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Legislature approves school aid budget

■ *Per-pupil funding increase protected.*

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Associate Editor

Last week, the Michigan House of Representatives approved the school-aid budget protecting a \$1,000 increase in per-pupil funding for the current school year.

The bill was expected to be finalized when it was brought before the state Senate for approval on Tuesday.

Without this legislation, schools stood to lose approximately \$77 per pupil in this year's budgets, which would have meant an approximate \$96,250 shortfall for the Manchester Community Schools.

State Rep. Gene DeRossett of Manchester was among those who supported the bill.

"It is essential that we keep our priorities in order," DeRossett said. "Despite a tight budget, our schools will see substantial increases in funding."

The measure includes a 4 percent increase in kindergarten through grade 12 funding for 2002 and closes a \$170 million state budget shortfall.

"It's good news for us, because otherwise we would have had to look at budget cuts," said Manchester superintendent David Oegema. "But it did do some other things, including cutting funding for summer schools that were a state mandate for the future."

The measure also protects early intervention programs such as Manchester's

newly implemented Parents as Teachers program, which was in danger of being cut under the prior bill. A reduction in adult education programs will not affect the Manchester school district.

"This bill was a compromise," Oegema added. "One of the big holdups was an issue of charter schools."

The Bay de Noc Community College is operated by Native Americans and part of the original bill provided for the college to operate statewide and have an unlimited number of charter schools.

"(Schools and lobbyists) were trying to defeat that portion of the bill, so it was taken out so they could pass the bill."

Legislators who introduced the bill have announced it will be brought up as

a separate issue.

Under the measure, per-pupil funding will reach an all-time high of \$6,700 by 2003, despite a decline in state revenues.

"Michigan residents understand that money isn't free and that leaner times require a careful examination of expenditures," DeRossett said. "We have kept the state budget balanced and increased school spending, no small feat in times like these."

Oegema said the district's concern would come next year when a 3.5 percent contractual increase in teacher salaries is slated, but only a 2.1 percent increase in the per-pupil foundation grant.

"We will have more going out than coming in," he said.

NEWS BRIEFS

Citizens for Education looking for signs

The "Vote Yes for Kids!" signs distributed by Citizens for Education early in September are being collected. Call Gary Shear at 428-8701 if you have a sign that needs to be picked up.

King's Volunteers to meet

The King's Volunteers will hold the first meeting of the fall season at the Manchester United Methodist Church in Manchester this afternoon at 1 p.m.

On the fourth Thursday of each month, the group meets for a time of fun and fellowship while creating stuffed animals for the children at Mott Children's Hospital.

The public is invited to attend the September meeting. Marie Pratt will serve refreshments and Ethel Wheeler will provide devotions.

Cemetery board to meet

The Oak Grove Cemetery Association will hold its next meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 17, at the American Legion House, 201 Adrian Street.

This meeting is open to the public.

Open house to honor clerk

The public is invited to stop and wish Karen Tucker good fortune on her new adventure between 1 and 4 p.m. next Monday at the village offices, 912 City Road.

Kiwanis Raffle Set

The fourth annual Kiwanis Krazy Kash Knight raffle will be held on March 2, 2002. Applications for project recipients will be accepted from Oct. 1 to Nov. 15.

Contact Pat at 428-7751, Bill (428-8976) or any Kiwanis member to make an application.

The Great Chili Cookoff

The Manchester Men's Club is hosting a chili cook-off at the American Legion Hall Oct. 13. Arrive at 1 p.m. to cook, watch the game, and enjoy snacks and beverages. Tasting and judging begins at 5 p.m., and a live band kicks off dancing at 8 p.m. until 1 a.m.

Entry forms are available at Manchester Market, Manchester Floors, and Manchester Pharmacy.

At the most recent meeting of the Men's Club, it was voted that proceeds from the event would benefit rescue workers and their families in New York and Washington, D.C.

■ This year's Challenge Day also kicked off a mentorship program.

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Associate Editor

When Manchester High School's first Challenge Day was successfully completed in April, staff members Donna Clark, John Easley and Bill Kindt and volunteer Dianne Schwab envisioned taking the challenge a step further.

A mentorship program was envisioned to follow through with the good feeling that ensued from those two days in April.

"It's part of the magic that goes on," was how Kindt described it last spring.

Last week, students, staff and adult volunteers started keeping the dream alive.

Tuesday, a mentor training day began the pilot program. "We planned to have challenge days in the fall this year," Clark said. "We wanted to get the migrant population involved and catch students new to the school."

"We also wanted to give the ninth graders a good start on educating them with the whole idea of Challenge Day."

So 25 high school students and a few alternative students who volunteered to be mentors for the entire year, went through training on Tuesday for the mentor program at the Comfort Inn Conference Center in Chelsea. Each of those students was required to get an adult sponsor, and those sponsors were there both Tuesday and Wednesday.

Wednesday was the day when all the freshman students went to Challenge Day. Each group had a mentor, the adult sponsor and four or five freshmen. Past or present Leadership Class students led the mixed gender groups. Clark is the teacher for leadership and life skills classes at the high school.

"This is our challenge at this point," Clark said. "This is the new part of the program and we want to try to make it last all year."

Those mentors will meet with their groups every other week.

"Even if it's just eating lunch with them," Clark said. "The important part is being part of a group, and developing relationships between underclassmen and upperclassmen. We hope it will give everyone a little more connectedness in the school."

It won't be until the end of the year that the organizers are able really evaluate that program and determine if it



True 'superheroes' all, members of the Manchester High School Leadership Class will serve as year-long mentors for freshman students through this fall's Challenge Day program. This week the class is coordinating the homecoming week activities and Tuesday was superheroes day at the high school

is something to continue in the future, but Clark believes it certainly is very promising.

"We had students who had a wonderful pairing/matching on Wednesday with their freshmen, and they're very enthusiastic about it," she said.

The change from pre-Challenge Day to post-Challenge Day was most dramatic in the younger students, Clark added.

"I rode the bus up with those kids and I heard all kinds of comments," she said.

"I don't want to do this. I don't want to go there. This is silly, this is stupid."

"It's a fear of the unknown, I suppose, that's part of it."

Clark said the Leadership Class students had more confidence than she did at that point.

"My students kept telling the kids, just wait," she says. "I kept hoping they were right."

They were, Clark said that on the ride back, the attitude was completely different.

"I think it was a really ripe time for this kind of event to happen," she agreed. "The freshmen come into the high school and they look up to the seniors. But sometimes they just get teased."

"Seniors who went through the mentor program said they didn't want to see that happen. They wanted these kids to

know there are upperclassmen who care about them."

"Adjusting to high school is such a big deal anyway, you need to feel someone is on your side."

Because this program is all brand new to everyone, no one really knows how well it will turn out.

"I am sure we'll have successes," Clark said. "I know not all of (the experiences) will be successful, but at the end of the year I hope we can look back and feel that it really was worthwhile."

Last year's Challenge Days were very memorable to all who participated.

"We had so many kids that wanted to go again," Clark said. "And it wasn't just something to get out of school for; it was just that they felt so good about themselves and every-

one else they wanted to renew that feeling."

Essentially the entire student body of Manchester High School has participated in a Challenge Day experience during the past six months. And now, the challenge is to keep the feeling going.

"That may be the hardest part," Clark admitted.

Last year, from mid-April to mid-June, the good vibrations continued through to the end of the school year. But that was only two months.

"We need to keep the sparks

going from here," Clark said. "It'll be a whole year before we have another Challenge Day."

But she has confidence in her mentor students.

"I can't say enough about the kids who agreed to be mentors," she said. "They went into it with very little information because I had little information about it."

"I simply asked them to take the risk. I told them we'd do it this year as a pilot, and we'd do it together."

"And they just jumped in. They have been so excited, so enthused. I know they're going to give it 100 percent."

"It's a great group of kids."

And a few of the seniors who participated both last year and this year are eager to remain involved. Some have volunteered to come back next year or a couple of years from now as facilitators; anything to stay involved.

Challenge Day programs are designed to tear down the walls that separate different groups of people. The events challenge and encourage participants to live, study and work in an environment of compassion, acceptance and respect.

And at Manchester High School, that challenge can become a reality.

Freedom board seeks pit restoration

■ *Planning commission urges action.*

By Barbara Bicknell

Special Writer

In a somber reminder of the events of Sept. 11, the Freedom Township Board meeting that evening came to order by observing a moment of silence.

Stanley Tschiltz, chairperson for the Planning Commission reported on the Kuebler gravel pit on Steinbach Road.

Ken Stewart of Bridgewater Sand and Gravel first operated the pit, leasing it from Walter Kuebler. He subsequently transferred his interest in the mining operation to a company that is reorganizing under bankruptcy procedures.

Meanwhile, the gravel pit is in need of restoration. Stewart holds a \$250,000 surety bond with the township that will expire Dec. 21.

Tschiltz said that planning commission's recommendation was for the board to consider making a draw for the full amount until the township knows what it will cost to restore the pit.

Included in his recommendation, Tschiltz said, "The board should employ a civil engineer to come in and give an estimate to the township to restore that pit and also to determine if that pit is actually 10 acres in size. We aren't sure of that."

He added, "Time is of the essence and if you want that land restored to reasonable use, do it; take some action."

Township supervisor Bob Little verified that Stewart holds the mining permit and the surety bond with the township.

"(Stewart) is responsible for the reclamation of the pit," he said.

"We were getting a lot of misinformation," he added. "The township's lawyer, Fred Lucas, is going to check to see whether the permit was legally transferable."

"In the future, it will be clearly noted that mining permits are not transferable."

The board's decision was to call in Stewart's bond, and turned the matter over to Lucas.

"We're more comfortable with money in hand until this thing gets ironed out," Little said.

He added that the board has hired Tetra Tech MPS to do an engineering report on the property.

Lucas is helping the board to determine what options are available.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sept. 27
Community Resource Center Board meets at 7:30 p.m. at the center.

Varsity and Junior Varsity girls basketball game, at Michigan Center, 5 p.m.
Junior Varsity football at Vandercook, 6:30 p.m.

Sept. 28
Varsity football Homecoming game vs. Vandercook at home, 7 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. in the Emanuel United Church of Christ kitchen.

Al-Anon meets at 7 p.m. at Emanuel United Church of Christ, in the third and fourth-grade room.

Sept. 30
Equestrian Meet, 8 a.m. at Wayne County Fairgrounds

Oct. 1
Middle School girls basketball, vs. Vandercook, at home, 4:30 p.m.

Girls Basketball at, Adrian Madison 5:30 p.m.

Euchre Night at the American Legion, 7 p.m. each Monday. All are welcome.

Manchester Village Council meets at 7 p.m. at the village hall.

Masonic Lodge business meeting takes place at 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 2
Alzheimer's Family Caregiver Support Group meets from 1 to 3 p.m. at Turner Senior Resource Center, 2401 Plymouth Road, Suite C, Ann Arbor. Contact the Alzheimer's Association at (800) 337-3827 or (734) 677-3081.

Golf meet, at Michigan Center, 4:15 p.m.

Cross-Country meet vs. East Jackson at Hanover, 4:30 p.m.

Manchester Band Boosters meet at 7 p.m. in the high school band room.

Freedom Township Planning Commission meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Freedom Township Hall.

Oct. 3
Middle School Football game, vs. Hanover at home, 4:30 p.m.

Middle School girls basketball game, at East Jackson, 4:30 p.m.

Manchester Community Brass Band meets at 7:30 p.m.

Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners meets at 7 p.m. at the County Administration Building.

Raisin Valley Land Trust meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Blacksmith Shop.

Veterans of Foreign Wars meets at 7:30 p.m. at the American Legion Home.

Oct. 4
Girls Basketball, at Grass Lake, 5:30 p.m.

JV Football vs. East Jackson at home, 6:30 p.m.

Awana Clubs meet at 6:15 p.m. each Thursday at Community Bible Church, starting in October.

American Legion Post 117 meets at 7:30 p.m. at the American Legion Home.

Manchester Township Planning Commission meets at 8 p.m. at the township hall.

Sharon Township Board of Trustees meets at 8 p.m. at the township hall.

Coming Events

Men's Club Chili Cookoff with dance and live entertainment, Oct. 13.

Manchester's Area-Wide annual CROP Walk is set for Oct. 14 at 2 p.m.

Post #117 of the American Legion is sponsoring a trip to the Oct. 28 Lions game. Cost is \$35 per person, including bus and tickets. Call Jim Walkow at 428-8120.

MANCHESTER

Thursday
Awana Clubs meet at 6:15 p.m. each Thursday at Community Bible Church, starting in October.

American Legion Post 117 meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at the American Legion Home.

Community Resource Center Board meets at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month at the center.

Manchester Cub Scout Pack meets at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at St. Mary's Catholic Church Parish Center.

Manchester Township Planning Commission meets at 8 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month at the township hall.

Sharon Township Board of Trustees meets at 8 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at the township hall.

Sharon Township Planning Commission meets at 8 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at the township hall.

United Way Board meets at 12 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at the St. Mary's Catholic Church Parish Hall.

Friday
Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. each Friday in the Emanuel United Church of Christ kitchen.

Al-Anon meets at 7 p.m. each Friday in the Emanuel United Church of Christ 3-4 grade classroom.

Saturday
Manchester Kiwanis Club meets at 8 a.m. on the first and third Saturday at the village hall. Call 428-8976 for membership information.

Sunday
American Legion breakfast is held on the first Sunday of each month, October through June, at the American Legion Hall.

Taize Worship on the second and fourth Sunday of each month, 7 p.m. at the United Methodist Church.

Boy Scout breakfast on the third Sunday of each month, September through May, at St. Mary's Catholic Church Parish Center.

Parkinson Education and Support Group meets at 1:30 p.m. on the second Sunday of each month. Call 930-6335 for information.

Monday
Euchre Night at the American Legion, 7 p.m. each Monday from October through May. All are welcome.

Manchester Village Council meets at 7 p.m. on the first and third Monday of each month at the village hall.

Masonic Lodge business meeting takes place at 7:30 p.m. on the first Monday of each month.

Manchester Optimist Club meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday of each month at Emanuel United Church of Christ.

Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce Board meets on the second Monday of each month at 7:30 a.m. at the new Village Hall. All chamber members may attend.

Manchester District Library Board meets at 7:00 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at the new village hall, 912 City Road.

Bridgewater Township Planning Commission meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at the Bridgewater Township Hall.

Manchester Knights of Columbus meets at 8 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at St. Mary's Catholic Church Parish Center.

Manchester Community Fair Board meets at 8 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at the village building.

Manchester Township Board meets at 8 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at the Manchester Township Hall.

Manchester Board of Education meets at 7:00 p.m. on the third Monday of each month in the high school media center.

Tuesday
Bootstompers meet at 7 p.m. each Tuesday at Emanuel United Church of Christ.

La Leche League of Western Washtenaw County meets at 10

a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Call 428-8831 or 475-2094 for location or information.

Klager Elementary School PTO meets at 6:30 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Call 428-8321 for location.

Manchester Band Boosters meet at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the high school band room.

Freedom Township Planning Commission meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Freedom Township Hall.

Manchester Area Senior Citizens meet at 9:30 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at the senior center.

Shakespeare Club meets at 1 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

Little League organizational meeting at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at the high school, room 104.

Manchester Village Planning Commission meets at 7:30 p.m.

on the second Tuesday of each month at the Village Hall.

20th Century Club meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month.

Freedom Township Board meets at 8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at the Freedom Township Hall.

Ackerson Middle School PTA meets at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at the middle school.

Manchester Historical Society meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at the Blacksmith Shop.

GETTING LISTED
If you would like to have your group or organization's event listed in the Community Calendar, call The Manchester Enterprise or mail to The Manchester Enterprise.

Calendar events may also be submitted by e-mail to mchartrand@her-itage.com. Deadline to have items listed in the Community Calendar is 5 p.m. Friday for the following Thursday's paper.

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United We Stand

State laws on special education to change

By Patricia Haxter

Heritage Newspapers

Parents of special-needs children and their teachers will soon encounter changes as the state gets set to alter many of its rules regarding special education.

Special education advocates, however, say they believe the state wants to reduce its responsibility in the matter.

The rules, written 25 years ago, define the special-education programs and services that schools must provide. Specific details are also included about how the programs should be run.

"The Michigan special education rules were devised to help educators as they strive to comply with federal mandates that require a free and appropriate education for all students with disabilities," said Belinda Lazarus, an associate professor of special education at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

"The current rules provide for a range of services to meet the unique needs of students with a wide variety of disabilities."

Intermediate school districts and parent groups were given copies of proposed rules changes last month. They were given six weeks to read through the almost 200 pages of print.

The proposed changes were to go to the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules in late April.

A court order extending the deadline stemmed from a lawsuit filed by 23-year-old Daniel Plotzke, an Oakland County student who has Down syndrome. Plotzke does not want to stop the changes, but would like more time to study the proposed alterations.

"First, students and parents that I have heard from are not clear on what the proposed changes are or what they mean," Lazarus said.

"Consequently, I think that it is a good idea to extend the public comment deadline until parents and professionals have the chance to read, discuss, and understand the proposed changes."

Arthur Ellis, superintendent of public instruction for the Michigan Department of Education, had already planned to extend the time for public

comment, a spokesman said.

"The superintendent expanded time because of the dialogue taking place," Michael Williamson, deputy superintendent of student services for the MDE, said.

The public comment period is scheduled to end Sept. 30.

Too many state rules for special education drove the move toward a new set of guidelines, state officials say.

They want to remove the rules that specify which services schools must provide to children based on their disabilities.

Categorizing children into groups is not the proper way of doing things, Williamson said.

"We need to move away from a 30-year-old system based on labeling and categorizing, to one that identifies each student and their needs," he said.

Kathleen Gabe, principal of the Dearborn Public Schools' Howe Trainable Center, feels differently.

"What is of big concern is the loss of categories," she said.

Students are categorized by what level of help they require, and Gabe thinks an elimination of that's biggest concern.

She said she has not taken a firm stance on whether the move will help or hurt students.

The majority of changes to the special education rules deal with language. Many of the proposed changes would delete Michigan rules that repeat or closely match federal regulations.

"I understand some of the changes," Gabe said. "They are trying to come into alignment with the federal rules."

The MDE believes that the

rules should simply represent a basic framework that "can stand the test of time," Williamson said.

Changes will allow a student's specific needs to be met, the state officials say.

Staff members at the MDE have been working on the changes for the past eight years.

"I know that each member of the staff involved in the process are people who care deeply about children and providing quality education for children," Williamson said.

As to what the rule changes mean to public schools, "it's hard to say right now," Gabe said. "We don't know what it will be like in the future."

"I think there will be changes and provisions for children with severe disabilities. My strong feeling is, with the more disabled kids, they will continue to have the structure they need."

One thing Gabe does not see happening with the proposed rule changes is any special-education student being fully included in general education classes.

"Hopefully the changes will be for the better," she added.

Elizabeth Bauer, executive director of Michigan Protection and Advocacy Services Inc., said she feels the proposed rule changes lack the details that would provide parents a clear sense of direction.

