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# Lack of agreement bogs down school project

Thursday, December 13, 2001

School board sets special meeting tonight.

By Sven Gustafson

Ongoing discussions between Sharon Township and the Village of Manchester over the issue of acquiring land for the new high school have vet to bear fruit. with the key objections appearing to center on the issues of services and taxable value of the land, sources on both sides confirm. The proposed land for the site overlaps Manchester and Sharon town-

With the Oct. 24 engineering deadline regarding finding a source for utilities

limbo. In reaction, the school board has called a special, open meeting for Thursday, to discuss the proposed high

"We are looking at other options for placing the school," said David Oegema, superintendent of Manchester Schools. "It appears that the discussion between (Sharon) township and the village are stalled at this time.

During the Dec. 6 board meeting at Sharon Township Hall, township supervisor Gary Blades sat before a manila folder filled with materials relating to meetings with village manager Jeff Wallace. Wallace has been appointed as liaison for the village, and is currently pursuing

options with Blades in acquiring the portion of the school property that rests in Sharon Township.

Blades has gone on record opposing any annexation of the township's land to the village. But now, the municipalities are exploring the possibilities of entering into a 425 agreement as a way to solve

questions regarding a source for water

A 425 can provide for a more flexible transfer of land than an annexation, and can be used to help finalize issues of ser-

and sewer service.

vices, including sewer and water tie-in. Blades said his main concerns stem from the fact that the village does not

provide fire protection. "If Manchester Village moved over the providing sewer and water infrastructure to the school. Still, Blades has reservations.

like that, it's really significant.

"I think where we're at right now, they're talking about annexing it." Blades reported to his four fellow board members of his discussions with Wallace. 'They're looking at village growth.'

township line, there are a number of

things that are significant," Blades said

at the meeting. "When you're talking about school activity, fire runs and things

The fire department is operated by

Manchester Township, not the village.

However, the village has said it is open to

Blades sent Wallace a letter in October

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Manchester Youth Sports (Little League) will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. tonight in room 104 at the high school.

Little League meeting

#### Tovs for tots rally Sunday

rescheduled

A Toys for Tots Rally will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. on Sunday at the Jenter and Braun Funeral Home, Manchester Chapel, 302 E. Main Street.

Punch and holiday cookies will be served. Please bring an unwrapped toy to place under the tree for a needy

This year's goal is set for 500 toys to be distributed to area children. This project is co-sponsored by and benefits the Manchester District Library

#### Community concert set

The Manchester Community Brass Band will hold a Christmas Concert at 7 p.m. on Sunday, at the Manchester United Methodist Church. There is no admission but freewill donations will be accepted.

#### Library holds story hour

The bi-weekly Story Time with Grandma Pat will be held from 10:30 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday at the Manchester District Library, 912 City Road.

Story hour is reserved for children ages 3 to 6, accompanied by an adult.

Stars and candles are an important part of the holidays that many of us celebrate at this time of the year. "Light a Candle and Wish Upon a Star" is the theme for this week's story time. Join Grandma Pat as she reads star and candle stories and presents a special surprise to every child.

#### **Boy Scout** breakfast set

The Boy Scout Troop 426 will sponsor its monthly breakfast at St. Mary's Catholic Church Parish Center on Sunday. Special guest will be hiker

Dan "Sheltowee" Rogers. On Aug. 24. Rogers, along with his close friend and hiking buddy. The Artful Dodger. began a six-year, 24,000 mile hike of the continental United States. This hike will consist of through-hikes of the Appalachian Trail, the Pacific Crest Trail, the Continental Divide Trail, the Sheltowee Trace Trail, the Natchez Trace Trail, and sections of many other trails in

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Photo by Marsha Johnson Chartrand

Annie Ganger, a junior at Manchester Alternative High School, puts the finishing touches on a winter scene on the window of the school building.

## **Community Resource Center** seeks new board members

**■** Community members invited to donate time and talents.

#### By Laura Merte Staff Writer

The 10-member Board of Directors for Manchester's Community Resource Center is seeking fresh faces to bring ideas and new talents to the

Since 1987, the CRC has been behind many of the charitable actions taking place in Manchester. The motivating force behind the CRC is its Board of Directors.

Former president and current board member Sue Gistinger has been involved with the CRC for more than 10 years, ever since Claire Reck and Bob Macfarlane, two of its founders. walked into her office and asked if she would prepare the bylaws. Handling the legal matters got her started in the center, and her work with the Recreation Task Force earned her an appointment to the board.

like hearing Manchester people, through the CRC, have helped people in the

directly." community said Gistinger when asked what was most rewarding.

"Because of our efforts, someone is getting help," says secretary Linda Mussio. "The fact that it's local, it's a worthwhile smalltown grassroots operation, people here do it, run it and benefit from it ... I like being involved with that."

"Manchester is a pretty welloff community." says President Garrigues-Cortelyou. "but a number of folks have fallen through the cracks ... they need to have that help available. The human services that we are able to offer are essential to the community, in terms of helping folks get food in emergency situations, as well as helping out with the nitty-gritty things of get-

ting to doctor appointments.' Garrigues-Cortelyou adds that working with the board members themselves is a reward. "It's a contribution they really want to make to the community.

