

# THE MANCHESTER ENTERPRISE



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Second Section

Manchester, Michigan

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## The Nativity Comes To Life

She didn't start out to collect anything - but now Susan Ochs numbers her collection of Nativity Scenes in the hundreds. They range from thimble size nativity ornaments to hang on a tree or sit on a window ledge, to one large enough to fill her fireplace cove.

They come from all over the world - from China, from Africa, from South America, and from Israel. There are some which are obviously treasures while some are made out of plastic and glitter. They are made from wood, straw, corn husks, metal, stone, and even banana peels.

Susan's most treasured Nativity scenes are her family's own creche from her childhood, and a very small plastic one which she kept in her bedroom with a little Christmas tree. She explains that as she entered the years where homework occupied her afternoon and evening hours, her parents allowed her to have these two items in her own room. Both of these nativities are very special to her, and have an honored spot in her cabinet filled with Nativity scenes during this season.

It seems once you step into Susan's home there are creche scenes everywhere. Yet what is displayed this season is only a fraction of her collection. It is time consuming to get them out of their storage places, and put them out for display. But she has also learned this year, how time consuming it is to decide which ones *do* get put out, when she's being selective!

Many of her nativities have a lot of sentiment at-



*Susan Ochs shared some of her nativity scenes at the Emanuel Church Women's Fellowship meeting in December, along with some of the special memories attached to her collection*

tached to them as reminders of a specific trip or time in her life. She adds at least one Nativity scene a year to her collection. One which especially touches her, she purchased at an estate auction from an older couple. "They obviously had no one to pass it on to," she says. She firmly feels that these creches should be cherished, and she does.

When she was married, Susan began accumulating what would eventually become her collection, although she emphasizes, "I really didn't wake up one day and decide to start a 'collection'; I was just intrigued as I saw the variety of Nativities that were available." As she and her husband John traveled over the years, and in the course of their many moves, she began looking for unique and unusual scenes as her collection grew.

She didn't have to

travel far to find some of her most exotic nativities, however. During the time they lived in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, she found several beautiful sets from third world locations, in shops close to her home. Some of these shops served as an outlet for the people of poverty stricken countries to sell goods to people in the United States.

As she begins describing some of them, there is a story behind each one. A mother-of-pearl jewelry box with a Nativity scene on the lid, came from Israel and holds some special memories of the trip she took there last February. "I got the idea to hold some treasures in this box from a television show, which often airs at this time of year, about a 'Christmas box'," she explains. "This is my 'Israel box'."

On trips to Africa, John and Susan accumulated a few more unusual nativity

scenes. "I always enjoy looking at the faces," she comments. "They are so unique to the country from which they came." She adds that her piano students will frequently point out that the people in these scenes "don't look like us." Susan believes that is part of their charm. To her, they symbolize not only the individuality of the people and cultures around the world, but the universality of the message the nativity scenes represent.

A beautiful hand-carved ebony set, also from Africa, is another reminder of the diverse cultures who make up the world. "These guys are sort of spooky, though," she says. "I think they move themselves around in here." The slightly rounded bottoms of these hand made figures probably do wiggle across the glass shelf of her cabinet, as people walk across the floor.

A Nativity which comes from Bahrain includes women as shepherds, and different animals which are native to that country. Water buffalo, pigs, and other animals are not unusual to these Nativity scenes. And the care which has gone into the expressions on the faces of the figures, is something Susan watches for as she decides on a specific creche.

A Chinese nativity scene is carved from wood and is particularly extraordinary because so few Chinese are Christians. Susan explains that quite often, the people in third-world countries are encouraged to make items which will sell in the United States. The non-traditional look of the figures, who all have Asian faces, not to mention the trees which are uniquely Chinese, adds to the distinction of this particular creche.

## Scheduled Meetings

**Bridgewater Township**  
Carol Peacock, Supervisor  
517/456-7303  
Karen Weidmayer, Clerk  
13360 E. Austin  
428-8641  
Planning Commission  
2d Monday 7:30  
Township Board Meeting  
3d Wednesday, 7:30

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

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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Monday

1st Monday Manchester Township Library Board meets 7:30 PM  
1st Monday: Manchester Masonic Lodge, business meeting 7:30 PM  
1st & 3d Monday: Manchester Village Council, 7:00  
2d Monday: Bridgewater Township Planning Commission meets 7:30  
2d Monday: Manchester Knights of Columbus meets 8:00 PM. Grand Knight Ed Barnard  
2d Monday: Manchester Township Board meets 8:00  
2d & 4th Mondays: Manchester Optimist Club  
3d Monday: School Board meets MHS Media Center 7:30  
3d Monday: United Way Board meetings, 7:30 at First of America Bank  
**Every Monday: Overeaters Anonymous 7:30 - 8:30 PM At Chelsea United Methodist Church, Contact 475-4264**

### Tuesday

2d Tuesday: Freedom Township Board 8:00  
2nd Tuesday: Manchester Computer Club, 7 PM at Chap-

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

### Wednesday

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

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

### Thursday

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

### Friday

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

### Notices

1st & 3rd Saturday: Manchester Kiwanis meets. Call 428-7722 for information on meeting place and time  
1st Sunday of each month: Breakfast at the American Legion, 8 AM til noon, \$4.00 per person

### Coming Events

*Merry Christmas!*

**American Legion Dances-**  
Winter Dance 1-17-98,  
Valentine's Day Dance  
2-14-98 8 pm-12 pm

The Community Calendar is a regular feature of the Enterprise. If your meetings or special events should be listed here, please call us at 428-8173

## Announcing a change in our Hours as of February 1<sup>st</sup>

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### November-December 97

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## The Second Front Page

# The Meaning of Christmas

## "AND THE WORD BECAME FLESH"

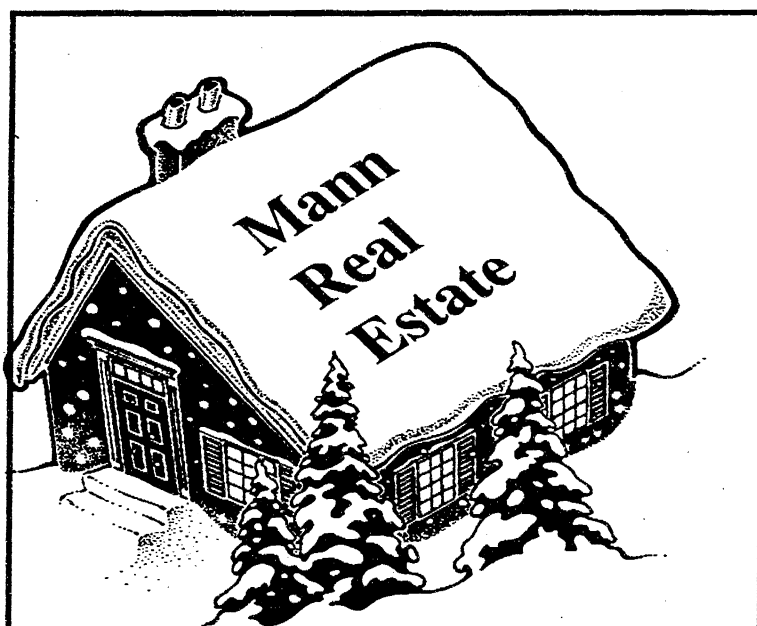
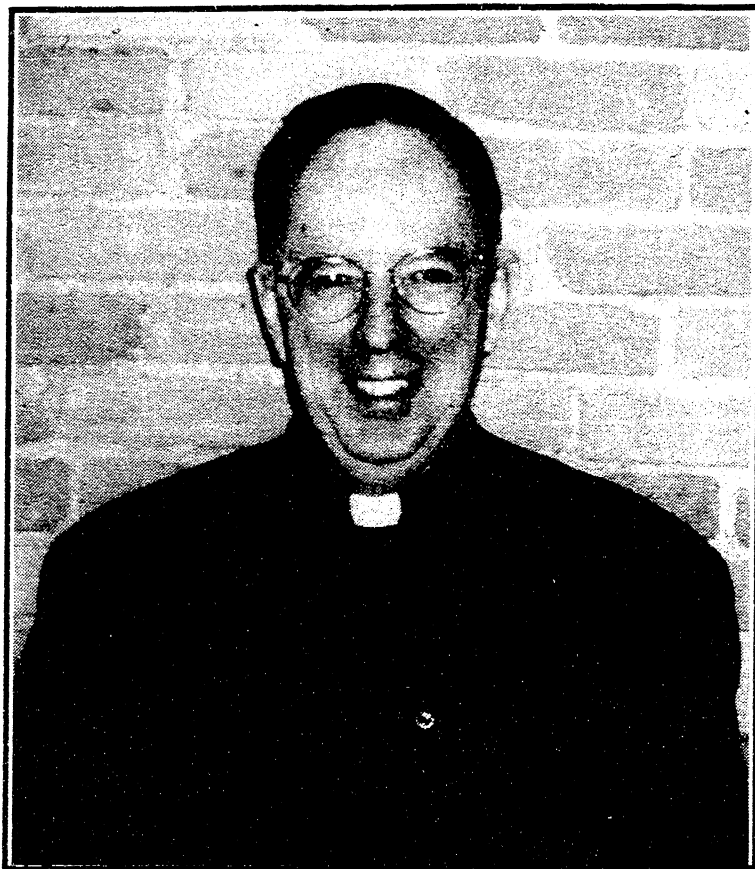
- Fr. Charlie Irvin, St. Mary's Catholic Church

In taking on human flesh. God's Word, God the Son, did not become a philosophy, a theory, or a concept to be discussed, debated or pondered. The Word came among us as Person, One to be followed, to be found and to be loved. Note the direction of the movement: it is God who comes to us, seeking us. Religion is not a human construction, as the Tower of Babel story suggests. Religion is seeing and participating in what God is doing. There is no more profound a truth influencing the world of religion than that one. The central statement of the Christian creed is: "And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us."

Did you ever think of God as wanting to be loved? Spend a moment or two considering that idea God, the All Powerful One, "needed" to be loved, wanted to be loved, became one of us in order to be loved by us. His expression of Himself became the projection of Himself: He took on humanity that we might love each other in His loving us, and in our loving Him.

Many folks think of Jesus Christ as some sort of interesting historical character, another "Good Guy" in a list of good guys such as Moses, Buddha, Mohammed, or Abraham Lincoln. But for the Christian such thinking sells God short. It averages down Jesus, making Him into just another nice and perhaps interesting person. That's the way many treat Religion — it's simply something that's "nice" — in order to make people "nice." That's all that religion's about isn't it? Teaching us to follow the rules, be nice to others, and to make us, and others with us, feel good. So, the thinking, goes, if that's what religion is all about, that's what Jesus Christ is all about.

For the Christian, however, there is something infinitely more profound happening in Christ . . . something that has consequences



May you enjoy all the best of the season, with those near and dear to you. It was our great pleasure helping you find your way home!



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for us in resurrected life after death. It is found, we believe, in God's Presence among us in His Word made flesh. God made us, we believe, to love Him face to face. And for that to happen, He has taken on a very flesh and blood human face.

Christians see in the Christmas story the account of Almighty God emptying Himself of all His prerogatives, power and privilege and coming to us in powerlessness, vulnerability, and need. He lies among us immobilized and utterly dependent, wrapped in swaddling clothes and sleeping as a baby in a wooden manger. And He, like we, has a mother, a beautiful human mother. All of humanity springs from a mother — and so, for us, does He.

He dies of love for us in the same condition, nailed to a wooden cross, immobilized and utterly powerless, naked and exposed. Thus He passes out of our human condition in the same status in which He entered it — powerless, naked, vulnerable and exposed. The story that began with swaddling clothes ends with nails. The story, however,

doesn't end there. The story ends with His stupendous resurrection, a story that, for the Christian, is to be continued. Christmas happened so that Easter might occur.

WHY? Why did Almighty God take on our human nature and become one of us? Because the All Powerful One, the Infinite and Everlasting One, simply wants to be loved, loved by the likes of you, loved by the likes of me. He offers . . . then He waits for our very human response. Which is why He doesn't program our responses? He wants to be freely chosen. Anything less would empty out the words: "I love you and I believe in you."

Love's insistent call shines in the dark midnight sky, calling us to journey with all of earth's wise men to respond. Love's insistent call tugs at our hearts urging us to find God's gift of Love, and to find it in the lap of a gentle and holy mother, in order that we experience what it means to be home, at home with each other, and at home with God.

Which is why He made us in the first place.

### MANCHESTER

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## Editorial/Opinion Page

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to last weeks letter to the editor from a concerned parent on the position being held by the former mechanic. May I thank him/her for having the courage to write a letter that will in no doubt, make a lot of parents sit up and take notice. It gave me the slap I needed to sit and write you this letter.

I, too, am a very concerned parent over the situation. I cannot understand why the school system decided to put a man with a record (whether proven yet or not) next to a bunch of young ladies. I agree that the safety of our children should always come first no matter what the situation is.

How can we protect our children when the school system we entrust our children with is putting them in a unsafe, uncomfortable environment. Would the superintendent put his little girl in cheerleading, basketball or other after-school sports with this man around. NO, I DON'T THINK SO!!!!

But being a parent of a cheerleader, I have been put into that situation, because of a choice that the superintendent made for my daughter, but would not make for his own. If he even has any.

Reading this last weeks letter I felt obligated to the community to let them be aware that I am aware through the talk of the cheerleaders and one cheerleader parent, that this man does make the girls feel uncomfortable because he has been seen staring at them already. The superintendent HAS BEEN NOTIFIED of this man's actions and nothing still has been done. Yes, there is a legal case going on, but does that mean our children have to be subject to this kind of behavior until something is settled legally? I say NO!!!

It is this parents opinion that we need a new superintendent that is not afraid of doing the job he was hired to do. I would like to know his qualifications that he had to meet to gain employment with the school system. Far as I am concerned, Our track record for hiring certain individuals for this position has been unacceptable and needs to be re-

examined. If we are lucky enough to receive a new superintendent he should be worthy of the \$100,000 (including benefits) that the superintendent is already enjoying for a job NOT well done.

This is a nice small town to bring up children in, and I do believe a lot of pride should be taken in it. But if we sit back and do nothing and a child is hurt, who is to be held responsible for the action. Yes, the superintendent and yes to the perpetrator, BUT IS NOT THE COMMUNITY AND EVERYONE IN IT JUST AS RESPONSIBLE IF WE CHOOSE TO DO NOTHING??

Are we a community that will sit back and hope the problem will go away, or are we one that will stand up and protect our rights and our children's rights. And our children have a right to have after-school activities with no fear of possible endangerment.

I know the mechanic has not been found guilty by the judicial system but if the school has found him guilty of inappropriate behavior" then WHY??? is he near the girls. If they needed him so badly to clean the middle school, WHY not put him on a 3rd shift, so he's away from them???. I don't even have half the degree's the superintendent must have and I figured that little solution out. But did I get a 6 figure salary??? \$N00,000!!!!!!

But let's hit a few question to end this letter.

1. What kind of UNION does the school have that protects a person to this degree? I bet if your late more than 3 times your history.

2. If the mechanic is found guilty through the courts will he pay the taxpayers back for the money he lived on during his paid suspension? I would like mine back!!!

3. If this problem was public before the superintendents contract review back in March or April why was he kept?

Have you ever heard the old saying, "If it's not broke don't fix it"? Well, sorry, people it's broken.

Name withheld upon request

To The Editor:

On Friday, December 19, on my last day before retirement, I was overwhelmed with a surprise party on my behalf at Klager School.

I had already had a retirement party at our Christmas party, so I was not expecting another one. All day long the children and their teachers came to the Media Center with songs they sang and papers in a book form that they had written about my retirement, also pictures they had drawn. (Many good ideas!)

The letters are something that I will be able to keep and look at often. I love these children, when they come to the library once a week. I also enjoyed the look on their faces when new books were put on the shelves or getting interested in a different author who was introduced to them.

I'm very proud of our new Media Center and was happy to have had a part in getting it ready for the children to use. They love all the room they now have.

I want to say what an honor it was to be given a plaque that said they were naming the new Media Center the Elizabeth Beuerle Media Center.

In all my years I never expected anything like this. I was honored to have been at Klager.

Mr. Klager did so much for the children and community that it's overwhelming to have this honor bestowed upon me in the same school bearing his name.

In my 20 some years, I have had some good times and some sad times too. I really loved the library and hoped some day the children would have a beautiful place to come. Thanks, everyone, for a dream come true.

Elizabeth Beuerle

### Bright Wishes At Christmas



Here's wishing you and yours a warm and glowing holiday season.

Thanks so much for brightening our year with your friendship.

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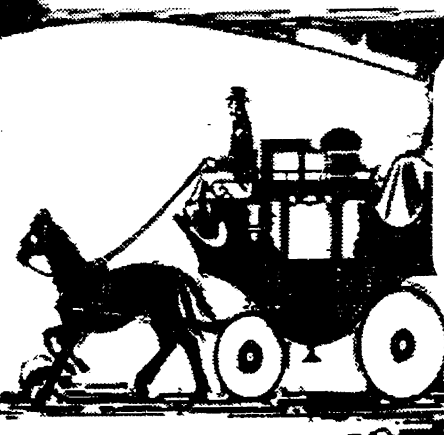
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### Here Comes Christmas



**Manchester  
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and  
Towing**

Dear Ms. Benedict:

Our Savior Lutheran Church, as well as the family of Megan Krull, would like to thank the *Manchester Enterprise* for advertising the benevolent that was held on December 6 in the papers. As you may remember, Megan was diagnosed with Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia in August.

We raised over \$9,000 at the benevolent, and this amount will be matched dollar-for-dollar by Aid Association for Lutherans.

Your contribution to the benevolent was greatly appreciated!

Sincerely  
Rev. Dale Grimm  
Pastor

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## Fire Destroys New Home



A Saturday morning blaze destroyed a home under construction on Sunset Drive in the new development underway by Jay Davis and Davis Excavating. Manchester Township Fire Department investigators indicate the cause of the fire was "spontaneous combustion" of a pail of rags which were being used while staining the interior.

Builder Grant Harvey termed the construction a total loss, noting that probably the only thing salvageable would be the footings for the garage, which was left barely standing.

Even the poured concrete foundation of the house was destroyed by the heat of the fire; the steel supporting I-beam was twisted "like spaghetti." The fire was not reported until nearly 6:00 AM, but according to Fire Department officials, it had probably been smoldering for several hours.

-MJC

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## Christmas Decoration Winners Named

The Manchester Beautification Committee announced the winners of the Christmas Decoration "Choice Awards" this past weekend.

The homes of Bob and Sandy Mottice at 20830 East Pleasant Lake Road, Judi Wahl at 227 Ann Arbor Hill, and Bill and Darlene Alber at 803 E. Main Street, are the recipients of the "Choice Awards" plaques for this year. These homes were nominated by friends, neighbors and those who passed by admiring the decorations.

As you are out driving of an evening, whether to enjoy the luminaria or just on an errand around and outside of town, be sure to put these addresses on your route to remind you of the "spirit of Christmas" in our community.

**Shop  
Locally  
It will  
SAVE  
You \$\$\$**

## Klager's New Media Center Named for "Mrs. Beuerle"



Mrs. Liz Beuerle is congratulated by several Klager Kids, including her own grandchildren, upon her retirement.

Liz Beuerle, the beloved librarian at Klager school for an entire generation of Klager Kids, retired on Friday, December 19, from her position as paraprofessional. In her honor, the staff and administration presented her with the recognition of the new Media Center being named the "Elizabeth Beuerle Media Center."

"I have enjoyed the many years that I have been at Klager working with many different principals," she said in her letter of resignation dated November 13, 1997. "I have enjoyed being able to help make the library what it is

today. I was very pleased to help in the planning of the library and it makes me very proud of it."

At a surprise reception on Friday afternoon, Mrs. Beuerle said, "It's always been my dream that the Klager Kids could have a wonderful library to go to. Now this dream has been realized, I can retire."

Everyone, and especially all the Kids, wish you the very best in your retirement years, Mrs. Beuerle. Thank you for all you have done over the past 20+ years, to help the Klager Kids develop a love for reading.