"(The rule changes should) permit them to work collaboratively with educators, administrators and related services personnel to craft an individual educational plan for a student, which will permit the student to receive a free appropriate public education in the least

restrictive environment," she said.

Bauer has a problem with the time constraints parents have been given to study the rule changes.

"It is unrealistic to set this task before parents who have complex child-rearing responsibilities," she said.

"Yet, these parents and students are the very people most affected by this change in policy direction and the very people who should be most involved in review and comment."

To understand the proposed rules and anticipate their implications, they must be read side by side with federal law. MPA's staff attorneys have been working on this for days.

Bauer also has a problem with some of the content of the proposed regulations. She feels they need clarification.

"In the effort to provide 'flexibility,' there is almost no guidance," she said.

Without clear expectations by all parties, differences of opinion escalate into confrontations that often end up in court, Bauer said.

"I do not see these rules answering the call for more flexibility so much as they are setting the stage for very confrontational relationships between students, teachers, general administrators and the general public," she said.

"These are the people who should be working together to assure all children in Michigan have excellent educational services and good outcomes."

Daniel Hutsko's 9-year-old son, Daniel II, attends special-education classes at Dixon Elementary School in Warrendale.

Hutsko's complaint is that the new rules will make classes too

big. Kids already get too little attention, he said.

"How do you expect kids to learn? How do you expect them to get proper attention?" the senior Hutsko asked.

"They are trying to cut back on the program. This is hurting the student, not helping."

The final outcome of the rule changes is yet to be seen.

"Some (of the rules) will move forward, some will be modified and some rewritten and sent out," Williamson said about the current proposals.

He added that he hopes "that we don't go another 28 years without updating."

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Business owner honored

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand

Associate Editor

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This award is presented to franchisees that exceed their previous year's annual sales volume by 10 percent. From July 2000 through June 2001, Bondy experienced a 15 percent increase in sales.

Bondy is no stranger to the awards podium. He is a past recipient of the Winners Circle Crystal Award and the President's Award, some of the highest possible honors presented to franchise owners. He also is a past director of the national franchise advisory board. He has been a successful franchise owner since 1993.

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Health officials supply county wide survey results

■ **Survey shows more people exercising in western Washtenaw County.**

By Maria Heczei
Special Writer

A public forum about the Washtenaw County Health Improvement Plan attracted some interest in the community last week.

The forum, held Sept. 18, highlighted data pulled from the Dexter, Chelsea and Manchester areas.

The program was launched in 1993 with volunteers from the health profession, as well as citizens from all three communities. Volunteers formed coalitions and partnerships to monitor the communities' health improvement and developed a 10-year plan to reach 52 objectives. The objectives were determined based on a survey.

Deneil Kolk, an intern at the Washtenaw County Public Health Department, said the Health Improvement Plan's goal is to reach every community in Washtenaw County to find out additional health needs.

"To find out if health needs are still the same, get their perspective," said Kolk. "To find out whether there is something we missed."

The first survey took place in 1995 and the Health Improvement Plan was structured to set goals through 2005. Last year, there was another survey and data was collected to

see how far the health initiatives had come.

The 52 objectives include health issues for children and adults, as well as environmental and safety issues.

Michele Baukema, a health educator at the Washtenaw County Public Health Department, said the improve-

ment plan looked at asthma, immunization and other health issues related to children.

In 1995, she said the survey showed high cases of asthma in the Ypsilanti area, a much higher rate than in the state and the nation.

"So, a group formed to study asthma in the community and then made some health initiatives, and we've seen a reduction in the ER and urgent care visits by children for asthma attack," Baukema said.

The goal is to have 90 percent of Washtenaw County children immunized by 2005, she said.

"At one point, we met our objective of 90 percent of these children, 19 to 35 months, to be immunized. Since then, the numbers have dropped," Baukema said.

In the prenatal care category,

she said the number of infant death cases decreased in African Americans; however, among whites the number is slightly up.

The objective to lower teen pregnancy has been met, while on the national level the number remains the same, she said.

In Washtenaw County, teen pregnancy cases decreased to 44.4, a number that reached beyond the 2005 goal.

"For healthy kids, child abuse and neglect, looking at substantiated child abuse cases, we are moving in the wrong direction. Our numbers have increased," Baukema said.

There were 245 cases in 1995 and 705 in 2000. However, Baukema said more study needs to be done because it is possible that there are unreported cases.

In addition, alcohol and tobacco use has dropped, but the use of marijuana and inhalants has soared.

Furthermore, mental health in the Dexter, Chelsea and Manchester area looks better than the rest of the county. There were 89 percent of parents reporting two or fewer days

of poor mental health for their children in the entire county and only 73 percent in Washtenaw County.

"It looks like children are having more happier days than they are having stressful or emotional days," Baukema said.

In adults, cigarette use is down, but the number of people who are overweight and have high cholesterol has soared.

Also, physical activity has been reduced across the county. While 22 percent of the Dexter, Chelsea and Manchester population is doing regular physical activity, the combined county number is 20 percent, Baukema said.

"We are not talking about running the marathon or running an hour every day," she said. "We are talking about physical activity of walking or gardening or doing something for 30 minutes three times a week."

The goal is to have at least 30 percent of the county's population doing physical activity by 2005.

Furthermore, the health report card shows more women 40 or older are getting regular mammograms, but the potential life loss due to breast cancer remains the same. In addition, the number of asthma cases remains the same.

The numbers in smoking, alcohol and other drug consumption have decreased in the last five years. In the area of infectious diseases, the number of HIV cases has decreased.

Mental health in adults has improved because people have better access to health care, according to the report.

Those attending the meeting said more needs to be done for the well being of the community.

While the percentage of homes tested for radon has increased, people want more information about it. It is a cause of concern because homes are sold without being tested for the naturally occurring gas.

Manchester's health coalition is made up of health professionals and volunteers from across the community. The group meets on a monthly basis to discuss health needs throughout the area, said Chris Kanta, director of the Manchester Community Resource Center.

Since the Health Improvement Plan's inception, Manchester residents have had numerous opportunities to improve their overall health and well-being. The Manchester Coalition for Health has a booth

each year at the Manchester Community Fair, and has provided free blood pressure and cholesterol screenings during these events. Screenings are at the booth daily to answer questions and to steer people in the right direction to good health.

"And another of the direct results of the coalition was the administration of Hepatitis B shots in school," added Dianne Schwab, former CRC director and member of the coalition.

"This was a program that was mandated by the state, and by working with Chelsea Hospital, all the students received their immunizations at school."

Despite the good work it has done in the past, the coalition is not ready to rest on its laurels. More goals will be set for the future in response to this year's survey results.

Associate Editor Marsha Johnson Chartrand also contributed to this report.

"At one point, we met our objective of 90 percent of these children, 19 to 35 months, to be immunized. Since then, the numbers have dropped."

— Michele Baukema
Health educator

Arbor offers grief support

The loss of a loved one brings some of life's most complex emotions. Painful and often frightening, grief also can include feelings of anger, guilt, and loneliness. Coping with the overwhelming impressions is difficult.

This fall, Arbor Hospice offers support groups in Ann Arbor to help deal with loss. Groups meet at the Arbor Hospice Residence, 2366 Oak Valley Drive.

"New Pathways" brings people together to share their experiences and discover meaningful ways to deal with the death of a loved one. In Ann Arbor, groups meet on Monday evenings, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Oct. 1 through Nov. 19; and on Thursday mornings, 10 to 11:30 a.m., Oct. 4 through Nov. 29.

"Adult Loss of Parent" meets in Ann Arbor on Tuesday evenings, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Oct. 9 through Nov. 27.

"Loss of an Adult Child" meets in Ann Arbor on Thursdays from 4 to 5:30 p.m., October 4 through November 16.

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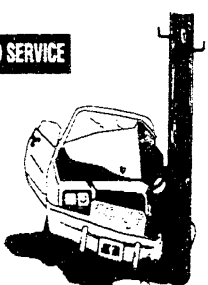
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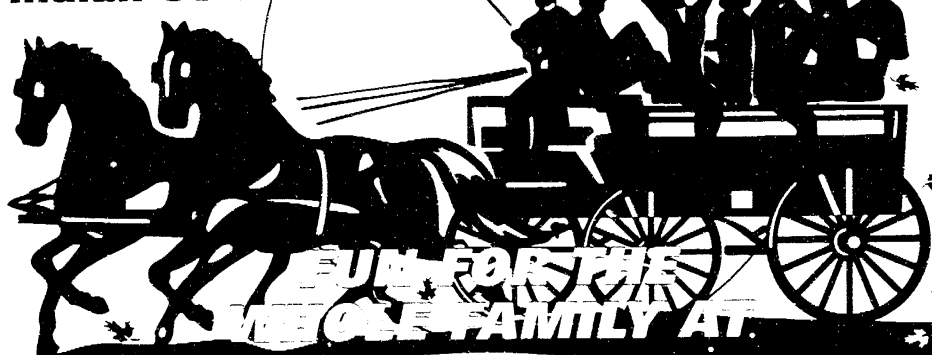
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Street Talk

By Kim Smail

What is your favorite saying?



"I cried because I had no shoes, but then I met a man who had no feet."

Rosalyn Harvey



"Do you have any lip gloss?"

Emilee Sweet



"We own this town. We better make use of it."

Emily Little



"Two wrongs don't make it right."

Kamber Montgomery



"Everyone likes ice cream."

Tia Harvey

Take a look a what makes our country great

By Marie Amthor

Guest Writer

What happened on September 11, 2001 was one of the worst attacks against America in history. We've witnessed an awful and painful act of terrorism that has killed many and left many mourning the loss of loved ones. But, my fellow Americans, I want to remind you of one thing:

We are a large nation.

We are a family.

We stand together.

We fight together.

We taste the bitterness of defeat together.

We will win together.

We can't do anything if we're not united. After all, are we not the United States of America, the land of the free and the home of the brave, the great country of wealth and promise.

the good old USA?

John Dickinson, a great writer and a man whom I think was one of the most intelligent people of the world has ever known, once wrote:

"Then join in hand, brave Americans all! Uniting we stand, by dividing we fall."

He put that quote in the *Liberty Song* in 1768. That was 233 years ago and unlike a lot of things that have been proven invalid or wrong in the past 233 years, that quote is not one of them.

We should be proud of this country. We are a wealthy nation. We have good school systems, our government is run on democracy, we have a good President who is doing his best to remain calm and lead us on to victory, and we have technology that surpasses that of other countries.

We have an advantage over the enemy. But we have to remember that we're not alone. We have other countries backing us up. We have so many things to our advantage but remember, don't take it for granted. I don't think any of us will after what happened.

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I realize, looking back on how I felt before this happened, that I was taking life in general for granted. There are places where women are not treated equally or fairly, there are places where starvation is normal among people, and there are places where disease and war are a way of living. There are countries out

there that get attacked daily... DAILY!

Could you imagine this kind of thing happening every day to America? I can't even imagine what it would be like. Our freedom and rights as Americans should never be taken for granted.

At a time like this, we can't forget that, although we are in pain and still reeling from the horror that happened last Tuesday, we must control our anger and try to act like civilized citizens. We can't stoop to their level; we can't be vengeful and hateful.

It's true something has to be done. We have to remember that war might be, in this case, the only way to make peace. But at the same time, we have to keep in mind that there are lives, not just our own, that could be taken when we take action.

There are the innocent but there are also the guilty. Those guilty of the mass murder of the thousands of Americans who lost their lives in Washington, D.C. as well as New York City must be punished.

Fellow Americans, I urge you to remember all of this if and when war occurs. I want you to remember to stay united. I want you to remember that we are all equal and should never take anything for granted. And above all, I want us to fight with dignity, do what is best for our nation, and be good citizens.

After all, we are one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Marie Amthor is a ninth-grade student at Manchester High School, and a resident of Manchester Township.

As life goes on, we learn about national resolve

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taken on new meaning. Living in a farming community, we see ripening fields, amber waves that a month ago were commodities affecting a bottom line. Now they are symbols of national greatness.

Ninety percent of the farms and ranches in America are family-owned or with fewer than ten owner interests. From

research to production to distribution to sales, agriculture is the country's largest employer. America feeds her own and much of the world.

Farming gets a bad rap, sometimes. A recent conversation in town comes to mind. A casual acquaintance complained that farmers got too much money from the government, that they were always looking for handouts. He wasn't getting any special treatment from the feds, why should farmers?

Although discretion usually isn't one of my virtues, I passed up the opportunity to reply.

I would have asked, "Would you do a job where you couldn't set the price for your product? Would you work seven days a week, ten, twelve, or more hours a day without any paid vacation or health benefits? Would you

do piece work where what you produced sold for the same price it did 40 years ago? Would you devote your entire lifestyle to the nation's most dangerous profession?"

Firefighters, police, and providers: as fighters they've all provided inspiration to me in the past weeks.

Talk about tenacity! They give more than their all in the face of impossible odds, in the vilest of circumstances. Whether others would call the outcome of their work "success" is debatable. Time-and-motion studies and cost analyses might scream otherwise.

Radio talk shows and television "news" programs question the "veracity of Americans" resolve, asking whether our patriotism will wane when we're asked to sacrifice creature com-

forts in the face of war or economic downturns. We're soft, selfish and shallow. We're out of touch with the rest of the world. We're the globe's spoiled brats.

As a whole, maybe that's true. But we're a country of individuals, a country of farmers and firemen. Our people can be inward looking and overly concerned with material comfort. But we also can be tenacious. And tough, and true to our beliefs. We believe in freedom, and will fight to preserve it.

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the world could you describe the pain that was going to be felt by all the families that would be missing a mom, dad, brother, sister, son or daughter, that night? Can you imagine it? Just think

of the pain and anguish that a community goes through when a tragedy occurs—something like a car crash or a devastating fire.

At the time I thought of 50,000 people gone, as many people in a few minutes as all of Vietnam, or Korea. 5,000 is no less terrible but the hole in my gut just got bigger and bigger.

The second path of thought took me to just the thought that all those people in the Trade Center area woke up and simply went to work that day. That's all. I began to think about what we all have going through our minds as we begin a day.

Got to make it to the bank at lunch. Billy has a soccer game

tonight, what will I make for dinner? Boy are we going to enjoy the week at the neighbors' cottage. I hope we have a nice fall, it's nice (or sad) to have the kids back in school.

Isn't this what we all think of as we go to work or start our day? In Manchester we may have been talking about the school bond issue or the new city hall and offices. Maybe the talks at the doughnut shop were about these or maybe about how the corn looked. Were we going to get another cut of hay in? What were the farm prices that day?

The thought that all the people in those buildings could have been any one of us was what really broke me up during the first few days, and it still is the most troubling part. Indeed, one day my life changed with just one phone call. I know I have survived, but I also know how much life has changed

since. To multiply that change thousands of times in just a few minutes is staggering to me.

Prayer, meditation and random acts of kindness are all crucial at this time of our lives. It's the only way to get through the insanity.

Wave to a stranger, smile at a girl, buy someone a cup of coffee. It all helps. We all live in small towns around here and it should be easier for us.

While I was off sick, many of the e-mails I received reminded me that throughout life we have to remember to take the time to smile and dance. Even at this time in America. I hope that we all remember to do that.

The bad is part of life but so it the good. Besides all the stuff we have to do tomorrow morning, remember that it's good to be alive.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Theft provides opportunity for history lesson.

To the editor:

The day after Labor Day I received a call from a friend who reported seeing the sign that had stood at the east end of Hieber Road. Of course, I was surprised and said I would be right over to retrieve the sign.

As the recently "appointed" historian/archivist of Freedom Township, the occasion gives me an opportunity to share some local history.

This beautifully crafted wood sign was made and erected by Charlie Dettling at the small old cemetery at the corner of Hieber and Schneider Roads. I've heard that the Dettlings had family members buried at the old cemetery.

What is not commonly known is that the oldest church in Freedom Township was once located at that site. In 1839 a Catholic Church was erected there and the cemetery followed. In time the Catholic church was relocated on Bethel Church Road near the intersection with Koebbe Road. Later the church was relocated to Manchester. The brick rectory still stands next to the catholic cemetery on Bethel Church Road.

Church services were held for German Lutherans in the area beginning around 1833, but the first church was organized and a log building built, where Bethel Church stands in 1840. In 1842, St. Thomas Lutheran Church on Ellsworth Road was organized.

Another early church stood at the north end of Lima Center Road on Ellsworth Road and was called Emmanuel Church of the Evangelical Association and organized in 1845. Today, only the cemetery remains.

So I want to thank those who removed the sign and gave me this opportunity to write. I wonder what the connection between Hieber Road and Sanborn Road, where the sign was found, might be? Charlie Dettling will be interested to know that the sign has been replaced and this time set in concrete.

Bob Miller
Freedom Township

Ask how you can help.

To the editor:

On the news I heard one of the workers on ground zero say "since the attack everyone is nice, before they wouldn't give you the time of day. We are united now."

People ask, How could God

let such a terrible thing happen to so many innocent people? People around the world pray for peace every day. Maybe God is answering their prayers. We learned the feeling of fear Tuesday that was brought on by terrorists. Imagine living in those countries that have to live with that fear every day.

Maybe God was saying, "wake up people, your neighbors need you to rally together and rid the world of this terrorism that hurts so many of my children."

God has been hinting with the other assaults on Americans, it didn't work. So he had to give us a good shake to wake up, to make it impossible not to act. God needs all his good people to unite and rid the world of evil.

So instead of saying, God how could you do this, ask, God, how can I help?

I have my flag flying, I'll give blood and I'll give money and my prayers. While all these things are important, the most important thing I can give is my faith that you have chosen world leaders that will help you handle the battles that need to be done. We are truly a united nation under God, with the pursuit of liberty & justice for all, finally!

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Library finalizes contract, prepares for new location

■ Student positions will be available in new library.

By Barbara Bicknell

Special Writer

The Manchester District Library Board discreetly dodged rude comments from some members of the public in attendance at its Sept. 10 meeting, but did not allow the meeting to be swayed from the purpose at hand.

The key word at the meeting was "new" with much discussion of personnel and the expected opening at the City Road location.

With its new move comes an opportunity for new employment, new director Kate Pittsley noted.

"We're now accepting applications for student assistants," she said.

The responsibilities of a student assistant would include working the last two hours of every day in the library.

"It helps to have one extra person around in the evening hours, from 6 to 8 p.m., which also allows for help in closing the library," Pittsley said.

Notices for the new assistant positions have been posted in the

library. Audience members questioned why information for this job was only posted in the library.

Pittsley said, "We thought we would like first to get applications from students who actually use the library."

A sensitive item on the agenda was the unemployment claim submitted by previous library director, Dorothy Davies.

President Charlotte Major explained that the unemployment agency found that Davies had quit her job for good cause, attributable to the employer, and that she was not disqualified for benefits under MES Act, section (1), (A).

Legal recommendation given to the board was to pay the benefits to Davies.

Major made the motion in favor of paying benefits to Davies, which could be up to \$7,800. After the motion was seconded, the item was open for discussion.

Board trustee Richard Spring said that the time limit for appeal had been exhausted, leaving the board with no choice.

