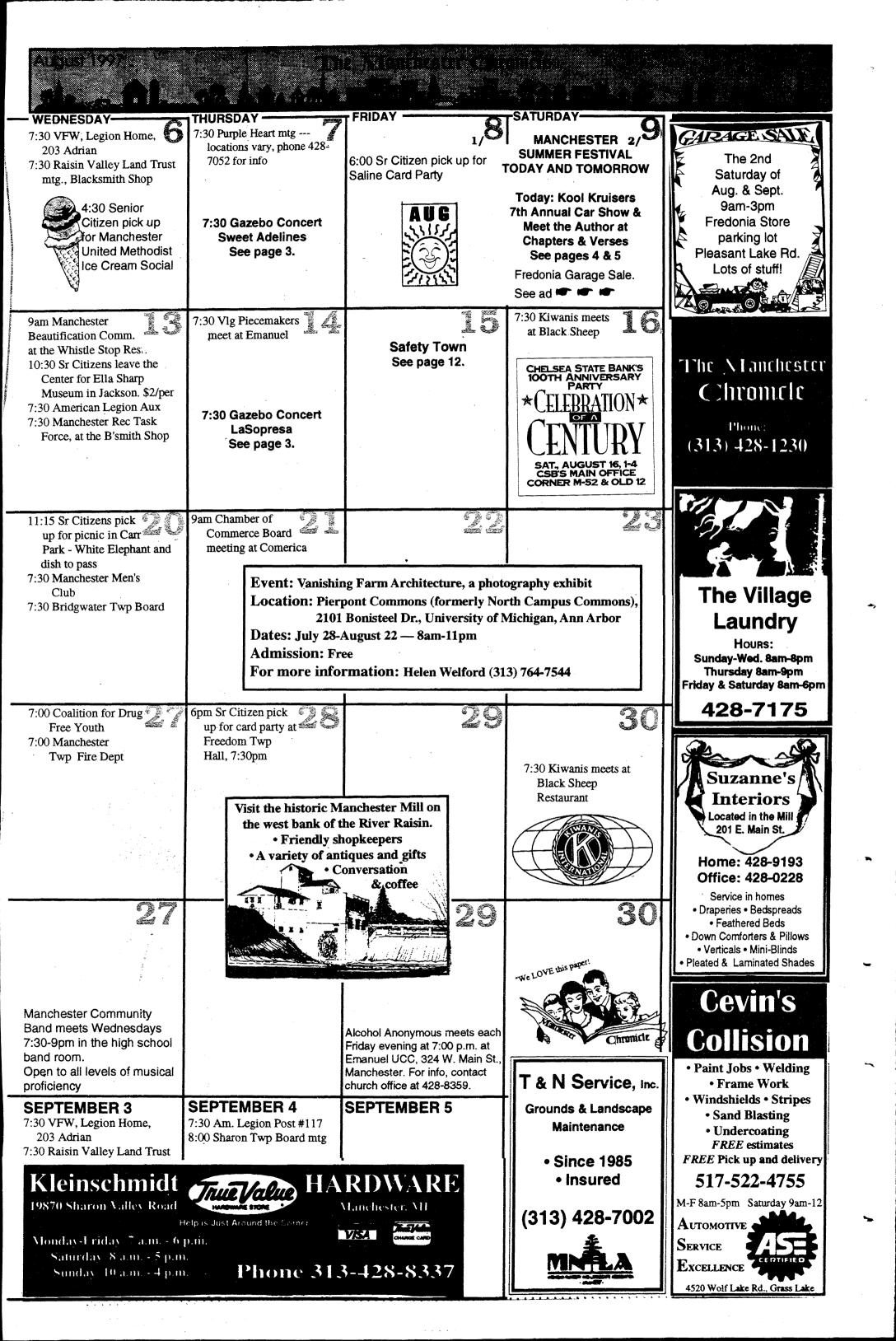
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Eighth Annual Kiwanis Volleyball Tournament

Manchester Kiwanis is happy to announce the scheduling of the 8th annual Manchester Kiwanis Volleyball Tournament at Carr Park on Sunday, September 7 at 12 noon. As always, proceeds for the event benefit the Mott Children's Hospital.

The tournament is open to all ages and gender mixes. The Manchester Kiwanis food wagon will be on hand, so bring the whole family and enjoy a day in the park.

Last year, the format for the tournament was changed from double elimination to round-robin. This means everyone will get to enjoy a full afternoon of volleyball competition. Response to the new format was overwhelmingly in favor. The two division system (novice and competition) will remain. Each division will be limited to 10 teams. The cost this year is \$50 per team.

Team captains are encouraged to register early. A captains' meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 11, at the Manchester Community Resource Center at 7:00 PM. Rules and registration forms will be available at this meeting. If you are unable to send a representative to the captains' meeting, or need more information, you may contact Glen Lukas at 428-9633, or Bill Schwab at 428-8976.

"Safety Town" Comes to

Manchester Town safety at home and play, fire safety,

A fun with safety program, for children entering kindergarten in August 1997, will again be held in Manchester. This year it will be at a new location, Klager Elementary School, in the prekindergarten Room 120, on August

Safety Town is sponsored by Manchester Community Education, in cooperation with Jennifer DuRussel's Day Care and is being funded this year by the Kiwanis Club of Manchester.

In a fun environment and with many hands-on activities, children will learn about pedestrian safety, police officers, bicycle safety, riding a school bus,

stranger danger and the importance of wearing seat belts. Two sessions are scheduled, a morning session from 9 to 11:30, and an afternoon session from 1 to 3:30. Pre-registration is required. Please call Manchester Community Education at 428-7804. The cost is free thanks to funding this year by the Kiwanis Club of Manchester.

Don't they have fun!



Barbara DeLongchamp, Kiwanis Club member rolled large fluffy batches of colorful cotton candy at the Kiwanis food wagon set up during the Manchester Community Fair. The Manchester Kiwanis Club meets the first and third Saturdays of the month at 7:30 in the morning for breakfast at the Black Seep Restaurant on Main St., downtown.

Saturday, August 9th

Ten years ago, in 1987, when the doors of the factory at the corner of Duncan and Division Streets were closed, the employees of Double A Products Company vowed to meet again in a year.

An alumni association was formed through the Community Resource Center (CRC) headed by Dick Kuntz and the first reunion of the displaced employees was held in August of 1988. It was decided at this first meeting that they would meet each year on the second Saturday of August.

On Saturday, August 9 the Double A "family" will hold their ninth annual reunion at Carr Park (rain or shine.) Time: 12 Noon.

A potluck dinner will be served at 1:00 p.m. Those attending are asked to bring a dish of food to share, their own beverages and table service. There are limited grills for cooking meats.

Although the number of attendees has diminished (many are now deceased and some have relocated out of state) all who attend enjoy swapping tales, reminiscing, and renewing old acquaintances. Some come from as far as Indiana, Wisconsin, northern Michigan and from the southern states. Each reunion brings new faces and everyone enjoys the day.

All persons who at sometime between 1937 and 1987 who received a Double A paycheck and the husbands/ wives of deceased employees and their families are cordially invited and urged to attend this reunion.

Flyers have been mailed to over 100 out of town former employees and notices have been posted throughout the Manchester area. The committee is asking employees to spread the news to their friends.

This year's organizing committee is Phyllis Baker, Irene Wurster and Joyce Golightly. If there are questions please contact one of the committee members or the Community Resource Center headquarters at 428-7722. — Phyllis Baker

Eighth Annual Kiwanis Club of Manchester

VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT Sunday, September 7, 1997

Captains' meeting Monday, August 11 at CRC



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Safety Town '97



What: Safety education program geared for children entering kindergarten in August 1997. Topics include pedestrian safety, police officers, bicycle safety, riding a school bus, safety at home and play, fire safety, stranger danger and seat belt safety. Safety Town is sponsored by Manchester Community Education in cooperation with Jennifer DuRussel's Day Care. This program is staffed totally by volunteers and funded by the Kiwanis of Manchester

When: August 15, 1997 Times: 9am-11:30am or 1pm-3:30pm

Cost: Free to all kindergarten students thanks to funding by Kiwanis of Manchester

Where: Klager Elementary Room 120 (pre-kindergarten room)

Advanced Registration Required Call Manchester Community Education 428-7804

News Briefs And

VILLAGE OF MANCHESTER

Sgt. Haensler reported some warnings have been handed out to citizens in violation of the new sound ordinance, three of the more severe warnings to adults playing loud *country* music. Sgt. Haensler also presented council with recommendations for No U-Turn signs at Clinton and Madison and limiting some parking spaces along Clinton near the Hop-In to fifteen minutes. Also under consideration are signs warning motorists along Riverbend Street of children playing.

Representatives of Kiwanis asked council to consider their proposal for reservations at area parks, citing a considerable number of conflicts. Council has referred the proposal to the village parks commission which meets the first Thursday of the month.

MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP

Residents voiced their concerns to the board, at the regular meeting of July 14, of increased activity by the Night Hawks motorcycle club on property the club owns in the township. It was the opinion of residents that the club was in violation of a court order limiting sanctioned events. Township supervisor Ron Mann advised the citizens that according to township attorney Bruce Laidlaw, the club was operating within its rights.

Board members voted no objections to the proposed annexation of approximately 2.7 acres of township property to the village to accommodate the proposed Manchester Woods development.

VILLAGE PLANNING PUBLIC HEARING JULY 16 RE RIVER EDGE PUD

After the initial presentation by developer Larry Byrne and architect Steve Dykstra, residents once again voiced concerns about the increase in traffic in that area and the lack of sidewalks. Byrne suggested a "sidewalk fund" be started, and committed to 600 feet of sidewalk. A resident thought it would be a "wonderful gesture" on Byrnes part to put sidewalks in all the way to Main Street

SPECIAL MEETING OF VILLAGE PLANNING COMMISSION JULY 23 RE MANCHESTER WOODS

Planning consultant Richard Carlylse said the PUD is a "superior process" and that the planning commission's approval would relate to the overall concept, conditions of approval could be attached to the preliminary site plan. Commissioner Little requested that a village representative verify and approve each phase of the project as it proceeds, such as site bulldozing, and commissioner Sutton suggested performance bonds be requested. An unanimous vote by commissioners approved the Manchester Woods planned unit development.

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF APPEALS

Township resident John Hochstetlar appealed the denial to his request to operate a game preserve and shooting range. Appeals can be made based on new evidence or, as in this case, the applicant's opinion that a procedural error was made by the planning commission. Over 40 township residents attended the meeting to voice their adamant opposition.

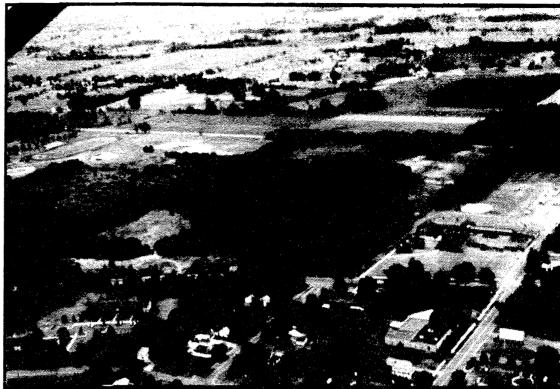
Hochstetlar stated the planning commission was interfering with his right to farm. Board member Bob Little said, "Raising game birds is not the issue; it's what you want to do with them that is." Hochstetlar contended it was his "legal right" to "harvest the birds," and that "harvesting was harvesting whether with a combine or a shotgun."

Resident Dale Kennedy asked: "Do farmers sell memberships to harvest their crops?" Another audience member requested that the many letters of protest and signed petitions be made a matter of record at this hearing. And yet another resident stated her concerns about safety noting the Hochstetlars had put up a sign on Pfaus Road that warns "Beware of falling clay pigeons."

Planning commissioner Stan Tschlitz said that this use does not comply with conditions in the ordinance, "I think the language is pretty straight forward."

A decision will be made at an August meeting of the Board of Appeals by board members: Bob Little, Luke Schaible, Stan Tschlitz, Earl Horning and Lyn Voegeding. The decision will be posted at the township hall

Manchester Woods: Before



Northeast, perhaps. (I'm "directionally-challenged.") However, certainly, looking down.

Either...Or

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photo by Alice and Mike Rossettie

For both the Village of Manchester Planning Commission and developer Mike Whalen, the decision on whether to begin Manchester Woods revolved around two possibilities. The Planning Commission had 65 days in which to approve or disapprove preliminary plans for a 74-unit housing project to be built on property on East Main Street near Manchester High School. If the planning commission either did not make a decision or voted against the planned unit development (PUD) plans submitted by Whalen, the developer in turn had the option to build a subdivision instead. Some of the determining factors that dictated both decisions were storm water flow, preservation of as many trees as possible, and traffic patterns.