The structure of the CRC enables an immediate and direct response to needs in the community, Garrigues-Cortelyou

His hope is that new board members would bring new ideas

that they are excited about. ideas that could be developed through the CRC's ties all around the area.

"The Community Resource Center has more connections than any individual." Garrigues-Cortelyou stresses. "The diversity of connections from the chamber, community ed. schools, and the churches really helps."

This diversity creates a great deal of flexibility for the CRC.

"We are not dedicated to just one purpose," says Gistinger.
"The community's needs are continually changing.

"With board members from a variety of organizations, needs. ideas and capabilities can be shared." Funding is always a concern

for non-profit operations like the CRC, but the current state of the economy makes it even more

"Like a lot of organizations. we are being impacted by cuts at the state level ... grants are not going through." says Garrigues-Cortelyou.

We have lots of good ideas. but unfortunately money makes the world go 'round." Vice President Dale Kennedy adds.

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## **Luminaria light the way**

■ Annual holiday tradition will be more meaningful this year.

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand Associate Editor

Imagine the streets of the village of Manchester illuminated by the soft glow of candlelight on Christmas Eve.

Every year this beautiful picture in the mind's eye becomes a reality, thanks to the efforts of hundreds of individual residents and a handful of volun-tee's from the Manchester trea Historical Society.

Luminaria are said to have its origins in 16th-century Mexico. The tradition began as the Mexican Indians set bonfires on the patios of churches and on the flat roofs of adobe homes on Christmas Eve. to light the way for the holy family.

In the larger cities of Mexico. the bonfires came to be replaced by paper bags weighted with sand and a small candle placed inside. The American version began in the southwest and has spread across the coun-

Ann Arbor Hill was home to Manchester's first luminaria display in 1977 as resident Karen Hinkley brought the tradition to the village that holiday season.

literally Hinkley recalls knocking on doors the first year to invite people to participate. She then obtained all the supplies and even dug sand at the Washtenaw County Road Commission yard that year.

She says she believed then that if she could show the effect of the luminaria's beauty on just one street in the village, that the idea would spread in subsequent years.

And spread it has. Each year since, the luminaria tradition has spread further throughout town and also into the rural countryside. First under the

sponsorship of the Manchester Art Guild and for the past 18 years by the historical society, the simple paper bags illuminated by votive candles have lit the way for the Christmas spirit to enter the hearts and minds of all those passing by.

In recent years, luminaria sales have declined slightly. according to Carl Curtis, treasurer of the historical society. Curtis follows Forest Walz who ably coordinated the luminaria displays for many years.

"Maybe it is because people been out of town, or busier at maybe it is because newbut maybe it is because no omers to town aren't aware of tradition," Curtis this special tradition," Curtis

If, for whatever you have missed participating in the luminaria during the last few years, this year would be a good time to renew the tradition at

your own residence. This is the 25th year for Manchester's luminaria. And in this year when tragedy and terrorism have struck all too closely to the hearts of everyone in America, the soft glow of candles on Christmas Eve may be

Many residents have chosen to light candles in memory of those lost in the World Trade Center and Pentagon tragedies, or in honor of those serving in the military during this time of crisis. Curtis suggests that the luminaria may be another appropriate way to remember the events of the past year.

ven more significant.

The luminaria creates a beautv all its own on Christmas Eve and sets this community apart from others. For those chance to pass through the village on Dec. 24, the luminaria has helped to spread the message of the true meaning of

Christmas each year. Share a special message this holiday season with luminaria lighting the way.

#### AR Stars



Accelerated Reader Stars for the month of November include fifth-grader Jessica Selover (front, left), sixth-grader Heather Black: seventh-grader Stephen Willson (back, left) and eighthgrade reader Brandon Osmondson. Students receive points for taking tests on books they have read, which can be redeemed at the AR Store.

## MMUNITY CALENDAR

**Male Caregiver Support Group** for husbands, sons and partners of someone with Alzheimer's disease or related dementia meets from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Westside United Methodist Church, 900 S. Seventh St., Ann Arbor.

Dec. 14

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 fourthgrade room. Dec. 15

Manchester Kiwanis Club meets at 8 a.m. at the village hall. Call 428-8976 for membership information. Dec. 16

Boy Scout breakfast at St. Mary's Catholic Church Parish Center. Special guest: hiker Dan "Sheltowee" Rogers

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

Manchester Village Council

meets at 7 p.m. at the village Preceptor Gamma Theta chapter of Beta Sigma Phi meets. For

more information call Diana Sloat at 428-7253. Manchester Board Education meets at 7:00 p.m. in the high school media center.

Dec. 18 Story Time with Grandma Pat. 10:30 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 1:30 p.m. at the Manchester District Library, for children ages 3 to 6, accompanied by an adult. Today's theme: Light a Candle and Wish Upon a Star.

Bootstompers meet at 7 p.m. at Emanuel United Church of

Ackerson Middle School PTA meets at 7 p.m. at the middle school

· Manchester Historical Society meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Blacksmith Shop. Dec. 19

When a Parent has Alzheimer's Disease Support Group meets from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Chapter Office. 3810 Packard Road. Suite 240, Ann Arbor. Call (800) 337-3827 or (734) 677-3081.