The motion was carried.

Trustee Theodore Sippel questioned language missing from the new director's contract.

The exclusive service clause, considered a boiler plate within

most contracts, was missing from the one provided to Pittsley as the new director.

Major explained that as she and vice chair Laura Sutton discussed the contract with Pittsley, she had requested its omission.

"When Dorothy made the same request, we overruled it. Correct?" Sippel asked.

Pittsley explained her situation.

"There are extenuating circumstances here, because you needed a director immediately and I couldn't quit my other job immediately," she said. "I am still giving the other job some of my time, until they hire a replacement for me. But I am still working 40 hours a week for you; over 40 hours a week, believe me."

Sippel said his concern was that legal advice had informed the board that this clause was a standard item in contracts and the library was presenting the director's contract without one.

"Typical language for most contracts," Spring said. "It does not have to be in every contract."

The board is planning an open house to celebrate the new library and so the public can meet new director Kate Pittsley. The date will be Oct. 21 from 2 to 4 p.m.

SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS

We are feeding a hungry cat that is roaming the area. He is not allowed to come in the house, and that makes me feel guilty. I do wish I could let him in, especially with winter approaching, but I feel we have "done our duty."

Over the years, two dogs, two horses, goldfish, a parakeet, a hamster and five cats have made us feel like we'd like to leave home without worrying about who would feed our critter this time. I call him "Kitty Kat" and he either comes at the sound of my voice or knows by now what time I'll be up to feed him.

He is a beautiful cat ... white and black with a touch of yellow, and longhaired that he keeps immaculate.

But, where does he sleep? Who knows? We'd love to find his owner, they must miss his loud "Rowl."

I'm surprised Del hasn't let him in, as he loves cats and daughter Janet says on the phone, "You'd better let him in when winter comes..." Oh me! Help!



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SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS

Thursday: Seniors, come at 11 for Mae Sellers to check your blood pressure. We appreciate all volunteers who do these nice things for us! We will enjoy chicken tetrazzini at noon in Emanuel's dining room for all in the area who are 55 or more.

We have six tables filled now; what a great group of seniors! There is room for you, too. Get your reservation in ahead to Kelly at 428-8359 or Tod on meal days between the hour of 9 and 10 a.m., by calling 428-7630. Then, come and enjoy the food and fellowship. For an added treat, go play bingo and/or cards afterwards at our new center on City Road.

Friday: Today at 11 a.m. leave the center, and eat out before visiting our friends and neighbors who reside in the Saline Evangelical Home. They are so glad to see 'home folks.' Call Marion Ahrens at 428-7865 to reserve your spot on the bus to go.

Saturday: The bus leaves our center at 8:55 a.m. for gambling at Motor City in Detroit. You must have reservations, call Marion first. The bus takes you to Ann Arbor where you will board a larger bus for the trip to Detroit.

Monday: October 1 already! Shopping in Tecumseh today. Bus pickup begins at 9:30 a.m. and you may call Marion to go along.

Tuesday: Pork chops and kraut today at senior meals, come and enjoy! We extend our thanks to Sue Miller who prepares and Tod Armentrout who works in Emanuel's kitchen for this delicious food. Seniors plan another work day at the new center at 12:30 for all able-bodied folks.

Thursday: All seniors born in October are celebrating at their special table today at a birthday dinner. Tod will sweet his mom and others some sweet and sour meat loaf plus that great cake. Come and join those other October folks at the special table. We do feel special when it is our turn. Continue on with cards and bingo at the new center room.

The days are getting shorter—soon it'll be dark at 6 p.m.

Parks to offer nature programs

Washtenaw County Parks is offering a variety of nature programs this October, covering the flora, fauna, and history of the area.

Historic tours of the Parker Grist Mill of 1873 will be led by interpreter Faye Stoner on Saturdays and Sundays, October 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, and 21, from noon until 3 p.m. The tours will include Washtenaw County history, aspects of life for early settlers, mill history and mechanics, and a milling demonstration. Folks may join the tours at any time and follow the tour to the point where they joined in. A more formal and detailed tour will be offered each Saturday and Sunday at 1 p.m. The tours are free. No smoking, food, or pets in the mill, please! (Note: There is not a cider mill at Parker Mill)

"All About Owls" on Oct. 6, will consist of a slide presentation at 6:30 p.m., followed by a trail walk to call for owls. The

slide presentation will be held in the cabin at Park Lyndon, a 5-minute uphill walk from the parking lot. Meet in Lyndon South - East Lot.

"Autumn Appreciation - a Nature Hike for Seniors" will meet at 2 p.m. on Oct. 11 at the Medford Road parking lot of County Farm Park. Enjoy the sights, sounds, and smells of autumn with naturalist Faye Stoner on a leisurely hike to look at fall trees, flowers, insects, and more.

"Second Saturday Bird Walk" will meet at 9 a.m. on Oct. 13 at Parker Mill. Join Stoner for a couple hours of birding. Explore open habitat, then head for the woods in search of migrating as

well as year-round residents. Bring binoculars and a bird book, if possible.

"Habitats of Lake Genevieve" led by naturalist Matt Heumann will meet Oct. 14 at 10 a.m. at Park Lyndon North. This dry hike will study the plant communities along the scenic lake, and is the first in a series of six final commemorative walks that will end with Heumann's retirement at the end of December.

"Habitats of Independence Lake" is the second in the series of Heumann's commemorative walks. This trail hike will explore the prairies, fens, marshes, and forest at Independence Lake County Park at 10 a.m. on Oct. 21.

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Hazardous waste collection set

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Associate Editor

Do you have a personal mercury thermometer? Have you been working in the yard or cleaning the garage? What do you do with pesticides, herbicides or old cleaning supplies?

A hazardous waste collection day is scheduled for Oct. 6 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the east end of the Jackson Public Schools Administration building parking lot, 1400 W. Monroe Street (one block west of Jackson Ford).

In addition to household hazardous waste being collected, a thermometer exchange will be offered. Bring in your old mercury thermometer and exchange it for a new digital thermometer.

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The Norvell Township Cemetery Personnel will be cleaning the graves and grounds in the Norvell Township Cemetery beginning on October 15, 2001. If you wish to keep any of your summer decorations, please remove them before that time.

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Sheep dog clinic set, featuring world renowned trainer

■ *Handling stock is an instinctive skill for Border collies.*

By Nancy Hebb

Special Writer

"Ask, don't make," instructs Jack Knox, a world-renowned stock dog handler.

This philosophy of using a Border collie's inbred desire when training them to control livestock will be presented at a three-day seminar held in Manchester on Oct. 6 through 8.

"Training dogs to work cattle or sheep is unlike any other kind of dog training," Knox explains. "A good dog will be born with a deep-seated 'knowledge' of how to control stock, and training them is a process of helping them discover what, essentially, they're born knowing.

"The really good dogs, once they've discovered what trainers call balance—where to be to control the sheep or cows properly—will learn not only from the trainer, but from their own mistakes and how the sheep react to them. We correct the mistakes, and then give them freedom to go.

"Make the wrong hard, and the right easy."

In other types of dog training, the human usually rewards the dog in some way, with praise or a treat. For Border collies, the

work is its own reward.

"They have to first have the desire to work," Knox explains. "They have to be really keen."

The trainer, likewise, needs to understand both sheep and dogs to be successful.

A young dog put with sheep for the first time will want to do something. They might chase, or

"It's interesting to people who want to train a dog, but it's not exciting like a competitive trial would be."

— Jack Knox
Dog handler

try to hold the sheep in one place, circle them, or even bite.

"It's a process of telling the dog, 'No, you're wrong, try again!' and because they're so keen, they will keep trying," clinic host Nancy Hebb adds. "When they get it right, the dog is in control of the sheep. A good dog loves being in control.

"I tell people that Border collies are type A, obsessive-compulsive personalities in a dog's body."

Many of the dogs entered in this year's clinic, an annual

event for the past three years, are beginners. Some are farm dogs; others belong to people who want to compete in sheep dog trials as a hobby.

The seminar is an educational event. Unlike trials, where dogs compete on a course set in a large field, a clinic is aimed at solving training problems and teaching the instructor's training methods.

"It's interesting to people who want to train a dog, but it's not exciting like a competitive trial would be," Knox admits in a soft Scots brogue.

Born in the Border counties of Scotland, the area the breed was named for, Knox worked as a professional shepherd and herdsman in the Ettrick Valley near Selkirk. He came to the United States in the early '70s, convinced by a visiting American that his skills as a trainer and breeder were needed in North America.

Since then, Knox has taught more instructional clinics than any other trainer in the U.S. He and his wife, Kathy, both have won the national finals sheep dog trials on this continent. The couple farms in Missouri, where they have a large commercial sheep flock and beef cattle. Their "Ettrick Kennels" produces working Border Collies respected the world over for their ability to handle all types



Photo by Nancy Hebb

A sheep dog clinic will be held in Manchester on Oct. 13. "Craig" the dog is using the characteristic Border collie stare called 'eye' to control the sheep.

of livestock.

Jack, at the request of park rangers, even used two of his dogs to move a rogue bull bison out of a public area during a visit to Yellowstone National Park years ago.

"I don't want to be afraid to try

anything with my dogs," he says.

"I want dogs I can trust to handle whatever they need to, not just cooperative sheep."

He also has used Border collies to load hogs at one of the biggest finishing facilities in the Carolinas, in addition to work-

ing beef cattle and sheep daily at home.

Anyone interested in attending the clinic with a Border collie, or as a participant observer without a dog, is encouraged to call 428-1758 for more information.

POLICE BLOTTER

TRAFFIC CONCERNS

Deputy Cindy Flint was called on the afternoon of Sept. 11 to assist with a problem of cars blocking the roadway at the corner of Clinton and East Main Streets, due to the sharp increase in gas prices. Rumors of prices in the \$3 to \$4 range in the metro Detroit area influenced motorists to jam the Clark

station downtown, causing traffic congestion.

Flint created an orderly traffic pattern and monitored the area during the remainder of her shift.

WARRANT ARREST

A 30-year-old Jackson woman was stopped for a traffic violation on East Main Street near

Wolverine in the early morning hours of Sept. 12. She was discovered to have an outstanding warrant in Jackson County and was turned over to the Jackson Police Department without incident.

SUICIDE ATTEMPT

On the afternoon of Sept. 16 Deputy Flint was dispatched to a noise complaint on Hibbard Street. When Flint reached the residence she heard loud music coming from an apartment and knocked for entry. No one answered the door for about 15 minutes. Finally a woman opened the door and Flint noticed she was visibly intoxicated and had lacerations and dried blood on her arms.

Inside the apartment Flint also noted broken bottles and knives. Questioning the 24-year-old woman, Flint discovered that she had recently been released from the University of Michigan psych unit for a previous suicide attempt. She did not believe the treatment was working.

Flint contacted the woman's husband and released her into his custody.

INDECENT EXPOSURE

On Sept. 17 Deputy Marcus Kirby was called to respond to a report of indecent exposure in a business on Main Street.

A young white male had been noted exposing himself in the Village Laundry. When he real-

ized that a woman was using her cellular phone outside the business to contact the sheriff's department, he fled from the scene, backing away in his vehicle to keep witnesses from seeing his license plate.

A surveillance video has been obtained from the laundromat

owners and Kirby's investigation is continuing.

Compiled by Associate Editor Marsha Johnson Chartrand from reports filed with the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department at Station 4, Village of Manchester.

Women's health expo set for next month

■ *Keynote to focus on communication skills.*

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand

Associate Editor

A women's fall health exposition is set for Saturday, Oct. 27 at the Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington Street, in Chelsea.

Greg Yank will present the keynote presentation for the day. Yank has been personally trained by Dr. John Gray, author of the best-selling book, "Men are from Mars; Women are from Venus." His talk will focus on Communication—the key to effective relationships between men and women.

Concurrent sessions will be held throughout the day, including topics such as osteoporosis, breast cancer, organization, therapeutic touch, wellness,

drumming circles, guided meditation, menopause, heart disease, and "the squeeze generation."

The day begins at 8 a.m. and sessions continue through 2 p.m. and the program cost includes both a continental breakfast and lunch.

The expo is co-sponsored by Chelsea Community Education, Chelsea Community Hospital, Karla Zarley, Lynne Spencer, Manchester Community Education, Pinckney Community Education, Stockbridge Community Education.

Registration forms may be obtained by phoning (734) 433-2206. Registration cost is \$38 and may be paid via check, MasterCard or Visa. Make checks payable to Chelsea Community Education, and mail to 500 Washington Street, Chelsea, MI 48118.

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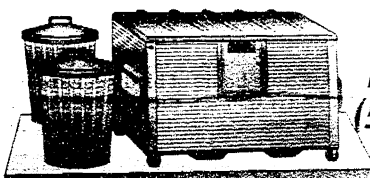
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Time traveler

Chelsea area man re-enacts Civil War history

By Sheila Pursglove

Heritage Newspapers

George Till is off to war. And he already knows the outcome.

He's no psychic. It's just that the battles he will fight ended well over a century ago.

Till is a member of the 24th Michigan Infantry Regiment Inc., a nonprofit, educational living history group dedicated to preserving the memory of soldiers from the original 24th Michigan Regiment.

The group honors Civil War veterans by authentically re-enacting the drill, camp life and battles from the Civil War that tore this country apart between 1861 and 1865.

Members of the group are currently re-enacting the battle of Gettysburg for the movie "Gods and Generals," shooting in Stanton, Va.

The film, based on the best selling novel by Jeff Shaara, is a prequel to the TNT miniseries "Gettysburg."

Till is not the only Chelsea face on location; local actor Jeff Daniels is reprising his role as Col. Joshua Chamberlain for the film.

This time, members of the 24th infantry are not fighting for their lives or land; instead, they are fighting to help save America's heritage.

In lieu of monetary payment for their efforts, movie producer Ron Maxwell has agreed to donate \$1 million to buy and preserve an endangered Civil War battlefield. Re-enactors will be able to use the land for demonstrations and participants' names will be placed on a bronze plaque mounted at the area.

All the living historians selected to be in the movie were carefully chosen for their appearance and abilities.

"I feel that it is an honor and really appreciate this opportunity to be a part of this production," Till says. "I feel we will all try to make this the best Civil War movie ever."

This is not Till's first time in front of the cameras, having taken part in "Gettysburg" and "Glory." His Chelsea home is filled with mementoes such as identity badges, autographs and scripts from his movie shoots.

Till and other re-enactors are already familiar with Gettysburg National Military Park in Pennsylvania. Each year, the group spends several days doing living history there.

"We're one of several groups invited by the National Park Service to camp on the actual battlefield, which is considered to be hallowed ground," he says.

"This is where the original 24th Michigan fought the 26th North Carolina Infantry at McPherson's Woods to stop the Confederate advance from taking the town," he says. "The 24th suffered 80 percent casualties, the highest of any Union regiment in the battle."

Till's interest in the Civil War was piqued a decade ago after seeing a Civil War muster held at the Waterloo Farm Museum.

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— George Till
Chelsea resident

"I thought the idea of these people running around in the height of summer wearing wool uniforms was dumb," he says. "However, it lit a spark and intrigued me."

The Chelsea resident did some research into the group and began getting involved in their activities.

He has since returned to the Waterloo Farm Museum as a member of the regiment, and has taken part in Civil War musters in Jackson, Memorial Day services at Dearborn's Greenfield Village and in Dexter's Victorian Christmas.

The depictions of camp life and battles are incredibly accurate, down to the tiniest detail.

"People love to catch you out, so you have to be careful about not wearing contemporary jewelry, watches or eye glasses," Till says.

Re-enactors endure extreme weather conditions, rain, insects, and bad food. Meals often consist of hard tack, a type of soda water cracker fried up with bacon and salt pork.

"We try to replicate the experience of 19th century soldiers as closely as we can," he says.

"The public loves battle scenes but they're also fascinated by the everyday living conditions of the soldiers."

During a recent Civil War muster in Jackson, Till woke one morning and stuck his head out of his tent as hoof beats approached. The battalion commander was riding through the backwoods to the encampment.

"It was a foggy morning, and just so realistic, I had to pinch myself to remember what century I was in," he says.

Not that he usually has trouble returning to the 21st century, although he says some of his comrades use re-enactment as a form of escapism.

"It's their whole life," he says. "They've transformed themselves into Civil War soldiers."

Till says if he were to travel back in time to the 19th century, he'd need to take his family — wife Diane and daughters Lindsey, Dana and Julie — along for the ride, which might not meet with much enthusiasm.

"My family comes along to some of the events, but my wife's idea of camping is going to a hotel," he says.

One of the reasons the former Kroger manager became a re-enactor is to find something about the validity of being an American.

"This hobby helps me be a part of this country by giving back recognition to those fallen men, both North and South," he says.

It is a heritage Till shares with young people whenever he can. He finds educating the public, especially kids, to be the most satisfying part of his



Chelsea resident George Till was among many to take part in the filming of the TNT miniseries "Gettysburg" in rural Virginia. Local actor Jeff Daniels also performed.

hobby.

With a history degree from Eastern Michigan University, and training in history education for public schools, Till enjoys giving hands-on educational programs for students.

These include youngsters at the Children's Center at Chelsea Community Hospital, where he is a preschool teacher. He also has been a substitute teacher at Beach Middle School and North Creek Elementary School in Chelsea and at Wylie Middle School in Dexter.

"When I visit schools, students learn about their heritage, respect for what they've got, and how these freedoms came about," he says. "While doing living history, the kids hold these artifacts in their hand. The ideas they represent

will come later."

Till, a member of Preservation Chelsea, says many local residents are not aware that both Chelsea and Dexter played significant roles in the Civil War.

"Chelsea-area boys were involved in the siege of Petersburg and Dexter boasts a Civil War hero, Harrison Jeffords, who was bayoneted at Gettysburg in the Battle of the Wheatfield. His resting place is in the cemetery on Baker Road," Till says.

Chelsea's Arthur Congdon, a bugler with the original 24th

regiment, lies buried in Oak Grove Cemetery and John Powell, who died on the first day of fighting at Gettysburg, has a stone memorial in Grass Lake Cemetery.

Till enjoys being a living link to the past.

"It sometimes gives me a strange feeling," he says. "There's no real reason for me to be looking at the graves of Civil War veterans or learning about them, but it helps to keep their memories alive."

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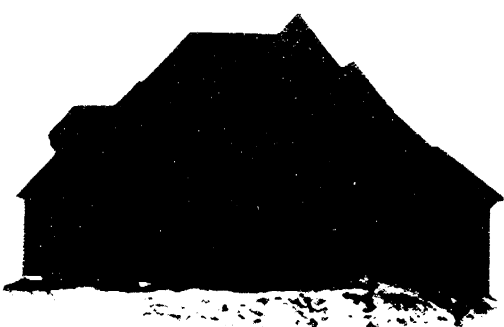
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University study shows ways to maintain elder Americans' brain function

Renee Lapham Collins
Heritage Newspapers

As World War II raged through Africa and Europe, young Army nurse Mildred McGregor and her unit cared for wounded front-line soldiers from the desert to Europe to the Russian frontier. Now 88, she's capturing her memories of that time on paper, through a writing group for the elderly at the University of Michigan's Turner Senior Resource Center.