The original plan for Manchester Woods called for the complete elimination of all ground cover and the siting of 74 lots with single family homes. These lots would have been connected by an elongated U-shaped drive which would connect the graded lots.

By comparison, the PUD would include both single family homes and condominiums with a variety of home styles and walkout condo areas which would protect many trees and open areas with a minimum of surface grading.

Planning commission chairman John Hinckley saw the original plan as very destructive of the natural setting.

"If you are not prepared to save the maximum amount of trees in your plan," Hinckley warned, "I do not feel that I can support your plan."

Midwest Consulting spokesman Chris Wall spent to consider the combined over one hour, at the July 15th regular meeting, going over the preliminary blueprint describing water flow into detention ponds and locations of water and sewer lines on the property. This led several commission to consider the combined "We have gone fifted opment approved for Management appro

members to question the possibility of water escaping into adjoining properties. Wall indicated that the plan took this into account by projecting excess water accumulation on the basis of Washtenaw County's 100-year storm as opposed to Manchester's mandated 10-year storm criteria. Both systems are designed to protect against flooding by torrential rains on the basis of inches of rain over a stated period.

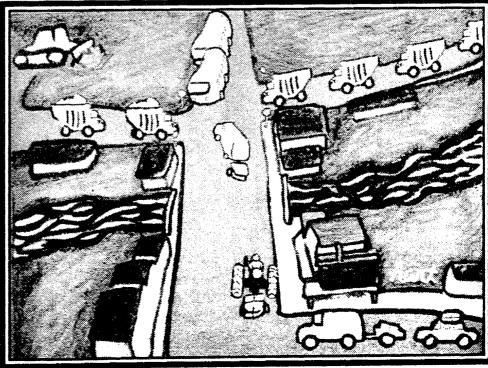
- M. S. CLINANSMITH

The commission seemed to indicate that they preferred the PUD with a single roadway from the front to back of the property with a single sidewalk on only one side of the street. This would make it possible for utility lines to be buried on the opposite side and prevent costly repairs.

The commission challenged Midwestern's other consultant regarding the anticipated traffic flow should the PUD go into effect. Karl Kleitsch indicated that traffic would not be seriously effected at the M-52 and Main Street intersection based on his tally of vehicles crossing there at its busiest times. Several members challenged Kleitsch's statistics with anecdotes about traffic already snarling that area. After prolonged discussion, the commission decided to ask the Jackson office of the Michigan Department of Transportation for a warrant study to determine whether that major intersection could handle the anticipated increase in traffic.

Admitting their lack of experience with PUDS, the last hour of the three and one-half hour session included two readings of checklists, including the Michigan state criteria, to direct member's thoughts to the problems and whether they should grant preliminary approval to begin construction of Manchester Woods. Presiding vice chair Laura Sutton indicated the difficulty in making a decision on the Manchester Woods project before the River Ridge project could be added to the total picture. In conclusion, they decided to wait until after the public hearing on the River Ridge project to consider the combined effect of both projects.

"We have gone fifteen years since the last development approved for Manchester," she said in summary. "Now we have to consider two projects proposed within fifteen days of each other."





Aliens land in Irish Hills return resident

- a truly bold story and photos by Kathy Kueffner

"I've designed and sewn many of his outfits," says local artist and seamstress, Delores Wolff of Manchester Township, "but this project was quite a challenge."

Delores has created much of the wardrobe of Iggy Bearis Liechty, 10-year-old protege of Tom and Diane Liechty who reside in the Irish Hills area near Manchester. Iggy's locker is jammed full with many of Delores' handmade outfits. The scaled down locker contains a jogging suit, black leather motorcycle duds, security guard uniform, tv film director's attire, embroidered logo jacket, and more.

However, when Iggy returned (shall we say was returned) recently from a trip (from a galaxy far, far away) it was apparent that he needed an outfit that would evidence his status as intergalactic traveler.

Let's return to the beginning of the story. Tom Liechty tells us that on December 11, 1996, he and his wife Diane were awakened by an eerie green glow coming from Iggy's place across the driveway. He went to check it out and found Iggy gone from his post as security night watchman in the garage. There was Iggy's lunch, untouched, "very much not like him," said Tom, "he has the appetite of a bear, of course."

Tom continues. "Diane and I were frantic. We waited anxiously by the phone for days. Finally, on December 19, we again saw the green glow and hurried to the garage. An alien vehicle had landed and Iggy had returned. The uniform Iggy had been wearing the night he disappeared now looked like it had been through a meteor storm

Thus the challenge for Delores. But whereas on previous projects Iggy was available for consultation, this time he was not. It seems Iggy arrived back on earth in a trance-like state. Tom and Diane could only speculate: Was Iggy in telepathic communication with the aliens? Did the musically coded math symbols coming from the alien vehicle signify a desire to communicate?

Delores shows us one of the sporty vests in Iggy's extensive wardrobe This vest includes a Thunder Vac emblem referring to one of Tom's



radical custom car would have. and much more.

In his iridescent silver space suit, with communicator button and monogrammed "I'm not alone" insignia, Iggy Bearis Liechty, language liaison between an intergalactic species and earthlings, waits patiently to impart an important

message. Iggy's personal wardrobe is designed and sewn by Delores Wolff, Creative Machine Stitchery, Manchester Township.

So while Delores proceeded to create and fashion an out of this world suit for Iggy, the Liechtys contacted agents Mudder and Scuzzy from the FBI's Zfiles, "even more secret then the X-files," Tom confides.

Iggy's garage was immediately placed under 24hour electronic surveillance with the military on full alert. Government technicians determined the alien spherical spaceship had a broken "iciclical crystal" (it seems their main power source is frozen water) and the noise emanating from the ship, when played backwards were mathematical music notes that went something like "Do-wap-a-do-wop-bam." Little Richard was called in as professional consultant.

Government officials were confident of success as Little Richard was wired (no kidding) with neural implants leading to a Super Computer at secret (for-

Tom points out items of interest in the wellequipped space ship, including: strobe lights, mechanical elevator, map of the world---ours, of course, examination table vacuum equipped with everything a (where Iggy probably spent some time)

merly) web site UFO.com.who/whatru. One of the aliens (the commander?) ascended on an elevated-platform from his control panel inside the ship to the open portal and responded: "Do-wap-baby-do." Excitedly (no kidding), Little Richard translated: "We are from the planet Sirrab, from the galaxy of Noliab in the nebula quadrant of Dleifniw...Motsuk." (Note: Motsuk translates most closely to 'greetings'.) "We are using your earthling, Iggy Bearis Liechty, famous tv producer, king of Irish Hills, ad infinitum" (Note: Iggy may have slightly exaggerated his earthly titles) "as the conduit from our world to yours. Stay tuned."

Meanwhile, Iggy looks quite spiffy (if a little spaced out) in his silver intergalactic suit designed and sewn by Delores. The Liechtys will keep readers of The Manchester Chronicle advised. Stay tuned (or did someone already say that?).

Tom Liechty gives free rein to his imagination then builds the gadgets that he creates in his mind. No one has more fun and his wife Diane agrees. Diane found Tom relaxing in his new recliner one day — and the next thing she knew the recliner had a control panel that remotely operated lights, tv, and she hesitates to ask what else.

What is even more incredible, Tom builds his inventions from parts -- parts from toys, cars, scrap metal or plastics, garage sale finds...the finished product defies identification of the original item.

It was Diane who found Iggy on a shelf in a gift store in St. Ignace. The teddy bear came equipped with a voice mechanism that was activated when the bear was jostled. They didn't realize how sensitive the mechanism was until they packed him under suitcases and paraphernalia in the back seat of the car — and then had to listen to Iggy go through his repertoire for 360 miles until they reached home.

You might say that was when Iggy came alive. He soon joined Tom filming and producing Tom's Automotive Lifestyles, a show aired on seven cable television channels in the Jackson, Brooklyn and Detroit areas, featuring old and custom cars. Tom and Diane each own their own classic cars, which is how the couple met, at a custom car show. Iggy watches their cars, and his own custom car, the Honeycomb (white pearl and gold plated), as security guard with his own front desk, cell phone, and video surveillance.

He also writes his own column, Bear Facts, in the Styleline magazine of Kustoms of America. His column is full of personal anecdotes such as his problem with tobacco and having to wear a nicotine patch to overcome his habit.

Iggy has a life outside, too. Because he has a full time job he was able to qualify for his own credit card which gave him some independence. Last summer he traveled to the Olympics in Atlanta and, in fact, won a gold medal in the bear hugging event.

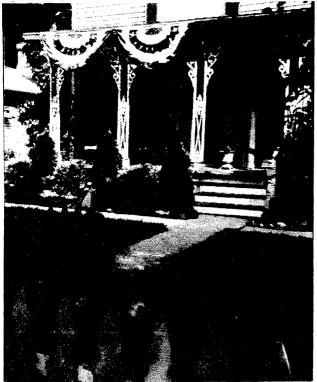
Tom, who is serious about his avid interest in old cars, producing his cable channel show, traveling with his wife to car shows across the Midwest states, and keeping an eye on his irrepressible mascot, lives by the motto, "People do not cease to play because the grow old, they grow old because they cease to play."

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Manchester Beautification Committee awards more Beautiful Garden plaques



The two Beautiful Garden Choice Award plaques decorated the Deb Haven/David Limbaugh home on West Main Street, and the Jane and Lloyd Carey home at 13760 East Austin Road, July 15

As You Adopt a Cat

You don't have to vaccinate all your cats — just the ones you want to keep.

This is an exciting time for both you and your new cat or kitten. To help ensure a long and happy relationship, here are some health pointers to consider.

· Make a visit to your veterinarian as soon as possible. Your veterinarian is your best source of information on keeping your cat healthy and happy. A complete checkup is a must and you'll want to make sure your new cat or kitten is current on vaccinations. This is also a good time to arrange for spaying or neutering.

• If no health and vaccination record is available for your adult cat, or if you adopt a kitten, your veterinarian will start a record for you. Regular checkups and booster vaccinations throughout the life of your new pet are a must to ensure optimum health.

• A combination vaccine can protect your cat against the viral diseases panleukopenia, rhinotracheitis and calicivirus, plus the disease chlamydia (pneumonitis). Panleukopenia is a potentially fatal disease that causes fever, vomiting, diarrhea and severe abdominal pain. Rhinotracheitis, calicivirus and

pneumonitis cause highly contagious upper respiratory disease. Even after recovery from infection, cats can be carriers of these diseases, so protect through vaccinations.

• Approximately 58% of all cats your cat has chance encounters with other cats, it could be at risk from one

> or more of the "Big Three" feline diseases: feline leukemia (FeLV), feline infectious peritonitis (FIP), and feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV) These viral diseases are contagious, incurable and often fatal. The three are often interrelated, with one virus making a car more susceptible to one or both of the others.

FeLV: Feline leukemia attacks and weakens a cat's immune system, leaving it susceptible to many life-threatening infections. It can also cause cancer. Even if a cat recovers from FeLV, it is permanently infected and the virus shortens its life. FeLV is spread through close contact: cats in multiple households and outdoor cats are most at risk. Protect your cat by having it tested to make sure it is not infected with FeLV. If it isn't it should be vaccinated. Kittens as young as nine weeks can be immunized

and annual boosters continue the protection.

FIP: This incurable viral disease kills at least half a million U.S cats a year. There is a simple diagnostic test to identify it, and it symptoms - weight loss, fever, lethargy and vomiting - are misleading because they are common to many diseases. Prevention is the best - and onlymedicine for FIP. The vaccine, Primoceli FIP is given in nose drops for healthy cats 16 weeks or older. Initial vaccination is two doses, three to four weeks apart, followed by yearly boosters.