Awana Clubs meet at 6:30 p.m.

at Community Bible Church Manchester Community Brass

Band meets at 7:30 p.m.

Women and Infant Children program meets from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the senior center.

Bridgewater Township Board meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Bridgewater Township Hall.

Manchester Men's Club meets

Manchester Family Services Community Food Gatherers program takes place from 1 to 3 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church Parish Center kitchen. Dec. 20

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

Manchester Cub Scout Pack meets at 7 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church Parish Center.

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

United Way Board meets at 12 p.m. at the St. Mary's Catholic Church Parish Hall.

Alzheimer's Association family caregiver support group in Chelsea meets from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the Chelsea Retirement Community, Crippen Building. This group is co-sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association and the Chelsea Retirement Center.

Saline Alzheimer's support group meets from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Saline Library Brecon Room.

**Coming Events** 

Christmas Eve Luminaria may be picked up at the old blacksmith shop on E. Main Street. Dec. 21 5 to 8 p.m., Dec. 22 and 23 4 to 8 p.m. and Dec. 24 noon to 3 p.m. Luminaria lighting is at 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

MANCHESTER Thursday

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

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

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

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

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.

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

King's Volunteers meet on the fourth Thursday of each month at 1 p.m. at the Manchester United Methodist Church 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 from 8 a.m. to noon on the first Sunday of each month, October through June, at the American Legion Hall.

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

Taize Worship on the second 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.

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.

Preceptor Gamma Theta chapter of Beta Sigma Phi meets on the first and third Monday of each month. For more information call Diana Sloat at 428-7253.

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 each month at the Bridgewater Township Hall. Manchester Knights

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 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.

Story Time with Grandma Pat. 10:30 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 1:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the Manchester District Library, for children ages 3 to 6, accompanied by an adult.

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

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

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.

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

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. 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. Wednesday

Awana Clubs meet at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday at Community Bible Church.

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

Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners meets at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month at the Counts Administration Building.

Raisin Valley Land Trust meets 7:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month at the Blacksmith Shop

Veterans of Foreign Wars meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month at the American Legion Home.

Athletic Boosters meet at 7:30 n.m. on the second Wednesday of each month in the high school media center.

American Legion Auxiliary meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month at the American Legion Home.

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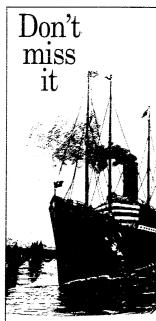
#### Christmas Eve Luminaria presented by the **Manchester Area Historical Society** Friday, Dec. 21 Supplies available 5-8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 22 at the 3-7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 23 Elacksmith Shop 3-7 p.m. \$5 and up Monday, Dec. 24 12-3 p.m.

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# Local townships explore land preservation program

■ New ordinance looks attractive to Freedom, SWWCOG.

**By Sven Gustafson** Staff Writer

Local township officials think they may have found a new weapon in combating the loss of farmland to urban sprawl.

It's known as the Farmland Preservation Ordinance, and it was unveiled to local representatives at the Nov. 14 meeting of Southwest Washtenaw Council of Governments meeting at Manchester Community Schools.

The ordinance was drafted by Barry Lonik of the Washtenaw Land Trust, and is similar to legislation he helped enact for Washtenaw County It allows farmers to enter into Purchase of Development Rights agreements, in which a farmer can keep his land in agricultural production - and out of reach of development - by allowing the state to buy his development

Lonik said he drafted the new ordinance because the State Legislature now wants local municipalities to run programs locally. The landowner will now apply to the township in which they live, and the township will in turn apply to the state. Previously, farm owners applied directly to the state.

"It gets them more directly involved," Lonik said of local townships.

He added that townships, which need the FPO before farmers can qualify for PDR funds, need to embrace the ordinance as a proactive measure. He also pointed out that local townships cannot as yet use the Washtenaw County ordinance, since the county master plan. which must be updated within 10 years according to state law, hasn't been updated recently

In addition to that clause, local townships must meet recognize an agricultural district in the master plan, and must provide a match for state funds, which Lonik said may be as little

"There's going to have to be a source of local funding, usually a ballot-approved millage," said Bruce Manny of the Washtenaw County Farm Bureau, who appeared with Lonik to speak to SWWCOG representatives.

It also specifies that the townships have an ordinance describing how a local program would operate.

received over 300 applications for a \$5 million funding pool in 2000, which Lonik expects will ultimately save 12 to 18 farms. Three farms to date in Washtenaw County have reportedly been preserved through statewide PDR, with a fourth one pending review.

But because current funding sources have dried up, no 2001 applications have been accepted.

The money in the PDR Fund comes from the repayment of tax credits when PA 116, or Farmland Development Rights Agreements, are terminated. A PA 116 is an agreement between a farmland owner and the state in which the landowner agrees not to develop his property in exchange for a tax credit. When a farmer opts out of the program, or if the 116 contract expires, the farmer must pay back taxes.

The State Legislature has created another funding source related to Proposal A for the FPO, "but we won't see any benefits from that for a long time," Lonik said.

"It may be next year that they offer the program, or it may be a while.

He thinks PDR will be a hot topic in next year's governor's race.

"Michigan's been behind the ball on this, and there hasn't been any leadership," he said. 'But Michigan's going to have a new governor, and new leadership.

