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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 their facilities," was discussed. At that time it was indicated the line would be dedicated to restroom facilities and removal of drain water. The project was scuttled for a number of reasons including two 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 regular 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 facilities.

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

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.

— M. S. CLINANSMITH

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"All creatures great and small..."
England has James Herriot,
America has
Dr. William K. Wellman
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The Bridgewater Vet
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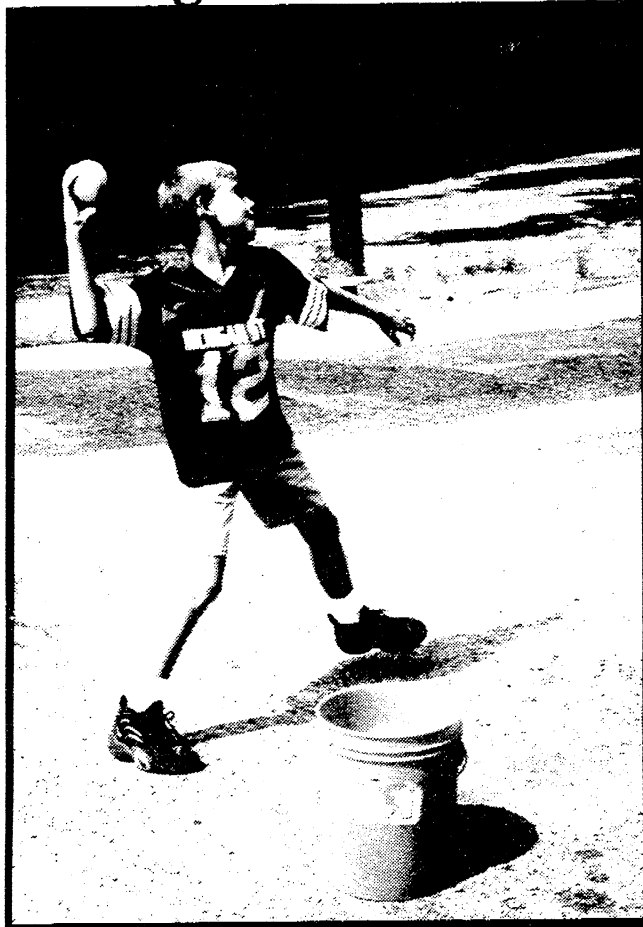
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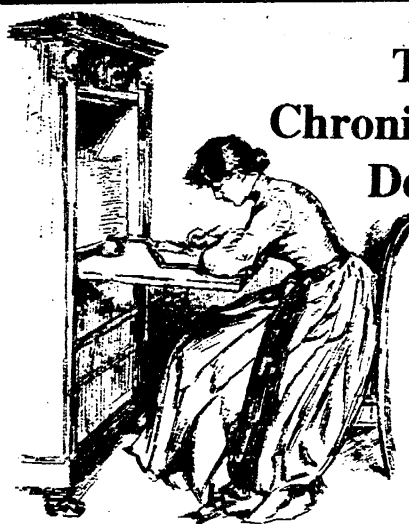
Daniel Randall delivered decidedly accurate pitches to the bullseye on the dunk tank during Summer Festival. This particular throw was the downfall of fire department volunteer Mark Blumenauer. With a bucket of ammunition at his feet, Daniel proved his skill a few more times during the afternoon. Money 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.

Crossing Safely



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

The Chronicle Desk



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.

The unique potential strength of a rural community is a tremendous resource.

As always, your comments, suggestions, story ideas, criticisms, are welcome. —kk

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. Grades 1-12 will have a half-day session.

NEW DAILY SCHEDULE

The daily schedule at each building has been revised for the 1997-98 school 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.

REGULAR DAILY SCHEDULE

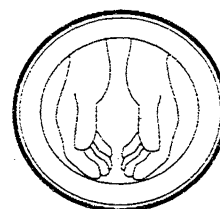
Klager 8:50 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Ackerson Middle 8:35 a.m. - 2:55 p.m.

High School 8:35 a.m. - 3:05 p.m.