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Baptist Churches

**NORTH SHARON BAPTIST CHURCH** - Bobby D. Toler, Pastor; Tim Butterfield & Robert Burton, Assistant Pastors, Sylvan & Washburn Rds - 428-7222; SS 10 AM; Morning Church 11 AM; Eve Church 7 PM; Weds Bible Study & Youth Mtg 7:30 PM

**VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH (GARBC)** - Rev. Jon King, Pastor; 419 S. Macomb, 428-7506, Sunday School 9:45 AM; Morning Worship 11 AM; Evening Worship 6 PM; Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer 7 PM

Catholic Church

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

Episcopal Church

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

Lutheran Churches

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

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

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

**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH** - Pastor David Hendricks; 3050 S Fletcher Rd., Chelsea; 475-8064; Summer Worship 9:30 AM

United Methodist Churches

**MANCHESTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** - Rev. Thom Davenport, Pastor; 501 Ann Arbor St. Parsonage 428-8013; church 428-8495. Sunday School, 9 AM, Worship 10:30 AM

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

Mormon Church

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

Non Denominational Churches

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

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

**CLINTON ASSEMBLY OF GOD** - Rev. Richard Coury; 18300 Clinton Manchester Rd; 517-456-7510; Sunday School 9:30 AM; Worship 10:45; Sunday Eve 6:30; Weds Prayer, Bible Study, Youth 7 PM

United Church of Christ

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

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

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

Unity Church

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

MANCHESTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Wednesday, December 24:** 7:30 PM FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP; 11:00 PM TRADITIONAL CANDLE LIGHT WORSHIP

*Merry Christmas from Manchester United Methodist Church*

EMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Wednesday, December 24:** 5 PM and 11 PM Candlelight Worship Services with Holy Communion

**Thursday, December 25:** 10:30 AM Christmas Eucharist Worship Service

**Friday, December 26:** 7:00 PM AA

**Sunday, December 28:** No Sunday School; 10:30 AM Worship Service; 11:30 PM Fellowship Time

BETHEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Wednesday, December 24:** 5:30 PM Christmas Eve Family Service; 7:30 PM Christmas Eve Carol/Candlelight service

**Sunday, December 28:** No Sunday School; 9:30 AM Worship Service

ST. JOHN'S UCC, ROGERS CORNERS

**Wednesday, December 24:** Christmas Eve Service, 7:30 PM

**Sunday, December 28:** 9:30 AM Worship Service & Sunday School

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN, BRIDGEWATER

**Wednesday, December 24:** Sunday School Program, 7:30 PM; Candlelight Service with Holy Communion, 11:30 PM

**Sunday, December 28:** Sunday School, 9:15 AM; Worship, 10:30 AM

**Tuesday, December 30:** Mary Martha Circle BINGO at Saline Home, 1:30 PM

ST. THOMAS LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Wednesday, December 24:** 7:30 PM Sunday School Christmas Program

**Thursday, December 25:** 10:00 PM Christmas Worship Service

**Sunday, December 28:** 10:45 AM Worship Service

**Wednesday, December 31:** 7:30 PM New Year's Eve Service

COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH

**Thursday, December 25:** No Awana Clubs for children

**Sunday, December 28:** 10:00 AM Worship; 11:30 AM Sunday School

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Wednesday, December 24:** 4:30 PM Children's Choir Program; 5:00 PM Mass; 11:30 PM Adult Choir Program with Midnight Mass at Midnight

**Thursday, December 25:** 10:00 AM Mass

**December 25 & 26:** Church office closed

**Sunday, December 28:** 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM Masses only.

**Wednesday, December 31:** 5:00 PM Mass

SHARON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Wednesday, December 24:** 8:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Wednesday, December 24:** 1:30 PM Special Communion; 7:30 PM Worship with Holy Communion; 11:00 PM Worship with Holy Communion

**Saturday, December 27-Tuesday, December 30:** Youth at The Gathering in Lansing

**Sunday, December 28:** 9 AM Sunday School; 10:15 AM Worship with coffee hour following

**Monday, December 29:** 7:30 PM Pastoral Care



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- from Bethel Church December newsletter

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## More pickup truck drivers buckling up TED NUGENT MESSAGE STRIKES A CHORD

It seems Ted Nugent may have hit the mark again, this time in a first-ever campaign encouraging male pickup truck drivers to buckle up. According to a recent survey by the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute (UMTRI), safety belt use among pickup truck drivers in Michigan shot up almost 10 percentage points from 1996.

While overall belt use dropped in Michigan from 70.8 percent in 1996 to 70.1 percent in 1997, belt use jumped to 56.6 percent for pickup truck drivers, up from 47.7 percent last year in the category targeted by the August Campaign.

"It seems Ted Nugent's message was received positively by this group," said Betty J. Mercer, division director of the Office of Highway Safety Planning. "We know this is a unique segment of the population. But certainly, Ted Nugent has met the challenge."

The campaign, "Don't be road kill: buckle up and live," was launched in the fall of 1996 featuring billboards, posters, bumper stickers and public service announcements.

The UMTRI survey said: "While efforts to increase belt use of pickup truck occupants should continue, the results suggest that the programs for increasing pickup truck occupant belt use implemented over the last year have been highly successful."

"We will be asking Ted Nugent to continue promoting this campaign and its message," Mercer said. He has been so successful in helping save lives in our state.

"No one connects with these guys better than Ted Nugent," states Colonel Michael D. Robinson, director of the Michigan State Police. "A lot of my friends drive pickups and I'm glad to see they're buckled up."

Safety belts significantly reduce the risk of death and injury, especially for light truck occupants. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, safety belts reduce the risk of fatal injury to front-seat passenger car occupants by 45 percent. For light truck occupants, safety belts reduce the risk of fatal injury by 60 percent.

In Michigan, safety belt use for passenger cars stands at 70.1 percent; for sport/utility vehicles at 69.5 percent; for vans/mini vans at 68.7 percent; and for pickup trucks 56.6 percent.

Other survey findings show that 75 percent of women buckle up compared to 64.1 percent of men.

## Honey Creek School Announces Enrollment Meetings

Honey Creek Community School's annual enrollment meetings have now been scheduled and we would like to invite you to join us. This is a mandatory step in the enrollment process.

The dates to choose from are January 20, 1998 5:00-7:00 PM or January 29, 1998 6:00-8:00 PM. Please call 994-2836 and let us know when you will be visiting with us. THIS IS AN ADULT ONLY TOUR.

**Mission and Purpose of our Charter School:** Honey Creek Community School is a public educational institution for children from 5 years old to 10 years old. The goals of Honey Creek Community School are to nurture the child's positive self-image, to foster a keen enthusiasm for learning through meaningful community and experience-based projects, and to develop a genuine appreciation and respect for the diversity in others and all life.

Honey Creek Community School's mission is to provide an education of the whole child, to integrate the different aspects of children's learning and lives so as to make them fuller and more meaningful. Honey Creek Community School offers an integrated, theme and project-based curriculum which draws on experiences at home, in the school, and in the larger community, and which encourages parents and other community members to participate in the school and share their expertise.

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## Police Beat - WCSD Station 4, Village of Manchester Week of December 15-21

**Monday, December 15:** 5:04 PM Traffic Crash, N. Washington Street

**Tuesday, December 16:** 3:40 PM Traffic Crash, E. Duncan; 4:14 PM Larceny, E. Main St.; 8:19 PM Juvenile Trouble, N. Clinton St.

**Wednesday, December 17:** 2:37 PM Private Crash, Macomb St.; 5:47 PM Medical, N. Washington; 11:50 PM 911 Hang-up; Macomb St

**Thursday, December 18:** 10:44 AM Fraud; 10:22 PM Suspicious incident, Parr Rd.

**Friday, December 19:** 2:01 PM Traffic Crash, E. Main; 9:33 PM Drive off, E. Main

**Saturday, December 19:** 9:44 PM Traffic Crash, E. Main

**Sunday, December 20:** 5:03 PM Burglary, W. Main; 5:34 PM Conservation, Clinton St.

**FOUND and turned into Manchester Station 4:** A wrapped Christmas gift. "To Dad from Angela." found on Main Street December 21. Identify at Village office.

## STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF WASHTENAW CLAIMS NOTICE - IN-DEPENDENT PROBATE

File No. 97-111-583-IE. Estate of Norman F. Kaiser, Deceased 362-09-9385. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Your interest in the estate may be barred or affected by the following: The decedent, whose last known address was 12700 Jaycox Rd., Stockbridge, MI 49285 died January 17, 1997. An instrument dated December 19, 1996 has been admitted as the will of the deceased.

Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the independent personal representative, ARLENE KOKER AND RONALD KAISER, 6036 San Luray Drive, Gregory, MI 48137 and 13000 Topith Road, Grass Lake, MI 49240, or to both the independent personal representative and the Washtenaw County Probate Court, PO Box 8645 Ann Arbor, Michigan, 48107, within four months of the date of publication of this notice. Notice is further given that the estate will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

KEUSCH & FLINTOFT, P.C., attorneys for the Personal Representative.

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# If You were Mrs. Claus or an Elf, what would you feed

*We asked the Team II Room (Mrs. Miller & Mrs. Henry's third & fourth graders) to tell us what they would feed Santa to prepare him for his big journey. Their answers are typed in unedited.*

I would feed Santa Christmas cookies, fudge, donuts, pizza, cocoa, and banana split, so you will not get hungry. But if you crash, you will not get anything when you leave.

Thank you, Santa  
Mathew Fusilier.

Hi my name is Fudge Bar. I line up at the North Pole. Santa, I hope you like uoey goey hot fudge sundass and hot apple citer to go. When you come back, Santa, I will give you hot cocoa and christmas cookies and Surge.

I hope you have good journey Santa. Oh Santa when is it payday? I hope you have a good christmas Santa.

Zachary Benedict

Hi I am an Elf and I am making you a lots of food for you berfor your journey on Dec. 25. Santa I would give

you Ice cream and a pice of pie with cherry on top and whip cread. A very delicious banana split, and a paphatanda cake with donuts. Christmas cookies with surge with turdey and pizza and fru bran with it and K.F.C. Santa my name is Hannah and I hope you have a fun journey.

Hannah Gregerson

I'd like to make this for Santa. Tasty Chrsitmas Turkey, creative cake, perfect pizza, good donuts, Fancy Fudge, Triple good cocoa, and brownies. Then I'd buy him a cold Pepsi, some KFC, and some cookies. Anter that I'd give him a mountain of hot fuge (he'd have to eat the rest when he gets back). I'd give him some chicken nuggets and and cupcakes. Then I'd give him ice-cream. I hope Santa has a nice Christmas.

Brian DeConinck

I woud make Santa a bowl of holiday stew and a yummy cookie. I made by myself. a cup cocoa. and a big hershey kiss. If I were Santa I would

eat a turkey, a lote of cookies, ice cream, cake, cooten candy, nachoes, eggs, stuffing, sated, corn, gunger bread, crackers, pizza, cake, and tost and marshmello cookies supreme, and a kiss with a cherry on top.

Love

Rachel Tucker

Dear Santa,

I'm one of your newest elfs. My name is Fantastic Fred. I'm the elf that helps you get ready for your big night, Christmas. I recommend that you have a proper meal so can be even more energetic.

You should have some fudge brownies that are very, very good. They have a crisp outside and a gooey inside. Yummy! Also, they have 2 pounds of chocolate-in each!

Another food you should have is some pizza. Especially pepperoni pizza because the pepperoni gets hot and spicy. It'll keep you warm and it's good. Write me back if you want these foods in your sleigh.

Your elf,

Fantastic Fred

By Kyle Neal

If you where Santa's-elf what would you feed santa on the night before his big journey. Well here's some ideas. Very hot cocoa, refreshing pap hat, perfect KFC, pepsi, surge, yummy turkey, brownies, huge donuts, cake ,subway

I hope you like it.

A.J. Tallman

I would feed him cookies, mild, coffee, doughnuts, egg-nog, pizza, pepsi, hot-cocoa, turkey ice cream, M&M's, candy (eat) and thats it.

with love,

Elves(Jared Meeks)

If I were Santa's helper I would feed him cookes, sandwiches, cake, pizza chicken and turkey. Because if I didnt Santa wouldn't be fat enough and then he wouldn't eat all the cookies and milk. And the re-indeer wouldn't know it was him.

Josh Ritter

Dear Santa,

I would give you KFC, cake, christmas turkey, spaghetti, hot fudge sundaes, M &

Ms, christmas cookies, pepsi, donuts, pizza, milk oatmeal, cocoa, pop hat, banana split and a delicious pies. I hope you like my list. I hope you like the christmas cookies. I like them alot. O' I forgot I would also, give you, a moun-tain of fudge.

Your friend,

Daniel Lobbestael

I would give him a yummy in your tummy pop. A two liter of surge a bag of KFC chicken. a cup of milk.

Ben Ganger

Dear Santa,

I am your newest elf in the workshop, and I would like to give you some food and drinks for your trip around the world.

Here I'll give Santa some hot fudge sundae. Of course- the hot fudge is going to be- and of course the ice cream is cold.

How about I give him some macaroni with lot of cheese and noodles. The cheese will be really goey and the noodles will be yummy.

Well- since I said I would



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## Santa Claus on the night before his big journey?

give Santa some drinks, then I will give him some hot chocolate. I will add lots of powder chocolate and then it will be good!

Well gotta go. I hope Santa likes his food and drinks.

Bye-Bye

Kaitlin Spensley

Hi, I am Mrs. Claus Santa Claus Would you like hot cocoa or KFC or cake? Here is your menu

Dinner- prok, kfc, pizza, spaghetti, christmas turkey, steak, pasta, ham sandwich, oatmeal, hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken nugits, cron cob. Drinks-grape juice, pepsi, coffee, cocoa, milk, pophat, surge, mountain dew, chocolate milke, juice, sudiy, egg nog, water, sprite, fruit punch. Desert- banana split, ice cream, cake, MiM's fuge Brunnes, Reeses peanut butter cups, christmas donuts, fudge sundae, cookies, pie.

Melissa Blades

I wouldn't let Santa go until he'll taste my snikers. And my pumpkin cake. Not even un-

til you taste my dounuts, cookies, milk. You should taste my KFC.

Thank you  
Joey Spurr

Dear Santa

If I give you cookies and milk would you come to my house first for Christmas

Alex Kastanis

I would give santa, a can of Surge! And a Reeses peanut butter cup. A can of Pepsi. And a cup of hot chocolate. A pop hot, and a cup of 7 up. A pizza, KFC.

by Steven Mulcare

Dear Santa here is menue. Circle what you what.

Dinner- herman sandwich, oatmeal, KFC, spaghetti, pazzi, christmas turkey, steak, pasta, soup, hamburgers, hot dogs, subway, chicken nuggets, lobster, crab, pork, corn. Drinks- Pepsi, coffee, cocoa, milk, pop hat, Surge, Mountain Dew, Chocolate milk, Juice, Sunny D, egg nog, water, lemonadd, sprite, fruit punch, pineapple juice. Dessort- fuge brownie,

reeses cup, cookies, donuts, cake, hot fuge sundae, banana split, ice cream, pie, pubbing, cheese cake, blue berries, rassbarries.

Love Mrs Clause  
Aimee Werner

I would give him a Some. KFC chicken, sub, ice cream, pop, hot cocoa, pizza, coffee, M&M's, donuts, turkey, milk, and thats it.

From: Justin Frey

hi Santa I'am your cook today your specle four dinner are kfc chicken and yummy ribs and for drinks hot cocoa and milk. Deserts are ice cream and pie to.

Your helper  
Mr. Joe  
Jonathan Braun

If I was Santa's Helper I would give santa a bucket of K.F.C. chicken for dinner. For desert he would have a Hot Fudge Sundae.

Then we will go out and sled. When he got back in, I would make a cup of Hot Cocoa, Then I would give him a

fudge brownie. Oh, and Santa Try not to break the scail.

Levi Clark

Menu for Santa

Drinks-pop hat, surge, pepsi, coffee cocoa. Things to eat- pizza KFC, turkey, soup. Side orders- donuts. Desertes-sundaes, reeses, M&M, cookies, ice cream.

Love

Kyle Gagneau

I would give him a piece of pizza with a sprite on a plate I will give him an awesome yummy cookie that said his name on it the elves would give him a cup of hot cocoa if he got a little cold. And Santa's neighbors would give him some K.F.C. from there store. He said it smelled very good. And I would give him a pop hat. for his cocoa and his milk and some canned soup.

Donald Ervin

HI Santa I'm you cook. What do you want? I want turkey dinner, pizza, kfc, Mc Donalds, wendy's, meal with corn. do you want dessert

Fudge Brownies, Banana Split, Ice cream, cookies and cream snake Christmas cooky donuts, drink Ice cold milk, pop, coffeey, cocoa, water, juice.

By Mackenzie  
Kennedy

Hi, my name is Ed the Elf and I'm going to cook you a huge hot fudge sundae. It'll have a cherry and extra whipped cream. The fudge will be very gooey.

I will also make you some Surge. It'll have more caffeine than regular Surge. The Surge is to keep you up all night!

By Sam Billetdeaux

I would give Him a cup of cocoa or coffee, whatever he would prefer for the 1st course I would give him KFC chicken with a GIGA PET. Then I would give Him Pepsi and pizza with extra melted cheese. Next for the 2 course I would give him some creamy Reeses peanut butter cups. Then a gooey banana Split that has extra bananas!

Amber Hubbard  
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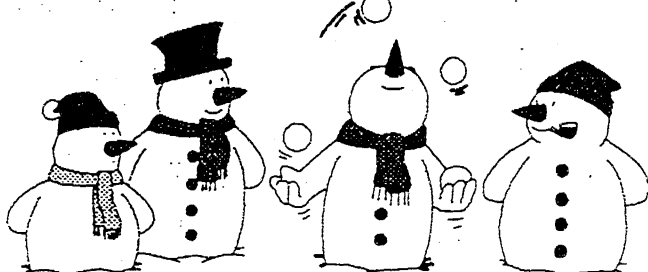
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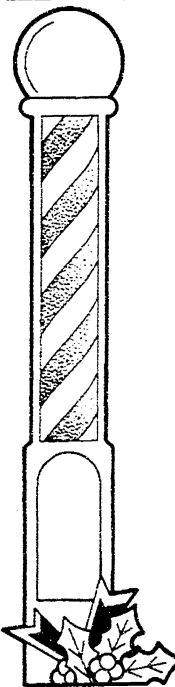
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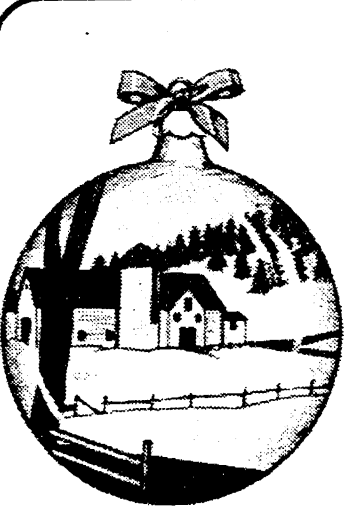
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Lee Allan

# Klager Kids' Christmas Menus

## If You were Mrs. Claus or an Elf, what would you feed

I would give Santa some of the elves new recipe. The elves and I thought that Santa was getting tired of milk and cookies. So the elves made their new recipe elf boy R.D. It will make Santa think Christmas was going to come because he only gets elf boy R.D. once a year. Because it takes along time to mke but if he doesn't like that here are some different things.

Menu Cocoa, Banana Split, donuts, milk, pizza, spagehtti, coffee, M&Ms, reeses peanut butter cups, I think thats all.  
From Ashley Donahue  
PS. I think that it all.  
From Ashley Donahue

I would giv Santa cupcake and some kfc and hot cocoa and dessert with icing chocolate icing and ice cream and a sweet hersey and some Chinese food and some greavy and some spaghetti  
Kyle Clark

I would give him K.F.C. and a pop and pizza turkey coca and pie If he was cold hot pepers and pineapple candycane and donuts cookies

and milk, cake, soup love  
Melissa Cole

Hi my name is Jessie. I am a elf. Hey! How would you like to see Santa's dinner & lunch menu?