There may be ballot initiatives and townships, he said, need to be prepared and cannot depend on state for leadership.

"At this point, we won't be doing a grant cycle until the Agricultural Preservation Fund Board establishes criteria for reviewing applications and establishing a new source of funds," said Richard Harlow of the state Farmland Preservation Office.

Lonik said he no one knows when the state program will be offered again.

"But when it does get offered. and you have landowners that want to apply for it, you have to have the ordinance or you're screwed," he said.

Currently, only Peninsula Township in Leelanau County

PDR ordinances on the books. Meridian Township in Ingham County has a land preservation ordinance, making it the second township in the state, and another farmland ordinance is expected to pass soon in Ann Arbor Township.

In addition, 56 conservation easements, totaling 13,600 acres, currently exist in the state, according Harlow. to Conservation easements are similar to a PDR, except that in an easement, a landowner must share a portion of his land with the public.

In addition to retaining privaon the land, farmers approved for a PDR are paid cash, retain ownership of the land, and are able to continue farming it. PDR also guarantees the land stays permanently in agricultural production. What's more, a farmer's property and estate taxes will be lower, since the development rights, which increase the property's value, no longer apply.

"If it were me, I'd want my township to get moving on it," said Manny, a farmer who grows corn, wheat, soybeans, and canola on 45 acres in western Scio Township.

Count Freedom Township as one municipality that will definitely move to adopt the FPO.

"We see a real value in (being Freedom agricultural). Township clerk Theresa Schenk said. "Our township does not have a city, a village or a major highway going through it. We have some productive heavy soils. It does not lend itself to high density (development) without a sewer system.

"We see a real problem with farmers being able to continue (farming), because you need to make a living at it," she said, alluding to the economic pressures of selling farmland to developers.

"We thought that if some of these farms could get Purchase of Development Rights. some of these people could keep farming.

There just seems to be a collective sense in our township that this is a good thing."

Along with her husband, a full-time farmer, Schenk has applied for PDR.

Despite his own support of the and Washtenaw County have program. Freedom Township

Supervisor Bob Little is skeptical.

"My understanding of it is that the state is backing away from it." he said of PDR. "They want it, but they're not willing to put the money up for it like they've done in other states."

Although the county does have a new FPO on the books, a November 1998 proposal for PDR funding in Washtenaw didn't pass. Although it would have generated \$17.5 million for countywide PDR programs over 10 years, voters defeated the initiative after its opponents reportedly spent over \$300,000.

"The western part of the county, where most of the farmland is the county's been giving us a nort stick," said Little. short said Little. "Basically, I think that's why it didn't pass.

Still, he thinks SWWCOG townships will work to implement the FPO.

"I know Freedom is, and we're willing to work with everyone else," he said.

He pointed out it took two years to draft a mining ordinance, and "this might take just

Schenk explained Washtenaw is commonly thought of as an urban county, even

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though the western portion is rural.

"I think that the county will have to come to grips with that,' she said. "People aren't aware of our issues and don't see the value (of all the farmland).

As of November, the state is not accepting further applications. Freedom. Schenk said. wants to get the ordinance in place for future applications.

Manny said that in adopting the ordinance, the four townships "can do it individually, or band together.

"We can kill four or five birds with one stone." he said.

Currently, a similar effort is underway in Macomb County. where five townships are striving to obtain PDR agreements under a common ordinance. Countywide PDR ordinances are also being drafted in Clinton and Lapeer counties, said Harlow. Harlow is helping Macomb County implement their PDR ordinances, and could do the same for SWWCOG.

Development pressure on farmland remains great. According to the non-profit Washtenaw Land Trust, roughly 4,000 acres of farmland in Washtenaw County alone are gobbled up by development each year, or 10 acres per day. Because an average 180-acre farm may be worth several hundred thousand dollars, it is getting harder for farmers to resist the temptation to sell their land to developers.

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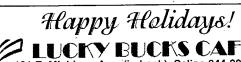
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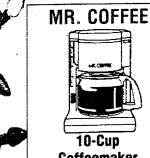
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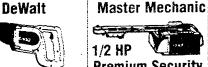
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## h annual New Year Jubilee plans fabulous family fun

■ From storytelling to salsa music, there's something for everyone.

#### By Marsha Johnson Chartrand Associate Editor

If you're looking for an affordable family outing for the holidays, a wonderful gift or a unique stocking stuffer, Pat Grimes has just the ticket for you-tickets to the 10th annual Jubilee Year Southeastern Michigan, held on Dec. 31 in and around historic

"With popular favorites and some bright new additions, this Jubilee will be the finest to date." Grimes said.

The Jubilee committee is delighted to announce that its opening headliner is Heywood Banks, "the funniest man in the lower 48 states."

Banks, a native of Howell, has

been performing for most of his life and is taking time out from his very busy schedule to present his music and comedy to Jubilee audiences. He'll appear at the First United Methodist Church on Washtenaw, kicking off the evening at 6:30 p.m.

"Heywood has an interesting combination of stand-up comedy and really delightfully imaginative and funny songs," Grimes said. "He started out as a folk singer, then he started telling jokes in between songs and it evolved from there

"He has a strong following ... and I'm one of them," he added. When you leave (his performances), your face is hurting."