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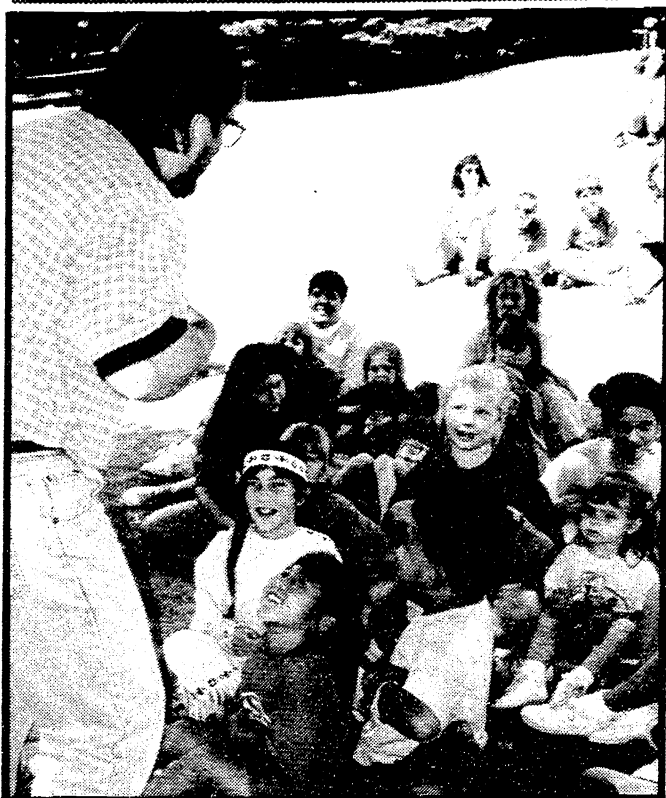
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There was definitely audience participation involved when Rev. Thom Davenport stopped by to entertain during Native American Day at Day Camp '97 in Carr Park.

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

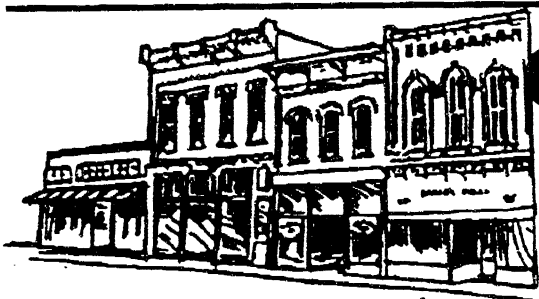
See you next year!!!

"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.



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 a.m.

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.

Chamber hosts August General Meeting

**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 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.



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

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Cash Raffle

1st-\$500 - **Nancy Black**

2nd-\$250 each - **Colleen Grinnell, Gordy McGlynn**

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

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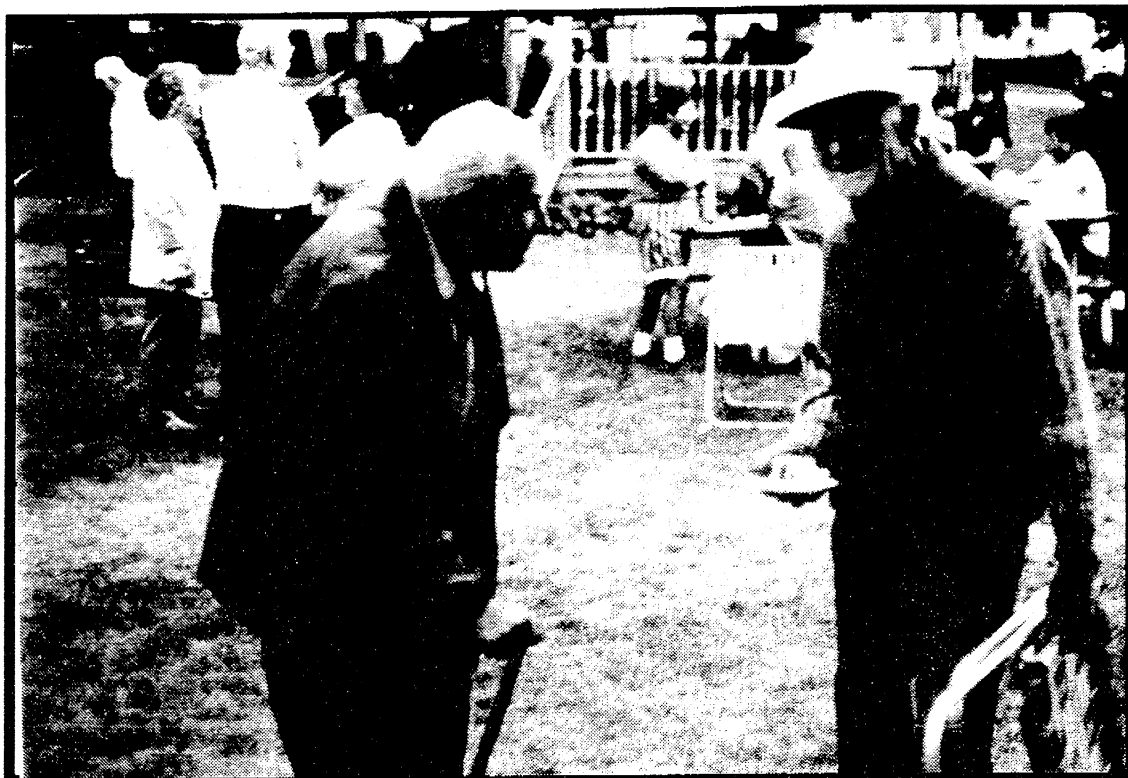