Santa's Menu  
Guests pay and some elves a free mint with every meal  
cookies .25  
chicken noodle soup 1.00  
spaghetti .99  
brownies .25  
chicken strips .99  
a meal from kfc 2.00  
Taco bell 1.00  
Drinks  
Milk .50 Surge .50  
sprite .50 coca .50

Well if you want anything just call me. Here's a little song. Hi my name is Jessie and I like to help so when you need help just call so I can help. Here is a little picture of me

Well hop you can come again, so see you later.  
Maegan Payne

Dear Santa,  
I'm your newest Elf my name is Eddie Freddy. Before you go on your big journey I'm

going to make you some food, lots of food. First KFC chicken, 3 pepsies, 2 surges, a delicious pizza, and some hot fudge. I think that will be enough for now, call me if you want some more food.

By Devin Render

Dear Santa,  
Here is a menu. Circle what you want. Dinner- Christmas turkey, KFC, Pizza, Spaghetti, Sub Way, Hot Dogs, Hamburger, Chicken Nuggets, Lobster, Crab, Soup, Pasta, Soup, Steak. Desert- banana split, hot fudge sundae, brownies, christmas cookies, M&Ms, Reeses peanut butter cups, ice cream, donuts, Cake, Pie, Jell-o, Pudding. Drink- cocoa, Pepsi, Coke, Surge, Sprite, Cofe, Fruit Punch, Lemonade, Chocolate milk, Water. Pop Hat, Sunny D, Juice, Mouintaindew. Hope you liked the menu.

Love,  
Molly Sears

Dear Santa,  
Here is your menu what do you want. Super elves stew cooked by the elves. Delicious cookies with extra sugar.

Yummy Pepsi any kind you want. A big candy bar with extra chocolate. The best Popcorn in the world with tons of butter Milk white or chocolat  
From: Meg the elf  
Megan Jackson

I'm your favorite elf Bob. For your big night i'll fix you a big fancy batch of fudge bronies. They have 6 tons of fudge, they will be so good.

I will also fix you KFC chicken. It smelled so good I had to try it. It will come with Surge.

The last thing I'll give you is cupcakes that are so gooey.  
By Travis Church

Hi I am santasheper and I am supposed to cook for santa. I will cook some Christmas cookies. A pop hat some nice refreshing peps. some donuts will do good some candy too. It won't feel so bad with some head set for his journey.

By Michael Ahrens

Hi my name is Tweety. I think you should have a snack before you leave. How about some cookies or a cup of cocoa? Would you like some

Christmas turkey or some Surge? Or some KFC? Or your favitore milk and some Christmas cookies if that is your favitore? Have a great Christmas.

Elizabeth Dover

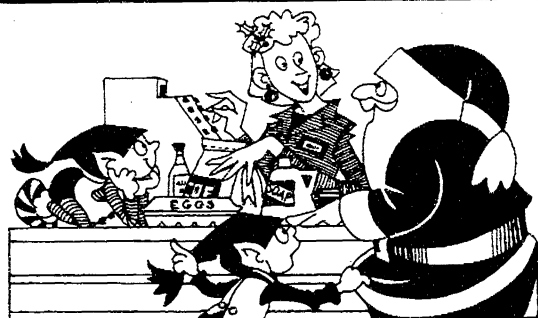
Hi I am your best friend. I am Ruddolph. Befor your big Journey I will give you some cocoa if you get a red nose. And I will give you some bubble gum to have fun with. I will give you a blow pop to make your mouth blue. You might get thirsty so I got you a pop hat. And a card to chew on. So have a nice journey. And a christmas cake

bye love  
Elizabeth Copeland

Dear Santa Claus, I would like it if you stop at my house frist. So I could give you a treat like peps and pizza. And some delicious gooey fudge. Maybe some chocolate cake. I hope you can come.

Your friend.  
Bradley Alber

I would give him donuts, pizza, peps. KFC. Then spaghetti, M&Ms, cocoa, milk,

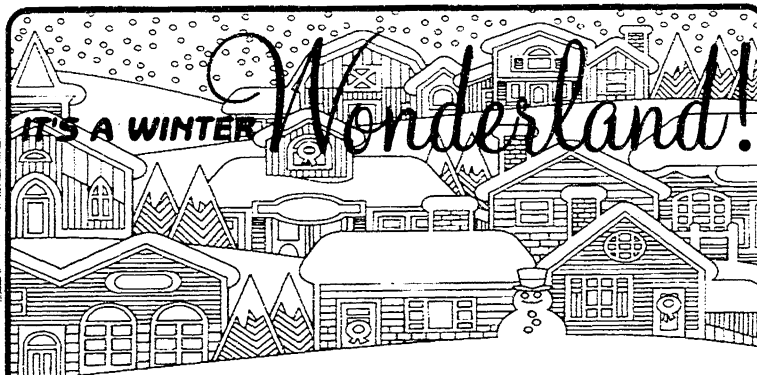


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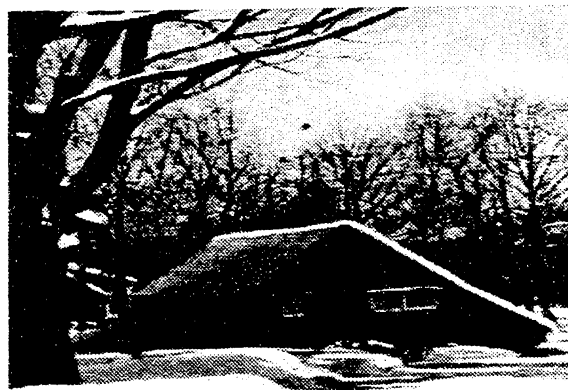


It may be cold outside, but we feel warmed by the thought of all the good people we've had the pleasure to know this past year. With our warm wishes for a beautiful holiday season.

James Schneider

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May your home be filled with warmth and love, plus joy and laughter, throughout the season and forever after!

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Kim Wolf

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# Klager Kids' Christmas Menus

## Santa Claus on the night before his big journey?

cake, hot fudge sundaes and banana split. Also fudge, Christmas cookies, Christmas turkey, chicken nuggets, steak, cupcakes, christmas trees, cookies and ice cream.

Sam Takalo

I would give Santa Mountain Dew, it will keep you up all night and it will come with a free pop-hat and pizza with milk if you would like.

Coffee, oatmeal-huge pots and we will throw in fudge brownies and we have donuts.

We have a christmas cookies. I hope you have a FILLING journey

By Brian Guenther

Hi I'm Mrs. Claus. Im in charge of the kitchen up at the north pole. Santa is waiting for his meal and I am going to make perfect spaghetti and christmas turkey-yummy. Fancy banana splits, a fantastic donut, some yummy cocoa, some tasty apples, other fantastic fruit some hot fudge sundaes and some tasty, very, tasty home made cookies from my oven. I hope Santa will have a very good meal.

Jayne Helton

If I were an Elf and if I had to feed Santa for his big trip around the world, I would feed him: KFC, pop, good stuff, cocoa, cake, cookies, sweets such as-reeces, and hersheies chocolate-and also brownies, ice cream sundaes, and pizza.

From your loving friend,  
Martin Wilson

PS I hope that you like my list.

Hi santa My name is Chelsea. I am the head elf here. I help make your dinner. Well before you go to deliver the gifts, I don't want you to be hungry. I made spaghetti, peanut butter sandwiches, cake, fudge, reese, Surge, cocoa, Christmas cookies, candy cans, pizza, big chocolet Santa, turkey, mashed potatoes, ice cream, cup cakes, cotton candy, KFC, eggs, stuffing, salied, corn, ginger bread, cracers, cheese cake, Well I am getting ready for your big dinner, bye

Love Chelsea

Ashley Lenhart

Hi santa. My name is Lizzy, your cook. For your journey I will cook you some brownies and some delicious cofee cake. With some milk to wash it down. Then since I like cherry

pie I will give you some. I make some homemade stew for your trip too. Plus I want you to try deer tracks. deer track is icecream. I don't now if you want some more so call me.

by Elizabeth Little

I would make Santa milk and cookies every time he would go to give gilfs to children and make them happy.

Thank you Santa,

From,

Kristen Kinsey

Hello I'm Mrs. Claus and the elf chefs want to know what you want? Here is the menu: Here is the best fudge brownies delicious, huge gooey fudge brownies. Here is the best donuts-yummy, delicious HUGE donuts. The best cocoa from the elfes kitchen. The fanciest Spaghetti. The best Christmas Turkey. The best banana split. The elf chefs hope you will have a good meal.

By Lara Wagner

Hi! My name is Mrs. Claus. I'm in charge of cooking Santa Claus a snack for his trip. Here is the list of the things I make for him: Fancy Gingerbread cookies, Steamy

Hot cocoa, Delectable sugar cookies, Hot pepperonie pizza, Yummy strawberry shortcake, Delus tacos, Delicious pineapple upside down cake, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Home-made dirt cake, Milk shak, Mountain Dew, Sundaes, Hot coffee, sea floor.

By Seana White

If I were an elf I would give Santa:

Yummy stew with crackers too! A bowl with yummy stew inside and crackers on the side. Gooey banana split. You might get messy just abit. Don't spill it will stain your outfit.

Delicious fudge cookies with milk and extra fudge on the side. Some supeb cake with ice cream. Use a napkin so you don't get mistaken for a big cupcake!

And your off.

From, Misty Neely

Hi! MY mane is Judy. If I was an Elf, I would give Santa a whold bunch of delicious Christmas cookies. I would give him some yummy Reeses peanut butter cups. I would give him a huge bowl of oatmeal. I would give him some good-looking donuts. I

would give him a pop-hat. I would give him some fudge to keep him awake. I would give him some gooey Surge.

Love,

Tarah Bondy

I would feed Santa yummy kfc, cookies, fudge, pizza, pop, oatmeal, pepsi, spaghetti, pop hat, hot fudge, hot cocoa, christmas turkey, coffee, peanut butter cups. Have a nice Christmas.

Jeff VanRaden

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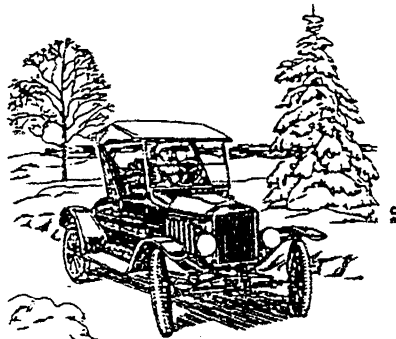
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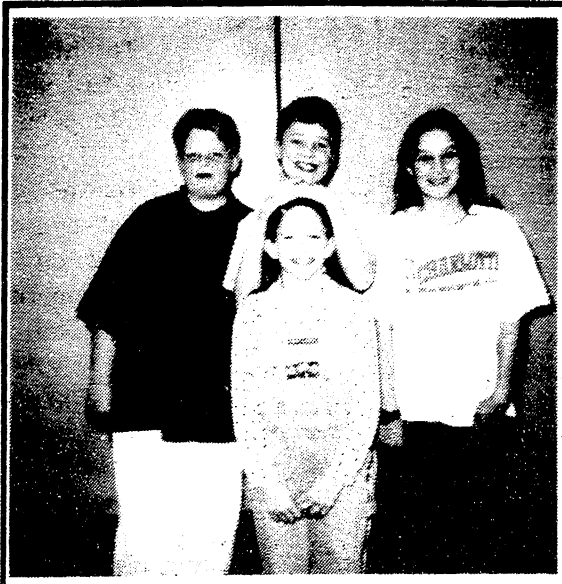
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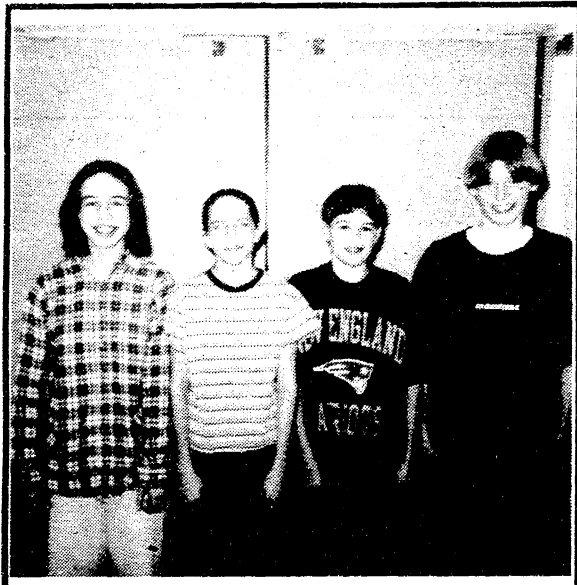
## Middle School Students of the Day (week of December 8-12)



**Fifth Grade:** Jessica Hochstetler, Brett Kingsbury, Tonya Lorincz, Kelly McCarthy, and Aaron Kwolek



**Sixth Grade:** John Jameson, Josh Knouase, Brittany Miller (absent), Katelyn Nye, and Sarah Roberts



**Seventh Grade:** Marie Beaudoin (absent), Amy Ervin, Tyler Harvey, Stephen Jankins, Jenny Meyer



**Eighth Grade:** Seth LaRocque, Chris Loud, Anthony Neal, Laura Phillips & Kelli Randall (absent)

## "Wake Up To The Rain Forest"

If the words and music of the "Rainforest Chorus" are still ringing in your ears, or your kids are singing the "Twelve Days of Christmas" with different words this year, you must have a Klager third grader in your life. And, in that case, you have probably learned a lot more about the rain forest than you ever knew before.

The third grade program presented by Mrs. Sandi Graff's music classes, was well worth the wait. It was an educational, colorful, and entertaining evening at the Klager gym, last Thursday evening. The decorations included artwork by the students as well as reports each had written on the special animal they represented.

Original words and music by Mrs. Graff showed that she had put a lot of time and effort into this performance. Piano accompaniment was provided by Mrs. Kay Miller, and the sound system by Small Town Sounds was helpful so that all the kids could be heard. A special "Rainforest" appearance by Santa Claus and his reindeer highlighted the play!

We can't wait to see these talented third graders as they reach the Middle School Theatrics class and the High School Drama Club.



**Above:** "...And a Chameleon (George Falk) in a Banana Tree (Sam Billetdeaux) **Below:** The colorful rainforest sets designed and built by Mrs. Graff (and her equally dedicated family, fellow teachers, and parents)

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# Greetings

We hope the holidays bring much laughter, warmth, and good fortune for all those you hold dear.

Happy Holidays to all our friends and neighbors!

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# "Youth Hoops" concludes season

Steve McCalla

For the past four years on Saturday nights at the High School boys in grades 4-6 have been playing in an organized local basketball league as part of the Manchester Youth Hoops program. In that time the number of players has grown from 44 boys to 65 who registered this year. At the same time the number of girls has grown from 25 to 52, these young ladies practice in the afternoon with Mr. Ken Branch. It is hoped that through this program, any boy or girl will have the opportunity to learn and participate in the game of basketball. Any success that these children have will hopefully lead to increased selfconfidence, self-esteem and a willingness to work together as part of a team toward a common goal.

In the boys program, ten

teams competed in a regular season which was completed on Nov. 22. The final regular season standings were as follows.

Kansas	12-0
UCLA	9-3
MSU	8-4
Michigan	7-5
Arizona	6-6
Kentucky	5-7
Iowa	4-8
No. Carolina	4-8
Duke	3-9
Indiana	2-10

On Saturday Dec. 6, a single elimination tournament was held with all ten teams competing. It was a close and hard fought tournament with several games being decided in the last minute by a single point. In the end Kansas came from behind to defeat UCLA by a single point for the championship. In the consolation game Arizona

also beat Kentucky by a single point for the third place medalion. To this point it has been wishful thinking that our boys and girls Varsity staffs would become involved in this program. However, Coach Seidl has said that he plans to be an active participant next year in our boys program. It is hoped that this program will grow and expand, current plans call for a 3rd-4th league as well as a 5th-6th league next year. The success of this program as well as the increased number of teams in the Ann Arbor leagues can be measured in the fine records of the girls and boys teams at the Junior High level. A special thanks to ALL the dads who gave of their time to help out and the FANS who came out to cheer on the boys on Saturday nights.



# Seventh Grade Basketball Starts off Strong

- Steve McCalla

The Manchester boys 7th grade basketball team has gotten off to a fast start winning 6 out of their first 7 games. Showing a desire to be unselfish with the ball and a willingness to work hard on defense have been the trademarks of this team. Their overall team depth has helped to wear down some opponents, and several players contribute in the scoring column. In their most recent game the Dutchmen beat Ann Arbor St. Francis 49-14. The Dutch had a balanced attack with Nathan Smith leading with 8, Jeff Galaska, Joel Makielski, Stephen Jankins, and Dave Evilsizer all chipped in with 6 each. A total of 10 players

scored for the Dutch as they outscored St. Francis in the second half by a score of 34-2. Previously the 7th grade Dutch had played;

Dutch 34 Michigan Center 24  
Dutch 55 East Jackson 21  
Dutch 44 Dexter "B" 12  
Dutch 26 Grass Lake 30  
Dutch 32 Vandercook Lake 21  
Dutch 32 Dexter "B" 18

Come on out and see these young men as well as their unbeaten 8th grade teammates as they play only 2 more home games this season. Hanover-Horton on Wed. Jan. 14 and a week later against Napoleon on the 21st. Road games left include at Vandercook, Addison and Napoleon.



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Daily 12:30, 2:45, 4:45, 7:15, 9:20  
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Daily 12:15, 2:30, 4:40, 7:40, 10:00

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## Something Is Missing

Have you noticed what it is? It has been unique to Manchester's holiday decorations, for over twenty years.

It's the decorated Christmas Tree on top of our Water Tower on the hill. Long overseen by Gale Koebbe - in recent years, from the ground - it seems like it's time for the job to be passed on...but evidently it's not one of those jobs that anyone really wants to do. And can you blame them?

But Gale, we wanted to let you know that the tree has been admired and appreciated for many years. We miss it this year, and we hope we haven't seen the last of the trees on the water tower.

-MJC



## Greetings of the Season

Peace, Joy, Love.

May all the joys be yours this holiday season.

Thank you for brightening our year.

Mark VanBogelen

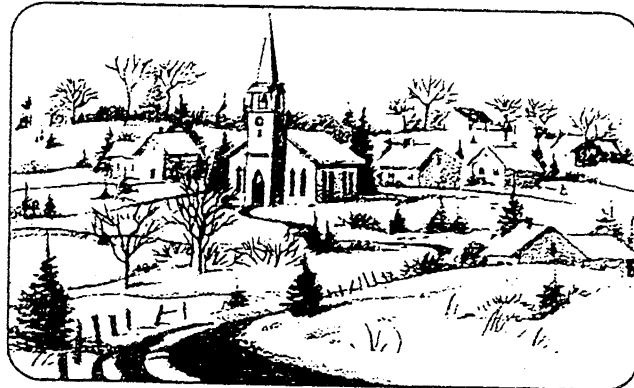
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## "A Little Bit of Manchester in Clinton"

Mrs. Ellen Haeussler has been collecting her ceramic Christmas Village houses for twenty years, and now that she lives in Water Wheel Estates in Clinton, they remind her of the many years she lived in Manchester. And indeed, there is the "German Church," another church which looks much like the Old Methodist Church, the Gazebo, a skating rink reminiscent of her days living on the Mill Pond of the Raisin River, farm houses and Victorian homes...and much more. "I'm only missing a Mill," she says. "I only saw it once and I decided to wait a year; I've never seen another one since." This would make her Village look even more like Manchester.

For many years, Mrs. Haeussler and her first husband, "Fritz" Buss, each ran a business in town, and she still attends Emanuel Church. She feels a strong connection to Manches-

ter. Fritz had a coal business on Ann Arbor Hill, (across from Chi-Bro park, along the old railroad track) and Ellen ran Buss' restaurant (in the building which currently houses Marti's Salon.)

What might make her collection a little different from other Christmas Villages, is that she and her daughter have hand-painted each piece. "Each year I add something to it," she says; whether or not it is a hand-painted ceramic piece, she enjoys looking for just the right additions to her village.

And part of her joy is in sharing the Village with neighbors and friends. She welcomes others to come to her home, once again on the River Raisin, and enjoy this special village with her. If you're lucky, you'll arrive while she's baking cookies, like I did.