FIV: This virus attacks the immune system much like the AIDS virus in humans. Two to six weeks following exposure to FIV, an infected cat may have a fever and swollen lymph nodes. The cat may then appear normal for years until the last, fatal stage in which a weakened immune system leads to other infections. FIV is primarily spread through biting so outdoor cats and aggressive male cats (and those exposed to them) are at highest risk. There is no FIV vaccine, but blood tests can determine if a cat is infected. Protect against FIV by keeping cats indoors, neutering male cats to reduce the urge to roam or fight, and having any new

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Memories of Days That Were

We continue the monthly serialization of the historical letters of Emerson E. Hutzel to his son, Robert — from Howard and Lenora Parr but since this animal was n

WHILE ON THE SUBJECT OF AUTOS, I MAY AS WELL RE-LATE MY FIRST EXPERIENCE WITH MOTOR DRIVEN VE-HICLES. I place the date around 1900, when Uncle Ed Staebler, then a dealer in coal and bicycles in Ann Arbor, and Aunt Lena. came out to our home in Freedom. He drove a three-wheeler, with a seat wide enough for two persons, steered with a handle. The contraption was a single or twin cylinder affair, without muffler, and as a noise maker, was never equaled or surpassed by any later models of motorcycles or automobiles.

The roads in those days were not as well graveled as they are today, and how they got there I don't know. Both were attired in dusters and goggles, neither of which seemed necessary since nothing ahead could raise any dust, and the speed of those days couldn't injure the eyes, even in the absence of windshields. But they made the trip, not, however, without frightening every horse within miles of the road along the route.

At this time, Dad had a particulary frisky span of young bays. These were at the time on pasture in the field to the right of the barn, and thus subjected to the full frightening effects of the "dowdes Wahgah" (totes wagon, hearse) as Dad called it.

The following day was Sunday so Dad hitched his excited bays to the recently acquired surrey. And this surrey deserves a few words. It was a high, two-seater, with square top supported on slender iron rods at its four corners. Around the top hung a strip of gold tasseled fringe. Quite some buggy in those days. Well, anyhow, Dad was just about to tie the team to the hitching posts in front of the

house, preparatory to getting himself ready for church, when down the road came Amanda Reule and her mother, neighbors about a mile south, in a onehorse buggy on their way to church. Amanda was wearing a large white hat and somehow this and the rattling of the buggy reminded the bays of what they had seen the day before, and they promptly decided to get away from it all by lunging forward along the front yard fence. And this fence was quite an artistic one, of squared pickets with a wide board at the base. Fortunately the fence gave away and the team was able to cut across the lawn into the orchard where they straddled a peach tree with the neck yoke. Their speed was such that the tree was nearly uprooted, but the yoke held and they themselves were so enmeshed in the limbs they couldn't go forwards or backwards. Somewhere along the short route, the resplendant top of the surrey got caught and it humg limply over the back seat. The horses were soon extricated and the damaged top removed, and we were shortly on our way to church - and believe it or not, we weren't much late.

I can quite readily understand how dialects are formed. Now we were by no means isolated, but here are a few examples of words which I acquired from Dad and which stuck with me throughout my boyhood - nackyoke for neckyoke, reachboard for ridgeborard, carnish for cornice, and crick for creek, while Minnie pudding, I found out many years later from Mother, much to her amusement, was really called minute pudding, because it could be quickly made. A giraffe was a guy-raffe,

but since this animal was not numbered among those on our farm, I must have gotten it from, or at least was not corrected by, one of my early teachers. Like many of us who have an idiosyncracy of speech of which we are wholly unconscious, Dad used "sess I" whenever he related a previous conversation of his. His rapid pronunciation and frequent use of the expression often amused me but I never called it to his attention.

Continued next month in The Manchester Chronicle

MANCHESTER AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY members met for a "Picnic Among the Tombstones" at their last meeting before adjourning for the summer.

The location was the Manchester Township cemetery, Reynold's Corners, on Ely Road just off U.S. 12 Although an unusual location for a sack lunch, there was an ulterior motive. The Historical Society was recording names, births and deaths of those buried there at the request of Manchester Township supervisor and society member Ron Mann.

The task was not easy. Some stones are very worn and the information difficult to discern.

And sometimes the task was poignant as we read inscriptions such as:

If our ship should pass from sight, it does not mean our journey ends: It only means the river bends.

And, To the world he was just one, to us he was the whole world. Duane, father of Michael, husband of Fran. 2d LT CO B 23 INF 25 INF DIV Vietnam SS-BSM-PH. June 8, 1945 - June 6, 1969. To live in the hearts we left behind is not to die.

Recording the past for the future



Pictured above are new society members Lois and Dick Willis, along with Elvira and Lou Vogel (Lou grows the best radishes in the whole world); and, below, Jim Landauer comparing data with Gail Curtis. Jim graciously volunteered to computerize the information.

— Photos Kathy Kueffner

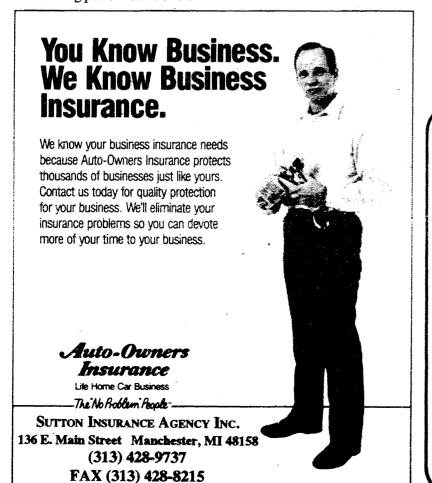


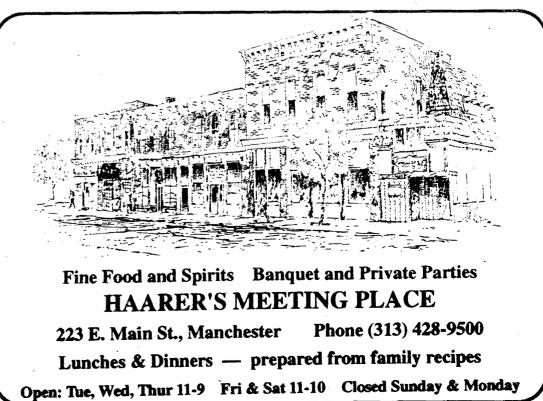
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The cost is only \$5 and features wonderful old photographs from the collections of Jerry Swartout, Loring Ebersole and Don Limpert. Proceeds support the endeavors of the society to preserve our historical past, maintain the historical Blacksmith Shop on East Main Street, and share an ever-growing important collection with the Manchester community.

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Auction and Tack Sale Brings Out Horse Lovers

— BY M.S. CLINANSMITH

"Get a horse!" A century ago that slogan was used to deride auto enthusiasts stuck in the middy trenches that passed for roads or who broke down and had to have farm horses pull them to the nearest blacksmith for repairs. The chagrin of the early "automobilists" was only matched by the smugness of the farmer and his reliable horse.

Times have changed. No longer the beast of burden and primary mode of transport, horses have been retired to race tacks and pastures from which they see the mechanically oriented world pass by.

But horse loves have not diminished in number as the second horse and tack sale at the MLE complex on M-52 attests. The horse is still a noble breed, or, more correctly, breeds, with a loyal following among humans.

Beginning at 4:45 p.m., auctioneers Gary Wessel and Jim and Tom Moore, began offering assorted tack items and items as diverse as lariats and leggings and fly strips to a crowd of about 60 mostly women horse owners. Sitting on the bleacher style seat of the MLE amphitheater, a half dozen bidders bought harnesses, cinches, reins and fly spray as they chattered with their fellow horse fans about upcoming shows, their own horses and the state of the horse markets. Gradually, this small group was joined by horsemen who, to get closer to the

action, stood below the auctioneer inside the enclosure.

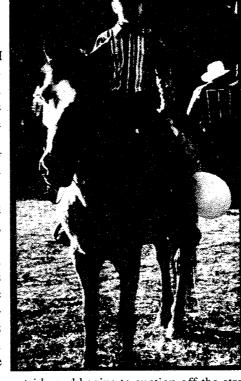
Karen Weager and her daughter Lauren, 8, admitted to being recent additions to the ranks of horsewomen. For two years, they have shown and trained Lauren's two horses. Lauren secretly wants mother Karen to buy another horse for her, but admits that "Dad will get mad" if they spend "that kind of money." Instead, they are restricting themselves to buying only a saddle this time. Karen estimates that may cost as much as \$300. They eventually walked away with their first choice for \$185.

Vic Pastula and his mother, Lottie, sit passively on the upper bleachers. He has six Standardbred horses. Lottie reminisces about when she was seven years old and her father brought her to her first horse auction. In those days," she says with a sigh, "horses were everything from transportation to the major draught animal for my father."

The auctioneer continues to sell his assorted wares. A 10-foot halter rope goes for \$3.50. Three other buyers buy from one to four additional halter ropes at the same price.

Then the saddles are put on the block. The first one, a beautiful pony saddle, goes for \$135. Later, I find out it's worth about \$300. Paul Kennedy and his wife Barbara are the successful bidders on a black saddle trimmed in silver work. The cost: \$325. The value: over \$500.

Horse supplies and tack disposed of, Wessel, who lives in Galesburg, Illinois and has worked for the Moore brothers



for 20 years, moves outside and begins to auction off the straw and hay piled in individual stacks along the north side of the parking lot.

By seven o'clock in the evening, the parking lot at MLE is overflowing. Cadillacs and a Jaguar are parked next to leisure vans, stock trucks and trailers and farm pickups. Inside, the crowd has swelled to over 200 taking up almost every available space. The ceiling fans appear to be working extra hard to circulate the air, but the people on the top deck get little relief.

The first lot is two baby lambs, bleating for all they are worth as Wessel's assistant carries them around the arena. They both go, after extraordinary coaxing, for nine dollars a piece.

The horse auction begins in earnest as Wessel and Tom Moore begin the parade with the smaller horses, including a Shetland, and several yearlings. It soon becomes apparent that the bidders are not offering the prices the sellers are expecting. Wessel says the market is soft in July and August, and continues his staccato rhythm of prices. "What am I bid for this fine yearling? If you can ride, it is as gentle as can be, trained for the trail and easy to handle by your kids." The skeptics groan and add sarcastic remarks from higher in the galleries.

The crowd now is really a mixed group. Families of five and six are rubbing shoulders with grandfathers and grandmothers. Down on the floor, veteran horse buyers are coaxed into buying certain horses for eventual resale. Wessel is honest about any blemish on any horse, but this does not prevent prices from slowly rising as the geldings and stallions make their way before the crowd. Prices reach the \$2,000 level, but still fall far below anticipated receipts.

Outside, Jennifer Gilbert, who has come down from Traverse City with her father and six of their horses, puts "Whitey" through his paces on the front lawn. Whitey appears gentle and I really wonder how attached Jennifer is to him. Can she really let him go?

Inside, Melissa Davis from "outside Toledo" is ready to settle up her bill. She bought one pony for her riding stable. Price: \$954. Is it a bargain? "That will depend upon the kids who ride him" she says matter-of-factly. "We'll just have to wait and see."

Seventy-three horses are on the block tonight and few of the 100 eager buyers have left. As darkness descends over the MLE compound, a monoto-

nous soliloquy continues, "What am I offered..."



wo Manchester riders had a winning evening during Old

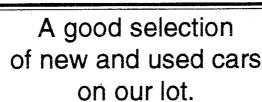
Timers' Cowboy Games competition at the Manchester Community Fair in July. Above right, Lauren Wacker and her quarter horse mare "CJ" won Musical Stalls and the apple

bobbing contests, plus placed second in the pick up race and double bareback competition.

Above left, Jim McCarthy on his Appaloosa "Joe" won the balloon popping contest.



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June Highlights, July Meeting Postponed to August 4 Curriculum Issues, Budget on June School Board Agenda

The budget for the coming school year and the breakfast program topped the list of decision items at the June meeting of the Manchester Board of Education. The board also heard the reports on technology, the language arts program additions and the proposal for an alternative education program. The July meeting was postponed due to lack of a quorum. Details of the July and regular August meetings will be covered in the next issue.

1997-'98 SCHOOL BUDGET

In a nearly unanimous vote, the board approved a tight budget for the coming school year. The expected revenues total just under \$8 million. The planned expenditures are just over \$8 million. The difference will be drawn from the fund balance. Revenues include an anticipated increase in state funding of \$137 per pupil, interest earned and grant funds. Planned expenses include incremental adjustments for staff and health insurance premium increases, as well as salary increases of 1.5%. Also included in the budget are funds to provide new textbooks for the language arts program, a new school bus and to cover increases in the cost of vocational education due to increased enrollment. Reductions in the central office staff budget will help offset some of the increases.

Salary adjustments are only proposed at this point and still need to be settled in contract negotiations. Staff increases include a full-time teacher for the elementary school and part-time staff additions for special education, agriculture and the media center. The part-time additions may entail hiring additional teaching staff or extending the hours of teachers already on the payroll. Breakfast Program Decision

Based on the findings of the breakfast program hearing held last month, the board, in an unanimous decision, agreed to continue the breakfast program at Klager Elementary throughout the coming year. It will not be offered to students in middle or high school.

ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM PLANNED FOR COMING YEAR

School social worker, Saundra Dunn, presented the alternative education plan that was discussed at the May meeting. The point of the program is to bring students who have left the school district back into the formal education program.



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According to Dunn, the key word here is "alternative," meaning that the program will not follow a traditional approach to teaching. The teaching approach would be different, not less. It is likely to be more career-oriented in an effort to clearly illustrate the close tie between education and work.

The primary target for the first year of the program will be students who have dropped out of high school. The second target will be Manchester students who have chosen schooling options other than Manchester schools because they believe that the education offered here doesn't meet their needs. Finally, the program will target students who are at risk of dropping out of high school or moving to other options because they have repeatedly experienced failure in the current system. A major effort will focus on getting these students back into a full-time education program, but options will exist to allow for a combined work and learning approach or even part-time education.

Dunn proposed holding the program at an off campus location, like Pleasant Lake Technical Center so that differences in student population wouldn't be enhanced.

In its start-up phase, the program would have one full-time teacher and a paraprofessional. Additional expenses would include supplies and support staff for the program. All of the expenses would be offset by the student grants that would be available if 15 additional students could be added to Manchester's school population.

BOARD OFFICERS CHOSEN

In a meeting held July 2, the school board chose officers for the 1997-98 school year. Wayne Winzenz will serve as president, Joe Turk is vice president, Bruce Abbott is secretary, and newly-elected trustee Brian Evans is treasurer. In one of his first acts as president, Winzenz appointed trustees Marilyn Knaouse, Joe Turk, and John Ochs to serve with him on the executive committee.

JULY MEETING POSTPONED

The regular meeting, which had been rescheduled from July 21 to accommodate board member vacations, had to be pushed back yet another week due to a lack of quorum. After waiting 30 minutes, president Winzenz

'y rescheduled the meeting a second time, explaining that no business could be conducted because he, along with trustees Evans and Sahakian, the only two other board members in attendance, did not constitute the requisite number of members.

The August meeting of the Manchester Board of Education will be held at 7:30 PM on Monday, August 18, 1997. Meetings are held in the high school media center. For more information, call the board offices at 428-9711.

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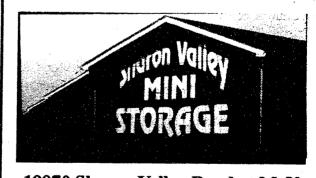


People of all ages helped out at the annual Chicken Broil, including youngsters above, left to right: Crystal Poertner, Brittany Gardner and Mitchell Hofmeister.

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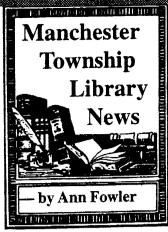
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Statues provide the legal basis for courts to impost penal fines and costs in both criminal and civil cases. The judges have a great deal of discretion in deciding the actual amount of fines and court costs, which results in a fluctuation of penal fines from year to year and from county to county.)

The Manchester Township Library continues to receive State Penal Fine support, based on the population served, \$7,645.62 in 1996. The fines collected for violations of the state penal laws are paid to the county treasurer who distributes on a per capita basis to the

various libraries. Consequently, those counties which happen to have weigh stations and busier state highways are able to give greater penal fine support to their libraries.

On August 9 and 10, come to the annual book sale on the library lawn. Prior to the sale, volunteers are still needed to help sort and box the many books donated and withdrawn in preparation for the big day. Call 428-8045 to stop in to volun-

And, again, we very much thank the volunteers who helped at the Community Fair gates, who were: Jim and Connie Achtenberg, Mark Ames, Sallie Anderson, Ed and Bonnie Barnard, Margaret

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1997 Manchester Community Fair parade marshal was Carol Britten, who rode in Dave Render's Hy-Lite Haflinger Farm carriage.

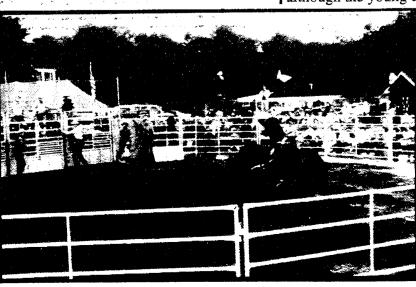
Additionally, Carol, as zone II president of the Michigan Association of Fairs and Exhibitions, was honored at a special banquet attended by many members of the community and representatives from fairs around the state. A special award was presented to Carol by Manchester Fair Board president Jerry Bristle (photo below) and she received a letter of congratulations signed by Governor Engler, State Representative Bev Hammerstrom and Senator Alma Wheeler Smith. In a tearful and moving speech thanking everyone, Carol spoke of her mother Irene who passed away last winter.

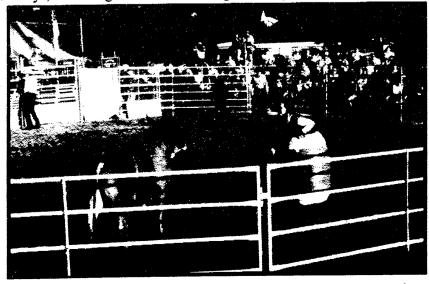
Guest entertainer was popular Ann Arbor comedian Bill Barr although he may have been upstaged by Manchester's own comedian Jennifer DuRussel. - photo/kk





BULLMANIA '97 PHOTOS BELOW BY RAY MEYER: Fair board members report Bullmania '97 was a resounding success. At the beginning of the evening, a few sets of bleachers were set up. It soon became apparent, however, that more would be required. Fair board president Jerry Bristle made trip after trip with his bobcat tractor bringing one more set of bleachers after another. In the end over 1,500 people were seated with standing room only left. And the audience was not disappointed: the show was exciting, the clowns were a barrel of laughs (photo below taunting a Brahma); and Frank Walkowe's two best bulls, Johnny Reb and Red Alert left with reputations intact - they were not successfully ridden, although the young cowboys, including Frank's son Jeff, gave it a gallant try.





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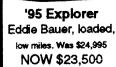




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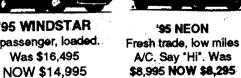




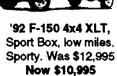


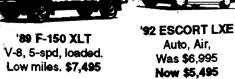
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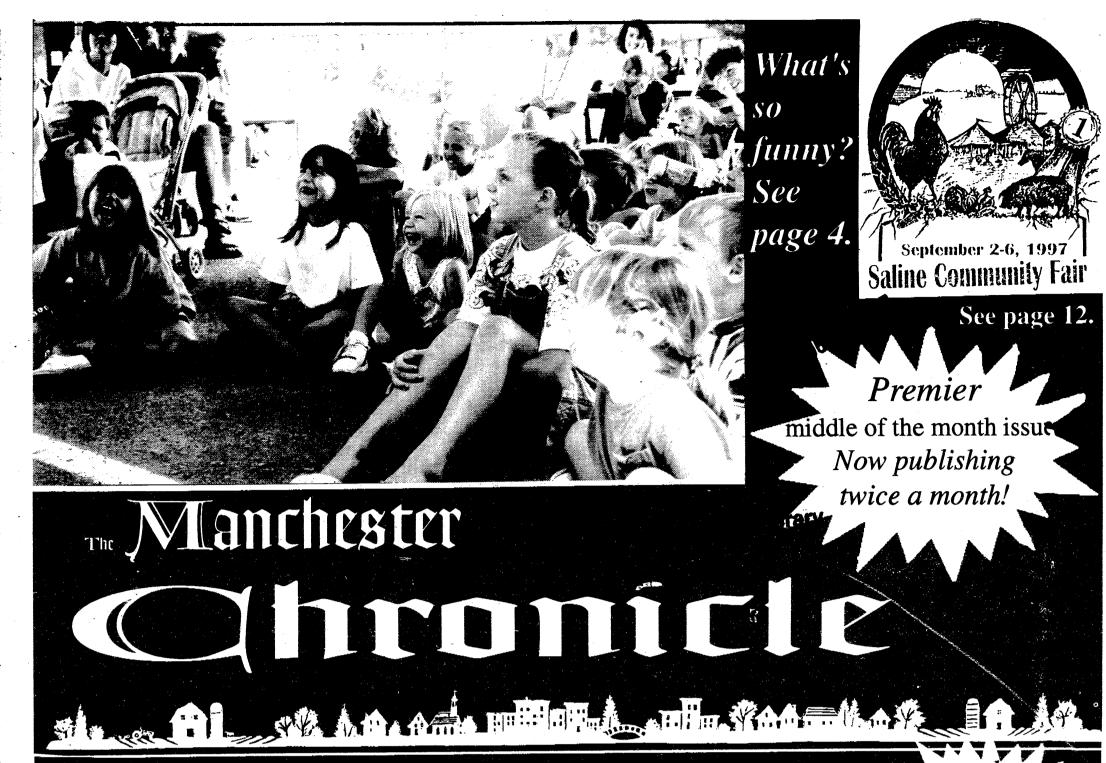
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If at first you don't succeed...

In 1989, according to recollections of local residents. Manchester Stamping at 17951 West Austin Road, requested and received rezoning of land they owned behind their present facility, from agricultural to general industrial. Apparently there was much controversy, and after a petition was circulated and signed by irate Manchester Township homeowners, and a referendum called, the decision was reversed.

In May 1994, at a village council meeting, a second informal query made by Stamping for construction of a four-inch sewer line from the village to the plant, so Stamping could "maximize heir facilities," was discussed. At that time it was ndicated the line would be dedicated to restroom facilities and removal of drain water. The project was scuttled for a number of reasons including wo questions left unanswered: Who would pay for it and who would own it?

That is where the request to the village to extend sewer and water out to Stamping remained until Monday night, August 11, 1997. At the reguar meeting of the Manchester Township board, supervisor Ron Mann informed trustees and a small audience that he and village manager Jeff Wallace were contacted by Stamping representatives to discuss the "proper way" to submit their plans for a contemplated expansion of Stamping

The proposed expansion is divided into two phases.

Phase one involves the construction of a warehouse/packaging/distribution plant on 5.08 acres with the initial building covering 40,000 square feet and an expansion capacity of an additional 15,000 square feet. The cost is a projected \$950,000 (\$800,00 for the building and improvements and \$150,000 for equipment.) Due for

— M. S. CLINANSMITH

completion in the spring of 1998, Stamping sources state that the new facilities will employ 40 new people with assembly and striker production accounting for 25 of those job additions. Phase two includes a \$2.5 million construction of

a tool and die/short run and four-slide manufacturing facility on 3.7 acres of land. The 25,000 square-foot initial building is supplemented by an added 15,000 square feet used for light manufacturing. Thirty new jobs, 15 in its tool and die section and 15 in light manufacturing, are created in the process. This second structure is targeted for completion in the spring of 1999.

These two expansions are part of a "preliminary development plan summary," including blueprints, submitted to both village and township at an informal meeting designed to ease the approval process when the formal requests for zoning changes, etc., are made.

Neither the township nor village officials have formally responded to these preliminary plans.

Both phases are contingent upon — you guessed it — the completion of a sewer line from the western boundary of Manchester village to the Manchester Stamping plant, and a favorable response to their second attempt to rezone to industrial.

Village manager Jeff Wallace indicated that a portion of the costs for the sewer line expansion could be partially borne by the State of Michigan. Based on the projected number of new jobs

created, Stamping could receive \$10,000 for each new job. That means that the almost \$3.5 million Stamping plant expansion would receive \$700,000 from a state block grant.

Inside this issue:

'All creatures great and small..." England has James Herriot, America has Dr. William K. Wellman **Stories from** The Bridgewater Vet beginning on page 10 in the Manchester Chronicle.

Also in the Chronicle photos and thanks from Day Camp '98 Manchester Summer Festival:

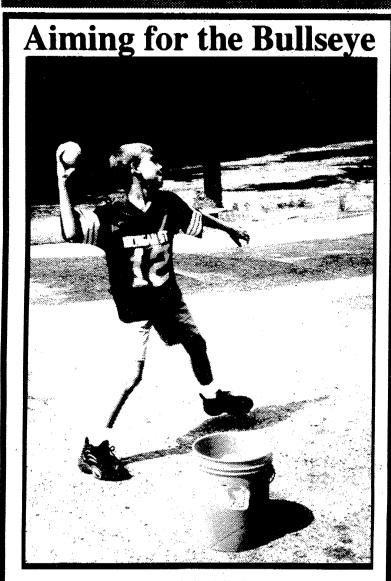
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Daniel Randall delivered decidedly accurate pitches to the bullseye on the dunk tank during Summer Festival. This particular throw was the downfall of fire department volunteer Mark Blumenauer. With a bucket of ammunition at his feet, Daniel proved his skill a few more times during the afternoon. Money earned operating the dunk tank, and taking photos of kids with the fire station Dalmation, were put towards the purchase of a new Manchester Township Fire Department rescue truck. See festival wrap-up page 4.