But even as she records the story of the terrible war so that younger generations can prevent it from happening again, she may be helping herself in more ways than she knows. By keeping her brain active and focused on her writing, giving herself goals and getting involved in new activities, she may be staving off or slowing memory loss, dementia and physical disability.

In fact, says U-M physician Norman Foster, M.D., who specializes in diseases of the aging brain, even though there's no

sure way to prevent Alzheimer's disease or other brain disorders, evidence suggests that seniors can cut their risk by keeping both brain and body occupied.

"It is true that if you don't use it, you'll lose it, and so it's important for elderly people to be involved in all sorts of community activities and keep physically active," says Foster, a professor of neurology who heads the Cognitive Disorders Clinic at the U-M Health System's Geriatrics Center.

He is also associate director of the Michigan Alzheimer's Disease Research Center and a senior research scientist at the U-M's Institute of Gerontology.

"As we learn more about the brain, it appears to be true that the more we use it, the more benefits we have," he explains.

"THERE'S GOOD epidemiological evidence that elderly individuals who keep physically and mentally active have less risk of developing memory problems and even less risk of

Alzheimer's itself," he adds. "There are also increasing numbers of studies that show that people who do have Alzheimer's or other dementias benefit from physical activities and limit their disability."

With 5 percent of people over the age of 65 already affected by memory problems that hamper their everyday lives, 30 percent of people over age 85 suffering from some sort of dementia, and the country's elderly population growing, the importance of keeping body and brain healthy has never been greater. Though some memory loss is normal, it's not inevitable.

So, Foster urges his patients — and all seniors — to get involved in activities, and to walk a mile or exercise for half an hour each day. And, whether it's through the U-M or a local Agency on Aging, he advises everyone to join programs that can help keep brains sharp and bodies fit.

NEUROSCIENCE research and other investigations into the brain's function have yielded important clues in recent years about why active older people often do better overall, Foster explains.

"Social activities are important to the elderly because it stimulates their activities, and their brain function," he notes. And social interaction with other people or involvement in new mind-based activities prompts the brain to function in new ways as people express their internal thoughts. Studies on these effects and more are under way at U-M, led by Foster and his colleagues. Many are open to U-M Geriatrics Center patients.

More research will be needed to see if a clear long-term physical effect can be shown to back

up observations made across groups of older people, Foster adds, but today's seniors don't need to wait for scientific proof of a specific effect to reap the general benefits of staying active.

Volunteer work is a great option for older people looking to stimulate their brains, Foster says. "It gives them an opportunity to interact with people in other age groups and outside their family, it stimulates interest, and it can be a great help to the community," he explains.

Kathryn Flynn, 91 years old, has taken that message to heart. Along with participating in the same writing class as Mildred McGregor, she volunteered to help Turner Center staff compile a directory of services and activities for seniors in the Ann Arbor area, and helps spread the word about U-M groups to others in her age range.

"If you just sit around and don't do anything, I consider that very boring," she laughs. "I can't speak for everybody, because maybe some people enjoy just resting, but I think you can do too much of that. People should keep active and do the things that they enjoy, possibly some things that they weren't able to do when they were employed—even start new careers if that's the way they want to go."

Another Turner volunteer, 78-year-old Elza Bryan, keeps going with her writing and her Michigan Committee for the Blind work despite vision problems that have left her legally blind. "My brain is much more lively now, so to say, because I have to really think and there is now a goal of what I want to do," she explains. She's also writing an account of her time growing up in Latvia, her father's experi-

ences in World War I, and her own memories of World War II, so that her grown children and granddaughter can share their family history.

ALTHOUGH some seniors might see their existing health or transportation problems as obstacles to getting involved in activities, Foster notes that there are many options available.

"Even people with physical disabilities can keep mentally active by doing crossword puzzles, reading the newspaper, keeping involved in social activities, and taking advantage of public transportation," he says, adding that classes, cards, chess and conversation all count as brain stimulators. Something as simple as moderate movement around the house can help keep muscles and balance going, and physical activity like regular walking can help keep diabetes and heart disease in check. And for those who can't drive, many communities have senior transport programs to get people to activity centers, educational institutions and shopping.

For those already facing memory loss, it's especially crucial to keep going, Foster says.

"People who have memory problems tend to withdraw from activities, so it's particularly important that they be involved in social activities and things that are interesting. Some have called dementia the 'most boring' of all diseases to have, so it's important to get these people involved."

All in all, instead of seeing age-related memory loss and disability as inevitable, older adults should see their mental and physical health as very much within their own control, Foster says. Those who take on the challenge of keeping occu-

pled may be surprised at what they can achieve.

"Overall, it's important for elderly individuals to learn more activities, and do things that they haven't tried before," he concludes. "This is an opportunity to take risks and explore things that they haven't had time to do before. In our usual activities as adults, we spend so much time just working at our jobs that we have trouble looking beyond the horizon, or finding time to explore other parts of our personality. Aging permits us that opportunity."

Facts about aging, memory loss and staying active:

* By 2030, the number of older Americans will jump to 70 million, or one in five Americans.

* About 5 percent of all people over age 65 have some form of dementia, and the number doubles with every five years above 65.

* About 30 percent of people over 80 have dementia.

* Alzheimer's disease causes more than half of all dementia. About four million Americans have Alzheimer's disease, including 1 percent of 65-year-olds and up to half of people over 85.

* Among people 70 to 74 years old, 64 percent participate in five to seven different social activities in a two-week period, compared with 38 percent among people over 85.

* About 51 percent of people aged 65 to 74 engage in no physical leisure-time activity, and the number rises to 65 percent in those aged 75 and older.

* The Healthy People 2010 program's target is to increase levels of activity so that no more than 20 percent of all adults engage in no leisure physical activity.

Contagious disease plagues felines at animal shelter

Nathan Bomey
Heritage Newspapers

An often-fatal disease for felines has been found in three kittens brought to the Humane Society of Huron Valley, say Michigan State University School of Veterinary Medicine experts.

Feline panleukopenia is a potentially deadly and highly contagious disease that affects cats, but is preventable with proper vaccinations and responsible pet ownership.

The virus attacks and destroys white blood cells of cats, weakening cats' immune systems and putting them at greater risk of contracting secondary infections.

Transmission occurs through direct contact between cats or through contact with "fomites," which include litter boxes, food bowls and hands.

Kittens ages three to five months are the most susceptible to the disease, although the disease can strike cats of any age.

Generally, adult cats are more resistant, having either received vaccinations or developed their own immunity through exposure to the virus in the environment.

The HSHV is working to combat this disease within its animal shelter, and the organization has consulted with countless local, state and national veterinary and sheltering experts in developing a plan of action.

Symptoms of the disease include fever, depression, lack of appetite, vomiting, diarrhea and dehydration. Lethargy also is a warning sign. Infected cats often droop their heads over their water bowls, thirsty but unable to drink.

Although the disease is often fatal, getting proper and swift veterinary treatment as soon as possible after symptoms appear can save an infected cat's life.

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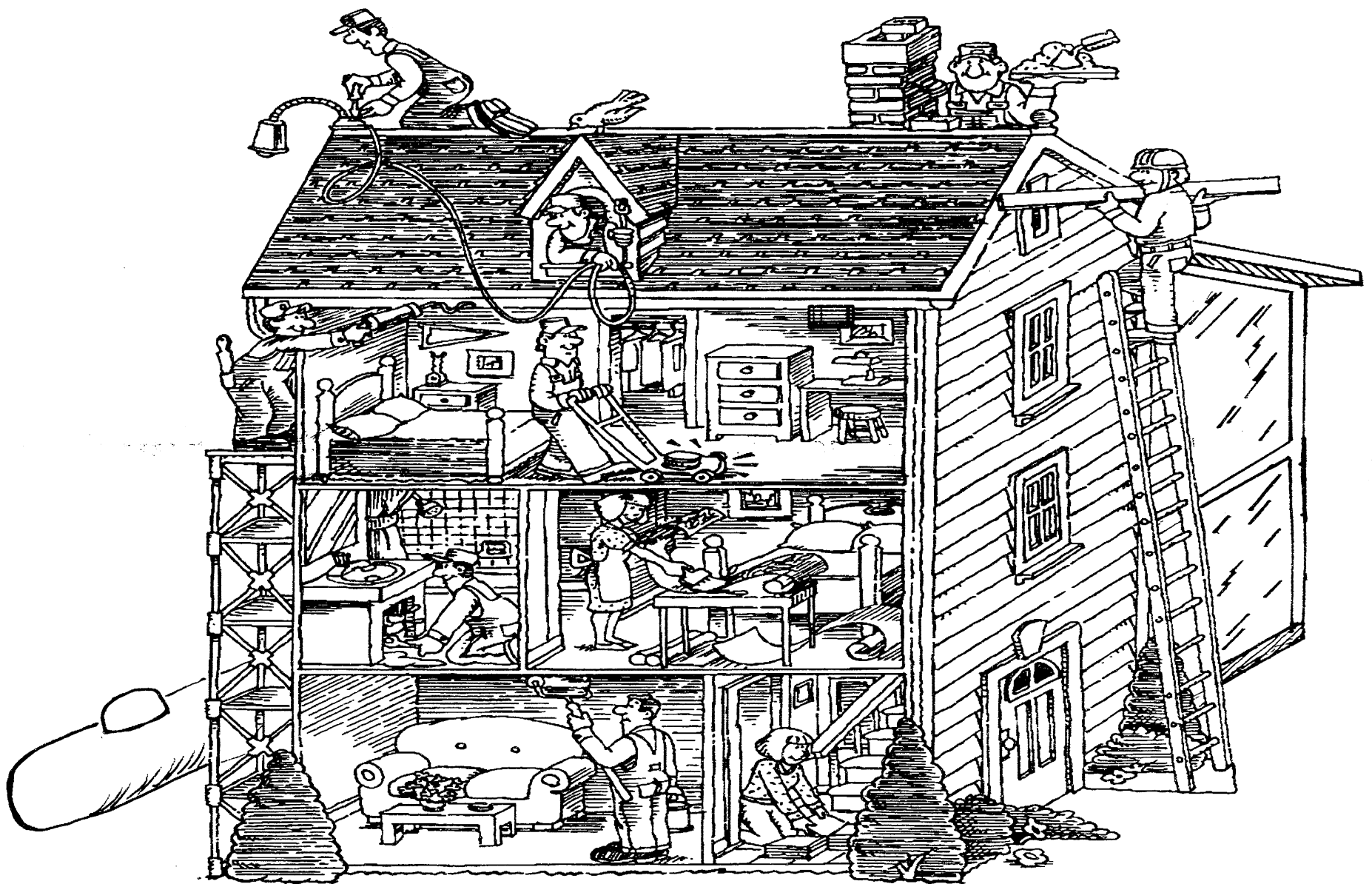
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Do not carry the Flag flat or horizontally, but always aloft and free.

Historical society elects new officers

The Manchester Area Historical Society held its annual meeting on Sept. 18 at the Blacksmith Shop.

The slate of officers was elected as follows: President, Don Limpert; First Vice President, Nancy Feldkamp; Second Vice President, Howard Parr; Secretary, Betty Cummings; Treasurer, Carl Curtis; Trustees, Reno Feldkamp and Norma Every.

Don Limpert presented a program on the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) and the United Confederate Veterans (UCV), organizations founded after the Civil War.

The GAR was formed in 1866 for veterans honorably discharged from the service. Its

last convention was held in 1949, with its largest-ever convention held in Detroit in 1891. At that time, 40,000 veterans attended.

The United Confederate Veterans was formed in 1890 and held its last reunion in 1951. Only two joint reunions were held—one in 1913 and one in 1938. Both were held in Gettysburg, Pa., and were sponsored by the federal government. The average age of the veterans attending the 1938 reunion was 92.

Neither the GAR nor the UCV made provision in their charters for succession, so the organizations died when the last veteran died. Both organizations, however, played important roles in politics. The

southern Democrats stem from the period after the Civil War, and dominated the south until the 1940s.

Every community had its own GAR post. Manchester Post 352 was named for L. L. Comstock and was formed in 1886. It existed until 1940. Saline, Ann Arbor, Tecumseh, Chelsea, Grass Lake, Napoleon and Dexter also had GAR posts.

Companies of soldiers in the Civil War were usually made up of men from a particular community, and that is why some communities suffered great losses. The 20th Michigan had a high percentage of casualties because it was a fighting regiment. More than 90 men from Manchester fought in the Civil War and about two-thirds of them returned home.

Sharon Township has the second oldest Civil War Monument in the state.

Veterans of the Civil War received no pensions and no recognition. The GAR and UCV started veterans' homes and pensions for veterans, widows and orphans. Some received 40-acre land grants in Nebraska, Oklahoma and the Dakotas and that is why primarily Civil War veterans settled those states.

The Oct. 16 program for the Manchester Area Historical Society will be presented by Dr. Charles Meyers. The topic will be "Indians and their Role in the Civil War." The public is welcome to join the society at the Blacksmith Shop for this program.

- submitted by Betty Cummings

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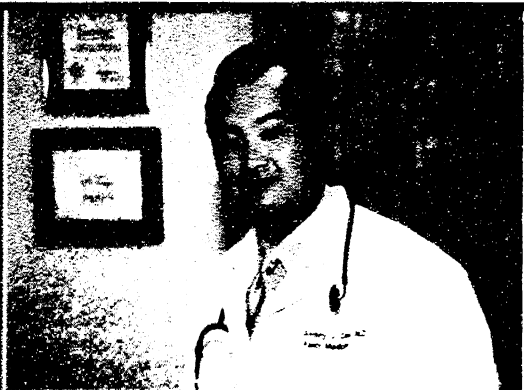
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Manchester took second place at the Hanover Horton Jamboree

Some positions remain open, others filled

Manchester is still looking for a Youth Hoops coordinator. It is possible for the position to be split, one person taking third and fourth grades and the other taking fifth and sixth grades.

Other coaching positions still open include the eighth grade volleyball coaching position and the freshman volleyball position. Freshman volleyball is a new program at Manchester High School. The varsity and junior varsity softball positions also are open. Interested candidates should contact Wes Gall in the athletic office at 428-0185.

Gall is taking a one-year leave of absence from coaching to focus more on his position as athletic director and the overall athletic program.

"We'll have a lot of young coaches in the spring," he said. "Eight of the 12 coaches will be either new to their positions or in their second year."

The athletic department has chosen two basketball coaches for the winter season. Brian Schick will coach eighth grade, while Jim Krzyzaniak will coach the new freshman team.

Youth Hoops

Youth Hoops registration information will be available soon and will be distributed to fourth, fifth and sixth grade teachers.

Baseball and Softball Parents Needed

Manchester athletics is looking for baseball and softball parents to help put in field tiles so that all fields drain better. With the tiles it is expected that spring rains will run off better and allow games to be played on the fields, even on rainy days. The work project is slated for late September.

Manchester to host cheerleading competition

On Oct. 10 beginning at 6 p.m., all eight teams from the conference will be in the high school gym for a competition.

Varsity drops heartbreaker to Napoleon

■ Tight game ends up in a Dutch loss.

By Colleen O'Neill

Special Writer

Manchester football lost the Parents' Night game to Napoleon 6-7 in Friday's varsity action.

"Our kids played very good defense," Manchester coach Wes Gall said. "When you give (Napoleon) only one opportunity to score, you can't ask for much more than that."

"They rose to the occasion just like we asked them to do."

The Dutch got the ball first, as Napoleon kicked off to them.

"We moved the ball a little bit, but ended up having to punt," Gall said. "In fact, the first three possessions we'd move the ball a little bit but never get anything to keep a drive going."

Then the Dutchmen claimed an interception. Beau Bergner intercepted a pass and returned the ball to the Napoleon 7-yard line. At the first down Manchester earned a four-yard gain, but came back and threw an incomplete pass. On two more downs the Dutch ran the ball for no gain before Jeff Punches kicked a three-point field goal.

Dutch defense held Napoleon all the way.

"Basically it was a lot of three-and-out for both sides," Gall said. "And then finally they put a small drive together, starting on our 45-yard line and scored with 1:51 in the third quarter."

Napoleon's extra point was good, bringing the score to 7-3.



The varsity football team observes a moment of silence prior to Friday night's game with the Napoleon Pirates. The tight game ended in a 7-6 loss for the Dutch.

Manchester came back early in the fourth quarter and took the ball on its own 36-yard line.

"We threw Beau a 37-yard pass and moved the ball down, running and passing," Gall said. "We got the ball to the two-yard line and didn't score."

Punches kicked another field goal, to bring the score to 7-6.

After that, "Basically they tried to run the clock out," Gall said. "We thought we had enough time to possibly get close enough for another field goal but time ran out."

Manchester had missed one additional opportunity to score

earlier in the game.

"Just before half time we moved the ball down from our 43-yard line down to their 26 in our two minute offense, but we threw an interception on the next play," Gall said.

Defensively, Jacob Sawyer caused a fumble, had two tackles for loss of seven yards, two solos and eight second hits.

"He was involved in quite a bit," Gall said.

Karl Schaible had an interception, three solo tackles and was involved in nine other tackles—five first hits and four second hits. Ryan Maggetti had a

tackle for a loss, one solo, five first hits and four second hits.

Junior Tyler Harvey caused a fumble, had six first hits and five second hits. Chris Maly had a fumble recovery, a tackle for a five-yard loss, and three first hits and was in on one other. Seth Larocque had one first hit and five assists.

Nathan VonBroda had one tackle for a two-yard loss and one tackle for a solo. He also had 10 first hits and eight assists. Ben Wojtas made one first hit and assisted with four.

"Our running game was nonexistent," Gall said.

Wes Waggoner made four carries for two yards, Punches seven carries for minus 23, and had a 17-yard loss on one play. Schaible was 10 for 19, while Jamie Powers was 3 for 10.

In passing, Punches completed 14 of 35 attempts for a total of 175 yards and two interceptions. Bergner made nine catches for 120 yards, Brent LeVérett was two for 26 yards, Schaible two for 16 and Sawyer one for eight yards.

Punches made two 18-yard field goals.

This week, the Dutch will host Vandercook Lake for homecoming 2001.

The Vandercook Jayhawks have yet to win a ball game this year.

"They have been struggling quite a bit," Gall commented. "We should have a chance to get our offense rolling if our defense stays sound. (Vandercook is) not a bad football team."

"They just played the toughest part of the schedule first. They do have an awful lot of young kids, so that is where they are making their mistakes."

Gall says he hopes the team will get everyone healthy and ready to play some good football.

Nathan Neigebauer has been gone from the lineup for two weeks with a bad back, and Alex Kormendi has been out with a broken finger, but should be able to play next week with a cast.

"We just want to get our kids up to 100 percent," Gall said.

Junior varsity gridders down Pirates, 34-14

Solid offense backed by great defensive effort

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand

Associate Editor

The Dutch junior varsity football team overcame Napoleon with a solid 34-14 win last Thursday on the Pirates' home field.