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Whistle Stop Restaurant Woodbrook Computers
Wacker Oil & Propane/Wacker General Store

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

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



In the last issue of The Chronicle, the Gazebo Concert committee of the Manchester 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 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* 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 Schwab. We are truly a fortunate community.

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



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 events in the area and often brought his music to the retirement homes in Saline, 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 single-handedly 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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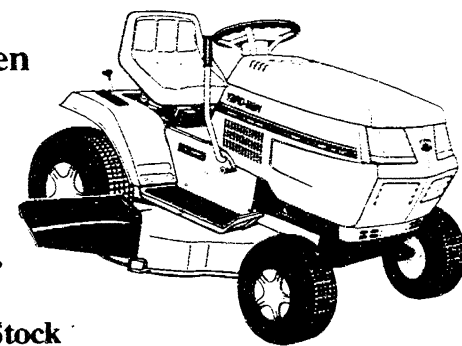
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A new program at the high school provides opportunity for students and community

— Tony Farina

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 essence.

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.



Kinderqarten teacher Mrs Hankamp assists children boarding a school bus, one of the fun adventures during Safety Town. -photo/kk

Who's looking forward to the new school year?

— Tony Farina

August 25th marks the return of school, the end of summer, and the beginning of another year of homework. As summer fades and fall starts, one person is extremely happy for the change.

It isn't the student who is on a course to be valedictorian.

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 Smith.

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.

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

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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 leadership.

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 meaningful."

"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-

— photo Kathy Kuefner



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.)

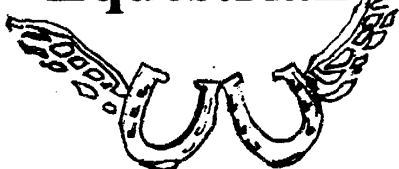
ability and punctuality that will benefit students for a lifetime. Since there is a direct correlation between high absenteeism and dropping out of school, our goal is to keep our young people in school and to communicate with parents before we lose them.

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 families for review. After families have read it, I'll be happy to answer any questions and concerns.