First day of school Monday, August 25, 1997

The first day of school is Monday, August 25, 1997. There will be sessions for both AM and PM kindergarten on that day. Grades1-12 will have a half-day session.

NEW DAILY SCHEDULE

The daily schedule at each building has been revised for the 1997-98 schol year. This is the result of the need to relieve the congestion at Main and M-52 at the close of the school day, increase the instructional day at Klager Elementary, and coincide with changes in the daily schedule in Saline High School's vocational education programs.

FIRST DAY SCHEDULE Klager 8:50 a.m. -12:04 p.m. Ackerson Middle School 8:35 a.m. - 11:44 p.m. High School 8:35 a.m. - 11:54 p.m.

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Crossing Safely



Pete Dunney volunteered to act as crossing guard for Safety Town. See pages 6 & 7.



HELP WANTED:

Now that the Chronicle is published twice a month, we'd like to cover school athletic events more.

That's where we need help — moms, dads, coaches, students who would like to write are welcome. I'm thinking the Chronicle could donate some money toward the athletic boosters, perhaps using a formula of so much for each athlete named in an article. Since sports stories often go into a student's scrapbook, it's nice to see as many of the team members named as possible.

Please call the Chronicle office at 428-1230.

Putting together the inaugural edition of the first middle of the month issue was sheer luxury. First of all it just happened to coincide (although after four years of publishing the Chronicle, I no longer believe in coincidences) with a particular time of year when people wanted to say thank you and reflect one last time upon some end of summer events. Secondly, because I could use photographs full size instead of having to crop for text, the pictures more dramatically capture the moments, I think. (By publishing twice a

month I hope to be able to do this more often.) Thirdly, we are introducing two new features: (A.) Stories from The Bridgewater Vet, Dr. William K. Wellman, Number One-Two-Five, Please. For those of us who have the entire James Herriot collection of All Things Wise and Wonderful, and watch the BBC series, Dr. Wellman's stories should be something to look forward to each month. (B.) Beginning in this issue with a heart-warming introduction (perhaps containing a tangential universal message), P.A.S.S. will be sharing informative, thought provoking and inspirational articles for parents and educators, as well as readers in general.

A couple of things I read recently seem very appropriate as we wind up the summer and head toward all the activities that are connected to our schools: athletic events, school band concerts, drama productions, and, as you will read in Tony Farina's story on page six, the opportunity to volunteer for mentorships; and connected to a special town meeting in September sponsored by the Chamber of Com-

merce (more details in the next Chronicle,) and the general Chamber meeting scheduled for Wednesday morning. See next page.

A sense of community is important to the well-being of a community.

Jim Sprague wrote in the August Chamber newsletter: "The main ingredient...is the people who call [Manchester] home. They are the ones who live here because of the quality of life it has to offer and the fact that they took the time to see the little things that make Manchester what it is."

When members of a community get involved, volunteer, participate in events, join committees, attend school board and government meetings, patronize the local businesses, those individuals and families help build and share this sense, making it richer, worthwhile, worth defending.

Val Farmer, in his Farmers' Advance column, wrote: "Community feeling happens when people come together for the good of the whole. People feel they belong to a community when there is a pattern of trust, cooperation and organization that benefits everyone."

To paraphrase further, it is an intense relationship of mutual trust; a tradition that depends on but is not limited to leaders who demonstrate civic responsibility.

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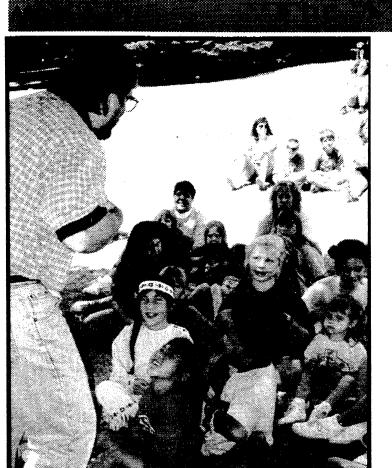
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There was definitely audience participation involved when Rev. Thom Davenport stopped by to entertain during Native American Day at Day Camp '97 in Carr Park.

Day Camp returned to Manchester in August. Much enthusiasm and many combined efforts produced a truly successful camping experience for our young people. Each day was so jam-packed with adventures for the campers that they were very excited to return the next day for more fun.

Day Camp could only be as great as the volunteer staff it took to make this year's camp what it was. We would like to thank all of our staff for their time and for everyone pulling together in a pinch to help out wherever needed. You are a wonderful group to work with.

Connie Achtenbergh, Mary Beth Baker, Sheri Barker, Cheryl Barker, Michelle Barker, Michael Bolan, Christy Carpentier, Carol Curby, Elise Davenport, Tom Davenport, Sue Desautel, Betsey Dettloff, Bev Dettloff, Bruce Dettloff, Danielle Funk, Kathy Gagneau, Sharon Haeussler, Denise Helton, Marikay Kennedy, Megan Kennedy, Carol Kahn, Theresa Kuboff, Roxanne Marshall, Elizabeth Mester, Julie Mester, Judy Mierzwa, Breeda Miller, Jarrud Parr, Gigi Vogeding, Jessica Weber, Rebecca Whitman, and Lucille Bruner.

Day Camp '97 says Thank You



Rev. Thom Davenport, of Manchester United Methodist Church, kept day campers laughing and singing while he played favorite tunes on his guitar, then topped it off with a program about Native American costumes and traditions.

We cannot tell you enough how much we appreciate the local businesses and organizations for supporting and encouraging youth programs such as ours. It is through their continued support that our Day Camp will keep going strong. We would like to thank the following for their contributions:

Cameron Balloons & Parachutes of Dexter, Chelsea Chrysler Proving Grounds, Chelsea Pediatric Clinic, Huron Valley Girl Scout Council, Manchester Chronicle, Manchester Community Schools, Manchester Enterprise, Manchester Fire Department-Shawn Booth and Jim Payne, Manchester Dairy Queen, Manchester Recreational Task Force, Manchester Beautification Committee, Mike Steffans-Atlas of Manchester for "Weather Rocks", Napoleon Lumber, The Flower Garden, and the Village of Manchester.

Day Camp is a place where friends multiply and artistic talents grow. Even though Day Camp is finished for another year, we have already begun to de-

velop next year's program. Kids: Get ready to "Sail the Seven Seas" Day Camp '98.

If you enjoyed the program this summer, or have ideas for improvements, please write us at Manchester Day Camp, c/o P.O. Box 100, Manchester, MI 48158-0100

See you next year!!!

"Sizzle, sizzle ... rare,
Sizzle, sizzle ... medium,
Sizzle, sizzle ... WELL DONE!"

—Vickie L. Bolan and Siobhan Gorman

We have a request to print a personal thank you to Marikay "Care Bear" Kennedy,
—from —

Shelby Trolz, Elizabeth Okey, Dara Jose, Catlin Sewell, Ashley Brannock, Kate and Jenny Meyer, Marie Beaudoin.



Chamber hosts August General Meeting

Breakfast at the Black Sheep: The Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce is inviting everyone to a breakfast at the Black Sheep Tavern Restaurant on Wednesday, August 20, at 7:30

This meeting is a call to all members and nonmembers to get together and participate in a discussion about the Chamber itself.

Open Discussion: Topics will include the various committees with the Chamber, why they exist, and how they function; and, the formation of new committees that are greatly needed.

The development of an action plan for the future of the Chamber will be drawn up and discussed at length. All members will also be asked to vote on the four Board nominees.

New Board Members: The Board of Directors has decided to expand the number of Board members to ten. This will give the Chamber more manpower to run the various committees that are needed. Members will be asked to present any nominations for these two new Board seats at this meeting.

Business Card Drawings: Everyone attending this meeting will be eligible to enter a drawing for a Saturday breakfast for two at the Black Sheep Tavern Restaurant. This great prize has been donated by The Black Sheep. Don't forget to bring your business card!

RSVP: Cost for the breakfast is \$5. Please call Jim Sprague at 428-9259.

General Meeting

Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce

Open to members and nonmembers

August 20, 1997 7:30 A.M. Black Sheep Tavern Restaurant

AGENDA

7:30 Breakfast 8:00 Open meeting

- Vote on four (4) Board openings
- Request nominations for two (2) additional Board openings
- Discuss current Chamber committees, activities, event, etc.
- Membership participation
 - → Question & Answer period
 - **→** Develop Chamber Action Plan
 - → Poll: Where do you see the Chamber in 1, 3, 5 years?
- Business card drawing for a Saturday breakfast for two at the Black Sheep Tavern Restaurant donated by the Black Sheep

9:30 a.m. Adjournment

Everyone is welcome. Cost is \$5 for breakfast. RSVP Jim Sprague 428-9259

Above: Bill Chizmar had a lucky duck in the Rubber Duck Race and received a check for \$20 from Cheryl Trionfi. Below: Zach Hamilton 2nd-\$250 each - Colleen Grinnell, Gordy McGlynn helps Colors the Clown with balloons.



Right: A bird in the hand is worth four on a cast, as Emily Copeland of Manchester proves. She was taking care of Colors' trick chickens while Colors worked her fabulous magic on a crowd of appreciative children and adults --- see front page photo.

Below: Anyone recognize (or admit to it) these Manchester folks? They volunteered to be part of the Cottonwood Cloggers entertainment.



NAATCHESTEE CITTORIEL And, the winners are...

Rubber Duck Race: 1st-\$200 Brennan Crispin 2nd-\$100 **Grace Wolfe** 3rd-\$50 Sharon Domengoni and Diane Allen 4th-\$20 Bill Chizmar, Tom Ross, Sandi Fielder, **Emily Hall, Chris** Salcau

Cash Raffle 1st-\$500 - Nancy Black 3rd-\$100 each - Betty Thomas, Susan Nehring, Judy Fahey

4th-\$50 each - Betty Otto, Joe Michels,

Betty Sloat, Allyn Thurston THANK YOU, from the festival co-chairmen of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce, to the businesses and industries listed below for so generously supporting Manchester's Summer Festival '97; many thanks to Mel Sroufe, Tom Vallie, Cheryl Trionfi, Gerri Mulrenin and Marilyn Minick for the endless help they gave us; Mike Rossettie; Kathy Kueffner for help with publicity and photos; to Don Limpert as keeper of the financial books; thank you to Glen Lukas, Deanne and Danny Rogers, and all those who caught the ducks after the race; the Manchester Men's Club, Manchester Village DPW, Manchester Township Fire Department, Kiwanis of Manchester, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts: to the businesses that sold Rubber Duck Race and raffle tickets; and special

thanks to all those people who helped in many small but very significant and encouraging ways to make this a celebration of community spirit as well as a summer festival.

> - Chamber of Commerce **Summer Festival Co-Chairs** Sharon Blumenaur Sue Miller Suzanne Vallie

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Editor: The festival co-chairmen, in turn, deserve a ound of applause. Nice job, and thank you!

At Gazebo Concerts...Friends Reminisce, and Romance Rules!



Recreation Task Force, thanked all the generous sponsors of the summer season's entertainment: Kiwanis, American Legion, Manchester Men's Club, Chelsea Print & Graphics, Debra Christian, Sharon House Bed & Breakfast, Dennis Kittle, Carol and George Boone, Geraldine Mulrenin, Tom Kladzyk, Catherine Peckham, Ted and Sandi

for arranging the wonderful entertainment. There was a record number of people attending the concerts this year, and a record amount of contributions as the baskets were passed during intermissions. Thank you, concert committee: Sharon and Carl Curtis, Ron and Carol Driessche, Jack Falk, Carol Palms, Bob and Connie Peterson, and Bill

PHOTOS: Right above: Jack and Jeanine Falk couldn't resist the temptation of music by LaSopresa, to take a twirl around the Gazebo dance floor. And, above, left, Burt Murray and, right, Fred Heinrich, of Manchester, during the last Gazebo Concert, were inspired to talk over the old days of twenty-five to thirty

alto saxophones and started his own band after high school. In fact, Burt's band is where Luke Schaible, who has had his own German band for many years and entertains at the annual Chicken Broil and Bethel Church Ice Cream Socials,

got his start. Fred played his accordion at various

the retirement homes in Saline, Chelses and App Advantage 19860 Sharon Valley Rd.