"Our offense was led in rushing by Andrew Coutts," Manchester coach Jim Fielder said. "He had nine attempts for 169 yards and two touchdowns."

"One of those rushes was a 65-yard touchdown run."

Craig VanBogelen followed Coutts with 29 attempts for 160 yards, two touchdowns and an extra point. Quarterback Jordan Tallman had a good night as he passed for five completions of eight attempts, 65 yards, a touchdown and an extra point.

Matt Callaway was the team's leading receiver, with receptions for 45 yards. Callaway also scored one touchdown and one extra point.

"Our defense was led by Josh Knouase, who had

six solos and seven assists," Fielder said.

Austin Scott had two solos, eight assists, one knockdown pass and one sack, while Tallman had two solos, three assists, one interception and two knockdowns.

Tonight the team will play at Vandercook Lake, and Fielder is optimistic about this game as well as the remainder of the season.

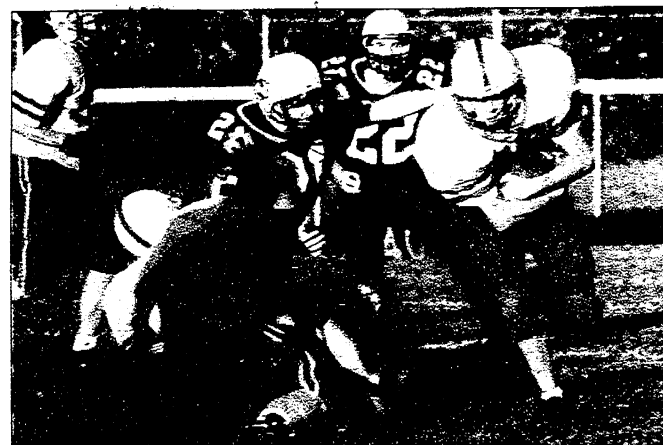
"I'm real happy with the way we played the last three quarters at Napoleon," he said. "If these kids continue to play the way we are capable of playing, we'll be successful."

"But we have to keep playing."

Fielder added that the team is starting to see some growth, with more kids contributing.

"That's a good thing for us," he said. "This group has a real good work ethic."

The team's overall record is 4-1. Game time tonight is at 6:30 p.m. on the Jayhawk's home field. The junior varsity will return home next week to face East Jackson.



Craig VanBogelen cuts through the Napoleon JV line last week as the junior Dutch downed the Pirates, 34-14. VanBogelen rushed for 160 yards, two touchdowns and an extra point during the game.

JV hoopsters enjoy the sweet taste of victory

■ JV goes two-for-two in last week's play.

By Colleen O'Neill

Special Writer

With a mere one-point lead over Gabriel Richard at the end of the first quarter last Tuesday, the second quarter was the key to the junior varsity's first victory last week.

"We outscored them 11-2 in the second quarter to take a 19-9 halftime lead," Manchester coach Mark Ball said. "In the second half, we outscored them 18-13 to pull away for the victory."

The junior Dutch defeated Gabriel Richard 37-22, led by sophomore Fallynne Schlosser's 12 points with six boards, and one each of steals, assists and blocks. Kim Roberts followed up with nine points, a rebound and four steals and co-captain Sydney Johnson contributed six points, four rebounds, three steals and two assists.

The team effort included efforts from freshman Shelley Schuize, who had four points and was two on the boards while classmate Brandi Waiter contributed two points and a rebound. Lindsay Ellison had two points, three rebounds and one assist, and Abbey Preuninger also added two points to the score, augmenting her stats with seven rebounds, a

steal, an assist and a block.

Significant statistics also were contributed to the team's victory by Megan Eisenhauer, Bri King, Kelly Schaible, Carolyn Billetteaux, Sam Mahan, Emily Little, and Emilee Sweet. Roz Harvey had an impressive ten rebounds and three blocks to round out the team's stats, bringing the team to an overall 3-2 record.

On Thursday, the team met Hanover Horton on the home court, and brought the house down with a 52-50 final score.

"What an exciting game!" Ball said. "It was very close the whole way with no team getting more than a 5-point lead throughout the game."

Manchester did maintain a lead for the entire game until late in the fourth quarter when Hanover actually took a one-point lead.

"We were able to tie it back up and had the ball at the end," Ball said. "Then Megan Eisenhauer came through with a terrific shot from the free throw line to put us up by two with about 10 seconds to go."

Hanover had one more chance to make a score, but Ellison came up with a big play by picking up a loose ball and held on for the victory.

Ball said that Preuninger played by far her best game of the season. Ellison really showed that she should be get-

ting more playing time in future games.

"What hurt us in this game was our eagerness to foul," he said. "We got into some bad foul trouble."

The positive that came from this is that some of the freshmen

had a chance to show Ball what they could do in a pressure situation.

"Lindsay came through, proving she's one of our better players," he said. "But (freshmen) Sam Mahan, Emilee Sweet, Roz Harvey, and Brandi Waiter all

showed solid contributions to the game as well."

Roberts led the way against Hanover with a 16-point contribution, added to three steals and two assists. Preuninger scored 11 points and had 10

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Fans of the Week selected by the Manchester cheer team, were Will Rickert and Jordan Guest. This weekend, homecoming, is the Flying Dutch varsity team's final home game. Watch for this week's Fans of the Week in a future issue of the Manchester Enterprise.

Manchester golfers teeing off to a successful season

■ **Best performance in years for Dutch.**

By Colleen O'Neill
Special Writer

After a rain out last Wednesday the Manchester golf team visited the Concord Hills, par 36, on Thursday and posted the team's best finish in years. "This is our best finish since I've been coaching, and the best team score in 10 years with a 164," said Manchester coach Dan Galaska.

The Dutch finished just seven shots behind Hanover Horton who won the jamboree with a

score of 157.

The second-place finish gave Manchester seven points to put them in fourth place in conference standings with two more jamborees and the conference championship yet to go.

"I was pleased and the kids were, really excited," Galaska said. "(They) put together a good team score."

Junior Jeff Galaska led the team in scoring with a 39, one of only four golfers who broke 40 on that day. Junior Nathan Smith shot a 40 with seniors Mike Walter adding a 42 and Chris Loud a 43. Sophomore Jon Schaible and junior Nick Strobl

also golfed that day.

"Especially since Concord is a pretty tough course," Galaska said. "It was our best team score at one of the (conference's) tougher courses. It's not wide open, there are lots of trees. I was really proud of the kids."

In conference standings, Hanover Horton is in first place with 31 points, Vandercook Lake is second with 27 points, Napoleon 24 and Manchester 20. Addison is in fifth place with 18 points, Michigan Center has 12, and Grass Lake and East Jackson each have six points.

With the conference champi-

onship counting for 50 percent of the final score, the Dutch still have high hopes for a successful conclusion to the season.

"Hopefully this is a sign that we're going to finish strong," Galaska said. "The main thing is we have some depth, which has helped a lot."

In earlier golf action the

junior varsity squad played at Pine Hollow for the Vandercook Lake junior varsity Jamboree and finished in seventh place.

"We didn't fare so well in this one," Galaska said.

Hanover Horton won the jamboree with a 161.

Individual scoring came from Senior Adam Knapp and junior Neil Love who each shot a 51.

Ryan Holt shot a 52 and Mike Taddonio shot a 52. Ian Chartrand added a 57 and sophomore Aaron Helber, a first-year player in his first match, shot a 71.

The Dutch hosted its own Jamboree on Tuesday and hosted a double dual meet Wednesday against Gabriel Richard and Rudolph Steiner.

The junior varsity squad will travel to Addison today.

Manchester will close out the regular season on Tuesday at the Michigan Center jamboree before facing off in the conference championship on Oct. 10.

"Hopefully this is a sign that we're going to finish strong."

— Dan Galaska
Manchester coach

Varsity hoopsters rise to the occasion

■ **Team is one and one in last week's action.**

By Colleen O'Neill
Special Writer

Although the varsity basketball team lost last Thursday's game to Hanover Horton, the girls' performance was heartening as they came from behind to lose by only two points, as the final score tipped 57-55 in Hanover's favor.

"It was a close game most of the way," Manchester coach John Wilkins said. "We were down by seven points a couple times in the half, but kept coming back."

"We ended up having a shot to tie it at the end, but it didn't go down."

Wilkins characterized the game as a very good effort by his team.

Liz Okey dropped in 15 points to lead the team in scoring, added to seven rebounds and four steals. Rachelle Lilienthal scored 13 points with nine rebounds and three steals.

Brie Hyde had eight points and four assists, and Michelle Slocum had four points and an

equal number of assists.

Caitlin Sewell added six points and three blocked shots to the team effort.

The team beat Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard 39-30 on Sept. 18, with a very good defensive effort.

"We did a lot of things very well that night," Wilkins said. "We took care of the basketball; we didn't turn it over and played real solid defense."

The team out-rebounded Gabriel Richard 40 to 22.

Kate Meyer led the team in scoring and was 8 of 10 from the free throw line in the fourth quarter. Hyde dropped in 10 points and added seven rebounds to the team's stats, while Sewell scored five points.

Lilienthal led the team in rebounding with 12, and added three points to the score. Okey likewise had three points and had seven boards. Cori Chrestensen added two points, six rebounds and four steals.

The team met East Jackson on the home court Tuesday and will travel to Michigan Center tonight, with a 5:30 start time for the junior varsity with varsity action following.

Equestrians eye state title

By Julie Schaible
Staff Writer

The Manchester Equestrian team continued its winning ways at the Sept. 23 meet held at the Wayne County fairgrounds in Belleville. Manchester's dominance is shown in the final scores: Manchester-231; Ann Arbor Pioneer-122; and Saline-58.

"All the athletes were able to score points for the team and that's a real big plus."

Manchester coach Robin McCarthy said.

The team currently has 14 participants and the prospects for taking those riders to the state meet look good. The team is currently 155 points ahead of any of the other Division A teams.

Next week's final division meet will be the seal the deal, however. That meet will take place at the Wayne County Fairgrounds in Belleville on Sunday, starting at 8:30 a.m.

Dew Kickers



Photo by David Jose
Mike Walter (left), Joel Blades and Jacob Geyer were last week's "Dew Kickers" at the varsity football game. The competition is sponsored by Pepsi and provides prizes to students who can kick a field goal during half-time.

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Band marches to its own drum beat of success

■ *Peak of marching band season will be this weekend's homecoming.*

By Julie Schaible

Staff Writer
"Drum Majors, is your band ready?"

And so the press box announcer signals that the Manchester High School Marching Band is about to provide halftime entertainment for the football fans.

For some of those fans, this is a welcome respite from the tensions of the game, but for countless others this is the game. There is no score and the competition is not fierce, but for the 110 members of the band, the directors, and their parents, this is where the hours of preparation and the late Monday night practices come to fruition.

This is the end to which the hotter-than-heck week of band camp was a means. This is the marching band season and this is their game.

Band directors Jared Throneberry and Ed Schoendorff have brought this team from meager beginnings to the largest marching band that Manchester has seen in many years. They look great and they sound great too.

The musical selections this season have had a common theme. Michigan composers are highlighted with pieces from such varied artists Bob Seger, Grand Funk Railroad and Alice Cooper. Of course, all the students enjoyed playing Cooper's "School's Out," and the sheer volume of that familiar line evidenced their feelings.

The band's in-stands play adds a whole other dimension to each Friday night's experience. Their spirited renditions get the cheerleaders dancing and the fans clapping. They certainly



The Manchester High School Marching Band is 110 members strong this fall, according to director Jared Throneberry.

are missed when they leave after the third quarter ends.

The band's homecoming selections for this Friday will feature patriotic selections and will be directed by Schoendorff, who

selected the theme for the show in August, long before the current situation that has inspired even more patriotism.

The seventh and eighth-grade middle school bands will join

the high school marching band, to bring an even fuller and richer sound of music to the field.

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The Band Boosters will be selling "Proud to be an American" pins with all proceeds benefiting the American Red Cross.

And yes, there are competitions and scoring opportunities even for the marching band. Marching Band festivals will be held over the next two weeks. The pre-festival appearance will be Oct. 6 at Ida High School and the MSBOA District Marching Band Festival will be on Oct. 13 at Jackson Northwest.

As any coach, Throneberry looks for great things from his team. The band's strengths lie in its larger size, with 20 seniors providing strong leadership for the group.

"We have a very strong senior class, with two of our three drum majors also being seniors,"



Photos by David Jose

Senior band major Rachelle Lilienthal stands at attention as the band prepares to march onto the field for the pre-game show on Parents' Night.

Throneberry said. "They have been a real help for me this year."

The band will have to overcome one difficulty, however.

"It's the same as the past three years," Throneberry explained. "The band meets two separate hours every day. It's hard to put it all together in just two hours of practice each Monday night."

But he agreed it is a good kind of problem to have.

"The whole reason we split in the first place was due to space considerations," he said. "We simply can't fit all of the band kids in the classroom during one

period."

The marching band season has gone quickly, Throneberry said. This weekend is the last official game appearance for the group. The crossover game on Oct. 19 will feature the pep band.

"It has been really smooth for the most part, though," he said.

Manchester's home football games would not be the same without the marching band. Or is it that the band performance would not be the same without the football game?

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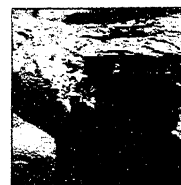
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Development rights program still in limbo

■ Program stalled in committee, waiting for funding.

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Associate Editor

It has been nearly a year since farmers and land owners in Washtenaw County and across the state had a deadline to apply for state funding to purchase development rights on their property.

And they still are waiting for an answer.

Last year, the Michigan Department of Agriculture announced the Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) program with the purpose of preserving open space throughout the state. The deadline for applications was Nov. 30, 2000.

"The legislature authorized \$5 million statewide," said Barry Lonik of the Washtenaw Land Trust. "They received more than 300 applications, and they simply couldn't do that many through this process."

So a lengthy process of scoring and ranking ensued. A committee was formed to review the ranking procedures and to identify a number of properties that could be considered top priority for the program.

Michigan Department of Agriculture staff were directed by the committee to do on-site visits to each property that had applied, and observe whether the properties met certain criteria for ranking and determine whether further development had occurred during the waiting period.

That segment completed, the results were presented back to the committee which then divided up the top 25 ranking properties into two tiers.

"In the top tier are the ones they think are very likely to actually complete the process," Lonik said. "That includes about a dozen statewide, and at least two of them are in Washtenaw County, including the number-one ranked property."

The program's sole source of revenue at this time is the payback of tax credits received by owners of farm land that has been enrolled in the PA 116 program.

"When (PA 116) contracts expire, if the landowner does not renew they are liable for the past seven years of tax credits received under the program," Lonik explained. "Those payments just dribble in, one check at a time, and so there is not yet enough money in the pot to move ahead."

The good news is that a federal

Farmland Protection Program grant of \$533,000 has been awarded to the Michigan Department of Agriculture to be used specifically for a parcel in Washtenaw County, according to Megan McDougall of the state agriculture office.

This is good news, according to Lonik, because it means that the miniscule state dollars will go a little further because the federal grant means they have a \$5 million surplus to grant to the PDR program.

"Maybe one or two more Michigan properties can now be chosen with state money," he said.

Lonik hinted that according to his information from the state, at least one of the top-tier properties may be from among the Freedom Township farms that applied for the PDR program.

"There were a lot of applications from Freedom Township, and the staff as part of the review process did visit all of the Freedom properties," Lonik said. "I gathered that there was a good chance that one or more of those properties ... may have a good chance to get in."

McDougall said that the Michigan Department of Agriculture has given the committee until Sept. 28 to make its final recommendations.

"We're looking at probably the first or second week of October for formal approval, and we'll be notifying people either way," she said.

Among those Freedom Township landowners awaiting the notification are Carolyn Strieter on Scio Church Road and LeRoy and Dolores Buss on Waters Road. Both have had farmland in the family for generations.

Dolores Buss said that even if their property wasn't accepted this year, the family still would keep on farming.

"Farming is definitely a gamble," she said. "We plan to continue no matter what, but some families are really waiting on this (decision) to decide what to do with their property."

Theresa Schenk, Freedom Township clerk, said that farming families who have held land for generations are the ones really waiting for the outcome after nearly a year.

"Some of the applicants have sons who will follow them into farming," she said. "But we don't know if they are the ones who will get a piece of the pie."

"The purpose of this program is to continue farming the land. And you need farmers to do that."

Sara Bassett and her husband Peter DeLoof live in the southern end of

Freedom Township on Ernst Road. Bassett and DeLoof are among 10 Freedom Township landowners who submitted 11 contiguous pieces of property who submitted applications for the PDR funding.

"I don't know if the state had any other group of applications that large," Bassett said. "This group covered over 700 acres."

"People keep asking, have you heard anything, but no one has heard from the state."

Bassett said that at the time they applied, the property owners hadn't been told of any definitive time frame for distribution of the PDR grants.

"But we thought it would be before now," she said.

She added that neither she nor DeLoof have spoken to anyone from the state since the submission, and they have no knowledge of anyone coming by to do a site visit.

"No one I've talked to has heard a thing from anybody," she said.

"It's OK to wait, but I think some people are anxious to hear one way or the other about it."

"It's a great program, and a very significant tool for preservation."

Grants allotted for green space across the region

By Connie Makled
Heritage Newspapers

The Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan (CFSM) this week announced 13 grants totaling \$1,687,755, to plan and construct projects to link—or lay the groundwork to connect—miles of greenways in the region.

The \$1.7 million in grants has already leveraged an additional \$4.8 million from public and private funders, and has the potential to generate another \$5 million as the projects are completed. The grants are the first of several rounds of funding through the CFSM's GreenWays Initiative, a comprehensive effort aimed at improving the quality of life by increasing the availability of natural areas or "green" space for use by the public while enhancing the region's natural landscape.

The 13 grantees include six cities, two townships, one county, three nonprofits and one university. All were selected through a competitive process after submitting detailed strategies to create new - or link existing - greenways. Greenways are linear open spaces, including habitats and trails, linking parks, nature reserves, cultural features or historic sites, creating increased recreation and conservation opportunities. Two types of grants were awarded -

predevelopment grants to support final-phase planning and land grants, to support the physical assemblage or construction of greenways.

The 13 GreenWays grantees and their grants are: land grants: City of Flat Rock, for a trail to cross the Huron River. \$200,000; City of Rochester Hills, for its section of the Clinton River Trail, \$250,000; City of Sylvan Lake, for its section of the Clinton River Trail, \$75,000; Norton Community Development Corp., Detroit, to develop the Milbank/Conner Creek Greenway, \$75,000; Polly Ann Trailway Management Council Inc., Oxford, to develop the Polly Ann Trail, \$240,000; University of Michigan-Dearborn, for a trail along the Rouge River, part of the Rouge Gateway Project, \$381,750; Washtenaw County, for part of the Border-to-Border Trail between Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti, \$200,000.