Merry Christmas, Mrs. Haeussler!

-MJC



Mrs. Ellen Haeussler's name may be unfamiliar, but her friendly face will be easily recognized by long time Manchester residents. In her "new" home in Clinton, in Water Wheel Estates - where she still lives along the River Raisin -, she has a Christmas Village which reminds her of her Manchester roots each Holiday season.

It's Beginning To Look  
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The lights are dazzling, the decorations grand, but nothing fills us with so much joy as the sight of our friends and acquaintances. Thanks for seeing us this past year.

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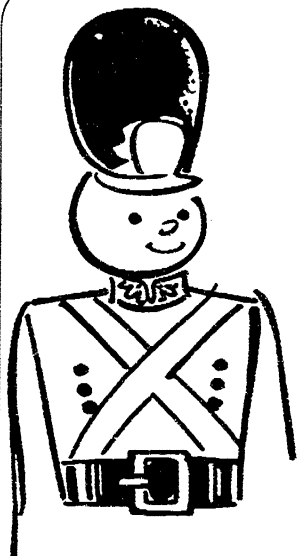
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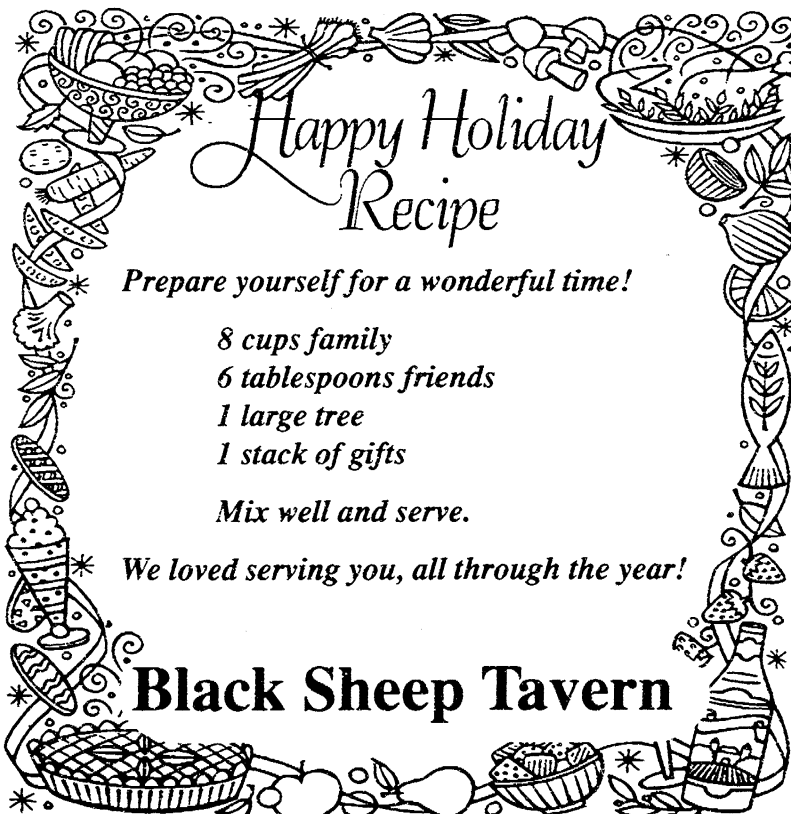
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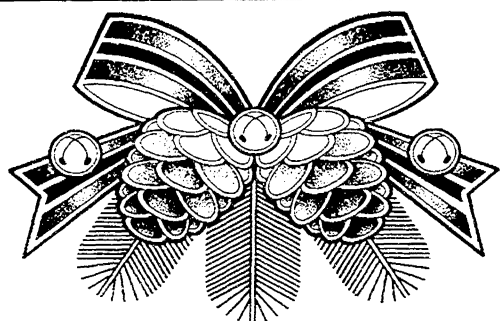
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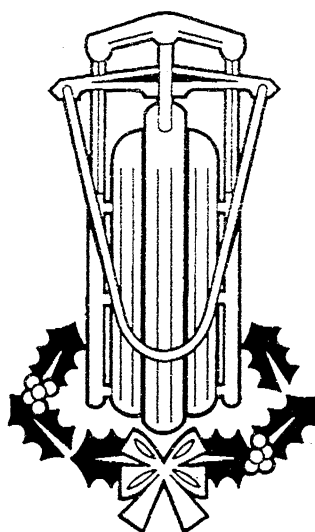
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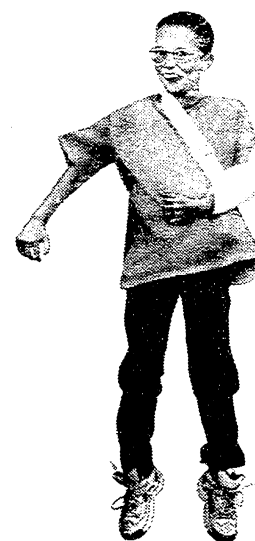
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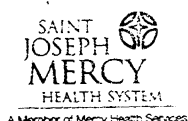
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Thanks, Dorothy Willingham for the week off and for those kind words in our senior column last week. It was great to go to Klager School and be entertained on the 12th by these energetic, thoughtful Klager youngsters. It was a larger than usual group of us oldsters and we all enjoyed the morning immensely. Thanks to our 3rd and 4th grade escorts, we were in and out of nearly all the new (and older) classrooms. What fun to see Christmas decorations made by the children. We loitered a bit and the gracious parent helpers had to put up another table.. the room was full! It takes a whole lot of folks to prepare and serve a complete ham dinner. Many folks had a hand in all this, thanks to you all. I had the best piece of cherry pie!

I received a postcard

from long time friend Edna Knauss who is spending the winter with son and daughter-in-law Doc & Mae in Florida. Her usual wit and fun comes through with caption "Florida at Night" which is totally black on the front. She salutes me with Dear Sr. Editor (which I'm sure will be something breathtaking). And then "We have moved into the Gulf of Mexico - it has rained all wk. & today it's like a cloud burst. We have had 95" so far & more forecast for next week. This AM a flood warning on t.v. Our friends 6 miles away have had the city water cut off already—but, we are keeping our Powder dry. "Having a good time" wish you were here (so they say long ago & far away)." Signed, Granny K.

Shall I write and tell her that there probably won't be many 'sinkholes' this

year with all that rain? Not unless the whole state of Florida sinks! I talked briefly with JoAnn (Mrs. Alger) Clark after our senior Christmas party, and wish we'd had Edna's card then. We all go back 30 or 40 years together as fellow bowlers who had one whale of a good time with Edna (Granny) Knauss. Thanks, friend, for one more to "chalk up".

Next week, we will have some senior activities to talk about.

*In the meantime, have the merriest of Christmases; enjoy each moment.*

## WCC Offers Several Courses for Today's Active Seniors

In the Manchester/ Dexter/Chelsea Areas this January and February

This January and February, the Washtenaw Community Office of Business and Community Services is offering several enrichment courses specially designed for today's active senior. WCC Emeritus courses are offered free of charge to any Washtenaw County resident 65 years of age and older. They are held at centers conveniently located throughout the county.

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**Christmas Is On The Way!**

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# Tell Us About Your Favorite Holiday Tradition

- by Mrs. Laura Betzoldi's Seventh Grade

*Editor's note: The stories in this issue which were written by students, were typed in just as they were presented to us, in their handwritten and unedited form. We hope you will enjoy reading their words.*

My favorite tradition is opening one present on Christmas ev. We all have to open the same one, so we don't know what it is when we open it on Christmas Day.

Derric Tooman

Me and my borther alwas get up at about 3:00 AM and get our stocking, them wake up our mom and dad. We arn't aloud to open our presant whithout my parent's up.

Nate Neigebauer

My favorite Holiday tradition is making gingerbread houses. It's really fun because we do it every year.

Ian Chartrand

Going to Grandma's house to open presents on Christmas Day.

Nathan Smith

My tradition is to go out and get a tree and decorat it.

Craig Lane

My favorite holiday tradition is going to my dad's mom's house on Christmas Eve and going to my mom's mom's house on Christmas Day.

Valerie Kanta

One thing that makes Christmas Christmas is everyone going to get the tree even my older brother who's 19 and he's never around.

Jenna Novess

My favorite tradition is on Christmas morning my sister and I sneak out of our rooms to look at the presants, after that we whould sneak into my parent's room jump on their bed and yell "Get up lets open our presants."

Jacob Bauer

My favorite Holiday Tradition and we always put up a tree. It is fun to remember whos orniment is whos. As soon as we put up the tree it seems like Christmas.

Dale Becker

My favoit holiday tradition is going to my grandmas for Christmas. If we stay home it just doesn't seem like Christmas. When we were over there we always have to guess how many peices of candy is in the candy jar. We all find out after dinner. No one in my family ever wins. Those are my favorit holiday traditions.

Michelle Slocum

During Thanksgiving we always have at least 3 turky dinners that weekend one up north, one at my grandmas and one at my aunts but the main thing is, they all have a different taste and on Thanksgiving up north every year my grandma starts from the oldest child to the youngest she gives the oldest child a quilt one year then the next year gives the second oldest a quilt and so on.

Kandice Montgomery

Every year, at Christmas Eve, we go to someone's house on my mom's side of the family. We'd eat and after we would get done we would sit by the tree. My uncle would quiet all the kids, and say, "I think I hear sleigh bells!" All the little kids would scream with delight. Santa would come down the stairs witha bag of toys. "Why do you come down the stairs?" Someone would ask. "Ho! Ho! I go through an upstairs window! There's a fire in the fireplace!" Then, we would sit on his lap and give us presents.

Brenda Bancroft

My favorite holiday tradition is every year on Christmas my grandma has all are family on my dad's side. After everybody gets there we eat a big meal. Then after dishes are done we open presents. Then we go to the Church for the childrens program. After church everybody comes to are house for milk and cookies.

Melissa Luckhardt

My favorite Holiday tradition is setting up the cookies for Santa Christmas Eve. Waking up witha plateful of crumbs and thank you note from the cookies with a p.s. the Reindeer love oatmeal raisin. Then we open our gifts and take pictures of everything that's a tradition for em to remember.

Briana Clark

My favorite holiday tradition is opening presants. I like it the best because I get to see what I got. I also like it because we have no certain order to opening them. I go to some of my grandparents houses on Christmas eve, The rest of the grandparents we visit on Christmas Day. So now you know my favorite holiday tradition.

Michelle Krutsch

My favorite holiday tradition is going to Florida. I love getting out of the disgusting, cold Michigan weather and traveling to the warm beaches of Florida. Usually my sister and I just go with our immediate family. But this year,

my sister and I both get to take a friend. That will make the trip even more fun. The only thing I don't like about the trip is the long drive down. We have a TV in the car though so that will make it more enjoyable. Lastly, what is as great as the beaches and the warm weather in Florida is spending time with my family while I'm down there.

Grayson Adler

My favorite tradition is opening one of my presents on Christmas Eve. Then I go to sleep early or right after I opened my present. Then I wake up and open my present with my mom, sister, Mike, and Sean. Then I go to my grandma's house and open presents from friends and family.

Chris G.

My favorite holiday tradition is going to my aunt's house and having a big dinner. We don't usually have a dinner like this except for Thanksgiving. After we get done eating we go into the piano and open presents and cards from our relatives. After that, we sing Christmas songs and play the piano

Erik McGuire

## Warm Wishes

All the best to you and yours,  
This happy time of year.  
We send our thanks out to all,  
And wish you much good cheer!

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## Merry Christmas



We're hoping your holidays will be filled with the bright harmony that only Christmas brings.

A resounding note of thanks for your patronage.

McLennan  
Landscape

## Home is Where The Heart Is!

Joy to you at Christmastide,  
Wherever you and yours reside.  
One thing we really know is true,  
Is we feel at home because of you!

Happy holiday and heartfelt thanks.

Tim's Lawn Care

## Christmastime!

It's our favorite time for saying thank you for your friendship and for extending warm wishes to all.

Back Door  
Party Store



# Tell Us About Your Favorite Holiday Tradition

- by Mrs. Laura Betzoldt's Seventh Grade

My favorite holiday tradition is when the cousins go around the Christmas tree and shake them and then we put them in our spots. After we eat we open presents and have a garbage bag.

Amy Ervin

My favorite holiday tradition is when we go down to Indiana and visit all of our relatives. We always spend the day down there and have a bunch of fun. We also go to a parade down there in Indiana. Me and my mom and dad and my sister come back home and have a cool Christmas.

Jimmy Kelly

My favorite Holiday Tradition-putting ornaments on the Christmas tree.

David

My favorite holiday tradition is going to a tree farm and cutting down a tree to take home and put up. We've done that every year since I was in 3rd grade.

Heather P.

My favorite holiday tradition would have to be on Christmas Day! I always wake up real early before my mom or dad. I go to the tree and open my stocking which hangs on a rack next to the Christmas tree. Then after I open my stocking I go to my bedroom lay back in bed for around ten minutes and if my parents are not up I go into their room and wake them up by say, or screaming !Merry Christmas! They wake up, eventually, and we open our presents together. That is my favorite holiday tradition.

Shelby Trolz



My favorite holiday tradition is the presents. If we didn't open presents or give presents it wouldn't be Christmas. I don't think anyone could go through Christmas without presents.

Tyler Harvey

My favorite holiday tradition is when we all sing Christmas Carols with my family at my grandma's. My grandma passes out the Christmas Carol sheets and sometimes we play the piano. This is the only time we get together all year.

Christine Fairbanks

My favorite holiday tradition is decorating the tree. It's my favorite because it really gets you in the Christmas Mood. Usually it is just me and my family. We always do it right after we go get our tree, about two weeks before Christmas. And, we always put a porcelain Angel on the top.

Graham Parker-Finger

My favorite holiday tradition is that when I wake up we take turns opening presents. When I open a present someone will go after me. After I am done opening all of my presents I usually call one of my friends or they call me about what they got for Christmas.

Julia Steinaway

My favorite holiday tradition is opening presents. First we get up and open the presents from the people in our house. Then my grandma, grandpa, and my uncle come over and we open up our presents. Then we will have a Christmas for my mom's side of the family with a big meal at it.

Kevin Walter

My favorite holiday tradition for Christmas is when I go and look for my presents around the house when I'm home alone. I usually never find any.

Cori Chrestensen

My favorite holiday tradition is what we do on Christmas Eve. On Christmas Eve we go to my aunt and uncle's house eat dinner, go to church, open presents and then go back to Manchester to watch the luminaries.

Elizabeth Okey

My favorite holiday tradition is during Christmas. Because I like to bake such as cookies and candy. I like to go around looking at other people's lights on Christmas Eve. And especially opening Christmas gifts and going to my grandma's house to open gifts and celebrate Christmas.

Daisha DeLawter

My favorite holiday tradition is when my family drives to Ann Arbor for Christmas Eve. We will have dinner together. Then everyone will exchange gifts. Our whole family will say our goodbyes and drive home, and admire all the luminaries.

Marie Beaudoin

To all God's creations,  
both large and small,  
go our very best wishes  
to one and all.

Here's ho...ho... hoping  
your season is extra merry!

**Manchester  
Automotive**

**NAPA**

**Bright Wishes  
At Christmas**

Here's wishing you and yours a  
warm and glowing holiday season.

Thanks so much for brightening  
our year with your friendship.

**Stein Electric**

**Noel**

May the happy music of  
Christmas  
fill all your days with harmony.

On a joyous note, we say  
"thanks".

**Manchester  
Manor**

# Tell Us About Your Favorite Holiday Tradition

- by Mrs. Laura Betzoldt's Seventh Grade English Classes

My favorite Holiday Tradition is getting up early to open presents. We get up around 6:30 AM. We open presents and then go to my relative. We get home at around 1:00 PM. When we get home we play or use our gifts. I like this tradition a lot.

Josh McCalla

My favorite holiday tradition is getting up in the morning to open our presents. We always have to wait for my mom to get the camera before we open our presents. Then we have to wait till we open all our presents before we open ours stockings. But most of all I love buying gifts for my family and friends and also receiving them.

Jessica Kozar

My favorite holiday tradition is building gingerbread houses. Every year my mom's friends families come over to my house for it. We have 11 kids and 6 adults. Each family brings candy and gram crackers. When they get to our house we construct them. It is very fun. It just wouldn't be Christmas without them.

Kate Meyer

My favorite Holiday tradition is when we open and wrap Christmas presents. And spending time together.

Beth

My favorite holiday tradition is on Christmas Eve we go to church and at church everyone gets candles, and then we go outside and gather around the nativity scene. Everyone is shivering, and we sing songs. After church we go home and get our stockings. We put our stockings on a chair and my sister and I would try to go to sleep.

Casey Young

We would go to bed early and wake up early to see what Santa would bring us.

Dan Fent

Putting up the Christmas tree

Shane



On Christmas Eve we always have a party with my relatives and they give everybody gifts and then we go home at about 12:00am and then go to sleep get up the next day and do our presents and stockings.

Traci Beckington

My favorite holiday tradition is on Christmas when my other grandma and grandpa come over and sometimes they bring my brother Jamie. And Christmas we pray and sing.

Heather Wackus

My favorite holiday tradition is putting up the tree and train and also getting the presents wrapping them and opening them with my whole family.

Ben Wojtas

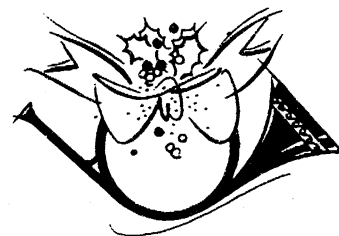
My favorite holiday tradition is putting up Christmas ornaments and talking about when we got them. I think that is important because we have done that for years. I also like this because I like remembering who gave me them and whos they were before us.

Jimmy M.

Our tradition is to get up early and the first person to wake up they (yell) wake up it's Christmas.

One tradition of Christmas is after Thanksgiving we put up are Christmas tree and are lights and decorations.

Dara Jose



## SEASON'S GREETINGS

We're going out on a limb to say, "happy holiday and many thanks," to all our customers.

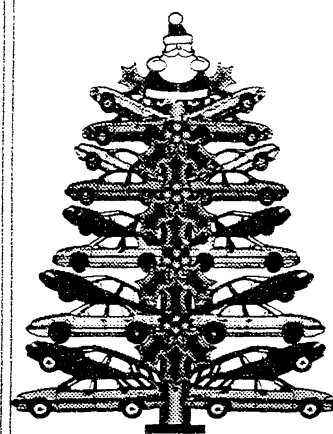
We feel truly blessed to have your loyal support.



## J.Proctor Contracting



Shift into  
Holiday Gear!



Neil Horning  
**PALMER**  
**FORD**



*Tidings  
of  
Comfort & Joy*

Hope your season is  
perfect from the  
floor up.

We appreciate  
your business!

## Manchester Floors



## HOLIDAY MAGIC

Hope your season is merry extraordinary!  
Thanks for stopping by this past year.

Manchester Chiropractic Clinic

# Serve a Buffet of Flavor and Fun This Year

One of the highlights of the holidays is spending time with your loved ones and friends. Whether you see them often, or haven't been with them in a while, this festive season is the perfect time to get together. And, a holiday party is the ideal setting.

However, with the holidays being so hectic, how can you find the time to prepare for a gathering? If you have to be in the kitchen half of the night, how can you spend any quality time with your guests?

Hosting a buffet party is the answer, according to celebrity chef, caterer and restaurateur Carole Peck. She enjoys this style of entertaining because it's flexible, yet fun, letting you show your own style.

One of the advantages of a buffet, according to Peck, is that most of the dishes can be prepared ahead of time, either partially or completely. Once you set out the buffet, you can enjoy being with your guests, instead of running

between the kitchen and the table serving food. And, a buffet party is sure to be lively, because guests can mingle more easily than at a seated meal.

To help you throw a successful affair, Peck, with Carolyn Hart Bryant, has written "The Buffet Book: Inspired Ideas for New-Style Entertaining" (Viking). This guide to creating festive occasions throughout the year discusses topics like menu planning, seating, table linens, tableware, warming devices and beverages. It also offers menus and more than 175 recipes for the time-pressed home cook.

In addition, Peck offers "insider tips" that can enhance the flavor of dishes, as well as suggestions for planning ahead.