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Manchester, MI Chelsea and Ann Arbor. Because of arthritis, Fred has had to limit time spent playing his accordion but still manages to pick it up about once a week.

Additionally (did you know?). Fred almost singlehandedly helps keep Manchester beautiful. On his frequent walks about town we see Fred picking up litter and throwing it into our town's blue trash containers (electric blue trash containers --- see ad this page!). A friend of mine said she stepped over a candy wrapper intending to pick it up on her way back, but by the time she finished her errand, a matter of just a few minutes, there was Fred disposing of the scrap of paper. (Sandy said, "You should have

Fred in The Chronicle." Thanks

for reminding me, Sandy. -kk)



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In the last issue of The Chronicle, the Gazebo Concert committee of the Manchester Szufnar, and Bill Ames who appeared as Abraham Lincoln for the July 3rd concert. May we say at this time, we very much appreciate the efforts of the committee members

Schwab. We are truly a fortunate community.

years ago when each had played musical instruments. Burt played the tenor and

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A new program at the high school provides opportunity for students — Tony Farina

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There is someone — and something — new at Manchester High. The some one is Kathryn MacKercher, the Alternative Education teacher, and the something is, well, the Alternative Education program.

MacKercher, who has spent her first three years teaching students like those in this program, is excited to see the program start. "It is an opportunity for students who might not have finished school finish."

The new program will work much more hands on. "The students involved are very creative and this program. gives them a sense of belonging that they didn't have before. The program is designed to meet their needs and it provides a respectful partnership between the students and instructor." said MacKercher.

For those of you who believe that this is not a valid form of education I must bring to your attention that these students will not only meet the state requirements

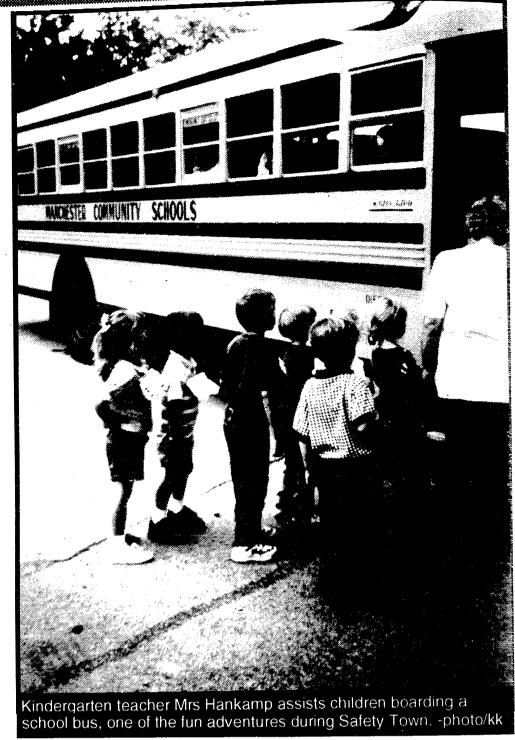
of education, but they will get hands on training from local businesses as part of the curriculum.

The hands on aspect is called a mentorship. "For example, the students will spend time working. It will then be their responsibility to teach the rest of the students not only what they learned there, but how to do their job." added MacKercher

The schedule for these students is not quite the same as the rest of the student population. They will meet three days the same as the rest. One day will run from 10 to 6, this is for the purpose of tutoring, and the fifth day will be shorter so they can get to their mentorship programs.

Kathy would like to let everyone know that there are a few spots open. If you know students who would fit into this program please contact her or Bob Smith at the high school. Remember school starts the 25th of August so time is of the

This is a great opportunity not only for the students but for the community. An Alternative Education program shows that the community cares about all students. This welcome addition to the curriculum has me already volunteering to tutor. I encourage anyone who feels they are capable, to do so.



Who's looking forward to the new school year?

August 25th marks the return of school, the end of summer, and the begin-

ning of another year of homework. As summer fades and fall starts, one person is extremely happy for the

It isn't the student who is on a course to be vale-It isn't the parent who ran out of ways to entertain

their first grader all day.

It is high school principal Bob Smith.

Mr. Smith starts his second year at Manchester High this year. He is optimistic, energetic and excited. Mr. Smith came to Manchester a year ago because he loved the community and the school. "When I came here, I was taken by the town and the students," said

In one year, he has helped initiate a variety of programs including the new Alternative Education program. (See related story above) "I was in Georgia and the program worked well there. I wanted to see the same results here in Manchester. It gives those students who need a different approach to education a chance to finish school."

In addition to the new program for students, Smith is adamant about involving parents. "I plan on having a parent advisory committee that meets once a month. I like the fact that the parents can ask me questions and offer suggestions."

Offering suggestions is a big part of his plan for everyone. "I don't consider myself an emperor here. I'm part of a team. If I have an idea that the students or the staff are not so crazy about, it goes."

To help insure that the ideas keep coming Smith is trying to allow the student leaders a chance to get more involved. He wants them to have some school time to organize programs and activities that involve the parents, staff, and students.

Smith added, "I want the community to support education. I invite all parents to get involved."

His message is simple. If we all act as one, there is no telling what the students can become.

From the **Principal's Office** KLAGER ELEMENTARY

Brian Kissman is the new principal at Klager Elementary. Kissman graduated from Grand Valley State University with a degree in social science and education. He did his graduate study at Western Michigan University and received a Masters degree in education

Kissman has taught in a wide variety of educational settings, including inner-city, private and international.

Kissman believes in the values and virtues of character education, and says "Respect, responsibility, caring, trustworthiness, justice and firmness, civic pride, and good citizenship make education achievement all the more meaning-

"Students, staff and members of the school community learn best when they are developing positive self-concepts, experience purpose in what they are doing, and are confident that they are cared for by those around them. I believe the character values I model set the tone for the people I serve."

The new principal of Klager's goal is to support others to become successful. Kissman is married to Simendea and they have two daughters, Ashly and Amanda.

MANCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL

One of principal Bob Smith's goals is to write a newspaper column to help increase communication between the high school and the community. This month Smith discusses the new attendance policy.

There has been a concern among the faculty and staff that too many students are struggling or failing classes simply because they have accumulated too many absences. The missed class work, homework assignments, and group projects become too high a mountain to climb, and many students give up.

Therefore a policy was written by faculty, students, and parents which requires more communication between

parents/guardians and the school. The student's parents will be notified by telephone after the fifth absence and in writing after the eighth and eleventh absences. A conference with the parent and student will also be scheduled after the eighth absence.

The magic number is twelve. Any student missing eleven or more days in a class will lose credit for that class. This number was adopted after a study in the Dexter schools revealed that no at-risk students passed any classes after missing more than eleven days. For the same reason, Saline and Chelsea also have an eleven-day limit.

I'd like to emphasize again that the goal is to help students succeed. The committees believe that it is important to teach and support behaviors such as depend-



New principal at Klager Elementary, Brian Kissman, stopped by Safety Town to talk with the youngsters and

invite them to visit him in his office during the school year. Safety Town is an educational safety program which includes pedestrian safety, police officers, bicycle safety, riding a school bus, safety at home and play, fire safety, stranger danger and seat belt safety. The program is sponsored by Manchester Community Education in cooperation with Jennifer DuRussel's Day Care, staffed totally by volunteers, and funded by Kiwanis of Manchester. This year's volunteers included kindergarten teachers Mrs. Supers and Mrs. Hankamp, Jennifer DuRussel, firemen Shawn Booth and Jim Payne, "Seat Belt Man" Danny Fleck, and Pete Dunney crossing guard. (A complete list of volunteers will be available by our next issue.)

ability and punctuality that will benefit students for a lifetime. Since there is a direct correlation between high absenteeism and dropping out of school, our goal is to keep our young people in school and to communicate with parents before we lose them.

Since there are always exceptions to any rule, there is a four-step appeals process in which the student will have the opportunity to have credit reinstated. If the Board adopts this policy, it will be mailed to all high school fami lies for review. After families have read it, I'll be happy to answer any questions

In fact, feel free to ask any schoolrelated questions and concerns. Some questions will no doubt give me ideas for my next column.

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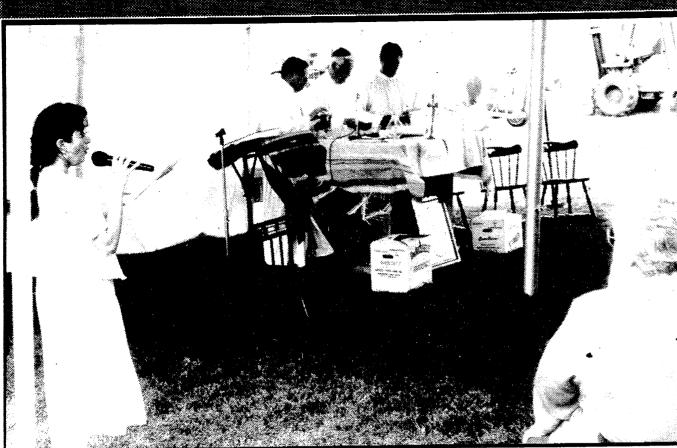
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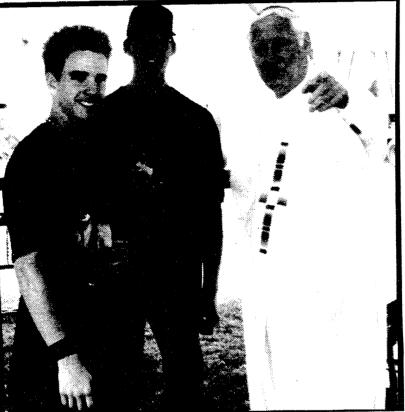
\$499 And isn't that the point of school in the first place?



Sunday, August 10, 1997 was the date of a momentous occasion at DuRussel Farms. Bishop Carl F. Mengeling

celebrated the Sacrament of Mass in Spanish for employees of the farm. Assisting Bishop Mengeling was Father Cecilio Reyna of the St. Mary Student Chapel of the University of Michigan, and Deacon Santos Ceballos. Bishop Mengeling is from the Lansing Diocese of St. Mary Catholic Church. The Bishop's visit was arranged through Serapio Hernandez, director of the Hispanic Migrant Ministry with the help of Joanne Fredal of Manchester who has been involved in the ministry for almost ten years, and others of Manchester's St. Mary parish. After Mass, families enjoyed a buffet meal of traditional Mexican cuisine and fresh produce harvested from the farm. — photos/kk

Heart and Soul

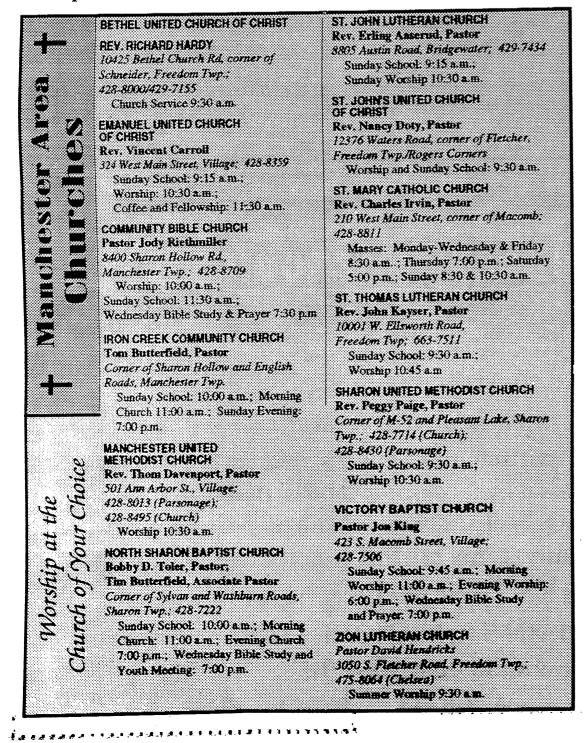


Above: Under a festive white tent, Bishop Mengeling, center, with Fr. Cecilio, right and Deacon Santos, left, celebrate a Spanish Mass.

Left: Mike and Pat. sixth generation DuRussels, with Bishop Mengeling.

Right: Children, only dubiously impressed with the solemnity of the occasion, were delighted when the farm dog wandered in. — photos/kk

Sponsors for The Manchester Chronicle Church Page, Heart and Soul, are welcome. The cost is only \$20 a year. Please phone the Chronicle office at 428-1230.







AWANA begins again

Community Bible Church will begin another great year of AWANA on September 19 with an exciting kick off. Kids from age four through sixth grade join together on Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 PM for games, contests for special prizes, Bible lessons and a handbook of their own. There are theme parties throughout the year and a wonderful carnival at the end of the year.