Predevelopment grants: Charter Township of Clinton, to support an engineering study for a bike trail to link to the Metropolitan Parkway Trail, \$43,000; Charter Township of Van Buren, to plan the development of a trail to connect to the Downriver Linked Greenways network, \$38,700; City of Ann Arbor, to assess the feasibility of using a dam as a trail link along the Border-to-Border Trail, \$25,375; City of Detroit, to explore the possibility of a trail to link Clark and Riverside parks and Historic Fort Wayne,

\$63,000; City of Trenton, to support the Trenton Waterfront Redevelopment Project along the Detroit River, \$38,000; Northwest Detroit Neighborhood Development Inc., to plan the Lyndon Greenway Project to connect to Eliza Howell Park, \$37,930.

"As a result of these grants, people in southeast Michigan will have more trails and bike paths and greater opportunities to enjoy the natural environment," said Joseph L. Hudson Jr., chairman of the CFSM's Board of Trustees. "These grants demonstrate there is strong interest in preserving and creating natural areas for relaxation and recreation. The hard work and great ideas represented in these projects give us real hope that others will step up to the plate to build greenways to strengthen our region's environmental and social health. This is just the beginning."

Each of the 13 grant applicants had to provide evidence that it had collaborated with other organizations and communities to build support for its proposed project. As a group, the 13 projects initiate a long-term opportunity of linking a potentially large network of trails and green spaces all around the area.

"As these 13 projects are completed they will bring significant additional funding into the region," said Tom Woiwode, director of the GreenWays

Initiative. "There is already \$4.8 million in matching funds coming to southeast Michigan because of these grants, and if these projects are completed as planned, that amount of leveraged funds will at least double. These are exciting projects, and we hope they will trigger similar efforts around the region."

The GreenWays Initiative, which will use \$25 million in private support to leverage a minimum of \$50 million in untapped state and federal funds, is helping nonprofits and local governments construct or restore green corridors throughout the seven counties of southeast Michigan. The region has nearly 2,400 miles of potential greenways corridors. In addition to grants, the GreenWays Initiative is engaging in public education.

outreach and capacity-building programs.

The Foundation has assets of more than \$300 million and, since its inception, has distributed \$115 million through 14,845 grants to nonprofit organizations throughout Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Monroe, Washtenaw, St. Clair and Livingston counties. Additional

information on the GreenWays Initiative is available at the Community Foundation's web site at www.cfsm.org.

For information about the Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan, how to apply for a grant, or how to establish a fund, please call or visit the Web site at www.cfsm.org.

HOOP

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boards, an assist and one block.

Ellison added eight points, five rebounds a steal, an assist and a block to her impressive game statistics, while Schlosser scored seven points with five boards, a steal, an assist and a block. Johnson also scored seven points, grabbing five rebounds and adding two steals and four assists to the game stats.

The game-winning shot by Megan Eisenhauer provided her two points, while she also contributed one rebound and four steals. Mahan dropped in one from the foul line, also adding two boards and one block to her stats.

Contributions from King, Walter, Harvey and Sweet also aided the Dutch in the victory.

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Looking Back



THE MANCHESTER ENTERPRISE
Thursday, Sept. 26, 1901

By Mat D. Blosser

Can a man live without his stomach? This question has been decided affirmatively by Karl Kruger, a Chicago gardener. Four months ago, because of cancer, his stomach was removed by an expert surgeon. Then he weighed 96 pounds, now he weighs 160 and is still taking on flesh.

A pair of Kansas lovers the other day went to Iowa to escape the law which forbids the marriage of first cousins. The same day in a Kansas town a couple from Colorado took advantage of a Kansas law which permits a divorced person to marry after the lapse of six months. These cases led the Kansas City Journal to suggest that the states send ambassadors to each other to negotiate treaties through which uniformity in marriage laws might be secured.

Charles Ball, of Albion, Mich., believed that he could take poison without serious effect. He swallowed twenty-five grains of morphine and in a little while he vomited it. This demonstration so pleased him that he thought even a pistol shot would not harm him. Aiming a revolver at his temple, he fired. That was Mr. Ball's last mistake in this life.

Personal Mention

Lynn Hardenburgh was in Tecumseh on Tuesday.

Raynor Haeussler and Oscar Kirchgessner have resumed work at the university.

Mrs. Mat D. Blosser and daughter Mrs. B.F. Burtless, drove to Norvell Tuesday to visit relatives.

Carl Wuerthner returned from Buffalo last Friday night. He has business at Adrian and Blissfield this week.

A quiet though happy wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Hanham Monday

afternoon at 2 o'clock, it being the marriage of their daughter Ida to Henry Howard, a former townsboy now of Ypsilanti. Rev. Steinger officiated. Owing to the poor health of the bride's mother only the immediate families were present. With the best wishes of many friends, Mr. & Mrs. Howard left on the 3:53 train for Mt. Forest, Ont., where they will remain for a week with relatives, after which they will live in Ypsilanti where a house completely furnished is awaiting them.

Obituary

Mrs. Sarah A. Stewart departed this life at her home in Bridgewater, Sept. 10, 1901, aged 70 years, six months and three days.

She was born Nov. 7, 1830 in Monroe county, Pa., her parents being David and Elizabeth Culbertson. When 15 years of age her mother died and left to her care a large family. Aug. 14, 1848 she was married to Andrew Warner, who died July 10, 1858. She was married again Oct. 3, 1861 to James Stewart, who died Oct. 17, 1872.

Left a mere child to take up the cares sufficient for one much older, left a widow when still quite young with five small children to care for under many a trying circumstance, the second time left a widow to meet still greater cares and responsibilities, her life was spent in patiently, nobly and with Christian fortitude in working out the tasks imposed upon here. Always deeply conscious of the rights of others, ready to assist, when possible, those in need, a kind and faithful mother, she has departed this life in the love and highest esteem of those who knew her best.

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"Good boys love their sisters," as the old doggerel runs, but they are rarely polite to them. All but the best of them have two languages for girls—one for other boys' sisters, one which they perhaps consider to be efficacious in training their own sisters for the other boys' wives. They are fatally liable to mix the two up, or else to gradually merge them into one language—always, alas! the rough, "bossy."

half-contemptuous one used to the sisters rather than the expensive and troublesome one of unaccustomed courtesy to other girls.

Newsy Brevities

Latest gleanings from village and vicinity

We need a good soaking rain. It will soon be time to go nutting.

The frosts have done but little damage so far.

The Manchester school building is the only one we know of that has fire escapes.

John Jackson's horse gave an exhibition of his best speed on exchange place Tuesday morning. No damage was done and John hitches him now.

We learn that a Milwaukee man offered to take \$1,000 stock in the Manchester canning factory; that Mr. Whinnery would not let him have it but allowed him to take \$500 worth. He said that he knew there was good money in the business.

We heard complaints because some men went out and shot at clay pigeons last Thursday afternoon when the stores and shops were closed during Pres. McKinley's funeral. We are sorry that it was done but the shooting was outside the corporation and our authorities had nothing to do with it.

A lady was awakened a few mornings since by a noise in her parlor and arose to investigate. Stealthily making her way to the room she peeped through the portiers and what was her aston-

ishment when she saw the family cat seated on the piano stool and with its paw gently touching the keys of the piano.

As the world revolves

Invention to turn leaves of music.

Young men have long made themselves useful by turning over leaves of music for ladies who were playing the piano, but it is doubtful if in future they will be called upon to do much of this pleasant work, for a device has now been invented in France, the object of which is to do this very work mechanically. When this device is attached to a piano, all that the player has to do is to press with the foot upon a small rubber knob, which is placed near one of the pedals. A slight pressure of the foot suffices to release a sheet or leaf of music from a clasp which holds it, and to turn it over. There are as many clasps as there are sheets of music and a simple mechanism connects them with the knob containing the compressed air.

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Imperial Chinese dog now in Jersey.

Tai Tai is an imperial Pekinese spaniel, and as one of the pets of the empress of China has many times nestled in Her Majesty's lap. This royal Chinese dog was taken from the sacred imperial palace of Peking, after the flight of the Empress and Emperor, and is now at Vineland, N.J., the property of Dr. Corbin J. Decker, of the United States Navy, who was appointed surgeon in charge of the international hospital at Taku during the Chinese War.

Looking Back is a periodic feature reprinting articles from the Manchester Enterprise from 100 years ago. It appears through the kind cooperation of the Manchester District Library and is compiled by Marsha Johnson Chartrand.

VILLAGE OF MANCHESTER NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 240

Notice is hereby given that the Manchester Village Council, at the September 17, 2001 regular meeting, adopted Ordinance Number 240 - An Ordinance Repealing Ordinances and Chapter 51, Village of Manchester Zoning Code.

The ordinance becomes effective immediately after publication. A complete copy of the ordinance is available in the Village Office during regular business hours.

Karen Tucker
Village Clerk

BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

The Bridgewater Township Board will hold a special meeting at the Township hall on October 4, 2001 at 7:30 P.M.

The purpose of the meeting is to:

- Consider the proposed special assessment district for the proposed Sewer System.
- Consider the proposed Junk Ordinance.
- Consider a contract for Engineering Services for the Proposed Sewer System Project.

This notice is in compliance with the Public Act 267 of 1976 as amended (the Open Meeting Act).

Karen Weidmayer,
Bridgewater Township Clerk

MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP PROPOSED SYNOPSIS OF A REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2001

The meeting was called to order at 7:55 p.m. with Board Members Widmayer, Macomber, Turk, Mann and Hakes present. Fire Chief Bill Scully and township resident George Daubner were also present.

Minutes of the Board's 8/13/01 meeting were approved as presented. The Treasurer's report was accepted. An amendment was made to the budget, adding a line item under expenditures for per diem expenditures for pre-approved meetings. Approval was given for payment of bills that have been paid and for outstanding bills.

Fire Department activity for the month included one fire, thirteen medical, eight personal injury, three miscellaneous and two mutual aid, for a total of twenty-seven runs. The Board accepted Tom Tolen's resignation from the Fire Department, thanking him for his two years of service. The Sharon Township Board has notified Manchester Township that they wish to revert back to the fire coverage they previously had, contracting with Manchester, Chelsea and Grass Lake Fire Departments. Zoning Administrator Macomber reported eleven inspections, including five new residences, three barns/garages and two decks. The Planning Commission is working on revising the land use plan on their first meeting of each month. They still need one member and any interested person should contact Ron Mann. The Supervisor's report was accepted.

No other business required action from the Board, and after review of correspondence, the meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m. A complete copy of these minutes may be obtained during office hours, which are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to noon. The next regular meeting of the Manchester Township Board is Monday, October 8, 2001 at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by Kathleen M. Hakes, Clerk
Approved by Ronald E. Mann, Supervisor

MANCHESTER VILLAGE APPROVED PROCEEDINGS OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 4, 2001

President Schaffer called the regular meeting of the Manchester Village Council to order at 7:00 p.m. Council members present: DuRussel, Dzengeleski, Marshall, Schaffer, Vaillencourt, and Way. Absent: Conaway. Also present: Clerk Tucker, Manager Wallace, Gary Wiedmayer-DPW, Sgt. Heren-WCSD, George Daubner, Rose Kaupp, Jeff Schaffer.

The minutes of the August 20, 2001 regular meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Marshall, support by Dzengeleski. Vote: Ayes-all.

The proceedings of the August 20, 2001 regular meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Dzengeleski, support by Vaillencourt. Vote: Ayes-all.

The agenda was approved as amended on a motion by Dzengeleski, support by Marshall. Vote: Ayes-all.

Jeff Schaffer, a local resident (not the Village President), approached Council with a request to assist the schools with a hunter safety class. The school has a zero tolerance policy and cannot hold the course in their buildings. Council did not have any objections to Mr. Schaffer holding the classes in the Village Room.

POLICE SERVICES CONTRACT - Motion by Marshall, support by Way to table the discussion on the Police Services Contract for 2002/2003 until Conaway can attend the meeting. Vote: Ayes-all.

TETRA TECH QUOTATION FOR BOOSTER STATION INVESTIGATION FOR WEXFORD HOMES - Motion by Vaillencourt, support by Dzengeleski: to approve the proposal from Tetra Tech in the amount of \$7,000 for investigation of Booster Station for Wexford Homes development, authorizing the Village Manager to sign the contract, and receiving from Wexford Homes, payment in advance or letter from Wexford committing them to payment, or proof of ownership of property and commitment to payment for services. Roll Call Vote: Ayes-all.

TETRA TECH PROPOSAL FOR WATER AND SEWER ORDINANCE UPDATE - Motion by Dzengeleski, support by Marshall to enter into the agreement with Tetra Tech to update the water and sewer ordinances as outlined in the letter dated August 31, 2001 in the amount of \$5500.00 and authorizing the Village Manager to sign the contract. Roll Call Vote: Ayes-all.

TETRA TECH PROPOSAL FOR MERCURY SAMPLING USING NEW 1631 METHOD - Motion by DuRussel, support by Vaillencourt to approve \$800 for testing by Kar Lab of Kalamazoo for mercury sampling using EPA Method 1631. Roll Call Vote: Ayes-all.

CORRESPONDENCE

Council acknowledged the following correspondence:
• Letter dated August 29, 2001 from the Manchester Community Schools requesting that Council waive the \$4500.00 franchise fee. The fiber that the school will be installing will be solely for the schools. Motion by Way, support by Vaillencourt to approve the Manchester School District Franchise to connect the schools in a private network, for school use only, waiving the \$4500.00 fee for a period of 4 years, because it is just for school use. The school is responsible for notifying and registering the fiber with Miss Dig and must reapply for the Franchise in 4 years. Vote: Ayes-all.

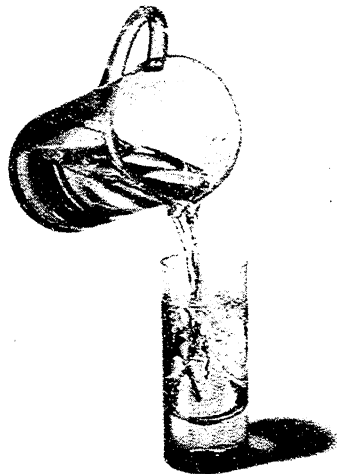
• Game Time proposal for replacement slide and game pieces for Chi Bro Park. Motion by Dzengeleski, support by DuRussel to purchase from Game Time the replacement parts for the Tic-Tac-Toe game @ \$288.00 plus freight charges and hold off on ordering the slide part at this time. Roll Call Vote: Ayes-all.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE - Motion by Vaillencourt, support by Dzengeleski: to approve the payables as listed in the August, 2001 report in the amount of \$38,100.71. Roll Call Vote: Ayes-all.

Council adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

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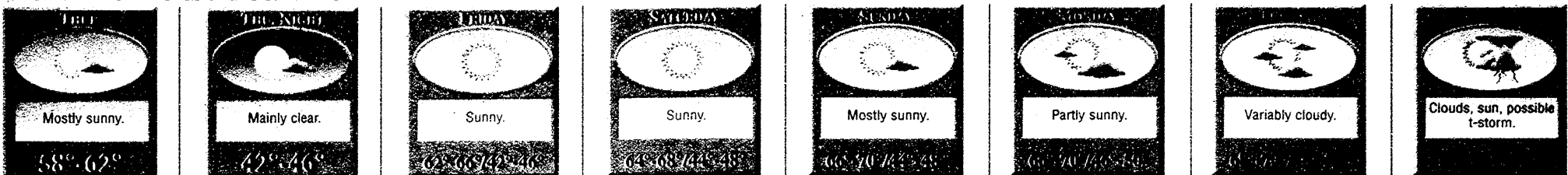
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Battle Creek	63 42 s	66 41 s	64 41 s	66 44 s
Bay City	64 45 s	68 41 s	64 43 s	63 46 s
Coldwater	65 41 s	68 44 s	69 42 s	66 42 s
Dearborn	65 48 pc	70 46 s	64 48 s	66 44 s
Detroit	63 46 pc	70 44 s	65 47 s	66 44 s
Grand Rapids	65 46 s	67 43 s	63 44 s	62 42 s
Holland	64 44 s	67 44 s	63 42 s	62 41 s
Jackson	63 43 s	67 42 s	64 42 s	64 44 s
Kalamazoo	65 42 s	68 42 s	63 40 s	67 45 s
Lansing	64 40 s	68 39 s	63 41 s	65 42 s
Livonia	65 47 s	67 44 s	66 46 s	64 44 s
Midland	64 43 s	67 41 s	65 42 s	63 47 s
Muskegon	66 46 s	66 43 s	64 45 s	64 44 s
Owosso	64 41 s	68 40 s	65 42 s	65 42 s
Pontiac	67 51 s	68 48 s	62 49 s	66 46 s
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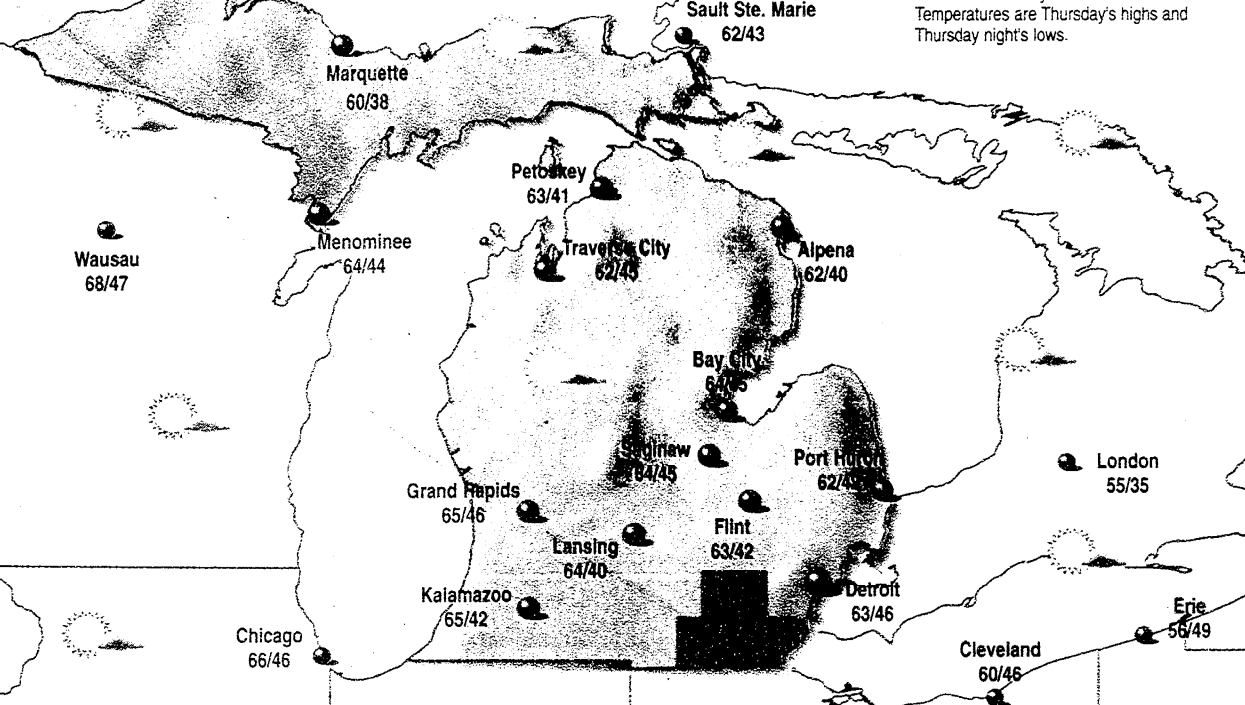
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City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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Bilings	77 49 s	76 49 s	76 49 s	75 50 s
Bismarck	73 46 pc	73 47 s	72 45 s	70 48 pc
Boise	78 48 s	78 50 s	76 48 s	69 39 s
Casper	82 46 s	78 46 s	76 44 s	76 44 s
Cedar Rapids	72 47 s	74 46 s	76 45 s	68 43 s
Cheyenne	77 46 s	75 44 pc	73 44 pc	73 42 s
Colorado Springs	73 46 s	73 46 s	70 44 s	72 46 s
Columbia	72 50 s	70 46 pc	70 44 pc	70 46 pc
Dallas	82 62 s	84 62 s	82 62 s	84 60 pc
Denver	84 48 pc	82 48 pc	80 46 s	78 46 s
Des Moines	74 52 s	76 50 s	69 48 s	68 47 s
Eugene	72 46 pc	72 48 pc	64 47 c	66 35 sh
Fresno	90 58 s	90 58 s	88 56 s	84 54 pc
Garden City	64 47 pc	70 45 s	65 48 s	66 44 s
Grand Island	78 50 s	80 49 s	73 49 s	72 52 s
Grand Junction	80 52 s	77 49 s	75 47 s	76 50 s
Great Falls	74 45 s	75 44 s	72 44 s	66 41 s
Greeley	77 45 s	75 45 s	73 42 s	73 49 s
Houston	82 60 s	84 64 s	86 66 s	86 66 s
Kansas City	72 50 s	74 50 s	74 52 s	72 52 pc
Las Vegas	95 66 s	92 66 s	89 66 s	89 60 s
Lincoln	78 50 s	78 48 s	73 48 s	72 51 s
Miami	86 74 t	86 74 t	86 74 c	85 66 c

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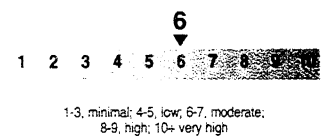
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Noon Wednesday	66°

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Friday	6 moderate
Saturday	6 moderate
Sunday	6 moderate
Monday	5 low
Tuesday	4 low
Wednesday	3 minimal

SUNRISE/SUNSET

Sunrise Thursday	6:18 a.m.
Sunset Thursday	7:18 p.m.
Sunrise Friday	7:29 a.m.
Sunset Friday	7:22 p.m.
Sunrise Saturday	7:30 a.m.
Sunset Saturday	7:20 p.m.
Sunrise Sunday	7:31 a.m.
Sunset Sunday	7:18 p.m.