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

Manchester High School

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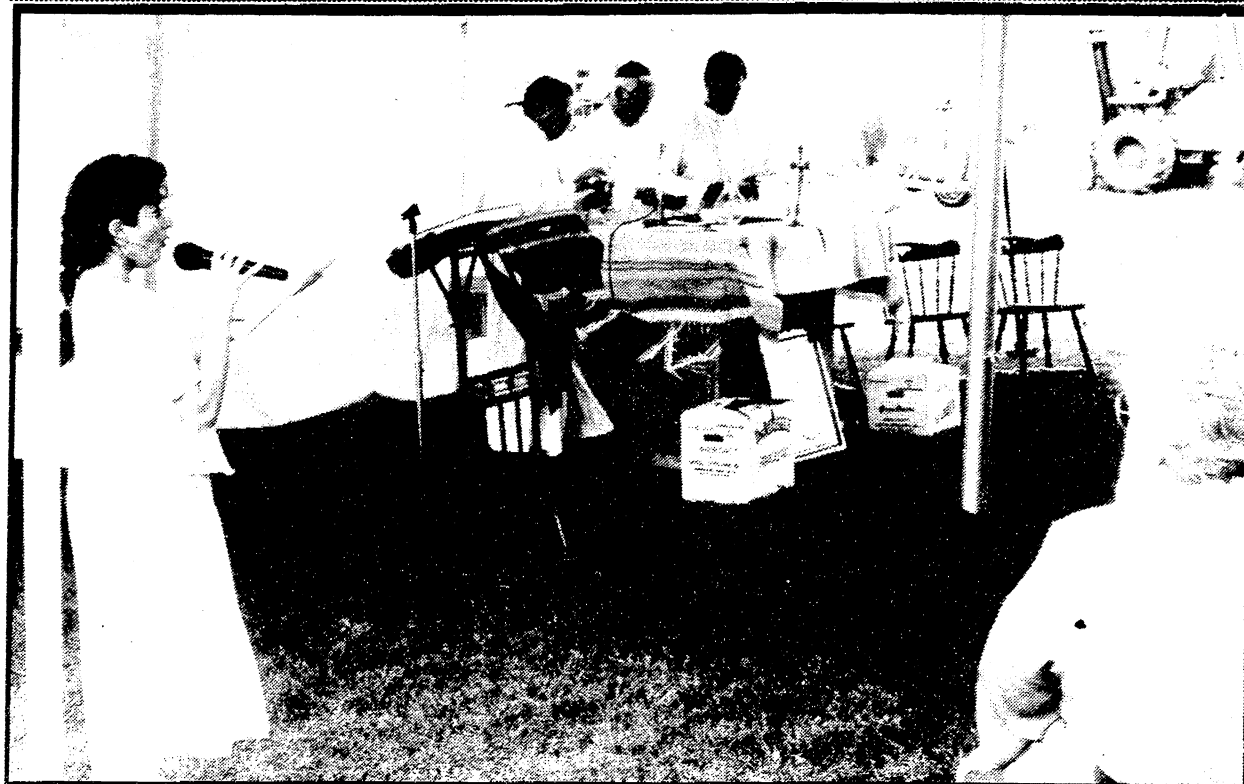
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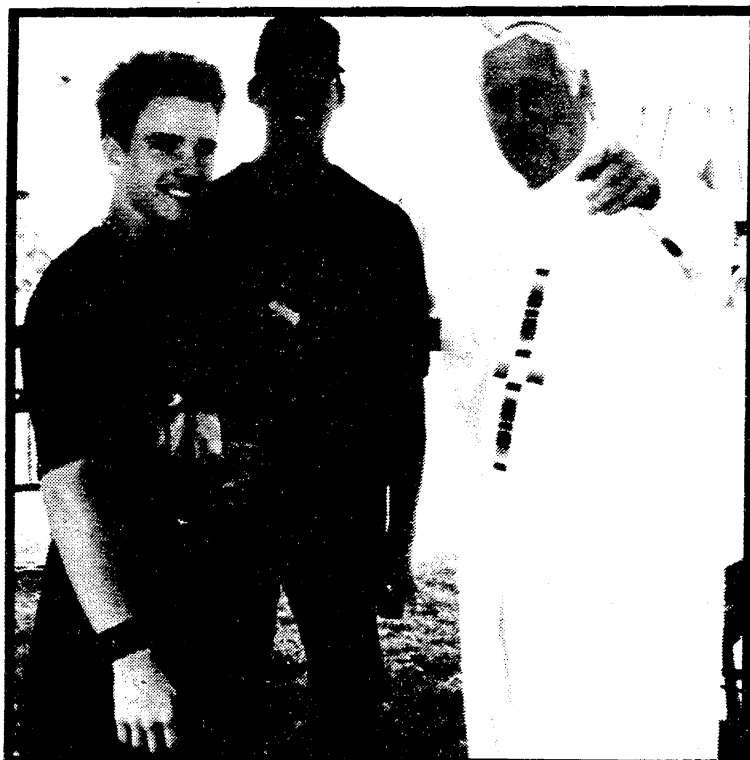
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Heart and Soul



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



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



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Rev. Richard Hardy
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Rev. Vincent Carroll
124 West Main Street, Village, 428-8359
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Worship: 10:30 a.m.;
Coffee and Fellowship: 11:30 a.m.

COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH
Pastor Jody Reithmiller
8400 Sharon Hollow Rd.,
Manchester Twp., 428-8709
Worship: 10:00 a.m.;
Sunday School: 11:30 a.m.;
Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer 7:30 p.m.

IRON CREEK COMMUNITY CHURCH
Tom Butterfield, Pastor
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Roads, Manchester Twp.
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Rev. Thom Davenport, Pastor
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Tim Butterfield, Associate Pastor
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Sharon Twp., 428-7222
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Church: 11:00 a.m.; Evening Church:
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5:00 p.m.; Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

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Worship 10:45 a.m.

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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 have met.

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.

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 again."

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 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 Chronicle.

At the meeting were: Gary Blades, Reno Feldkamp, Willard Blumenauer, Lorraine Dunney, 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.

News Briefs

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 Commission 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 urban sprawl, which is typical of America, let's look at 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 way of directing patterns-commercial, residential, industrial, not waiting until someone buys a piece of property 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."

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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 farm calls.

"I can probably locate him. I know who called him this morning. He's down by Bloomingdale," Joanie might say.

Once in a while, a disgruntled male voice would answer that he was calling Anne's Beauty Shop, not some doctor. Anne's still got a lot of calls after her number was assigned to me. It was always men. Maybe she cut men's hair by appointment, but there were several barbershops in town. Who can tell?

Nostalgically, I have chosen Number One-Two-Five, Please as a title or "masthead" for the stories that will appear for the next several issues of the Manchester Chronicle, or until people stop reading them, or until I run out of stories.

Fritz Ninke: a farmer with the long, half closed eyes of a dreamer. Always he is in a great deal of pain. Even with that he is able to do most of what he needs to do. For example, twice each day he milks eight cows. 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 the calf to drink from a pail, first with his finger beneath the surface for it to suck. Soon the calf will drink for the comfort of a full stomach.

The man's energy derives from the love of and proximity to his cattle.

Also, Fritz has two horses. They are the memory of the days before the accident, when he truly lived with the land. They are old now. For the first few years after Fritz learned to walk again, they continued to haul the 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 them, to comb and brush them, and to smell them. Even so, there is now no collar made that will fasten over their fat necks. Such waste is incongruous with Fritz's 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 telephone 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 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 nickering horses and so stop to feel the sleekness of them, the velvet of their muzzles with their stiff bristles.

Ten years ago a board had fallen from a beam above where it had lain for many years and startled the horses when Fritz was driving into the barn with a load of hay. They ran away through the far doors dragging Fritz until they came to the end of the lane where the gate was shut. There they waited for someone to come. Fritz lived, of course, but they said he'd never walk again on those legs, so much muscle was used up. But then, well, that's the miracle.

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

"Doctor," Fritz says, "this heifer I don't understand. She has no pain in her udder but in this quarter 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 feel. The time it would take to show you, you could be done and gone."

"That's all right, Mister Ninke, I have to do it anyway."

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 kicks me." Jakob pulls the pin that holds the bar in place. The cow carefully backs over the gutter, turns and stands at the end of the row nosing the silage cart. The doctor squats and feels the udder, trying the milk from each teat on his open hand. From the left rear he could feel the tiny grains in the milk as it hit his palm. "She still has infection. I think she was sucked by another calf when she was little. There is a lot of scar tissue from a long time ago."

"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 keep her. For some reason, she will give you almost as much milk from three as from four. Otherwise, you should let her go...." is Doctor Jacob's philosophical answer.



"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 at all?"

"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 pigs. None of it. It isn't worth the chance of getting 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, *tierarzt*, 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 Fritz refers to her as his darling girl."