If you have children between the ages of four and twelve please come and join the fun every Thursday evening at Community Bible Church.

Community Bible Church is located at 8400 Sharon Hollow Road, just south of West Austin Road at the blinking yellow light. Call Pastor Reithmiller at 428-8709 for more information.

Photo: AWANA leaders and children enjoy a derby car race.







An introduction to P.A.S.S.

For those of you unfamiliar with the acronym P.A.S.S., it stands for Positive Accommodations Stimulate Success.

As parents of children with special needs, we feel very strongly that a positive learning environment with appropriate accommodations will allow our children to achieve their potential and become successful not only in the school system, but also in life.

The following letter was taken from an LDA newsletter and may help others understand the mixed blessing parents of special needs children feel.

Welcome to Holland

I am often asked to describe the experience of raising a child with a disability ... to try to help people who have not shared that unique experience to understand it, to imagine how it would feel. It's like this...

When you're going to have a baby, it's like planning a fabulous vacation trip ... to Italy. You buy a bunch of guidebooks and make your wonderful plans. The Coliseum, the Michelangelo David, the gondolas in Venice. You may learn some handy phrases in Italian. It is all very exciting.

After months of eager anticipation, the day finally arrives. You pack your bags and off you go. Several hours later, the plane lands. The stewardess comes in and says, "Welcome to Holland."

"Holland?" you say. "What do you mean Holland? I signed up for Italy! I'm supposed to be in Italy. All my life I've dreamed of going to Italy."

But there's been a change in the flight plan.

They've landed in Holland and there you must stay. The important thing is that they haven't taken you

to a horrible, disgusting, filthy place full of pestilence, famine and disease. It's just a different place.

So you must go out and buy new guidebooks. And you must learn a whole new language. And you will meet a whole new group of people you would never

It's just a different place. It's slower-paced than Italy, less flashy than Italy. But after you have been there for awhile and you catch your breath, you look around and you begin to notice that Holland has windmills, Holland has tulips. Holland even has Rembrandts.

But everyone you know is busy coming and going from Italy and they're all bragging about what a wonderful time they had there. And for the rest of your life you will say, "Yes, that's where I was supposed to go. That's what I had planned."

The pain of that will never, ever, ever go away, because the loss of that dream is a very significant loss. But if you spend your life mourning the fact that you didn't get to Italy, you may never be free to enjoy the very special, very lovely things about Holland. — Emily Pearl Kingsley

For support or information, P.A.S.S. meets once a month (a schedule will be printed in the next article) or you can phone Ruth at 428-7872. P.A.S.S. committee members are: Ruth Vanbogelen, Marilyn Knouase, Shannon Fleck, Ann Marie Gordon.

News Briefs And

SHARON TOWNSHIP

What could we do together? Collaborate with the schools on a shared library with more books, more room; tie in with Washtenaw Community College with classes, here, for adults as well as students; share municipal facilities and services such as fire and police; direct policy that affects our four townships and village; plan zoning to preserve open space and agricultural lands; maintain a commercially viable downtown district....

Sharon Township supervisor Gary Blades continues to encourage dialogue towards possibly setting up a legal entity, the Southwest Council of Governments, comprised of the village and four townships. The concept was initially discussed last spring when township supervisors and village council representatives met.

At this middle of the summer meeting, Blades asked "What are your thoughts?"

Jim Sprague, Manchester Chamber of Commerce president: "If surrounding towns are any indication, commercial development outside the Manchester village limits would just about kill our downtown. Speaking for the chamber board, we would like to see any commercial as close to downtown as possible."

Roger Kaplar, Sharon Township Planning Comagain." mission Chairman: "The north side of town, through Sharon Township, is presently a scenic entrance to the community. We are trying to preserve open space, agricultural lands as much as possible. Before we get into downtown [for commercial development.]"

Don Limpert, Manchester Township Planning Commission: "There are two ways that rezoning is done: one is by the municipality, the other by the property owner. If you rezone ahead of time you now have a Chronicle. way of directing patterns-commercial, residential, industrial, not waiting until someone buys a piece of prop- Feldkamp, Willard Blumenauer, Lorraine Dunney, erty and then asks for specific rezoning. That's going to require cooperation between village and townships. If you don't you are going to be limited to crisis decisions."

In response to that part of the conversation about a potential bypass route, Edna Walker, downtown Manchester merchant, said: "There's a wonderful uniqueness to our downtown. As a merchant I would not like to see a corridor bypassing it. Let's take care of what we have. You want to see traffic problems look at the nightmare on the south side of Chelsea."

Gary Blades: "I think we need to take a look at a regional plan, forgetting the boundaries. We've talked about forming the Southwest Council of Governments, but we're not moving very fast and while we're talking other people are walking, decisions are being made now that will affect Manchester forever, as well as Sharon Township. A regional plan that we all commit to would give us a strong position."

Blades continued, "The way it's set up now, right outside the village, a subdivision on twenty-five acres with one house per acre means twenty-five wells and twenty-five septic tanks. By the time we spend all that money on drain fields, wells, we're going to be spending a lot of money that could be spent on moving the sewer out there. We're making a problem for the next generation that comes along.

"We're looking at a window, it's not a big window and if everyone moves independently, that window is going to be gone and I'm not sure it will ever be open

Suggested: Each person go back to their own groups. "If we never hear from you again, well, then we know the level of interest," said Blades.

Jim Sprague concluded with comments about the urban sprawl, which is typical of America, let's look at September Chamber meeting which will be a discussion about combining efforts toward a mutual plan. The meeting will include representatives from the community; ideas will be discussed and shared. We'll have a specific date, time and place in the next issue of The

At the meeting were: Gary Blades, Reno Duane Haselschwerdt, Terry Auito, John Hinckley, Joe Marshall, Marty Way, Don Limpert, Jim Sprague, Edna Walker, Roger Kaplar, Dick Cole, Dave Wilson, Jim Achtenberg, and the Manchester Chronicle.

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At this request, the Allegan, Michigan telephone operator, Joanie Kugel, would likely as not answer that the doctor is out making nickering horses and so stop to feel the sleekness of farm calls.

"I can probably locate him. I know who Bloomingdale," Joanie might say.

hair by appointment, but there were several then, well, that's the miracle. barbershops in town. Who can tell?

One-Two-Five, Please as a title or "masthead" for the stories that will appear for the next sevout of stories.

eyes of a dreamer. Always he is in a great deal of pain. done and gone." Even with that he is able to do most of what he needs to do. For example, twice each day he milks eight cows. way." Sometimes there are ten, sometimes six. He helps the new calves to be born and then to suck the cow. Later when the new milk becomes useful to him, he teaches for the comfort of a full stomach.

proximity to his cattle.

of the days before the accident, when he truly lived with Fritz learned to walk again, they continued to haul the long time ago." manure to the fields in the spreader. When Fritz could no longer throw the heavy hames and tugs over their backs to harness them, he carefully fed them and saw to their health for the joy of running his hands over keep her. For some reason, she will give you almost as them, to comb and brush them, and to smell them. Even much milk from three as from four. Otherwise, you so, there is now no collar made that will fasten over should let her go...," is Doctor Jacob's philosophical their fat necks. Such waste is incongruous with Fritz's answer. nature but in this way he is a soft man.

Fritz will be ninety in a month. He does not celebrate birthdays, only collects them and celebrates that he can work in his barn and enter the spotless kitchen of Helma's to eat his meals and not to be confined there.

In his faded bib-overalls, a clean pair each day after morning chores, he hobbles to the barn. The crutch under his left arm helps him along the path through the pines. Soft, knee-high rubber boots cover the twisted shrunken legs that nevertheless propel him along.

Doctor Jakob Herder gets quickly out of the car and meets him halfway down the path so that Fritz will not feel obliged to hurry. Jakob notices that even in early spring the lawn, freeze-dried and with soft snow blown into the nap of it, is neat and clipped. There are no hardwoods to clutter the area with crayon-colored leaves to be raked or brown ones missed and rattling in lee corners. Only the pines for the wind to sough through and complete the alpine experience.

About every three months, Jakob would be driving by on his way to some other farm and wonder about Helma and her son, Claus, and about Fritz. It would be only a few days later Helma's accent would by tele- at all?" phone describe precisely her identity, her location, and whatever she knew of the reason for Fritz to need him. Fritz never used the telephone but would come to the kitchen and ask her through the open door to make the pigs. None of it. It isn't worth the chance of getting the call, describing the condition to her. One did not enter her kitchen in boots; Fritz would not have done so anyway. It was a mutual observation of sanctity and cleanliness. Then he would crutch his way backward to work and wait.

Fritz and Doctor Jakob talk with intimate respect, progressing through the ritual they had developed. Fritz gestures with one hand as he talks. He had seen geese that morning in the corn stubble. He thought the same ones came each year and expected them. He worried at what they would think when no one planted the fields to corn anymore. He is more wry than sad; wistful.

To get to the cow barn, they will have to pass the them, the velvet of their muzzles with their stiff bristles.

Ten years ago a board had fallen from a beam called him this morning. He's down by above where it had lain for many years and startled the horses when Fritz was driving into the barn with a load Once in a while, a disgruntled male voice of hay. They ran away through the far doors dragging would answer that he was calling Anne's Fritz until they came to the end of the lane where the Beauty Shop, not some doctor. Anne's still got gate was shut. There they waited for someone to come. a lot of calls after her number was assigned to Fritz lived, of course, but they said he'd never walk me. It was always men. Maybe she cut men's again on those legs, so much muscle was used up. But Fritz refers to her as his darling girl.

They pass the immaculate milk house with its Nostalgically, I have chosen Number clean clear windows where in the summer Helma waters potted geraniums she hangs from each side.

"Doctor," Fritz says, "this heifer I don't undereral issues of the Manchester Chronicle, or stand. She has no pain in her udder but in this quarter until people stop reading them, or until I run she has a firmness which does not go away. For awhile she did have some thick milk but no more after I treated it. It is the left rear. If you will excuse me, I will let you romance and passion. But my love for Fritz is so much Fritz Ninke: a farmer with the long, half closed feel. The time it would take to show you, you could be more. Such a gentle man he was, and still is; so good

The cow next to the afflicted heifer begins stepping uneasily. "Do you mind if I turn her loose from her stanchion? It is rarely the cow I am examining that the calf to drink from a pail, first with his finger be-kicks me." Jakob pulls the pin that holds the bar in place. neath the surface for it to suck. Soon the calf will drink The cow carefully backs over the gutter, turns and stands at the end of the row nosing the silage cart. The doctor The man's energy derives from the love of and squats and feels the udder, trying the milk from each teat on his open hand. From the left rear he could feel Also, Fritz has two horses. They are the memory the tiny grains in the milk as it hit his palm. "She still has infection. I think she was sucked by another calf the land. They are old now. For the first few years after when she was little. There is a lot of scar tissue from a

"What must I do then?" Fritz asks.

"If you are fond of her and don't mind milking a three teater, then you should dry the quarter off and



"Is it possible that her heifer would be affected in this way when she is grown?"

"No, not likely. This is an injury."

"Good, then I will think about it. Shall I treat her

"Strip her out good and leave a mastitis ointment in the quarter for forty-eight hours. Then repeat it. Don't use her milk, though, except for feeding calves or the medication into the pail."

"I don't keep pigs anymore. Thank you for coming, Doctor. The coffee is in the kitchen hot. Missus Ninke will have a word with you, if you please." This is part of the ritual. It means to go to the house to be paid. In this fashion we deal with one another on a professional level. The mundane he leaves for Helma. "My infirmity forbids my accompanying you, so good-bye and thank you again."

The porch is as ample as Helma's backside but with wrought iron bannister and rail. No one ever uses the front entrance into the parlor.

- Dr. William K. Wellman The Bridgewater Vet

Through the glass door, Helma can be seen talking on the telephone. She motions for the doctor to come in and when he hesitates, she says something hurriedly, gets up from her chair and opens the door to welcome him. As Jakob removes his boots, she excuses herself to continue her conversation in German with a friend He catches the word, tierartz, with endearing terms. In his sparse German, Jakob says, "Excuse me, my dear Frau Ninke, but I am understanding you. "Frau Ninke blushes and smiles broadly. She is sixty-six. Sometimes

At the time her first husband died, of smallpox, their son, Claus was only two years old. That was fortyfour years ago. She was a lovely flower of twenty-two compared to Fritz' forty-five. Such a terror for her it had been. Fritz had no woman ever of his own. Very gently he took care of her and the child. And when it seemed to be a good thing to do, they were married.