So, if you're interested in hosting a holiday buffet party this year, the following planning information from "The Buffet Book" can help make it a success.

Before you begin to make plans, according to Peck, you must ask yourself a few questions: What is the date and time? How many guests? Will there be children? What is the budget? Will guests sit or stand? How much seating is needed? What types of beverages will be served?

## MENU PLANNING

The menu will depend on whether the guests will be standing, eating on their laps or seated at a table. If they'll be standing or "lap-eating," you should offer

foods that are easy to pick up and eat with your fingers or with only a fork. For example, prepare ravioli or penne, not fettuccine. Serve meat that is tender, boneless, skinless and cut into bite-size pieces.

Next, consider the tastes, colors and textures of the dishes on your menu. Choose foods with complementary colors. Balance mild and strong flavors and crispy and creamy textures. Consider your guests' food preferences and always include at least one vegetarian dish. If there will be children, make sure some of the dishes will appeal to them.

Plan your menu around foods that are in season, and don't skimp on quality. To keep plates from looking messy, offer only one sauced dish.

## THE BUFFET TABLE

Survey the area in which you plan to set up the buffet, and consider the traffic flow. Plan for enough room at the beginning of the buffet to form a line and at the end of the buffet for an easy exit or turnaround.

Think of your buffet as a three-dimensional canvas, and try to create an interesting mix of colors, textures and heights. Use pedestals and tiered platters to create height and maximize the table space. Whether you put the flatware at the beginning or end of the buffet table, make sure it is clearly visible and easy to reach.

## TABLE COVERINGS AND NAPKINS

Linens or fabrics in a variety of colors and patterns can be used as table coverings, depending on the style of the party. For a casual get-together, you may want to cut a swath of fabric with pinking shears and use it unhemmed to cover the buffet table; for a more formal event, you may want to layer the table with linen tablecloths for a graceful look.

As for napkins, feel free to use paper for a cocktail party. However, for dinner, you may want to use cloth napkins. If guests will be eating on their laps, oversized cloth napkins can function as "personal tablecloths."

## TABLEWARE

When determining how many plates you will need, figure one plate per person, plus an extra 10 percent to allow for second helpings. Allow a total of three all-purpose glasses per person for cocktails and a full buffet. Count on approximately 10 percent more flatware than the number of guests to avoid running out.

## WARMING DEVICES

Warming candles, canned liquid fuel, alcohol lamps, electric trays and chafing dishes are the most common equipment used to keep food warm on a buffet table. Use copper, stainless or enamel cookware with these devices, because they can stand the heat and are good-looking.



*From snowmen to sleigh bells,  
To tinsel and lights on the tree.  
May warmth fill your heart  
And your days with gaiety.*

*Wishing you all the best  
and a holiday filled  
with cheer, for you've already  
given us a gift—your kindness  
throughout the year.*

**Pyramid  
Office  
Supply**

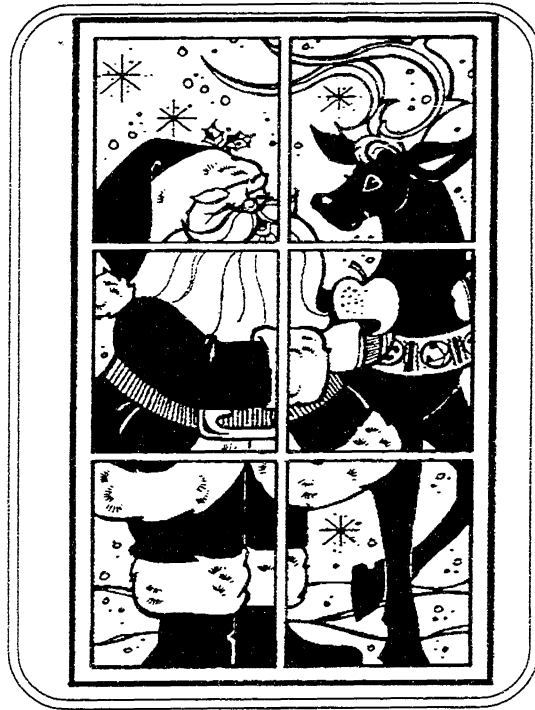


## Sweet Tidings!

Our recipe for a perfect holiday season includes lots of good friends, goodwill and good cheer, plus a sprinkling of our gratitude for your being so sweet to us!

Thanks to all!

**Manchester  
Dairy Queen**



*At Christmas*

**Packed up lots of wishes  
Wrapped 'em full of fun,  
For a healthy, happy Christmas  
With thanks to everyone.**

**Wayne's  
Windshield  
Repair**



## People

### COLLEGE NEWS

#### Eastern Michigan University Announces December Graduates

Eastern Michigan University hosted commencement exercises for 1,470 students Sunday, December 14 in EMU's Bowen Field House, honoring 400 candidates for advanced degrees and 1,070 undergraduate candidates.

EMU President William E. Shelton presided over graduation ceremonies.

Among the graduates were Manchester residents **Wendy Joy Haeussler**, Bachelor of Science, Summa Cum Laude; **Duane Gale Hopkins**, Bachelor of Science; **Linda Dianne Lamarre**, Bachelor of Science; **Catherine J. Roberts**, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Magna Cum Laude; and **Shannon Lee Salyer**, Bachelor of Science.

#### Local Students Named to Albion College Cheerleading Team

Albion College freshman **Heather L. DuRussel** and junior **Karin T. Messing** have been selected as a member of the College's award-winning cheerleading team.

The team participates in Universal Cheerleaders Association College Spirit Camp and Competitions. The team has won four superior ribbons and a third place trophy from their past performances. They have also completed an intensive season-preparation camp on the Albion College Campus.

"The Albion College Cheerleading Team continues in a tradition of spirit, athleticism and excellence," says cheerleading coach Krista Haapala. "The focus on the team is on the competitive sport of cheerleading, as well as sideline cheering for the varsity football and basketball teams."

Heather is the daughter of Donald and Jennifer DuRussel of Manchester, and a 1997 graduate of Manchester High School. Karin is the daughter of Bradley Messing of Manchester and is majoring in Psychology. She is a 1995 graduate of Manchester High School.

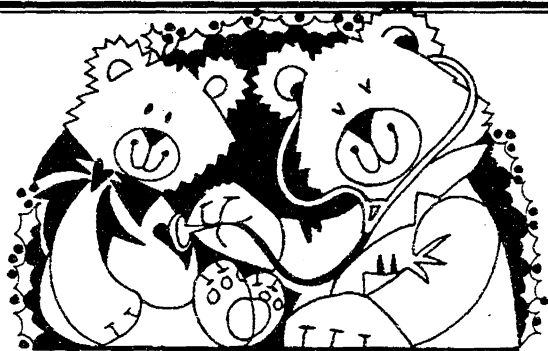
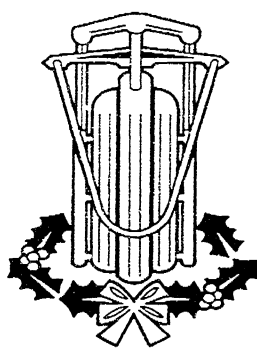
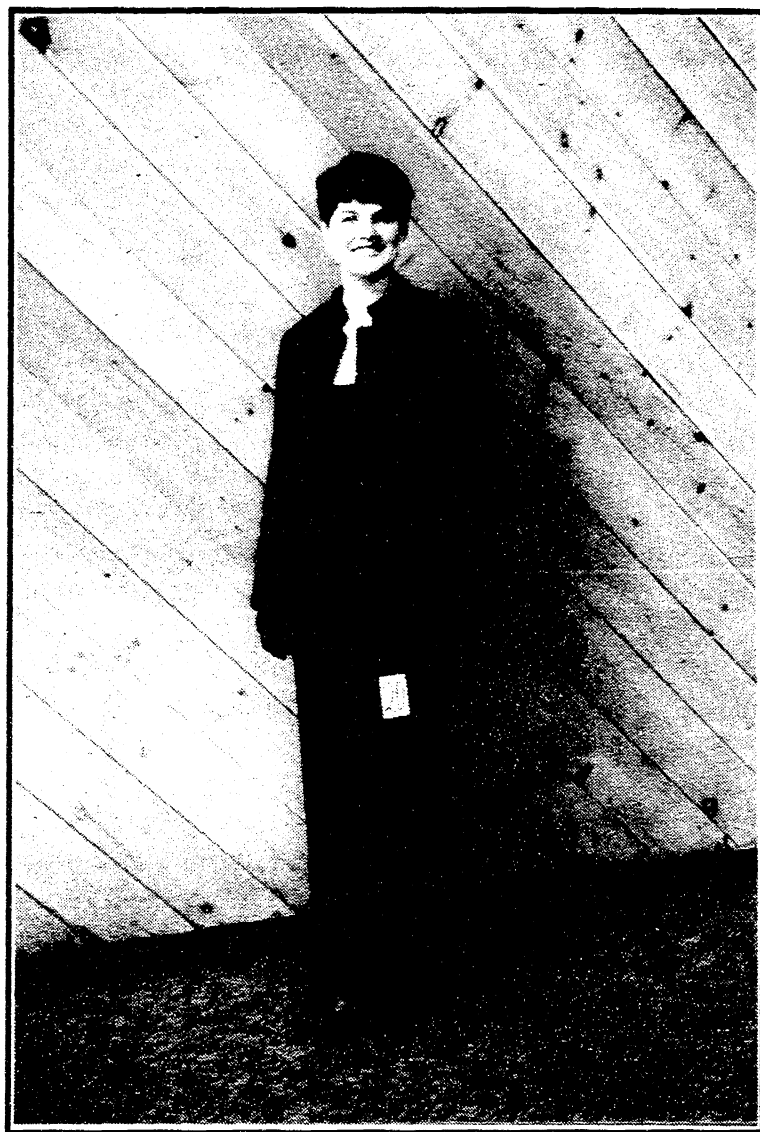
Albion College is a private, coeducational, liberal arts college located in the south central Michigan town of the same name.

## Local Teen Wins in State "Make It Yourself With Wool" Contest

**Jodi Feldkamp** competed in the 1997 Michigan Make It Yourself With Wool contest held in Lansing on November 7.

Jodi, a senior at Manchester High School, constructed a black, fully lined 100% wool crepe gown and lined wool jacket with metallic fork design. As a first-place winner in the Senior division, (ages 17-21), Jodi won an all-expense paid trip to compete in the National competition to be held in Reno, Nevada in January, 1998. Jodi has been sewing since the age of eight and has participated in this competition for seven of the ten years she has been sewing.

Jodi is the daughter of Art & Elaine Feldkamp of Manchester.



CHRISTMAS IS CARING!

With healthy admiration, we send our well wishes to our patients, neighbors and friends as we thank you for your trust. Happy Holiday!

*Dr. Lyon and Staff*

*In Full Bloom*

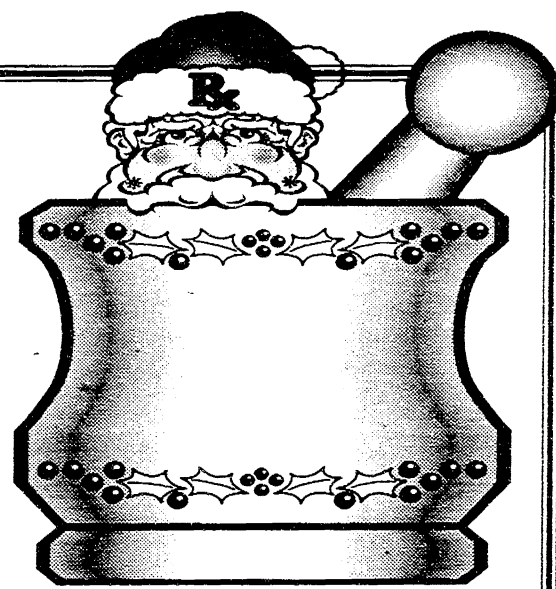
Sending you a bouquet  
of best wishes  
for the holidays.  
You really helped us  
blossom, this year!

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Greenhouse



WISHING  
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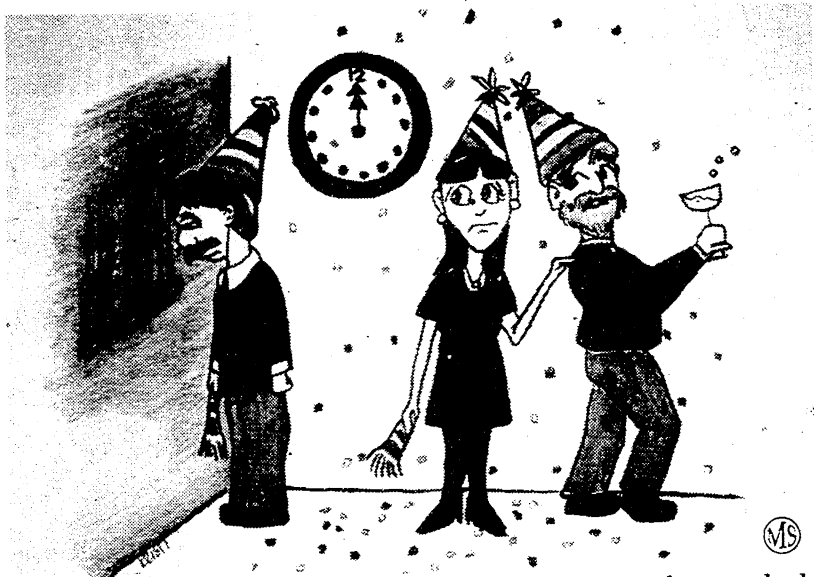


Our prescription for a happy holiday season includes  
generous measures of goodwill and cheer along with a  
healthy dose of gratitude from us.

We're really thankful for your confidence and support.

Manchester  
Pharmacy

## When The 'Fa-La-Las' Fizzle



JOYOUS FEELINGS during the holidays sometimes can be overshadowed by a major case of the holiday blues. Mayo Health O@sis (<http://www.mayo.ivi.com>) offers advice for reducing stress at this time of the year, so you can have fun throughout the season.

The holidays and happiness are supposed to go hand in hand. Yet, for many people, reality often doesn't quite seem to meet their expectations. In fact, joyous feelings for family, friends, tradition, traveling—even giving—easily can be overshadowed. Bombarded and surrounded by materialism and the pressure to buy, the pressure to be continuously cheerful can be wearing. Similarly family misunderstandings, the illness or death of someone close, a smaller budget than usual, spending more than you

can afford, or simply eating and drinking too much can bring down the spirit of even the jolliest.

Mayo Health O@sis (<http://www.mayo.ivi.com>) offers the following advice to reduce holiday stress:

- **Be realistic.** As families change or grow, traditions may need to be changed as well.

- **Plan ahead.** Set priorities and budgets before the holidays near.

- **Allow choices.** Discuss sharing responsibilities with other family members and friends. Don't burden yourself with

an excessive list of expectations that only complicate the holidays.

- **Set limits.** Eat and drink (if you drink) in moderation. Don't feel pressured to have more than you're accustomed to just because it's a special occasion.

- **Take advantage of social support.** If you're feeling isolated from family and friends, seek out community, religious or social services that might provide social contact and support.

- **Provide support yourself.** Providing for those less fortunate by volunteering time and expertise can combat loneliness and bring strong personal fulfillment. Sharing and giving—and the joy they bring—are what the holiday season is about.

Mayo Health O@sis offers other holiday-season advice, including battling the hectic holidays, holiday blues and holiday weight gain. To find these and other articles about healthy holidays, type "holidays" in the search box on the Mayo Health O@sis home page.

## Count Down to the New Year in Global Style

Five...Four...Three...Two... One! The New Year's Eve countdown is on and you may be looking for some fresh, fast and fabulous party ideas.

Why not go global? The catering and eating experts at Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village have cooked up a hot idea for a New Year's Eve party with plenty of international flair.

Many of their suggestions for this global gala need little planning time or preparation. Much of the food can be purchased at the last minute from restaurants and markets.

Keep your New Year's Eve party fresh and interesting by celebrating the stroke of midnight in different countries all evening long. Every hour, it's midnight somewhere around the globe, so celebrate in style with international dishes and drinks of the featured nations. It's a fun and easy way to give your party a theme that will dazzle your guests.

At 6:00 PM, it's midnight in Sweden, Italy and France. Menu suggestions include Swedish meatballs, antipasto and marinated mussels; and you may greet your fellow party-goers with "God Jul och Gott Nytt Ar," "Felice Capo D'Anno," or "Bonne Annee," depending upon your mood.

At 7:00 PM they will be ringing in the New Year in

Liberia. Bring out the avocado dip and wish your guests a "Happy New Year."

At 8:00, you may celebrate with the Portuguese, and serve paella. "Prospero Ano Novo" is the standard New Year's greeting in Portugal.

In Greenland and Denmark, the New Year will be ringing in at 9:00 PM. New Year's Eve guests will be ready for the dessert course by this time, and they might enjoy some Copenhagen butter cookies and pastries to follow their previous courses. Don't forget to wish everyone "Godt Nyttar!"

At 10:00 PM, serve coffee and liqueurs, representative of the beverages of Brazil, where the New Year will be celebrated at this hour. "Feliz Ano Novo" will wish your guests a Brazilian new year.

At 11:00 PM, the maritime provinces of Canada will be ringing in 1998. Celebrating the New Year in Canada, you may wish to serve a selection of beers from around the world.

You will be well prepared to greet the new year when Dick Clark watches the ball drop in Times Square, New York City, at 12:00 Midnight Eastern Standard Time! Have a wonderful holiday season, thanks to the chefs and holiday planners at Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village.



May you and yours  
enjoy a Wonderful  
Holiday Season  
*The Village  
of Manchester*

## The Spirit Is Building!

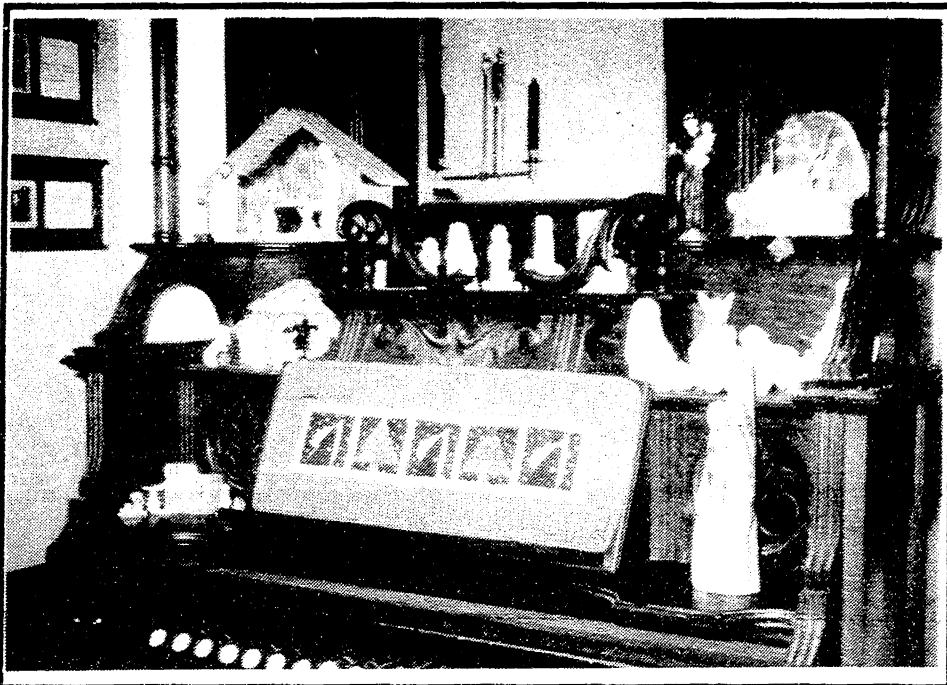


May this holiday season bring a string of glad tidings, and glow with the warmth of family and friends.

With gratitude for helping us build our business.

**Kleinschmidt's True Value Hardware**  
and  
**R.D. Kleinschmidt Inc.**

## The Nativity Comes to Life



Every nook on Susan's parlor organ is filled with a variety of nativity scenes from around the world, adding to the unique quality of both the organ and the Nativities.