MOON PHASES

Full	Last	New	First
Oct 2	Oct 10	Oct 16	Oct 23
Moonrise Thursday	5:34 p.m.		
Moonset Thursday	2:23 a.m.		
Moonrise Friday	6:05 p.m.		
Moonset Friday	3:22 a.m.		
Moonrise Saturday	6:33 p.m.		
Moonset Saturday	4:22 a.m.		
Moonrise Sunday	6:58 p.m.		
Moonset Sunday	5:22 a.m.		

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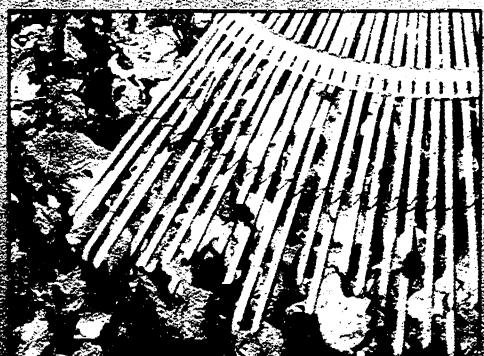
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Fall Yard & Garden

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Michigan State University's Extension Service has thousands of articles and other helpful items at its Web site: www.msue.msu.edu/home.

Among the topics for master and amateur gardeners alike "Green Tips," which provide a host of gardening information for any season of the year.

Landscape Management Calendars — available for every month at the MSU site—are a great way to determine when it is time to plant, prune, fertilize, and protect.

In October, for example, MSU horticulturists recommend planting bare root, balled and burlapped, balled and potted, and container-grown deciduous and narrowleaf evergreen ornamental plants. Bare root plants should be dormant.

Plants that will be transplanted in the spring should be root pruned in October as well, and herbaceous perennials should be pruned back after the tops have died off.

Fall is the best time to broadcast fertilizer around ornamental landscape plants since roots are growing and absorbing nutrients to support spring growth.

October can be a warm month, and it's important to water newly-planted

ornamental landscape plants any time there is less than one inch of weekly rainfall and plants are actively growing.

Mulching also is important to protect newly planted trees and shrubs.

November means it's time to prepare your yard and garden for winter. In addition to October's tasks, horticulturists say it's important to put rodent tree trunk guards, mulch, rose cones, and fabric wind screens around evergreens before the average daily temperatures drop below freezing.

Many annuals that were purchased in the spring can be salvaged to brighten the interior landscape of the home during the winter months.

To preserve them, remove them from the ground or pots when the first frost warnings of the season are posted.

Wax begonia and coleus may be

grown indoors, as well as beefsteak plant, bloodleaf, cigarflower, fuchsia, Joseph's-coat, kenilworth ivy and polka-dot plant.

Wax begonias have a very fibrous root system that can be dug easily without significant injury or loss and placed in a 5" or 6" pot. Only a little growing medium will be needed to

fill in around the root mass. The tops should

be cut back to about one-third of their original height.

Fertilize with a standard houseplant fertilizer such as 20-20-20 at the recommended rate and place the pots in a

warm, bright isolated area away from other houseplants for a couple of weeks to avoid contaminating indoor plants with insects and diseases. If plants seem to be healthy after the isolation period, they can be incorporated into the indoor landscape and cared for as flowering plants.

Geranium and yellow sage are often dug, brought indoors, and

placed in a basement or similar location to dry out and remain dormant through the winter months. In early spring, the plants are potted and planted in warm and brightly lighted locations where they will start growing if they did not dry out too much over the winter. They should be cut back severely if the entire plant is to be transplanted outdoors when danger of frost is past, otherwise, only light pruning should be done so that the plant can serve as a stock plant from which stem tip cuttings or leaf bud cuttings will be taken. Geranium cuttings do not root quickly.

Geraniums also can be grown indoors in a warm, sunny location. They tend to grow very tall and spindly indoors in response to low light levels in the winter, so it is important to prune them back rather severely at first to avoid extreme legginess later on. Often gardeners cannot bring themselves to cut plants back because it means removing the flowers. Flowering will gradually decrease on unpruned plants, however, and flower heads become fewer and smaller. Pruned plants will also produce small flower heads, but on shorter and more compact plants.



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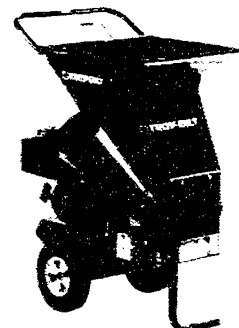
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Fall Yard & Garden



Customer service helps nurture growth at Manchester nursery

By Renee Lapham Collins

Heritage Newspapers

Fall is a "wonderful time to plant," according to Sue Willis at McLennan's Landscape and Nursery in Manchester. "We have a huge selection of trees, shrubs, perennials, mums, and more. It's a great time to stop by and see what we have here."

The nursery is located off M-52 north of Manchester, right next to Republic Bank. Owners Mike and Doni McLennan have had a landscaping business for more than a decade, and two years ago decided to open a nursery to complement the landscape side.

Mike, a native of Manchester, has a degree in ornamental horticulture from Ferris State University. The knowledgeable staff at McLennan's combine expertise with customer service to grow the business.

"We have had a good second year," says Sue. "We have a lot of repeat business—our customers like the per-

sonal attention and we know many of them on a first-name basis."

The huge variety of plant materials and the fresh displays throughout the nursery "get rave reviews from our customers."

"We've added some ceramic products, and we have dozens of gourds as well," she says. "Bulbs for fall planting are due to arrive soon."

Among the spring blooms that are planted in the fall—daffodils, hyacinth, tulips, and crocus.

"Fall also is a good time to plant evergreens, maples, fruit trees, and the like," Sue comments.

With the cooler nights and milder temperatures, fall is a good time to bed down plants and flowers for the winter months.

"We have a wide variety of mulch, and it's important to mulch around your plants—it protects the roots and serves as a blanket for winter."

Other products include topsoil and

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Sue Willis, Sally Schweighauser, and Doni McLennan (holding Ruby), are ready to help their customers with fall gardening ideas and tips.

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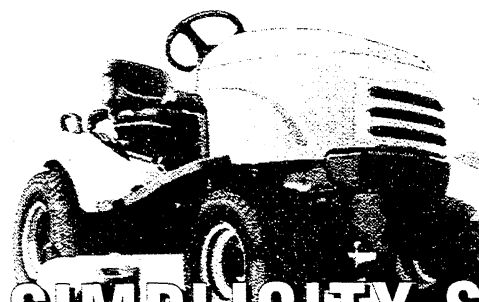


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Pittsfield nursery soon will be in full swing

By Helen Polaski
Staff Writer

Nature's Garden Center, located at 6400 East Michigan Ave. just east of Saline, is sure to be every gardener's dream come true. Those who are passionate about their gardens won't want to miss what Steven Sclater and Tom Snyder, co-owners of Nature's Garden Center, have to offer.

Sclater and Snyder have given a lot of thought to their new establishment—they feel they've included something for everyone, and at reasonable prices.

"We've got 4.5 acres and plan on filling every inch of it with landscaping materials," said Sclater. "We also have a 6,000-square-foot building which will be filled to capacity. Our goal is to be a full-service garden center."

ACCORDING to Sclater, Nature's Garden Center, which opened in June, soon will be a one-stop shopping treat for customers when it comes to both indoor and outdoor flowers, plants or lawn accessories.

"We'll carry everything from trees and unique shrubs, like topiaries and globes, to paving bricks and fertilizer," said Sclater. "We don't have our full stock in yet, but within the next three

weeks we'll have everything. As soon as we can get into the building, we're planning on putting up our Halloween and Christmas displays. It'll be like a little Bronner's. We have big visions."

Snyder, who has 20 years' experience in landscaping work, will stock everything a home owner or business requires for their landscaping needs. Nature's Garden Center will carry bulk rocks, four different types of bark, edging materials, garden walls, pavers and sidewalk material, planting chemicals and fertilizers, and a variety of hanging baskets as well as perennial and annual flowers and foliage. In addition, customers can expect to find lawn furniture and other decorations such as cement statues and birdbaths.

INSIDE, Sclater is preparing a festival for the eyes with seasonal displays, beginning with Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

"We have cut flowers and bouquets and some houseplants and our prices will be extremely reasonable," he said. "For instance, roses will be priced at around \$9.99 and will be of very good quality."

Gardening is second nature to Sclater and Snyder and their families. Sclater's wife, Debbie, and their children, Michael, 9, and Kylie, 6, as well

as Snyder's wife, Tammie, and their children, Thomas, 7, Samantha, 5, and Cora, 1, are excited to be working together.

"Tom is my wife's brother, and he's worked in this business for a long

time," Sclater explained. "My mother is a master gardener, and my first job was with a garden center. Gardening is in our blood—we like what we're doing."

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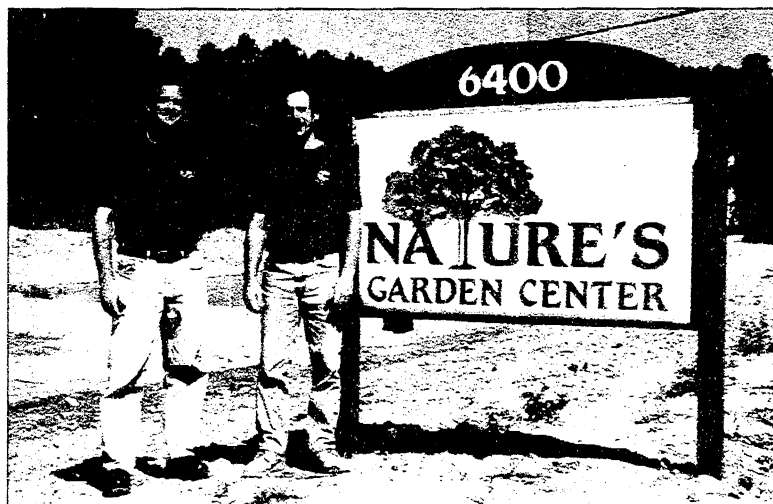


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Steven Sclater (left) and Tom Snyder are the owners of Nature's Garden Center off U.S. 12 in Pittsfield Township, a few miles east of Saline.

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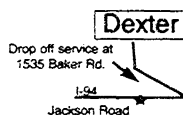
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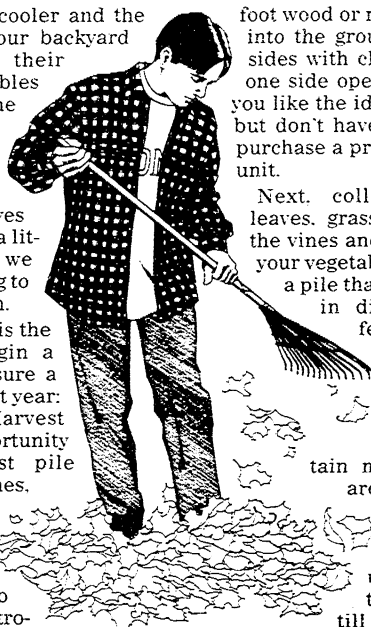


Fall compost ensures bountiful harvest next year

As the air turns cooler and the days grow shorter, our backyard gardens surrender their last fruits and vegetables of the year, and the last leaves fall from the trees. When we pull out the yellowing vines from the garden and bag leaves from the yard, we're a little saddened that we must wait until spring to see new growth again.

Autumn, however, is the perfect time to begin a project that will ensure a bountiful garden next year: a compost pile. Harvest time is a great opportunity to start a compost pile because decaying vines, vegetables, leaves and grass clippings contain excellent nutrients that break down over time to recharge soil with nitrogen for spring planting.

Building a compost pile is simple with these easy tips from the lawn experts at John Deere. First, find a place for your compost. Drive four 5-



foot wood or metal stakes one foot into the ground. Fence in three sides with chicken wire, leaving one side open for easy access. If you like the idea of a compost pile but don't have time to build one, purchase a prefabricated compost unit.

Next, collect chopped tree leaves, grass clippings, and all the vines and fading plants from your vegetable garden and build a pile that's at least three feet in diameter and three feet high. This will build a hot internal temperature that gets nutrients "cooking."

Flowers also contain many nutrients that are great for composting. If your annuals have gotten "leggy," pull them up and toss them in the compost pile and till the bed. Leave the fall perennials while the leaves are green, and then mow them down once they turn brown and compost the leaves.

Add the material in five- to six-inch

layers and sprinkle a 10-10-10 fertilizer — ten parts each nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium — on top of each layer, and add a dusting of lime to prevent odor. Cover each layer with soil.

Shape the pile like a volcano and make an indentation on top to catch rain. Water the pile occasionally to keep it moist and turn it once in a while to move drier outside material into the middle where it can break down into lush humus.

To avoid odor and bothersome animals, never deposit meat or bone into the pile. As a safety precaution, avoid

adding diseased plants or lawn clippings that have recently been treated with herbicides or weed killers. John Deere also suggests waiting at least four mowings after the lawn's been treated before composting grass clippings.

Instead of having the autumn blues, turn your attention to a fun and easy project that will ensure a healthy garden next year. Compost now and in the spring, your garden will get a shot of nutrients that have been cooking all winter long.

Evergreens shed needles annually when fall arrives

Narrow-leaved evergreens often turn yellowish in late summer or early autumn. This is usually the normal shedding of the oldest leaves.

A rather sudden yellowing affects the oldest set of needles on all the branches. The yellowing is uniform from the top to the bottom of the tree. The needles at the tips of the branches stay green. On a windy day, the yellowed needles blow off the tree and litter the ground. This is a normal process, so nothing needs to be done.

If the yellowing is not uniform, if it occurs earlier in the season or if the needles at the tips of the branches turn brown, the cause may be something other than natural fall needle drop.

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Rhododendron garden is a haven in Chelsea



Marge Hinerman (left) and Steve Rogers, residents of the Chelsea Retirement Community, enjoy a quiet moment in the new rhododendron garden beside the retirement community's chapel. Rogers, a member of the Ann Arbor chapter of the American Rhododendron Society, was instrumental in the creation of the new garden. Two "Marjie Kay" plants in the garden are hybridized rhododendron plants named for Marge Hinerman by her late husband, Dorin Hinerman.

Retirement community enjoys Rhododendron Society project

By Sheila Pursglove
Heritage Newspapers

When Steve Rogers moved from Ann Arbor to the Chelsea Retirement Community a year ago, he found himself homesick for his rhododendrons.

Turning yearning into action, Rogers, a member of the Ann Arbor chapter of the American Rhododendron Society, envisioned a rhododendron garden in a sheltered nook beside the community's chapel.

As a gardener plants a seed, so Rogers planted the idea in the minds of Chelsea Retirement Community Administrator Connie Amick and Rhododendron Society President Clyde Higginson.

Project Rhododendron did not exactly get off to a blooming good start. Three weeks of prolonged rain in May kept the plants in society member Jan Gibala's Ann Arbor backyard until they could be moved to their new home, well beyond their blooming period.

Members of the Rhododendron Society provided plants for a layout designed by chapter secretary Sandra Hansen of Dexter.

Don Golec, director of plant operations at the retirement community, assistant George Schaeffer and other maintenance staff prepared the ground, put in a walkway and donated a wood bench.

When the garden, which includes varieties of rhododendrons, azaleas, ferns and hostas, was complete, a dedication service was held on Sept. 5.

Approximately 40 people attended, including society members, local residents, and retirement community staff and residents. Heath Goodwin, a retired minister and resident of the retirement community, gave the blessing.

Carolyn Dana Lewis and Marie Cochrane, members of the Ann Arbor chapter of the American Rhododendron Society, participated in the dedication ceremony, and memorialized members of the society who are now deceased.

This was not the first attempt at a rhododendron garden at the Chelsea Retirement Community. A few years ago, resident Marge Hinerman donated

several rhododendron plants from her Ann Arbor home.

The plants, sometimes referred to as the "King of Shrubs," are delicate in the Michigan climate and require special care, Hinerman said. They failed to thrive in the area where they were planted. The little garden beside the chapel provides a sheltered corner, protecting the new arrivals from the elements.

Hinerman has a particular affinity for rhododendrons. Her late husband, Dorin Hinerman, a former Chelsea Retirement Community resident who

died in 1996, hybridized rhododendrons as a hobby. He was a founding vice president of the Ann Arbor chapter of the American Rhododendron Society.

When he produced a plant of special beauty and quality, Hinerman would name it and register it with the Royal Horticultural Society of England. He named several plants after members of the family, including one after his wife, in the 1980s.