At the time her first husband died, of smallpox, their son, Claus was only two years old. That was forty-four 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 romance and passion. But my love for Fritz is so much more. Such a gentle man he was, and still is; so good to Claus. And then we moved here from Iowa, he said 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 out for Fritz? He is fretting that it will freeze and break the apron when you start the power takeoff."

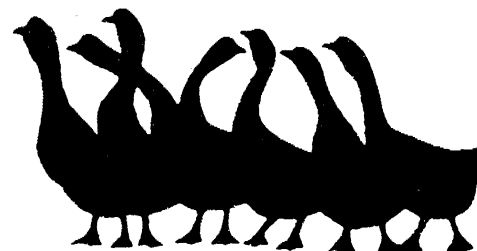
"Oh, ya! Sure I will. But it is the beaters that would break, as well as the apron. If it freezes, everything breaks, ya?"

"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

— M. S. CLINANSMITH

"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. Fast-talking 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 businessmen. 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 figure.

Has anyone ever finished three of her pancakes?

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 recently.

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 smile!"

Editor's note - Here's one of the jokes 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?

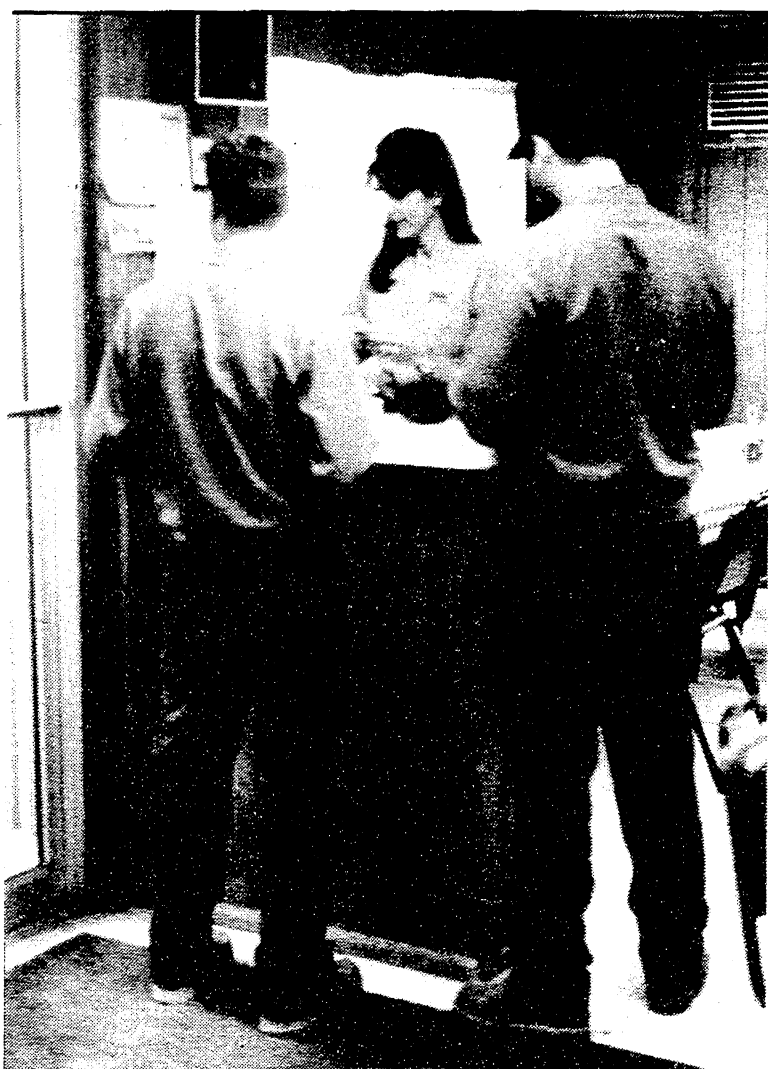
"No, I enjoy people too much," she says somewhat sheepishly.

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.

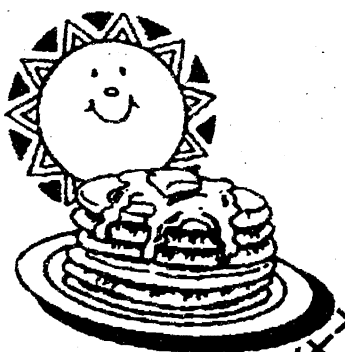


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Postcards from Iowa (continued)

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 than 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 van.