This large traditional Nativity scene finds itself in a cave-like atmosphere, enclosed in the Ochs' fireplace.

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A set made of carved stone is from Ireland. This is much rougher than some of her other scenes, but beautiful in that it is made from a stone native to the area. These figures, and the background pieces, remind one of Stonehenge. But their simplistic beauty is yet another reminder of the Christmas message.

A very colorful nativity from France, came from Provence, near the Spanish border. This one not only has the traditional shepherds and kings coming to visit the Christ child, but includes a variety of peasants and children. Some are carrying fire wood, others bring a small animal or other offering.

A truly unique scene comes from Laos/Cambo-

dia. The "stable" or "inn" sits on stilts as the homes there so often do, and the "manger" for the baby is a hanging, swinging basket. Susan reminds listeners that in that country, people protect their babies from snakes and rodents by keeping them off the ground. This Nativity also has the Three Kings coming to visit the Baby Jesus on an elephant rather than a camel.

One of her prized nativity scenes also came from the Israel trip last February (along with the mother-of-pearl "Israel Box".) In Bethlehem, after visiting the original nativity, Susan says, "I had one hour to choose from over 20,000 scenes in a shop - from tiny to life size. I knew I wouldn't leave without one of them, but choosing so

quickly was difficult. I know this was the right one, though." She mentions that her collection of nativities, particularly this one, is more meaningful to her this year, having been at "the real Nativity," last winter.

John and Susan's daughter, Katie, has her own special pieces. Katie's favorite, which Susan points out, is a small, ceramic musical nativity. The characters are all mice, and the "stable" is a sewing basket. Another one with little mice-characters is also especially enjoyed by Katie. These reside on Susan's antique parlor organ with other nativity scenes; some capricious, some serene.

Susan has a special fondness for several of her Nativities which have come from South America.

One that stands out has Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus in the palm of a hand. The symbolic nature of that piece is evident and particularly touching.

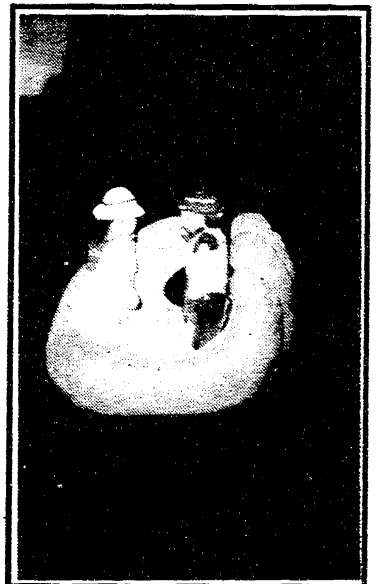
When asked if she ever rearranged her nativities once they were set up, Susan laughed and said that setting them up was consuming enough...but that Katie has always enjoyed moving the figures around during the Christmas season.

It is amazing to see how many different varieties of Nativity scenes can be found the world over. From simple to ornate; from inexpensive to heirloom quality; all are cherished for their uniqueness and for the message they recall, particularly at this time of the year.

When the hustle and

bustle of Christmas shopping, baking, addressing, parties and other activities becomes overwhelming, the welcome message of the Nativity brings one back to the reality of the "reason for the season." It is a message which Susan and her family can remember all year long.

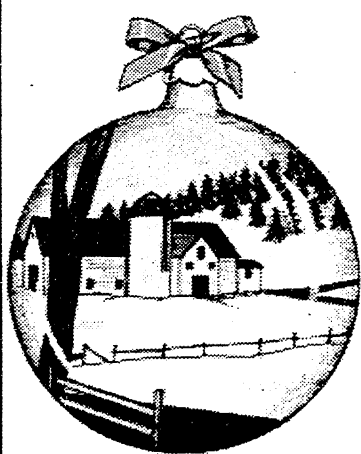
*-Marsha Johnson Chartrand*



Among the less traditional of Susan's nativities, the "Hand of God" holds Mary, Joseph and Jesus in this South American molded clay figure.



Susan shows her family's nativity scene from the 1950s, at the Emanuel Women's Fellowship meeting in early December



**Merry Christmas!**

Joyous greetings of holiday cheer to one and all. We appreciate your loyal patronage this past year.

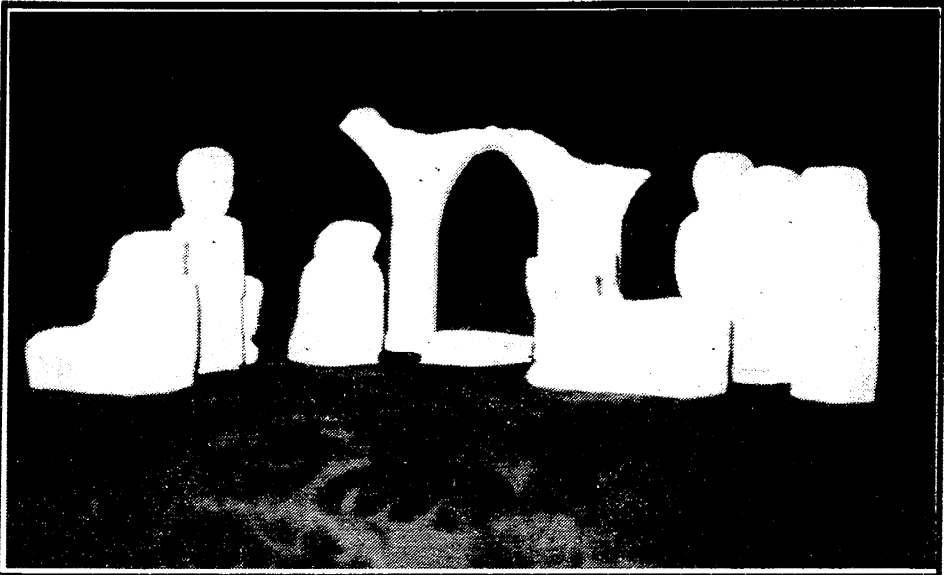
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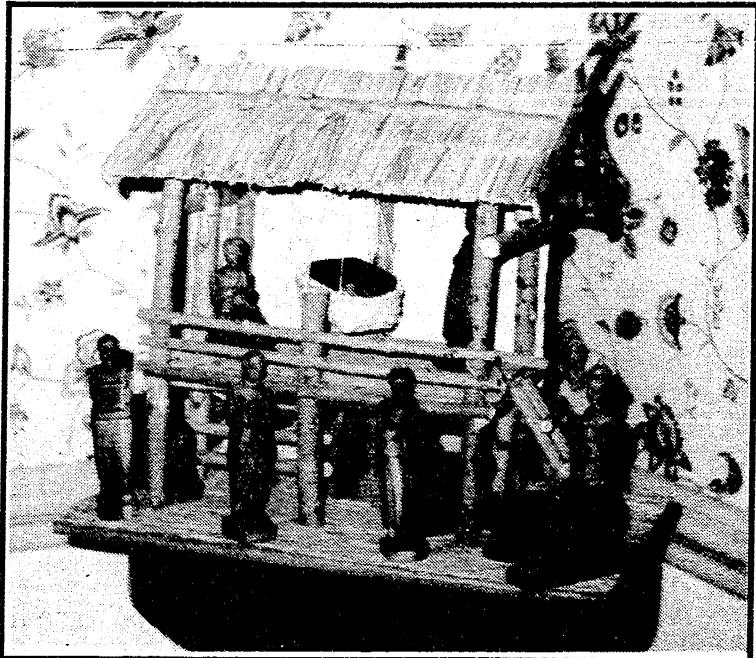




The shape and style of this Irish nativity is reminiscent of Stonehenge in nearby England



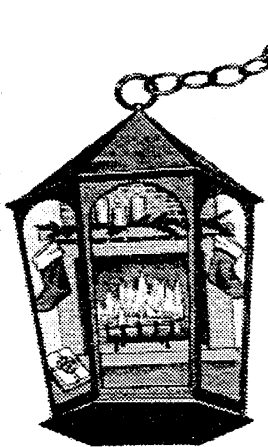
This African ebony Nativity is the one Susan describes as "spooky," but its beauty and detail are dear to her heart.



This Cambodian nativity has many unique details, including a raised house, a swinging "manger," and Wise Men on elephants.



The centerpiece of Susan's Nativity collection is certainly this stunning olive wood creche which she purchased in Bethlehem last February. The finely-carved faces show great expression and detail, and the exquisite artwork in this Nativity is breathtaking. One thing Susan and Katie both noticed was that this Nativity from the Holy Land does not include an angel. Susan told me that most of the nativities she saw in Israel do not have angels as part of their scenery. This Nativity is also pictured with Susan, during her visit to the Emanuel Women's Fellowship meeting, on the front page of this section.



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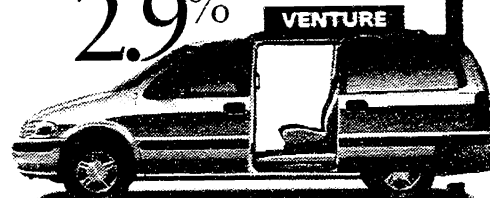
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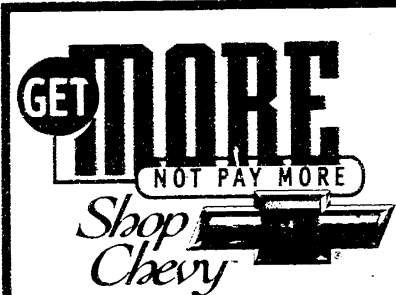
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# LAND DIVISION ORDINANCE NO. 41

## TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER

### COUNTY OF WASHTENAW

**Adopted: December 8, 1997**  
**Effective: January 8, 1998**

An ordinance to regulate partitioning or division of parcels or tracts of land, enacted pursuant but not limited to Michigan Public Act 288 of 1967, as amended, and Act 246 of 1945, as amended, being the Township General Ordinance statute; to provide a procedure therefore; to repeal any ordinance or provision thereof in conflict herewith, and to prescribe penalties and enforcement remedies for the violation of this ordinance.

#### TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ORDAINS:

##### TITLE

This ordinance shall be known as the MANCHESTER Township Land Division Ordinance.

##### SECTION II PURPOSE

The purpose of this ordinance is to carry out the provisions of the State Land Division Act (1967 PA 288, as amended, formerly known as the Subdivision Control Act), to prevent the creation of parcels of property which do not comply with applicable ordinances and said Act, to minimize potential boundary disputes, to maintain orderly development of the Manchester Township community, and otherwise provide for the health, safety and welfare of the residents and property owners of Manchester Township by establishing reasonable standards for prior review and approval of land divisions within Manchester Township.

##### SECTION III DEFINITIONS

For purposes of this ordinance certain terms and words used herein shall have the following meaning:

A. "Applicant" - a natural person, firm, association, partnership, corporation, or combination of any of them that holds an ownership interest in land whether recorded or not.

B. "Divided" or "Division" - the partitioning or splitting of a parcel or tract of land by the proprietor thereof or by his or her heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives, successors or assigns, for the purpose of sale or lease of more than one year, or of building development that results in one or more parcels of less than 40 acres or the equivalent, and that satisfies the requirements of

Sections 108 and 109 of the State Land Division Act.

C. "Exempt split" or "exempt division" - the partitioning or splitting of a parcel or tract of land by the proprietor thereof, or by his or her heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives, successors or assigns, that does not result in one or more parcels of less than 40 acres or the equivalent; provided all resulting parcels are accessible for vehicular travel and utilities from existing public roads through existing adequate roads or easements, or through areas owned by the owner of the parcel that can provide such access.

D. "Forty acres or the equivalent" - either 40 acres, a quarter-quarter section containing not less than 30 acres, or a government lot containing not less than 30 acres. "Governing body" - the Manchester Township Board of Trustees.

##### SECTION IV PRIOR APPROVAL REQUIREMENT FOR LAND DIVISIONS

Land in Manchester Township shall not be divided without the prior review and approval of the official designated by the Township Board, in accordance with this ordinance and the State Land Division Act; provided that the following shall be exempted from this requirement:

A. A parcel proposed for subdivision through a recorded plat pursuant to the Manchester Township's Subdivision Control Ordinance and the State Land Division Act.

B. A lot in a recorded plat proposed to be divided in accordance with the Manchester Township's Subdivision Control Ordinance and the State Land Division Act.

C. An exempt split as defined in this Ordinance.

##### SECTION V APPLICATION FOR LAND DIVISION APPROVAL

An applicant shall file all of the following with the Manchester Township Clerk or other official designated by the governing body for review and approval of a proposed land division before making any division either by deed, land contract, lease for more than one year, or for building development:

A. A completed application form as provided by the Township, including Michigan Department of Treasury form L-4260, Property Transfer Affidavit.

B. Proof of fee ownership of the land proposed to be divided.

C. A survey map of the land proposed to be divided, prepared pursuant to the survey map requirements of 1970 Public Act 132, as amended, (MCL 54.211) by a land surveyor licensed by the State of Michigan, and showing the dimensions and legal descriptions of the existing parcel and the parcels proposed to be created by the division(s), the location of all existing structures and other land improvements, and the accessibility of the parcels for vehicular traffic and utilities from existing public roads.

In lieu of such survey map, at the applicant's option, the applicant may waive the 30 day statutory requirement for a decision on the application until such survey map and legal description are filed with the Manchester Township, and submit a tentative preliminary parcel map drawn to scale of not less than that provided for on the application form including an accurate legal description of each proposed division, and showing the boundary lines, dimensions, and the accessibility of each division from existing or proposed public roads for automobile traffic and public utilities, for preliminary review, approval, and/or denial by the locally designated official(s) prior to a final application under Section V.

The official(s) designated by the Township, may waive the survey map requirement where the foregoing tentative parcel map is deemed to contain adequate information to approve a proposed land division considering the size, simple nature of the divisions, and the undeveloped character of the territory within which the proposed divisions are located. An accurate legal description of all the proposed divisions, however, shall at all times be required.

D. Proof that all standards of the State Land Division Act and this Ordinance have been met.

E. The history and specifications of any previous divisions of land of which the proposed division was a part sufficient to establish the parcel to be divided was lawfully in existence as of March 31, 1997, the effective date of the State Land Division Act.

F. Proof that all due and payable taxes or installments of special assessments pertaining to the land proposed to be divided are paid in full.

G. Unless a division creates

a parcel which is acknowledged and declared to be "not buildable" under Section VIII of this Ordinance, all divisions shall result in "buildable" parcels containing sufficient "buildable" area outside of unbuildable wetlands, flood plains and other areas where buildings are prohibited therefrom, and with sufficient area to comply with all required setback provisions, minimum floor areas, off-street parking spaces, on-site sewage disposal and water well locations (where public water and sewer service is not available), and maximum allowed area coverage of buildings and structures on the site.

H. The fee as may from time to time be established by resolution of the Township Board for land division reviews pursuant to this ordinance to cover the costs of review of the application and administration of this Ordinance and the State Land Division Act.

##### SECTION VI PROCEDURE FOR REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS FOR LAND DIVISION APPROVAL

A. Upon receipt of a land division application package, the Township Clerk or other official designated by the Township Board shall forthwith submit the same to the designated official for decision. The designee shall approve, approve with reasonable conditions to assure compliance with applicable ordinances and the protection of public health, safety and general welfare, or disapprove the land division applied for within 30 days after receipt of the application package conforming to this Ordinance's requirements, and shall promptly notify the applicant of the decisions and the reasons for any denial. If the application package does not conform to this Ordinance requirements and the State Land Division Act, the assessor or other designee shall return the same to the applicant for completion and refile in accordance with this Ordinance and the State Land Division Act.

B. Any person or entity aggrieved by the decision of the designee may, within 30 days of said decision appeal the decision to the Township Board of Manchester Township which shall consider and resolve such appeal by a majority vote of said Board or by the designee at its next regular meeting or session affording sufficient time for a 20 day written notice to the appli-

cant (and appellant where other than the applicant) of the time and date of said meeting and appellate hearing.

C. A decision approving a land division is effective for 90 days, after which it shall be considered revoked unless within such period a document is recorded with the County Register of Deeds office and filed with the Township Clerk or other designated official accomplishing the approved land division or transfer.

D. The land division designee shall maintain an official record of all approved and accomplished land divisions or transfers.

##### SECTION VII STANDARDS FOR APPROVAL OF LAND DIVISIONS

A proposed land division shall be approved if the following criteria are met:

A. All the parcels to be created by the proposed land division(s) fully comply with the applicable lot (parcel), yard and area requirements of the applicable zoning ordinance, including, but not limited to, minimum lot (parcel) frontage/width, minimum road frontage, minimum lot (parcel) area, minimum lot width to depth ratio, and maximum lot (parcel) coverage and minimum set-backs for existing buildings/structures.

B. The proposed land division(s) comply with all requirements of the State Land Division Act and this Ordinance.

C. All parcels created and remaining have existing adequate accessibility, or an area available, to a public road for public utilities and emergency and other vehicles not less than the requirements of the Township Zoning Ordinance, The Township Private Road Ordinance, Township Driveway Standards, or this Ordinance.

D. Where accessibility is to be provided by a proposed new dedicated public road, proof that the Washtenaw County Road Commission or Michigan Department of Transportation has approved the proposed layout and construction design of the road and of utility easements and drainage facilities connected therewith.

E. Where accessibility by vehicle traffic and for utilities is permitted through other than a dedicated and accepted public road or easement, such accessibility shall comply with the following:



# Manchester Township Land Division Ordinance, cont'd.

If accessibility is by a private road or easement, a document acceptable to the Township shall be recorded with the County Register of Deeds and filed with the assessor or designee specifying the method of private financing of all maintenance, improvements, and snow removal, the apportionment of these costs among those benefited, and the right of the Township to assess such costs against those properties benefitted, plus a 25 percent administrative fee, and to perform such improvements in the event of a failure of those benefitted to privately perform these duties for the health, safety and general welfare of the area.

## SECTION VIII ALLOWANCE FOR APPROVAL OF OTHER LAND DIVISIONS

Notwithstanding disqualification from approval pursuant to this ordinance, a proposed land division which does not fully

comply with the applicable lot, yard, accessibility and area requirements of the applicable zoning ordinance or this Ordinance may be approved in any of the following circumstances:

A. Where the applicant executes and records an affidavit or deed restriction with the County Register of Deeds, in a form acceptable to the township, designating the parcel as "not buildable". Any such parcel shall also be designated as "not buildable" in the township records, and shall not thereafter be the subject of a request to the Zoning Board of Appeals for variance relief from the applicable lot and/or area requirements, and shall not be developed with any building or above ground structure exceeding four feet in height.

B. Where, in circumstances not covered by paragraph A above, the Zoning Board of Appeals has, previous to this Ordinance, granted a variance from the lot, yard, ratio, frontage and/

or area requirements with which the parcel failed to comply.

C. Where the proposed land division involves only the minor adjustment of a common boundary line or involves a conveyance between adjoining properties which does not result in either parcel violating this Ordinance, any applicable zoning ordinance, or the State Land Division Act.

## SECTION IX CONSEQUENCES OF NONCOMPLIANCE WITH LAND DIVISION APPROVAL REQUIREMENT

Any parcel created in non-compliance with this ordinance shall not be eligible for any building permits, or zoning approvals, such as special land use approval or site plan approval, and shall not be recognized as a separate parcel on the assessment roll. In addition, violation of this ordinance shall subject the violator to the penalties and enforcement actions set forth in

Section X of this ordinance, and as may otherwise be provided by law.

## SECTION X PENALTIES AND ENFORCEMENT

Any person who violates any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500.00 or by imprisonment in the county jail for not to exceed 90 days or by both such fine and imprisonment. Any person who violates any of the provisions of this ordinance shall also be subject to a civil action seeking invalidation of the land division and appropriate injunctive or other relief.

## SECTION XI SEVERABILITY

The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable and if any clause, sentence, word, section or provision is declared void or unenforceable for any reason by any court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect any portion of this ordinance other than said

part or portion thereof.

## SECTION XII REPEAL

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed, except that this Ordinance shall not be construed to repeal any provision in the Manchester Township zoning ordinance, the Manchester Township Subdivision Control Ordinance, or the Manchester Township Building Code.

## SECTION XIII EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall take effect 30 days following its publication after adoption.

**MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP**  
*Kathleen M. Hakes, Clerk*  
**DATED: December 9, 1997**

The original of the above ordinance may be inspected or a copy purchased at the Manchester Township Hall, 275 South Macomb Street, Manchester, Michigan 48158, during regular office hours, which are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, from 8:30 AM to noon.



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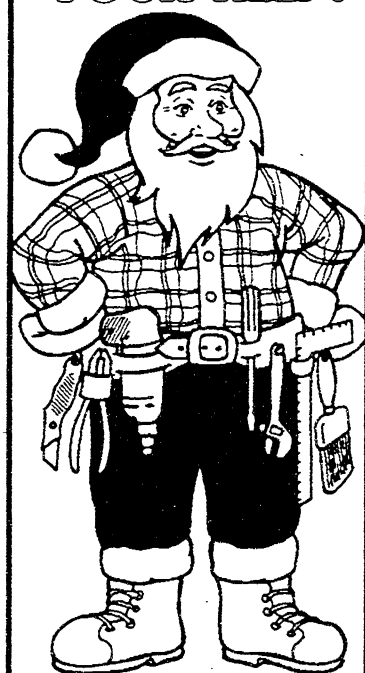
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## NOTICE TO RESIDENTS AND BUSINESS OWNERS VILLAGE OF MANCHESTER SIDEWALK SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL ORDINANCE

REMOVAL OF SNOW AND ICE. THE OWNER OR OCCUPANT OF ANY PREMISES, OR THE OWNER OF ANY UNOCCUPIED PREMISES OR REAL PROPERTY, IS REQUIRED TO KEEP THE CONSTRUCTED SIDEWALKS IN FRONT OF, OR ADJACENT TO SUCH PREMISES CLEARED FROM SNOW AND ICE WHICH WILL IMPEDE PASSAGE ON SUCH SIDEWALKS.

(1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (3) HEREOF, SNOW AND ICE SHALL BE SO REMOVED FROM SIDEWALKS IN ALL BUSINESS DISTRICTS BY FOUR (4) BUSINESS HOURS AFTER THE CESSATION OF ANY FALL OF SNOW, SLEET, OR FREEZING RAIN, OR BY THE BEGINNING OF BUSINESS HOURS OF THE NEXT DAY FOLLOWING SUCH FALL, WHICHEVER PERIOD IS SHORTER.

(2) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTIONS (3) OR (4) HEREOF, SNOW AND ICE SHALL BE SO REMOVED FROM ALL RESIDENTIAL SIDEWALKS WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR (24) HOURS AFTER THE CESSATION OF ANY FALL OF SNOW, SLEET, OR FREEZING RAIN.

(3) IN THE EVENT SNOW AND ICE ON A SIDEWALK HAS BECOME SO HARD THAT IT CANNOT BE REMOVED WITHOUT THE LIKELIHOOD OF DAMAGE TO THE SIDEWALK, THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR ITS REMOVAL SHALL, WITHIN THE TIME REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTIONS (1) OR (2), HAVE ENOUGH SAND OR OTHER ABRASIVE PUT ON THE SIDEWALK TO MAKE TRAVEL THEREON REASONABLY SAFE. SNOW AND ICE SHALL THEN BE REMOVED AS SOON AS IT CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT THE LIKELIHOOD OF DAMAGE TO THE SIDEWALK.

(4) EXEMPTIONS. IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS ONLY, PERSONS WHO, FOR REASONS OF INFIRMITY, BELIEVE COMPLIANCE WITH SUBSECTIONS (2) AND (3) WOULD CAUSE UNDUE HARDSHIP, MAY FILE A REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION WITH THE VILLAGE CLERK. THE CLERK SHALL APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE THE REQUEST ACCORDING TO GUIDELINES ADOPTED BY COUNCIL. IF APPROVED, THE VILLAGE MAY THEN REMOVE SNOW AND ICE FROM THESE SIDEWALKS AT A COST TO BE ESTABLISHED BY COUNCIL RESOLUTION, BASED ON LENGTH, IN FEET, OF SIDEWALK.

FAILURE TO COMPLY. IF THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR THE REMOVAL OF SNOW AND ICE FAILS TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION, THEN THE VILLAGE MAY REMOVE THE SNOW AND ICE, AND THE COST THEREOF MAY BE COLLECTED AS A SINGLE LOT ASSESSMENT UNDER CHAPTER 3, SECTION 1.85 OF THIS CODE. FURTHER, SUCH RESPONSIBLE PARTY SHALL BE LIABLE TO THE VILLAGE FOR ALL LOSSES TO THE VILLAGE OR RECOVERIES FROM THE VILLAGE FOR DAMAGES TO PERSON OR PROPERTY OF OTHERS CAUSED BY THE FAILURE OF SUCH RESPONSIBLE PARTY TO SO REMOVE ALL SNOW AND ICE ACCUMULATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION.

## PROPOSED SYNOPSIS of a regular meeting of the Manchester Township Board held December 8, 1997:

The meeting was called to order at 8:08 PM with Board Members Widmayer, Turk, Mann and Hakes present. Macomber was absent. Also present were Fire Chief Wiedmayer, Zoning Inspector Moore, and Planning Commission members Limpert and Harvey. Historical Society members Mike and Susan Landauer entered later.

The Board approved the minutes of their last regular meeting of 11/10/97 and special meeting of 11/25/97. The Treasurer's report was accepted. The Clerk was given approval to assist in collecting taxes. Approval was given for payment of bills.

Chief Wiedmayer reported Fire Department activity for the month as follows: 3 fires, 16 medical, 8 personal injury, 1 miscellaneous, for a total of 28 runs. The Board approved increasing the membership of the Fire Department to 35 members. The Supervisor was authorized to sign the Washtenaw County Central Dispatch Authority's 1998 contract in the amount of \$289.97 per month. Zoning Inspector Moore's report for November included zoning permits issued for 1 new residence, 3 barns/garages.

The Board adopted Land Division Ordinance #41, an ordinance regulating the partitioning or division of parcels or tracts of land. The ordinance will be published within 30 days and will be effective 30 days after publication.

Mike Landauer of the Manchester Area Historical Society presented their survey of Reynolds Corner Cemetery, providing the Township with a more accurate record of graves.

Correspondence required no action from the Board. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:53 PM. A complete copy of the minutes may be obtained at the Township office during regular office hours, which are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, from 8:30 AM to noon. The next regular meeting of the Manchester Township Board will be Monday, January 12, 1998, at 8 PM

Submitted by Kathleen M. Hakes, Clerk

Approved by Ronald E. Mann, Supervisor

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## 'Auld Lang Syne of the Times'

### Families Bring New Year's Home for the Holidays

Will you be counting down to midnight with Dick Clark this New Year's Eve? Join the crowd as millions of revelers will ring in 1998 in the comfort and safety of their own homes.

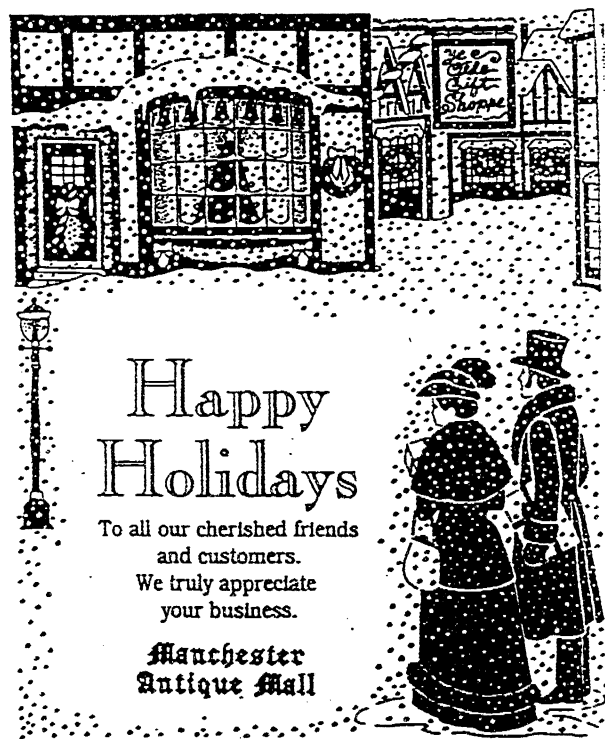
According to party-goods-industry analysts, the trend toward staying in, staying up and celebrating together is largely due to cost. Paying premium wages for a baby-sitter (if one can be found at all) is usually the least expensive concern.

Consumers may be "sticker shocked" as they research New Year's Eve packages at larger hotels and restaurants. Ranging from \$100 to \$1,000 per couple,

these packages can stretch almost any family's budget.

On the other hand, just a few dollars goes a long way in outfitting the family with hats, horns and even a balloon drop bag for the big countdown. A quick trip to the party-goods store will reveal a number of fun props and activities to make the evening a night to remember.

Consumers are reminded that as long as they avoid using confetti, party poppers and serpentine, cleanup after home parties is quick and painless. Balloons, on the other hand, are clean, easy to use and safe, with proper adult supervision.



### Special Christmas music programs to precede the Masses on Christmas Eve at St. Mary's Catholic Church



At 4:30 PM on December 24th the Children's Choir will present a special program of English, French, German and Polish carols. In the tradition of St. Francis of Assisi a Christmas drama will be presented by children while the medieval French Carol, *Nous voici dans la ville*, (In the Town) is sung and mimed. Mary is sung by Natalie Palms and acted by Megan Jackson; Joseph is sung by Megan Kanta and acted by Tim Tyler; the innkeepers are sung by Bryce Dettloff and Elizabeth and Emily Little and acted by Danielle Jankins and Owen Jackson; the angel is portrayed by Lauren Aiuto. The

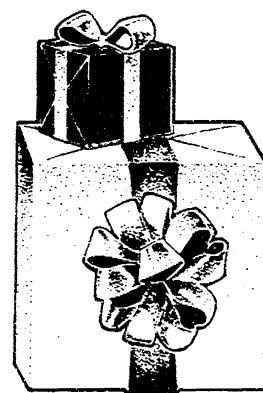
drama is directed by Diane DuRussel and accompanied by Chris Kanta. Dr. Marijim Thoene, organist/choir director is the director of music at St. Mary's Church. Mass will begin at 5:00 PM and Fr. Charlie Irvin's homily is entitled: "God didn't come to us as a concept to be pondered, but as a Person to be loved."

At 11:30 PM on December 24 the Adult Choir at St. Mary's will also sing carols from Germany, France, England and Poland. Carols for recorder and organ, *A la Venue de Noel* by Claude Halbastre and a 16th century Theme and Variations on the tune "What Child is This for

recorder and organ will be played by Betty Cummings and Marijim Thoene.

Mass will begin at midnight. Fr. Charlie Irvin's homily is entitled, "God didn't come to us as a concept to be pondered but as a Person to be loved."

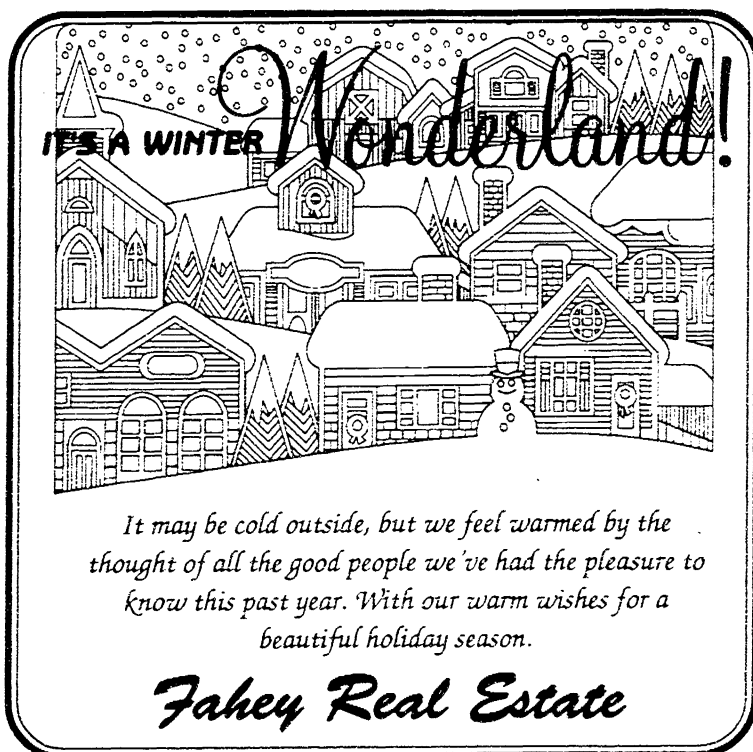
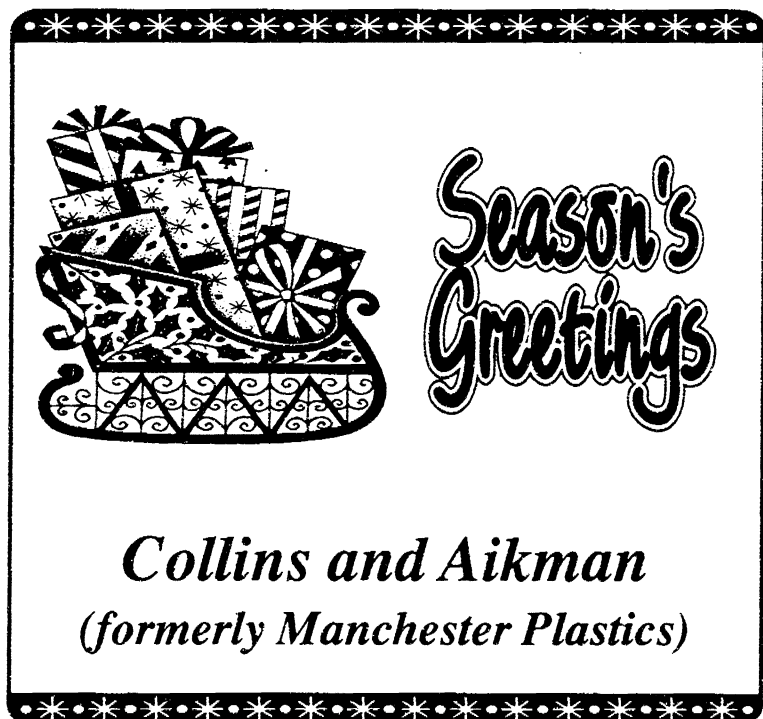
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Life is a cycle...and investing during the various stages of your life should be cyclical, as well.

As you grow older, your investment strategy should evolve, changing as your financial needs change. Of course, every person's situation is different, and so each needs a different game plan. However, there are some general approaches you should consider when developing your investment strategy, based on where you are in life and your tolerance for risk.

### In Your 20s And 30s

**Invest for growth.** Historically, equities have outperformed fixed-income securities over long periods of time (10 years or more), although past performance is no guarantee of future results. Take advantage of your long-term investment horizon and consider having approximately 70% of long-term savings in stocks and/or stock mutual funds. The balance could be in bonds and bond funds. Of course, principal values and return of an investment in stocks will fluctuate with investment performance of the funds you selected, whereas fixed income investments generally offer both a more stable principal

value and a fixed rate or return when held to maturity.

**Protect yourself.** Although often overlooked by younger people, comprehensive insurance coverage is a must. It works to protect your current savings, as well as future earnings. Important protection typically put on the back burner are disability income insurance and umbrella-liability insurance, which covers you in the event of a lawsuit.

**Save as much as you can.** To provide for a comfortable retirement at age 65, people under 30 should strive to save at least 10% of gross income. For those age 30 and older, the goal should be at least 15%. If you are planning to retire early, you'll probably need to save more (typically 20% to 25% of gross income).

### In Your 40s And 50s

**Keep investing for growth.** Look to keep 50% to 60% of your investment portfolio in stocks and the balance of bonds. Then, as you approach retirement, follow this same strategy, but strive to reduce your level of risk. For example, consider moving from growth funds and high-yielding junk bond funds to growth-and-income

funds and high quality bonds. However, depending on your overall level of assets, and whether you plan to convert all of your savings into annuity income upon retirement, you may want to maintain a sizable equity position well into retirement in order to maintain growth potential.

**Look for tax-deferral.** Take full advantage of tax-deferred vehicles for pre-tax salary contributions like 401(k) plans and Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs). You are likely to earn the most in your 40s and 50s, so it's important to find legitimate ways to avoid giving it all to Uncle Sam. Life insurance policies and annuities are generally purchased with after-tax money, but allow any earnings accumulate tax-deferred.

**Do an annual retirement update.** Once a year, project your retirement income needs so you know how much you should be saving to reach your goal and when you can retire. Don't forget to factor in an inflation rate since even modest inflation can severely erode the buying power of your retirement nest egg over a 10-30 year retirement period.

By your 50s, you should have a good idea what you are

likely to get from Social Security and your company pension at retirement. The balance must be made up with personal savings. And you should know by this time if you are saving enough or will need to save more to reach your retirement goal.

**Plan your estate.** At this point in your life, you should have at least three basic estate planning documents: a will, a durable power of attorney or living trust (in case you become incapacitated) and a living will with a health care proxy. For an estate over \$600,000, you should consult your own legal and tax advisor about whether you could benefit from more advanced estate planning arrangements such as testamentary trusts and life insurance trusts.

**Pay off your mortgage before you retire.** Planning for a mortgage-free retirement will free up substantial income to do other things.

**Different Investment Strategies Should be Considered for Different Stages of Your Life.**

### During Retirement

*Consider staying in the*

*stock market.* Depending upon your comfort level with market volatility and your personal financial situations, some level of equity investing may be just as important during your retirement years in order to maintain growth potential during a retirement which may last decades. Look for higher-quality investments; perhaps mutual funds that focus on stocks that pay dividends or a low-fee "index fund" focusing on the large company stocks of the S&P 500.

**Keep saving.** Since you may be retired 20 to 30 years or more, some level of saving and reinvesting will help offset inflation's impact on the purchasing power of your retirement income, particularly if your payments do not have a cost of living adjustment. Retirees under age 75 should strive to reinvest at least some of their investment gain.

Review your financial and estate plans periodically. Make sure your will and other documents are up-to-date. And, always keep your loved ones informed about your finances, insurance, health care arrangements and any special needs.

- Timothy W. Schriber

Ho...Ho...Homespun Greetings!



'Tis the season for family and good cheer,  
And a magic flight on a midnight clear.  
We've all awaited the big day, all year,  
It's time to celebrate, 'cause now it's here!

Many thanks to all who helped make our year one worth celebrating.  
MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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and  
**Subway**

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In the  
Spirit of  
**Christmas**

May this season of spirituality  
and miracles bring serenity and joy  
to all those near and dear to you,  
and may Heaven shine its grace  
down upon you.