Grimes describes Banks' style as a very "clean" comic in the tradition of Jack Benny and Red

"It's a feather in our cap to have him here," Grimes said.

The family-oriented, drug and

other," Grimes said. "But some of them are a longer distance, and for the benefit of the families with young children, we have complimentary shuttle

number of different churches

and other venues in Ypsilanti's

to or across the street from each

"Many of the venues are next

historic district.

vans, donated by our friends at Ford and Visteon." Many of the sites will offer snacks and beverages to partici-

"The Freight House in Depot Town is always an ultra-popular spot." Grimes said, "and families often end their evening

"It is really well attended for the whole night, and very well attended toward the end of the evening.

"It's always a kick to see the kids in their PJs at the end of the night.

Another unique site is the Automotive Heritage Collection at the intersection of Cross and Depot Streets, the location of the last Hudson Automobile dealership in the United States.

"Jack Miller is still doing a bit of horse-trading from there," Grimes said. "And people have donated things to help document Ypsilanti's strong heritage in the automobile industry."

Appropriately enough, the Terraplanes, a blues band

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cars, will be performing at this locale.

At the Ypsilanti Historical Museum on North Huron, classical flamenco guitarist Joseph Pratt is showcased in a setting that seems to complement his repertoire.

"Last year we got great comments on this performance," Grimes said. "The combination was considered stunning and we're delighted to have him

Story tellers, magic with Chelsea's own Boyer and Fitzsimmons, Celtic fiddler Jeremy Allan Kittel of Saline, well-known Black Sheep Repertory Theatre alum OJ Anderson, local jazz guitarist Jake Reichbart and Ann Arbor's world-class blues duo Madcat and Kane are among the dozens of acts that will be featured at this popular holiday celebration. There is entertainment for every type of musical taste from classical to Cole Porter, opera to OJ and rockabilly to rap, and fun for the entire family will definitely be part of the event.

"All in all, it's a pretty wellrounded night," Grimes said.

This huge assortment of entertainment is a value if you only get to one locale-but if you attend the entire event from Heywood Banks' opening act at 6:30 p.m. and stick around to hear the final strains of music

drifting into the night at 1 a.m., you'll have an unbeatable bar-

Jubilee admission tickets will go on sale mid-December at all Busch's stores, Nicola's Books and at the Ypsilanti or Ann Arbor Convention and Visitors Bureaus. Adult tickets are \$15 in advance: children's tickets are \$5 for ages 6-12, and children five and under are admitted free. Tickets for adults will be \$20 after Dec. 26 and at the door.

For an event that nearly didn't come off for its tenth anniversary year, the Jubilee committee has done well.

Last year, Grimes served as the chair of the event but at its completion he announced he. needed to step back from his involvement in the project, to devote more time to promoting his own self-employment.

"But when no one else stepped forward, we couldn't let it die." he said.

Grimes and Manchester native Dawn (England) Welt, also a former chairperson of the event. began pulling the strings together to rescue the celebration.

"Some new folks have stepped up, and that's been really helpful," Grimes said. "But we still have fewer hands than we need to do this well.

However, despite missing the deadline for a large grant, a fire in the apartment of the entertainment chair, and an unexpected accident requiring surgery for Welt, the Jubilee is ready to fly this New Year's Eve.

"I don't want to believe this is the Jubilee's last hurrah, but if we don't get people stepping up I'm concerned about the future, Grimes said.

"We still need a couple handfuls of people to help out. When we do a wrap up meeting in January, we hope people will say they don't want this to end."

He added that he, Welt and other volunteers who have been active in the past are more than willing to be there, supporting and helping, "but not all of us will be able to participate at the same level that we currently are," he said.

"It's a lovely event; that's the reason I was drawn to it in the first place.

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## Prevention program under way at alternative scho

■ Part-time student assistance counselor hired.

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand Associate Editor

A proven program of substance abuse prevention is being implemented at the Manchester and Chelsea alternative high schools, funded by Washtenaw County Substance Abuse Coordinating Agency.

This program, conducted by Spectrum Prevention Services, is a program of HelpSource, the largest social service agency in Washtenaw County. Brenda Bolzman, a substance abuse therapist with HelpSource, has been selected to serve as the stu-

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Hakes-Weidner

Meghan Colleen Hakes and

Kyle David Weidner exchanged

wedding vows Aug. 10, at the University of Michigan Matthaei

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Manchester Alternative School.

"I was asked to come and educate the students," Bolzman said. "My main job is not to judge, to lecture or to treat. I'm here to plant seeds."

Bolzman, a recent graduate of Wayne State University with a master's degree in social work, was introduced to the board of education at its Nov. 19 meeting.

"She is here to enhance protective factors for the students," Principal John Eisley said in his introduction. "Statistics prove (that a prevention program like) this is a good idea.'

Bolzman splits her time between the Chelsea and Manchester alternative high schools and funding for the position is provided by a grant from

Bolzman's message is simple but clear: if you choose to use, there are consequences to your actions.

"The more the kids learn, the better choices they'll make," she said. "Our hope is ultimately to improve school performance and attitudes toward school."

The district's goals for Bolzman's program include prevention of the development of alcohol, tobacco and other drug use and reducing the incidence of substance use-related problems among the students.