"Alfred," she once told Jakob, "I loved with great to Claus. And then we moved here from Iowa, he said "That's all right, Mister Ninke, I have to do it any- to make me forget, to start a whole new life. I think he needed these hills to shelter in. We are so comfortable here. The flat land depressed him and he did not want Claus to grow to a man without the elevations."

Today she tells Doctor Jakob, "Fritz talks about you often. He knows that you are not just talking about loving the horses. Be careful, he will start you farming with them. Remember, there is no need to buy gas and oil for horses, Doctor."

"Yes, that's true, but I can't retire to farming until Fritz retires from it, I can't retire and have you calling one of these young snots in to do my work."

Claus came in to the kitchen yawning, barely awake. "Where have you been, lout? Not sleeping this time of day, are you?" Jakob asks jokingly.

"Ya, good morning, Doctor, I am sleeping. I am working until all hours of the night at the paper mill." He still smiles like a boy. He has never married but takes care of Fritz and his mother while they, in turn, take care of him. It is difficult to think of him as anything but Helma's son.

"I am going to buy geese for Fritz when the warm weather comes again," Helma interjects. "In the old country, always there were geese in the door yard. White ones and grey ones. Fritz misses them," she says. "He dreams of the times before hair grew on his face."

"They mess more than they eat," Jakob says. "When I built a pool for my daughter, I foolishly accepted six goslings as a gift. They never messed in the water but the edges need a shovel each day and the pool was covered with feathers."

"It is good for the grass, Jakob," Helma says, then turns to Claus. "Are you going to take the manure of for Fritz? He is fretting that it will freeze and break the apron when you start the power takeoff."

"Oh, ya! Sure I will. But it is the beaters that would break, as well as the apron. If it freezes, everything breaks, ya?"

"It is so good to see you, doctor. You must stop by more often." Claus called out as he closed the door.

"Claus is so good to us." Helma stands pensively with one hand on her cheek. "He seems to have not much of a life of his own. But then Fritz married late as I have told you. He may find someone yet but I don't know where."

"He's looking for the likes of his mother, most likely," Jakob says, then, "I should get going now. I've half a dozen calls to make yet."

Helma takes the bill from him. "Good-bye, no need to worry, good-bye, aufwiederesehen."



Kim's Keeps Kustomers Koming Back

"Even my failures are edible."

The only sign, other than menus, posted on the wall seems out of place. Kim's creations are definitely not failures. Her customers support that fact.

"Good food and lots of it," could be her slogan. The only other notation displayed — that she follows at least 99 percent of the time — states her hours: Open 7 days, 6 AM to 2 PM

Woe to the one who arrives at 2:01 PM. Fasttalking and a starved puppy dog look have been known to work, however.

Kim's Kountry Kitchen is located quite prominently in front of the Michigan Livestock Exchange (MLE) at 9610 Chelsea-Manchester Road near Pleasant Lake Road. It's more than a restaurant; it's a meeting place. Farmers and businessmen, travelers and local residents know Kim's and its always cheerful proprietor, Kim Lee.

Admitting to Jack Benny's favorite age of 39, Kim is the omnipresent five-foot one-and-a-half inch pixie who is always smiling and ready to share a cheerful greeting, a joke or just small talk. Whether surveying the eleven table, fifty person dining room, dishing out her generous portions, or washing the dirty dishes, Kim is content as long as her clientele enter with smiling faces.

And what if they don't?

"They don't leave the same way," warns Kim. She, her four other cooks (including mother and stepdad) and three waitresses (Linda Minor, Mary Lou Bowman and daughter Carmen Williams, who has since left for college) make sure of that. The banter is friendly and teasingly good-natured, as Linda Minor

will attest. (See joke below.) "But, it's all in good fun," Linda concedes. She keeps up with the best of her tormentors.

At 11:20 on Thursday morning, Kim's seems ominously quiet. Only seven customers are scattered across the spacious room. In the corner nearest the grill window area, three men talk over a variety of subjects from the weather to their business contacts in the area. Two wear white shirts and ties. A third is attired in jeans and a printed t-shirt. Linda tells me that two of them, previous customers, have conned the third into ordering two pancakes and bet him that he couldn't finish them. When the pancakes arrive, he knows he has been had. Drooping over the plate the third guy can barely make a dent in one and ends up leaving a substantial portion on his plate. The other two chuckle, sharing their joke.

Sitting in front of the picture window on the north side, Allan Whiteman snickers at yet another fellow taken in by the local joke and continues eating the daily special, meat loaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, and green beans.

On the opposite side of the door, two farmers from Onsted are talking shop, the weather and the hopes for this year's crops.

There is no "typical" customer, though. "As long as they smile," Kim says, "they're welcomed here."

"More coffee?" Linda asks a salesman. It is the third or fourth refill. I've lost count. Right now I'm on my third Diet Pepsi refill.

> "We have a mixed group," Kim states. "During the week, it's workers and local business-

men. On the weekend, it's families and kids. During the school year, the teenagers are in here before school starts." In the average day, she estimates 100 to 200 patrons. On auction days, Mondays, it's the higher fig-

Has anyone ever finished three of her

After consulting with Linda and her daughter Carmen, she says no. "Although I do remember Mike Scully (local firefighter) did, but that was quite a while back. Not

Kim says she does not want to compete with the "dinner crowd." We are not a fast food joint. People have to take us for what we are. All we require is a friendly

Editor's note - Here's one of the iokes Linda told while I was waiting to take some photos:

A grasshopper walks into a bar. The bartender says, "Hey, Mr. Grasshopper, we have a drink named after you."

"Oh, yeah," says Mr. Grasshopper, "what's it called?"

"Walter," says the bartender. I thought Linda would just love to have us share this with everyone.

Kim Lee, of Kim's Kountry Kitchen. had a brief minute and a half to dash from her post at the grill for a quick photo.

Has she ever felt like throwing up her hands and walking out?

- M. S. CLINANSMITH

"No, I enjoy people too much," she says somewhat sheepishly.

When the horse auction began, however, she had to bend some of the rules. The doors were not closed and locked at 2 PM sharp. At 9 PM, she was still serving an overflow crowd. Concerned about how much longer she and her staff would be needed, she went next door and asked the MLE employees how long she should stay open. They were not sure but she returned minutes later with a handful of orders from those employees and patrons still intent on having a bite to eat. She stayed open until 10:30 PM.

"Well," she philosophized, "rules are made to be broken.



An almost daily customer of Kim's is Phyllis Koernke, who has lived in Manchester for over 70 years. This particular day Phyllis brought in an oil painting she had recently finished. Phyllis had painted the likeness of her daughter from an old photograph she had. Phyllis has been painting since she retired from the Ann Arbor Post Office in the early 70s and lived for many years at the house on the corner of Division Street and City Road. The sandstone wall next to the house, Phyllis tells us, she built herself, with material from the gravel yard in Napoleon.





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Postcards from Iowa (continued)

In the last issue of The Chronicle, we related the beginning of Jon Hardenbergh's vacation in Hawaii. When we left off, Jon had been pulled from his burning van and less then four feet from the van, there was a "whooshing noise." Undaunted, Jon who had his camera strapped over his shoulders, turned around and snapped pictures of the raging inferno.

As we promised, the story, the vacation, doesn't end there.. Jon lost his reclining wheelchair, medications, and medical and credit cards in the fire. Jon, and his nurse Robert Wethal, arrived back at their hotel via ambulance later that night, and found out they were celebrities. The fiery incident had been reported on the island's television and radio stations. Jon said he called relatives, told them about the mishap but that he was okay. His mother, Mae, who was observing her 82nd birthday and vacationing in Scotland thought that was very good news.

Two days later they returned to Haleakala Park, but coming back home disaster struck again! The replacement van's brakes overheated and failed while Wethal was driving down a narrow, twisting mountain road. He slammed on the emergency brake and drove into the side of a crater to avoid going over a cliff. Use of emergency flashers wore down the van's battery and it took several hours to find cables to jump-start the

"It was kind of depressing," Jon told a reporter from his hometown Dubuque newspaper.

But that still wasn't the end of the story. A third van rented days later broke down because of a fuel injection problem. They coasted into a scenic overlook but unfortunately their pleas for help were ignored by passing tourists. Much later, after Wethal unloaded the wheelchair and began pushing Jon down the road, someone did stop and take them to the nearest town.

It was then they decided to cut their vacation five days short. They were running out of handicapped-accessible vans to rent, John was in a manually operated, straight-back chair; "...we were mentally and physically exhausted."

Nurse Wethal was quoted as saying: "Jon is a great guy who has a good sense of humor. Would I take another trip with him? Sure, maybe just not to Hawaii."

Don't miss the last community fair of the season: the Saline Community Fair

The Saline Community Fair, held at the Farm Council Grounds on Ann Arbor-Saline Road at Pleasant Lake Road, officially begins Tuesday, September 2, but kicks off Monday, September 1 with the USA Demo Derby, at 7:30 p.m.

Fair gates open at 5:00 p.m. Monday and events include horsepulling in the arena. The local talent show starts at 5:30 p.m. at the track. The block building which features fair exhibits opens at 6:00 and rides at 7:00. Judging of lambs and sheep continue through the evening. At 7:30 p.m. entertainment includes the Saline Twirlettes and at 8:00 p.m. the Miss Saline Pageant Queen contest will be held at the track.

Gates open at noon on Wednesday, and rides are open at 3:00. Evening events include draft horse hitching classes beginning at 6:00, beef cattle judging in the open arena at 7:00 and steer judging at 7:30. The Figure 8 Derby starts at 7:30 p.m.

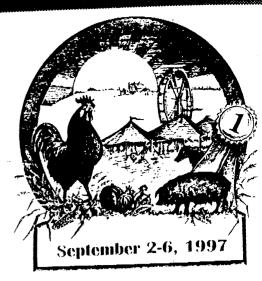
Thursday is Preschool/Children's Day. Gates and rides are open at 10:00 a.m., with special admission rates of children age 6 and under for only \$3 and accompanying adults \$5. Special blue ribbon lunches will be provided for children by the United Methodist Church of Saline, for only \$2.50 each. The barn tours being at 10:00 with volunteers in each barn providing a short interesting program about farm life and farm animals. From 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. there are a variety of activities including creative crafts where children may create their own animal mask or make a creature. Koko the clown and friends roam the grounds from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., making balloon creations and other fun things. Farmer John's Barnyard Express (which will be at the Fair Thursday, Friday and Saturday afternoons) provides an educational hands-on program as does the Chautauqua Express at 10:30.

At 11:00 a.m there is registration for a "Mommy Calling Contest," open to all children 6 years and younger, and performances by Gym Street USA and Nichols School of Dance from Milan. The Mommy Calling Contest begins at 11:30; every participant receives a ribbon.

In the afternoon, there will be an animal survival skills program provided by Species Survival Center with owls, snakes and other interesting creatures. Pedal pull registration is at 1:00 and another animal survival skills program at 1:30. The pedal pull starts at 2:30.

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All events during Pre-School Day at the Fair will be held under covered areas in case of rain. To enter a preschool in the educational exhibit, where monetary prizes will be awarded, call Gail Swenson at 668-8863, or Patty Lambarth at 662-8439 for information before August 31.

Entertainment on Thursday, September 4 includes the Haflinger Hitching in the horse arena beginning at 6:00, the Junior Livestock Auction in the open arena at 7:00 p.m., and farm stock, modified 4-wheel drive pickup action starts at 7:00. At approximately 9:00 p.m., the semi-truck pull begins.

Gates open at noon on Friday, September 5 for Ladies Day and Recognition of Senior Citizens Day. There will be special entertainment, contests such as the Husband Calling with prizes for costume and best husband call, speakers, including a local writer and recorder of children's songs-Diane Baker, door prizes and goodies bags. Featured evening entertainment is a modified super stock and pro stock pull at 7:00, the Rumbling Thunder Cloggers at 7:00, and Karaoke at 8:00.

The Saline Community Fair Parade is Saturday, September 6 through downtown, beginning at 1:00. The USA Demo Derby State Championship is at 7:00 p.m. The Saline Fiddlers Philharmonic perform at 7:00 and 9:30 p.m.

For a full week of fun and entertainment at the last area community fair of the season, stop by and en-

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Pedal Power Pull (at entrance to track)	2:30 p.m.				
Haflinger Hitching - Horse Arena	6:00 p.m.				
Junior Livestock Auction - Open Arena	7:00 p.m.				
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