**Jenter Braun**

**Funeral Home**

## Services

**Lost or Found a Pet?** Call the Huron Valley Humane Society. 662-5585. tfn

**Fielder Painting:** Interior and Exterior. Free estimates. Senior citizen discount. Phone 428-1190 or 428-8506 tfn

**Farmers' Sand and Gravel.**  
We deliver and spread driveways. 475-8850 tfn

**Benedict Painting:** Call Chuck for free estimates. 17 years experience - interior & exterior painting. 517-536-4812 tfn

**Stump Grinding & Tree Removal;** Wood Chipping - Free estimates. Insured.. **R & L Tree Service** 428-1675 Rich & Russ Lutton tfn

**PREMIER CONTRACT-ING,** Full service residential and light commercial builder. 428-9826. tfn

**Retired Fireman, 30 years** experience - plumbing, electrical repairs, drywall, painting, etc. Call Jerry 517-536-4344. TFN

**Manchester Electric, Inc.** Contracting & In-home service 428-8243. TFN

**Quality House Cleaning** weekly/biweekly. Tracie Palmer 428-0653. "The Cleaning Crew" 8/14, TFN

**Painting & Drywall repair.** Home repair, deck cleaning and painting. Serving Washtenaw County, Chelsea 433-1189. TFN

## Autos

**Seized cars from \$175.** Porsches, Cadillacs, Chevys, BMWs, Corvettes. Also Jeeps, 4WDs, your area. Toll Free 1-800-218-9000, Ext. A-11792 for current listings. 1/1

## Homes For Sale

**GOV'T FORECLOSED** homes from pennies on \$1. Delinquent tax, repo's, REOs. Your area. Toll Free 1-800-218-9000, ext. H-11792 for current listings. 1/1

## Antiques

**Manchester Antique Mall:** 35 Dealers. Open 7 days 10-5. 116 E. Main. 428-9357. tfn

**Operating a business without advertising is like winking in the dark**

**You know what you are doing, but no one else does.**

## Help Wanted

**Clark now hiring** 2nd and 3rd shift and weekends. Benefits, vacation, flexible schedule, competitive pay. Apply in person, 100 E. Main. TFN

**Moms: work while** your kids are in school- Subway offers flexible hours to meet your schedule. Apply in person, 100 E. Main. TFN

**Stu Evans Ford** is looking for Auto Clean Up personnel. Plenty of work, excellent working conditions. Excellent benefits. Contact Pat Lyons at 428-8343 TFN

**Stu Evans Ford** is looking for Porters. Excellent working conditions, plenty of work, excellent benefits. Contact Pat Lyons at 428-8343 TFN

**Stu Evans Ford** is looking for Auto Technicians, experienced, preferably Ford. Plenty of work, excellent working conditions. Looking for diesel technicians and other work. Company demo and excellent benefits. Contact Pat Lyons at 428-8343 TFN

**Wanted: Temporary part time driver with vehicle to transport man to appointments and/or work.** Call 428-9456. 1/7

**Part time 25 hour/week** position available for an LPN to fulfill 3 year contract at St. Louis Center for boys, located just outside Chelsea, Michigan. Requirements include current LPN licensure in State of Michigan; strong teaching skills with adolescents, counselors and parents; strong tracking, organization, documentation and communication skills. The Hospital offers competitive salary. Please send resume to: Chelsea Community Hospital; Human Resources; 775 S. Main Street; Chelsea, MI 48118. 12/25

**RN Position-part time** for family practice. Please send resume to Family Practice, P.O. Box 590, Clinton, MI, 49236. 12/25

**Welder/Fabricator.** Experienced welders are needed immediately, \$9.00-\$15.00 per hour. Some travel is required and must be able to work 60-80 hours a week. **CALL MAN-POWER 665-3757.**

**Day Shift 9:30 - 2:30** Pizza makers and Drivers needed. Monday - Friday. Great job for Moms. Apply in person at **Ollie's Pizza** 138 E. Main. TFN

**Pizza Makers** part time. Flexible hours apply in person **Ollies Main Street Pizza.** TFN

## Free

**Adorable Kittens** free ready to take home by Christmas. White, Black, or Grey. Please call (517)536-8761 if interested. 12-25

**Very Cute Baby Rabbits** - free to good home. Black or white. Please Call 428-8264 anytime. 1/1

## Wanted

**Wanted crop land** to lease Bristle Farms 313-428-0214. tfn

## For Sale

**Full size mattress and box springs.** Two months old. \$95. 428-1911 12/25

## For Rent

**Building on Main Street** 428-8190. Office/Retail. TFN

**Manchester--very large,** extra nice one bedroom, no pets. \$530/month. 428-9570 tfn

**2 bedroom apartment** for rent-\$550-month. Pets additional, water included, first floor. Call 428-9380 or 428-8052 evenings. 1/15

**Clinton: Office space** upstairs-on Main Street. Approximately 1000 sq. ft. Has kitchen, full bath. Newly remodeled. Could also be apartment. Call 517-522-4064. tfn

## Thank You

We want to **Thank** all of our neighbors and friends for the food, cards and kind thoughts you extended to us at the passing of our wife and mother.

**The Family of  
Geraldine Kress**

**Early  
DEADLINE  
for  
1/1/98  
issue  
12:00  
NOON  
Friday**

CLASSIFIED  
RATE:

**\$4.00 for the first 20 words,**  
**10¢ for each add'l word.**  
**Thank You's & Memorials**  
**are \$5.00**  
**for the first 50 words.**  
**Ads must be prepaid**

**Ads accepted after the**  
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## A Christmas Creed

**I believe that Christmas is a spirit,  
and they that find it must seek it in  
spirit and in truth.**

**I believe that it is not a season of the  
year, but a way to live.**

**It comes whenever wise men and  
shepherds bow down at the same  
shrine;**

**Whenever charity displaces intolerance;  
Whenever old enemies forgive one  
another;**

**Whenever kindness takes the place of  
ill will.**

**I believe in the Christmas hope as the  
way to life for all persons and nations.  
I believe that peace on earth and good  
will among all can become living  
realities in this generation.**

CONGRATULATIONS  
GRADS

**WE HAVE EVERYTHING  
YOU NEED  
TO CELEBRATE  
YOUR SPECIAL DAY!**

- Open House Cards
- Name Cards
- Announcements
- Memory Books
- Party Supplies
- Jewelry

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Class of '98!*



# Classified Ads - Santa Needs Helpers!

- from Mrs. Janice Little's Second Grade Class

Ed. Note: These Second Graders were asked to write "classified ads" asking for helpers for Santa. These are typed in their own words, unedited, with the original spelling and grammar. Thank you, Mrs. Little's students, for sharing these holiday thoughts with us.

**Help Wanted: Security**  
- I hav a license to hunt My gun is a rife. I can shot up to 250 miles.

- Ross Jankins

**Help Wanted:** My job is a barber. I should be a barber cause oces I cut my dogs hair and he looked the same.

- Amanda Kissman

**Help Wanted: Painter**  
- You got to have a paint brush and you got to be a good painter.

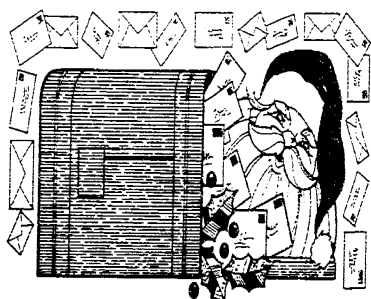
- Owen Jackson

**Help Wanted: Painter**  
- I have painted ginger bread men and frosted. I've painted cookies.

- Jesse Flint

**Help Wanted: Mail Carrier**  
- Sort Mail. good I contac.

- Jessie Gibbons



**Help Wanted: Builder**  
- Hammer. Scrue drvr. I could build your cabin.

- Brian Dettling

**Help Wanted: Cook**  
- Experience Closes. I have bakt a pizza.

- Sam Birgy

**Help Wanted:** I woid be a loader. I helpt mom lode the grosries.

- Matthew Girbach

**Help Wanted: Barber**  
- I can shve your bered. I have sezisors a brsh. And my dad has a shavr.

- Audrey Carey

**Help Wanted: Sleigh Shiner**  
- Tools - wax - polis - sope - and spotz remover.

- Allyson Way

**Help Wanted: Candy Maker**  
- Marshor the cande. Make sure no one eats the candy.

- Breanne Haeussler.



**Help Wanted: Sleigh Shiner**  
- Wax. Rag. It taxes a lon time to wroshe the car.

- Tyler King

**Help Wanted:** I wood help him get drest. Clos experience. Ask him if it is comftrbowl and see if he likes it and if I like it.

- Skyler McDowell

**Help Wanted: Sleigh Shiner**  
- Turtle wax. Sope. sponge. I have wost windos.

- Nicole Helfrich

**Help Wanted:** I want to help Santa make toys. I know how to build and I have lots of wood paint and tools.

- Kaitlan Greene

**Help Wanted: Sleigh Shiner**  
- Experience. I help my mom with her car. and my step dad's truck.

- Joshua Guest



**Help Wanted: Sleigh Shiner**  
- Experienced. Wax not to scarh it.

- Jason Alber

**Help Wanted:** You need turtle waxe and a supay water to be vary cline and vary shiney.

- Stephanie Preston

**Help Wanted: Sleigh Shiner**  
- I have turtle wax.

- Jessica Peasley

**Help Wanted: Sleigh Shiner**  
- Shine the sleigh.

- Paul Tooman.

**Help Wanted: Sleigh Shiner**  
- I have turtle wax. good polish. soap on the sponge. water.

- Ashley Zigila

**Help Wanted:** I want to be painter I've painted my Grandmas fince.

- Zach Albert

**Deadline to respond to these ads is Christmas Eve, for I am very busy and can use every bit of help you can give me.**

**Merry Christmas! Santa**



Rudolph was proudly displaying these classifieds ads in the Klager Hallways!



To all those near and "deer" to us, our deep gratitude and warm regards for a joyous holiday season.

**Deb Engelbert**  
Charles Reinhart Realtors

**JOY  
HOPE  
LOVE  
WISDOM**

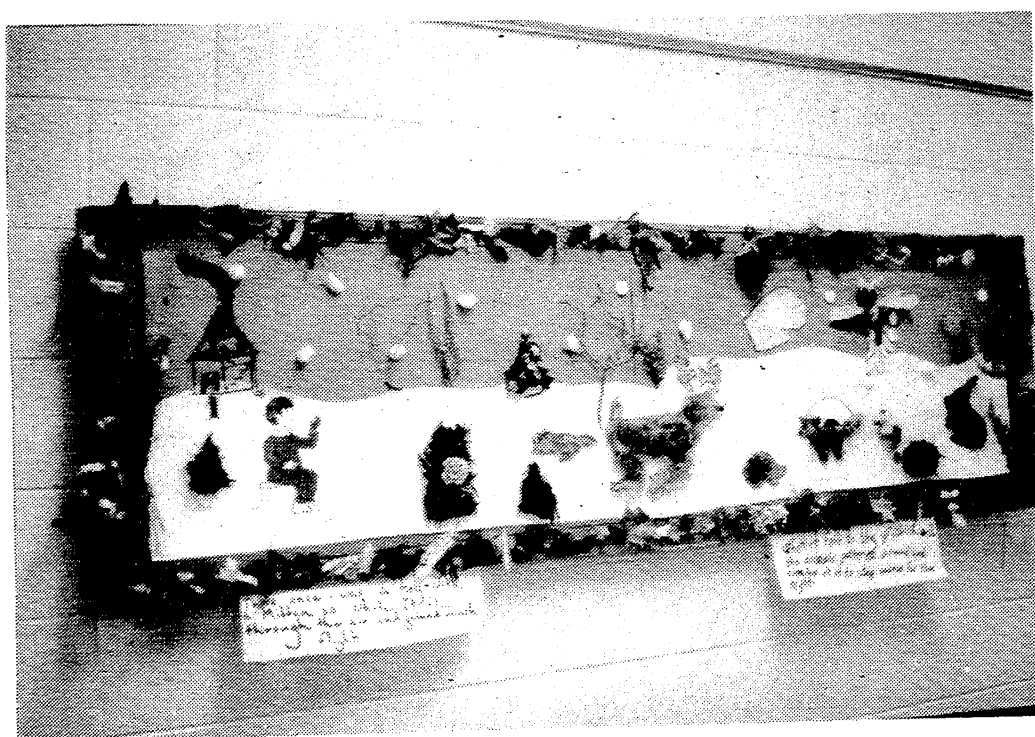
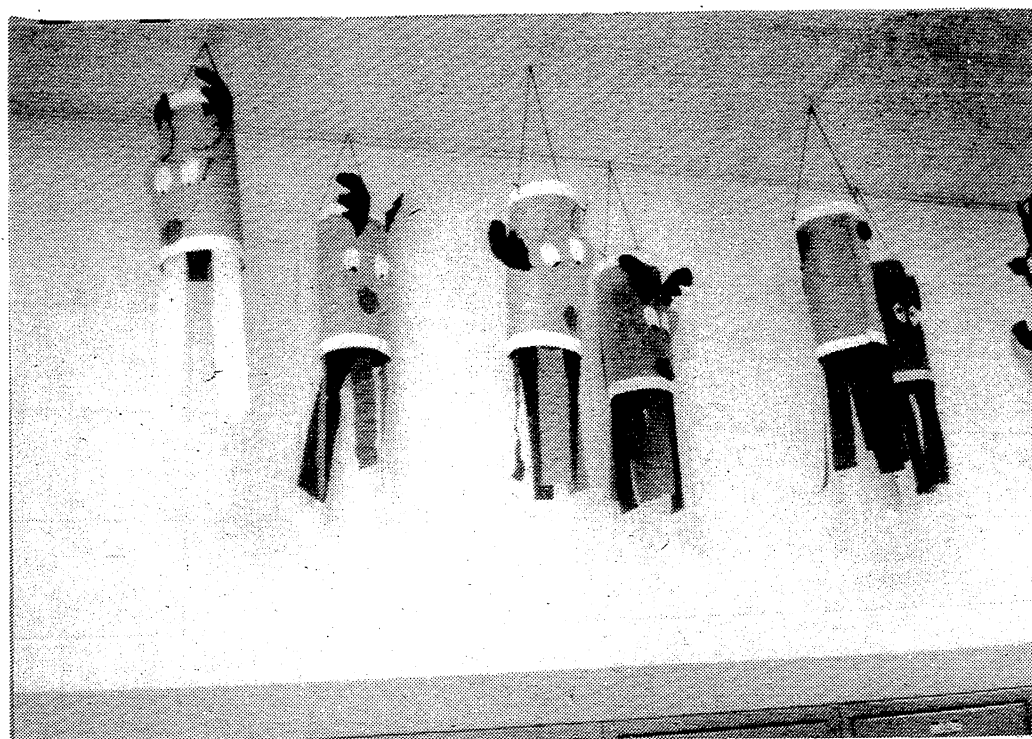
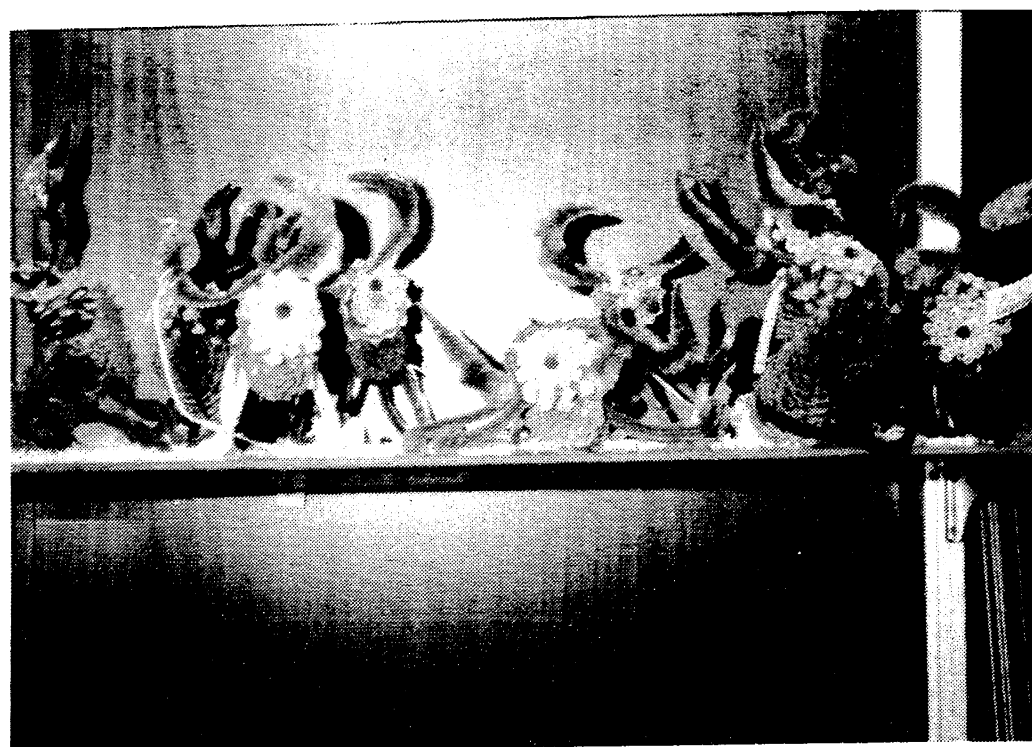
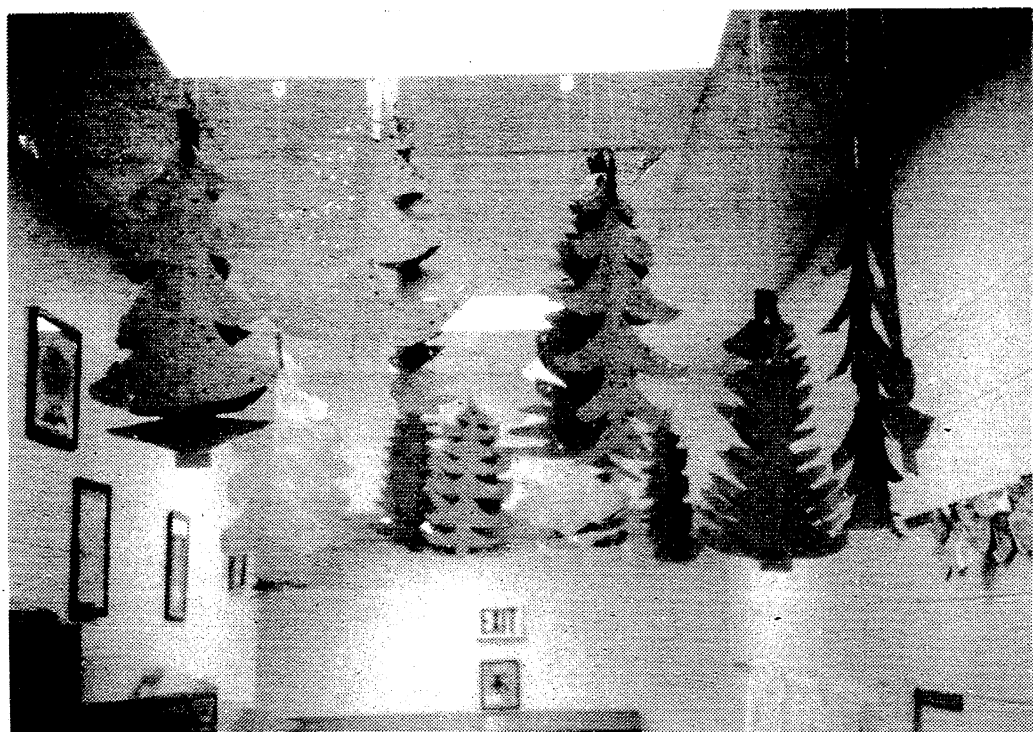
**PEACE  
ON  
EARTH**

May the gifts of the season be yours to treasure.

Happy Holidays and  
Many Thanks  
**Sula Darlene Jeffers**



# Happy Holidays from the Halls of Klager School



There once was a boy with a mitten so white  
It flew through the air and gained much flight  
When it fell to the ground  
All the animals gathered around  
And climbed in it to stay warm for the night.

But, oh! Someone sneezed  
And they all flew through the breeze  
So much for that house!  
It must have been a mouse!



# STU EVANS



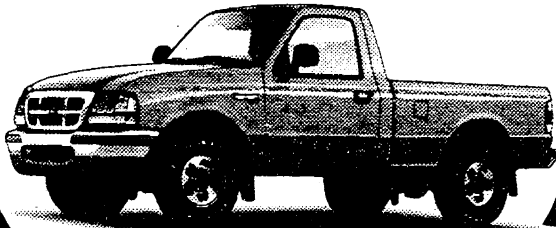
'98 Escort LX  
as low as



\$11,865\*

Close Out  
on All  
150,250,350  
'97 Trucks

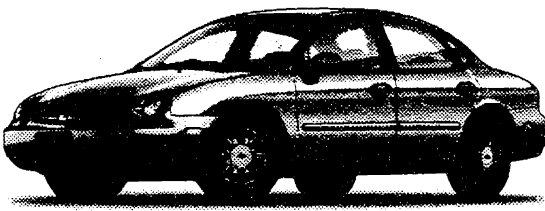
'98 Ranger XLT  
as low as



\$16,908\*

**Hurry!!  
Sale Ends  
1-5-98**

'98 Taurus LX  
as low as



\$12,652\*

**Up to  
\$1,500  
Rebate  
or  
2.9% APR\***

*Happy Holidays from all of us*



\*Destination charge Included, Plus tax, title, and plate. Similar Vehicles available at slightly higher prices.

**Stu Evans Ford ---- 510 W. Main ---- 313-428-8343**