Eisley said it is hoped that participants in the program will increase their rates of school attendance and self-report a quency of alcohol, tobacco and other drug use.

Bolzman said that her primary task as she plants seeds is lis-

"Sometimes, that's what they want," she said. "And I have a lot of resources. I want them to use me."

Bolzman also is available to speak to parents of her students, both individually and in groups. to provide some of the same resources that she offers to the

As a mother, Bolzman said she has hands-on experience in dealing with teens at risk. She pulled her own daughter from high school a few years ago and

education setting.

"She'll graduate from college in three weeks," she says with evident pride.

"I can offer hope," she added. "It's not just book-smarts. I know. It isn't easy being a par-

"My daughter fell through the cracks in high school. At that time. I told myself if I could help just one other student in my career, it would be worth it."

She says she enjoys working in the alternative school and feels very much at home.

"The students here are so creative," she says. "They're great kids, and in this setting they are locked into traditional

Among her goals when she accepted this position was to have the substance abuse information she wants to share available to the kids and to have them reading it. And it may be working. She pointed to a group of flyers taped to the door of her

"I taped these up here on Wednesday," she said. "I came back on Friday and they were taped up someplace else.

"I just put them back here."

After an initial phase where the students were wary of her presence, Bolzman believes that the students are accepting her position as she settles in.

When I first came, they thought I was a nark; then they thought I was there through the

she said. "Slowly, surely they are discovering that I'm here to listen to them and educate them.

Individually and in small groups, Bolzman plans a variety of activities to correct students' sometimes-erroneous perceptions about substance use. Part of the program is also intended to teach students to identify and resist social and situational pressures for substance use.

"I hear a lot of stories," she admitted. "I don't try to change their minds. I just give them

"I've had to earn their trust."

Earning that trust and getting the students to talk has taken time, but it's been aided by the attitude Bolzman brings to the

"I care about what happens to you. I'll listen.'

Bolzman also has invited speakers, shown videos and is beginning student discussion groups to help in her mission of educating the students.

As is true in all grant-funded programs, the outcome of the prevention curriculum will be evaluated in a variety of ways at the end of the school year. Student surveys will be among the methods of measuring the program's success.

"We'll be back in May to share the impact that this additional resource has made," Eisley told the board.

## **School holds fund-raiser**

Hakes of Philadelphia, Pa., Peter Farrell of Arrow Rock, Mo. and Josh Coakley of

Houston, Tex Conor Lakin, cousin of the bride, of Indianapolis, was the ring-bearer. The flower girl was Morgan Steffler, cousin of the bride, of Kalamazoo. Melinda Walck, cousin of the groom. of North Tonawanda, N.Y., was the veil attendant.

The bride is the daughter of Danny and Kathy Hakes of Manchester. She is a 1993 graduate of Manchester High School and holds an associate's degree in humanities and social studies from Washtenaw Community College and a bachelor of fine arts degree in musical theatre from the conservatory at Webster University in St. Louis, Mo. She is employed at the Alley Theatre in Houston, Tex.

The groom's parents are David and Cathy Weidner of Ballwin, Mo. He holds a bachelor of fine arts degree in technical direction from the conservatory at Webster University in St. Louis, Mo. He also is employed at the Alley Theatre in Houston.

The newlyweds spent their honeymoon in Stratford. Ontario, Canada, and reside in Houston.

Manchester Alternative High School will hold a Little Caesar's pizza kit fund-raiser to earn money for graduation expenses.

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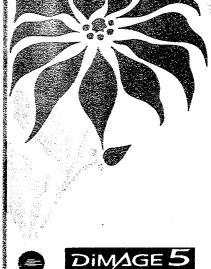
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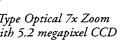




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## r citizens news

#### November thanks by **Dorothy Willingham**

Just sitting here recalling last December's weather after a rather warm and pleasant November. Remember that lingering snow? Oh well, there is nothing we can do about it anyway, so might just go right ahead and enjoy whatever comes, because it is coming!

We can count on it-just as we counted on Mary Smith and her band of kitchen angels, serving us all last month in Emanuel's dining room. Also we counted on Kelly Blain for her expert, much needed office help and to the Emanuel United Church of Christ for providing us a place to serve, cook and eat our food. The kitchen angel list reads as follows: Mary Smith, Ethelyn Rhees, Olive Feldkamp, Norma Stautz, Katherine Nickerson. Doris Hough, Lucile Williams and Jan Howell. Thank you one and all! We could not have done it without your help.

Thank you, Marion Ahrens for once again heading a crew to do the village Christmas lights. Also we thank the hardworking crew of Rubena Boelter. Marge Geyer, Mildred Stoll and Judy Wilson. A big job done as always in a grand manner.

Thank you, Jan Fox, for the big bag of foam cups. They certainly will come in handy and every little bit helps.

Thank you. Wayne Willingham for fixing the noisy muffler and tailpipe on the old bus. You got it fixed just in time to be put in storage but I bet it is the best sounding idle bus engine in

Manchester you, United Methodist Church for the use of the fellowship hall for the senior yoga sessions. You have taken care of us well for the past five years and we are extremely

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#### **SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS**

Arlene and Homer Walter for helping Naomi Eisele with the dinner money receipts. We salute your thoughtfulness and faithfulness over the months. You are indeed an extraordinary pair.