"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.



The 62nd Annual Saline Community Fair

Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds
Saline-Ann Arbor Rd., Saline

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-

1997 Saline Fair Program

MONDAY - EXHIBITS

Enter Block Building Exhibits..... Noon - 6:00 p.m.
USA Demolition Derby..... 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY - ENTRY DAY

All livestock entries on the grounds by 3 p.m.

Enter Block Building Exhibits..... 8:00 a.m. to noon
Rabbit Judging..... 9:00 a.m.
Poultry Judging..... 10:00 a.m.
Block Building Exhibits Judging..... 1:00 p.m.
Gates Open..... 5:00 p.m.
Horse Pulling at Horse Arena..... 5:00 p.m.
Local Talent Show - at Track..... 5:30 p.m.
Block Building Opens..... 6:00 p.m.
Rides Open..... 7:00 p.m.
Lamb Judging - Open Arena..... 7:00 p.m.
Open Sheep Judging (judging area to be announced)..... 6:00 p.m.
Swine Judging (Open Arena)..... 7:30 p.m.
Saline Twirlettes..... 7:30 p.m.
Miss Saline Pageant, Queen Contest at Track..... 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Gates Open..... Noon
Draft Horse/Halter Classes Judging..... 10:00 a.m.
Rides Open..... 3:00 p.m.
Draft Horse Hitching Classes..... 6:00 p.m.
Beef Cattle Judging - Open Arena..... 7:00 p.m.
Figure Eight Derby..... 7:30 p.m.
Steer Judging - Open Arena..... 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY - PRE-SCHOOL/CHILDREN'S DAY

Gates Open..... 10:00 a.m.
Rides Open..... 10:00 a.m.
Pre-School Special ***..... 10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Pony Show..... 1:00 p.m.
Dairy Judging and Livestock Judging - Open Arena..... 1:00 p.m.
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.
Farm Stock, Modified Four-Wheel Drive Pickup..... 7:00 p.m.
Semi Truck Pull..... approx. 9:00 p.m.

FRIDAY - OLD SETTLER'S DAY*

Gates Open..... Noon
Llama Show..... 9:00 a.m.
Antique Tractor Pull..... 10:00 a.m.
Ladies' Day/Recognition of Senior Citizens..... 1:00 p.m.
Haflinger Halter..... 3:00 p.m.
Rides Open..... 3:00 p.m.
Tractor Pull - Modified Super Stocks and Pro Stock..... 7:00 p.m.
Rumbling Thunder Cloggers..... 7:00 p.m.
Entertainment - Karaoke (under the Open Arena)..... 8:00 p.m.

SATURDAY - AMERICAN LEGION DAY

Gates Open..... Noon
Rides Open..... 1:00 p.m.
Children's Pet Float & Costume Show Judging - Union School Lawn..... 11:30 a.m.
Judging of Floats for Parade..... 12:00 noon
Parade (Downtown Saline)..... 1:00 p.m.
Pony Pulling (Michigan Championship Pull)..... 1:00 p.m.
Compact Tractor Pulling..... 1:00 p.m.
Fly Ball Dog Demonstration..... 5:00 & 6:00 p.m.
USA Demolition Derby State Championship..... 7:00 p.m.
Entertainment - Saline Fiddlers Philharmonic..... 7:00 - 9:30 p.m.
Saline Rotary Steer Drawing..... 9:30 p.m.
Merchant Drawing..... 9:30 p.m.

ADMISSION PRICE: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday - \$6.00 - 2 yrs. old & up
Friday & Saturday - \$7.00

(Price includes Free Carnival Rides)

Ages 2 and under must purchase ride pass to ride rides.
***Thursday only: Children 6 and under admitted for \$3.00 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; accompanying adults \$5.00

* Friday - Senior Citizens admitted free noon until 5:00 p.m.
Season Pass: \$15.00
Exhibition Pass: \$12.50
(Carnival rides an additional \$5.00 per day to all pass holders.)



Grandstand Attractions:

Monday..... \$6.00
Children 12 Years & Under..... \$3.00