To her delight

and surprise, members of the Rhododendron Society arranged for two of the bright pink hybridized "Marjie Kay" plants to be planted in the CRC Rhododendron Garden.

"It was a wonderful surprise," Hinerman said. "It was such a thrill to sit and watch the society members planting the Marjie Kay rhododendrons in the garden."

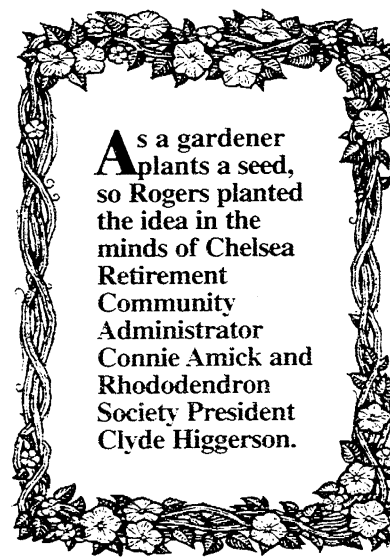
Hinerman said that her son-in-law, Michael Stenning of Massachusetts, who has a garden full of plants named for family members, will now order Marjie Kay plants for his yard.

Hinerman praised Rogers' efforts in bringing the project from conception to fruition.

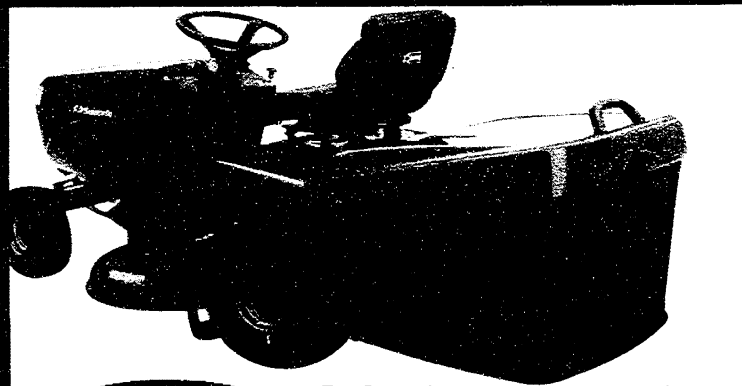
"Steve is very efficient and gets the job done," she said.

Rogers, who worked for Ford Motor Co. before his retirement, said there was previously some "pretty scruffy stuff" in the corner where the garden now lies. He said the garden is a work in progress, a challenge he is looking forward to meeting.

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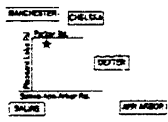
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Rekindle childhood memories at cottage

By Helen K. Polaski
Special Writer

A welcome quiet permeates the dirt roads along Saline's northwestern borders, touching travelers with a peace that is at once recognizable and refreshing. As the sun's rays dance between the trees, memories of days gone by seem to float in the air, and passersby can't help but feel the innocent nudge of childhood once again.

Tucked in the backyard of Glenda Burrows' turn of the century home at 6871 Waterworks Rd. is a world onto its own. Here, in this tranquil corner of Saline, Burrows and her daughter, Rachel Mitchell, opened a business that assists homeowners in turning their gardens into a similar place of peace and remembered dreams.

As the double doors of a quaint cottage come into view, visions of days filled with warm mornings and lazy afternoons flood the mind. The name, *Keepers Cottage*, hints of surreal places where wildlife roam and secrets abound.

"This whole place is unique," said Burrows. "The house was built in 1830 and the barn is dated at 1883. It's just an old, old place, so when I saw the name *Keepers Cottage* in an old English article it just seemed to apply to us. We really are keepers of this ancient place."

Everything the customer needs for water gardening, including accessories such as statuary and fish, as well as gift items, can be purchased at *Keepers Cottage*.

Burrows and Mitchell searched for a business that would have all the right magic for them and for their customers, and finally decided to open a gifts and antique shop along with gardening supplies. The antiques they carry are purchased at Shipshewana, or added as consignment items from local crafters. The gift shop is filled with a variety of candles, glassware, lace-work, silk flowers, Tiffany lamps, Burt's Bees products, porcelain lithophane night-lights, decorative pots and handmade dolls.

"We originally intended to open an herb garden business," Burrows explained. "But there were so many other herb shops around that we focused on water gardening instead. It was my husband, Bill, who helped us decide."

Their first step was to prepare the buildings and grounds.

"We have several outbuildings on the property, so Rachel and I started by renovating the small barn," she

explained. "After the barns were ready, it was time to search for a greenhouse."

And that's when I met Bill."

Bill turned out to be a miracle in more ways than one. Glenda not only received all the greenhouse and water garden information she needed, but she got a husband to boot.

Said Burrows, "Bill has been wonderful. He owns his own water gardening business in Goodrich, and also constructs greenhouses, so he helped out a lot in the beginning and still does. Because of his 25 years of expertise with water gardens, we can handle our customers' every need when it comes to garden ponds and waterfalls."

As Burrows talks about the calming affect garden ponds have on people,

the melodic sound of water trickling over rocks draws the eye to a hidden waterfall beside the antique barn. Behind the low hanging branches of a nearby tree, water tumbles about the cement feet of a fairy, and childhood nostalgia surfaces a second time, bringing with it long, lost memories of things imagined and real.

"Of all the things we sell, my favorites are the ponds and the waterfalls," Burrows admitted. "It's such a peaceful feeling to listen to moving water."

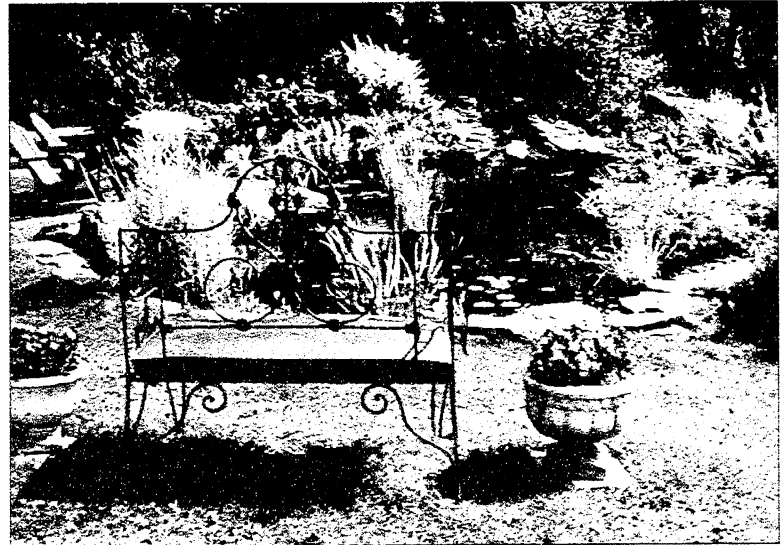
The large pond, just outside the front door to *Keepers Cottage*, is surrounded by butterfly bushes, Russian sage, and a variety of grasses and flowering plants. On any given day, butterflies add splashes of airborne color as they flit from flower to flower, and dragonflies skim just inches above the pond's surface. The sounds of peepers, crickets, katydids and birds fill the air with the essence of spring, summer, and now, finally, fall.

The pond, home to several large brightly colored orange and white fish called koi, as well as several smaller fish called shubunkin, is the focal point of the business.

"The koi are beautiful — very showy," she explained. "They grow to huge proportions, but the shubunkin stay at about six inches, so together they're a good mix."

According to Burrows, pond fish can be winterized outside as long as the pond they're in is at least 2½ feet deep and the water is not allowed to freeze over.

"We bring our fish in, but many people leave theirs out-of-doors," she said. "There does need to be an open hole in the ice, though. That can be easily



Burrows' favorites among the inventory are ponds and waterfalls, as evidenced by the charming and picturesque spot above, perfect to dally for a moment of reflection.

done, either through the use of a floating electric heater or by keeping the pump circulating."

She signed contentedly. "Ponds are wonderful! And they're affordable."

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And, says Burrows, there's never a

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Gardens and nature: Time for autumn cleanup

By Charlene Harris

Special Writer

The rain and cooler fall weather is most welcome. Now is the time to get a jump on spring with fall cleanup and preparation of new beds for next year.

I started last week cutting down my perennial foliage. First to go were German, Japanese (Einsata) and Siberian iris leaves. This week, I cut back the daylily foliage and the remaining lily stalks that haven't been nibbled away by rabbits. As I cut back the foliage, I mark the plants that need dividing or that I want to move, with bamboo stakes.

A couple of my hostas have outgrown their location. They are out of proportion with the surrounding plants. The two very large "Sum and Substance" hosta have a 5-foot spread and are crowding out the delicate Maiden Hair and Japanese Painted Ferns beside them. The hostas take up two-thirds of the 15-foot bed. The plants are impressive but oversize for the location.

I've been looking at it for weeks out the window, imagining new possibilities. Over the Labor Day weekend, I decided to bite the bullet, dig everything out and redesign the entire bed.

The bed is highly visible, directly in front of our living room bay window

near the front door. I pass the window from the inside at least a couple dozen times a day en route to the bathroom or as I walk in and out of the house.

I've had a hummingbird feeder hanging over the bed for the last three years, and it's become a high traffic area for them. It is not unusual to see three or four of them feeding with others zooming around the feeder in holding patterns. In early summer, the feeder requires daily refilling. By mid-summer, twice a day is normal when the mother bird starts bring the young ones to feed.

Some authorities speculate one hummingbird requires 5,000 flowers to provide its daily energy requirements, so refilling an eight ounce feeder twice a day must make up for a lot of flowers. Hummers consume their body weight in nectar every day. If you hold a penny on your finger, you'll get a sense of what they weigh.

In the last week, activity at the feeder has decreased. The hummingbirds are headed south. The male birds begin the migration first, followed by females and young. They leave with the onset of cooler night temperatures and shorter daylight hours in September. The Ruby-Throated Hummingbird's long journey crosses

the southern United States through Texas and ends in Mexico and Central America.

The hummingbirds fly between 25 to 30 miles per hour, and some fly non-stop 500 miles across the Gulf of Mexico. Just north of Corpus Christi the town of Rockport, Texas, holds an annual celebration for the migrating hummers. The hummingbirds gather in Rockport before beginning their journey across the Gulf of Mexico. The Monarch Butterfly also migrates through Texas.

I've decided to focus on nectar source plants for the hummingbirds since I enjoy watching them feed on the hanging basket of fuchsia near the feeder. And although I'm not a big fan of annuals, I might consider a few of the New Guinea Impatiens in spring, just for the hummers.

I went around the garden and made a list of other plants I'd like to move. I found several hummingbird favorites. One is a leggy 5-foot-tall P.J.M. Rhododendron I've wanted to move into better soil. This was a bonus, two problems solved in one plant move.

The bed in front of the window has glorious soil; it will be perfect. Three years ago, I made the raised bed with a mix of 30 percent each compost, pine bark and topsoil with a couple of wheelbarrows of rotted horse manure. I then added a generous amount of rock phosphate, granite dust and green sand when I planted it. No wonder the hosta has outgrown the bed in only two seasons.

In addition to great soil, the bed receives plenty of moisture. A stone-filled dry stream surrounds the raised bed. The rain runs directly off our roof into a stone-filled dry stream that drains the south and west side of our house. We have no gutters.

I find this method of using rainwater most effective. The dry stream directs the run off of rainwater around the house, down a slope to another bed on the north side of our house. To protect the north side bed from washing out, I created another dry stream with larger rocks.

The rocks here range in size from 4

to 6 inches to 1 foot or more. They are arranged like small rapids to slow the water flow down during heavy downpours. It works great and keeps things well watered when we have rain. When I water the beds along the dry stream, any excess water flows around the house to the north side bed.

Scattered around other areas of our yard, the hummers enjoy the nectar-producing Flowering Quince (*Chaenomeles japonica*), Weigela, two Exbury Azalea, a couple of tulip trees (*Liriodendron tulipifera*) and the wild Honeysuckle (*Lonicera*) that grows in our woodland. On the flat near the lake, we have a natural area with the wild blue-flowered lobelia (*Lobelia syphilitica*), Foxglove (*Digitalis*), Dame's Rocket (*Hesperis matronalis*), Columbine (*Aquilegia*), Bleeding Heart (*Dicentra*) and Blazing Star (*Liatris*).

Elsewhere in my garden, I found a couple more nectar source plants I decided to move to the new bed. Two Cardinal Flowers (*Lobelia cardinalis*), which enjoys rich moist soil and Palace Purple Coral Bells (*Heuchera sanguinea*). I like the idea of mixing the dark red leaves of the Palace Purple with the soft blue-green fronds of the Japanese Painted Fern that are flourishing in the moist bed. The veins on the fern fronds are dark wine-red. The fern would also make a nice under-planting for the Rhododendron.

My new bed is beginning to come together, with foliage color and texture, and nectar source flowers for the hummingbirds.

Hummmmm, now the only dilemma is to find a large enough spot, with adequate shade for the large hosta. Of course, there's always a glitch, I have to prepare a new site for them.

I found the spot. My husband has been complaining about mowing a 15-foot long tongue of grass between one of my beds and the rock wall. It's on the north side under an oak, perfect for the large hostas. They will provide a backdrop for the bed in front, which has several smaller hostas, variegated Solomon seal and an assortment of

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Bedrock Landscaping keeps it all in the family

By Connie Makled

Heritage Newspapers

Louise Bastian has it in her blood. Her family has been working the land as local farmers for generations. Her father and grandfather were farmers while her other relatives have fruit and vegetable markets. Landscaping seems to be a natural extension for her from those agricultural roots of hers—and she likes it that way.

"It all has to do with the care and nurture of the land, so I guess we're naturals at this," said Louise. "Landscaping really is in our blood."

The manager of Bedrock Landscaping, Louise is also the owner's mother. Her son Neil Bastian and his wife Kathryn opened the business in May of 1998. Together, the couple has run the successful landscaping company with the help of Neil's dad, also named Neil, and Louise, who keep the customers happy at the retail location on Dexter St. in Milan.

"Oh, we do everything here from our retail garden center, to pond installations. We do landscaping and paving, you name it," said Louise.

When you drive up to the store, you're greeted by a lovely display of hardy mums and a wide variety of birdbaths and other lawn and garden ornaments. When you go inside, it's filled with all sorts of beautiful decorations for the garden, both practical and esthetic. They even have lawn gnomes that seem to smile at you while you shop. You could wonder about and get lost in the all the different areas in the store. There is a pond area filled with fish and aquatic plants and supplies—and dozens of fire pits for the lawn at prices that are amazingly low, considering how popular they are these days. It's an inviting atmosphere that easily makes you lose track of time.

No wonder Louise loves her job.

"I really love it. What I love best about this job is that I can help my customers and to see them get what they want is a real pleasure."

One of the most popular offerings for customers has been the installation of water ponds.

"I think one of the reasons water ponds are growing in popularity is that people are at home more these days. People enjoy ponds because they please all of the senses. You can hear it, see it—feel it. It's very pleasant and a natural way to make your home more comfortable."

Water ponds can be installed any time of the year when the ground is not frozen, 9-10 months out of the year. There are a wide variety of plants and fish available for ponds and this makes for an interesting addition to any garden.

The retail side of the store provides customers with items such as picnic tables, perennials, nursery stock items, lawn statues and birdbaths and their prices have been marked down. The variety changes



Photo by Connie Makled

Louise Bastian of Bedrock Landscaping in Milan has a bumper crop of mums for fall planting.

with the seasons, like leaves on a tree, so there is always something new to consider.

"We try to carry things for all seasons. Mother's Day plants and hanging baskets and gifts in the spring, perennials for summer, annual bedding plants, hearty mums, corn stalks, gourds, straw bails in the fall and in winter we've got Christmas Trees and wreaths and garland," said Louise. "The inside items always make nice gifts, like our wind chimes, both

wooden and metal. We're starting to work our Christmas season setup right now."

But Louise's favorite season at the store isn't Christmas—it's Mothers Day.

"I really love Mother's Day because that is when all the new spring flowers come in. It's the busiest time of year and the best for flowers. Spring is my favorite time of year," said Louise.

The store itself is located in a

building that once housed a farming equipment company.

"When I was young, my grandfather used to shop here. It's nice that there is that connection. We've been a part of the community a long time and we've always stayed connected to the land."

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had any problem getting them what they wanted. We plan on starting our spring season with around 500 trees. Our nursery stock will be three or four times what it is now."

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dull moment when you own a pond.

Last fall when the potted exotic pond flowers were brought in for the winter, she discovered a large frog had come in with them. The frog, now

Sclater encourages everyone to stop in and see Nature's Garden Center and check out their discounted stock, as well as the new trees and shrubs arriving daily.

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compost "for those who need to amend soil to give their plants the best possible nutrients," Sue explains.

"This time of year is great—there's the rain, the heat is gone, the nights are cooler—all things that root sys-

tems like," she says.

McLennan's, open from April to November, has competitive prices and offers garden design and landscape design, either on site or at the nursery.

"Mike is very knowledgeable about horticulture," she says. "Plus, we have a very knowledgeable and helpful staff."

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small dwarf hemlocks (*Tsuga canadensis*).

Now all I have to do is kill the grass, turn over the sod, add some rotted horse manure, turn over the soil again, add the amendments, dig and move the

hosta, and mulch them. Since its difficult to mow, it's also impossible to till, so hand digging is the method of choice.

Once the hosta are moved, I can return to my initial project to create a hummingbird friendly bed. Why is it that every good garden idea, results in two to three days of unplanned work?

referred to as Moses, chose to remain inside the heated building.

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"And though the door has been left open every day this summer, he still hasn't moved. In fact, several smaller

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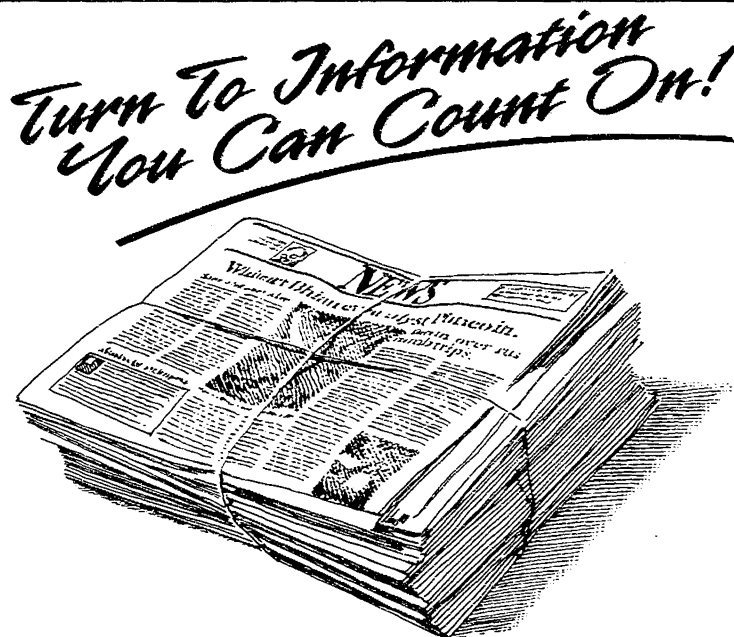
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