To all of our family of volunteers we say a big jolly Thank you and a Merry Christmas to

Thursday: Senior Annual and Council meetings begin at 9:30 a.m. We invite you to come and bring your ideas. Then, at 10:30 a.m., work begins on the January-February calendars. This also needs your input. Our new rooms at the village hall are the place to come and help. We will enjoy pot roast in Emanuel's dining room at 12 noon, thanks Sue Miller and Tod Armentrout. If you've been intending to come and try these very good meals at \$3.25 per plate. do it now. Folks in our area 55 or older are urged to come to these great meals. We need vou! You may reserve a meal by calling Kelly at 428-8359 ahead, or Tod at 428-7630 between 9 and 10 a.m. on meal days (Tuesday and Thursday). Then at 12:30 p.m. you may play cards and/or bingo at our new rooms at the village hall.

Friday: All year, seniors look forward to this entertainment by the Klager Kids at their Christmas program and dinner to be enjoyed by senior citizens

of the area. Sign the book at meals, or call in your reservation to the Klager school office at 428-8321. This is a great time to get to know your third and fourth-grade guides around their school What fun they are! I've been going for years and look forward to these kids and their music and enthusiasm. Snow date is the 21st.

Monday: Senior bus is on request' by calling Marion Ahrens at 428-7865 for the shopping trip to Jackson at 9:30 a.m. Then at 4:30 p.m. you will leave on a tour to view Christmas lights in our area. Call Marion or sign the book at meals.

Tuesday: Come to the monthly clergy presentation at 11:30 am. Peggy Garrigues-Pastor Cortelyou will bring the message. Thanks-we enjoy your songs and your words in this holy season. Ham will be enjoyed this noon and all the extras that our cooks can come up with ... it is worth more than the \$3.25 we pay!

Wednesday: This date is second choice for the light tour (just in case). Or, can this lovely weather just continue until Christmas or

Thursday: Mae Sellers will be at her position in the fellowship hall at 11:30 a.m. as our favorite nurse who takes blood pressures. Thanks and Merry Christmas to all our loval volunteers! Guess what we are having today ... turkey! Come and eat with us to save time and energy during this busy week of getting ready for Santa! Winter begins tomorrow on the calendar. We will see if those who want snow so badly (no. it's not me) can get

## **Happy Birthday Seniors**



Senior citizens who celebrate December birthdays were given special treatment at the Dec. 6 luncheon held at Emanuel United Church of Christ fellowship hall. Pictured are Jeanette Frinkle (back, left), T.V. Ludwick, Vivian Heckaman and Marion Ahrens

## **Christmas** blood drive

Manchester will be hosting the Christmas Time Blood Drive at St. Mary's Parish Center on Friday, Dec. 21, 2001 from 1 p.m. until 7 p.m. This year's goal is to get at least 86 pints of blood.

The Manchester Blood Drive Committee has been assured that all who come to give will be able to go through the process. There are always a number of donors who are deferred for health reasons. but this is normal.

At this very busy time of year. take the time and give the "gift of life" for someone who is in need of blood. Remember that for every pint of blood, three people can be helped.

Please call Marja Warner at 428-9506 to make an appointment. For those unsure of a convenient time to donate. walk-ins are always welcomed.

The Manchester Blood Drive Committee wishes all of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a happy 2002!

Submitted by Marja Warner

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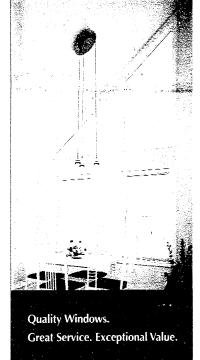
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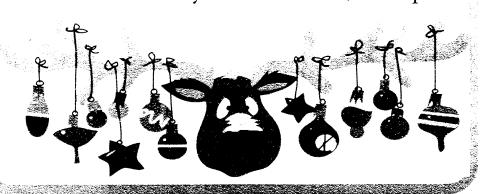
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## **Street Talk**

By Michelle Smail

What's at the top of your Christmas list?



"A Play Station 2." Cevin Walker

# Dickensian sentiments prevail in holiday season

Charles Dickens first popularized the phrase that dominates this season—Merry Christmas in his classic, "A Christmas

On the other hand, at the same time he also originated the oftrepeated "bah, humbug!" The latter might not occur quite as frequently as the former, but as I look at mugs, cards, lapel pins and other items emblazoned with the words of Scrooge, I have to conclude that it comes a close

Maybe every family has it's own Mr. (or Ms) Scrooge whose sentiments are closer to "bah "Merry than humbug' Christmas." Or maybe a piece of Ebenezer's personality threatens to come alive, if briefly, in all of us. Why else the popularity of these most curmudgeonly words of a most selfish individual during the supposedly warmest and most generous time of the year?

In our family, we kid my mother (all in fun) about being a Scrooge. She always wanted to wait and get the cheap tree really close to Christmas day, or for-



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## SHEEP SHOTS

get about the stockings on the mantel, or combine birthday and Christmas gifts to reduce shopping. If it wouldn't be labeled as a waste of money and time. I've thought over the years, I would buy her a "bah humbug' mug, or hat, or something, all in good humor.

I was once almost vilified by fellow college students when I spoke up in a literature class. stating that if Oliver Twist (or was it another Dickens youngster?) were a real boy, we'd probably all end up wanting to shake the saccharine sweetness out of him. You'd think I'd proposed slapping Tiny Tim. My fel-

low classmates were analyzing a character as if Dickens meant him to be as real as a real boy could be. I'm just thankful we didn't touch A Christmas Carol in

Tiny Tim and all the Crachits, the ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future, and most of all Ebenezer Scrooge himself, deserve to be embraced without any over-analyzing. The lessons and inspiration of 'A Christmas Carol" are as applicable today as they were when Victorian families got together to read the tale aloud.

The book was written to be

read aloud, rather than animated or scripted with special effects and background music. Parents, today, might stumble over some of the language, but if you read it more than once you'll get the hang of it. The adult humor, which even the Brits with their famous wit have trouble translating onto the big screen, will jump off the page and tickle your funny bone. If you can summon up a bit of dramatic voice change, even the youngest kids will have a rollick-

When I worked at the Firestone Farm in Greenfield Village, we'd read the book after "dinner" (the noon meal) on the day of Christmas Eve. Visitors were fascinated. We'd take turns reading aloud, sitting by a coal fire, and frequently people touring the house would sit for a while to join in. Many remarked that they hadn't realized a certain phrase or image, oft repeated in this day and age, actually came from Dickens's little book.

Dickens, amazingly politically correct for all ages, recognized the secular celebrations of Christmas for what they were, and remain today. The gift-giving, libations, partying and decorations aren't intrinsically good or bad, they are what people make of them. They can, as easily, be symbols of fellowship, good cheer and love, as of something excessive that diverges far from the true "reason for the season."

"Humbug" is the perfect reaction to all that's wrong with the season: long lines testifying to competitive consumerism, com-

peting to light the most trees instead of the most hearts, or simply the various extremes that seem endemic in December: drink, food, spending. Scrooge and all the characters, human or otherworldly, in "A Christmas Carol" knew this better than do some of us! But we can learn.

My mother is now the first of the family to put up roping and lights on her porch. She makes her own swag or wreath for the front door, and a fragrant centerpiece of greenery for her table. She puts an antique feather tree in her front window. I'm the one debating the worth of getting the lights out and up, or even of having a tree.

Maybe it's time I re-read all of A Christmas Carol. I'd like to get caught up in Scrooge's enthusiastic transformation. Maybe the book is just a secular piece of holiday trivia. It doesn't even refer to the Christmas story.

But Dickens knew exactly what he was doing with his modest tale. I defy anyone to not feel the Christmas spirit when Tiny Tim cries out, "God bless us! God bless us, every one!"

# What happened to American made quality?

thing in America besides cars. airplanes, and paper? I ask this question because currently my own job of 29 years in the steel industry is in jeopardy. Two of the nation's top-five steel makers are in bankruptcy, and my company is right behind.

Through the 1980s we successfully met the challenge from Japan and Korea, but now we are told by auto and appliance makers that we have to compete with China. Brazil, the Ukraine, Pakistan, and India. I don't think that we can.

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#### THIS 'N' THAT

least, we used to

I look at the newspapers in today's economic downturn and. of course, people are getting laid off. The problem is that we've been shutting down plants and losing jobs during the good times, too. All in the name of shareholders and cheaper

Henry Ford had right was that the man who made the car should be able to afford it. This implies that someone made a

In my short lifetime I can rattle a list off of things we no longer make in our country, and you can verify this by any trip to your local Target, Wal-Mart or Sears. TVs. all the small appliances in your kitchen, shoes, clothing, most linens; in fact almost everything in your house is no longer made in our country. They used to be. though.

This week in the newspaper, the maker of Lee Jeans said it eliminating American jobs. The company said its profits and bottom-line were good, but needed to do betweekend. They were made in Armenia and Bangladesh. I'm sure whoever made jackets here were told that they couldn't compete either.

I guess the point I'm getting to is this: at what point does getting it cheaper finally drive most people who are trying to make a decent living out of their jobs? With so many people now invested in 401(k)s. we are now stockholders. By demanding a higher and higher return on our pension funds, we are throwing ourselves out of our own jobs. Think

I recall an editorial in the Wall Street Journal in the early 1980s. I was just beginning my union involvement during the depression of the Reagan years. The Journal stated that it was

produced shoes in New England than let the Brazilian economy go down. Brazil was then a big maker of imported shoes. Well, we no longer produce shoes here, Brazil is still in economic trouble, and I'm sure you've all noticed how cheap shoes are for your family. Right?

pened dozens of times in the last two decades; now it may be steel's last gasp. I just wonder when someone will realize that you can't eat paper, paper doesn't clothe you, and pushing paper doesn't create thousands of support jobs like manufacturing does.

The same process has hap-

I don't have the answer; nobody asks me. What do you think?

Talk to you soon.

"A new refrigerator.

Catherine Voorhies

Jesse Gehringer

'An electric guitar. **Gary Tobias** 



"Boxers Martin Wilson

#### What's all the hurry for the Christmas rush? It arrived on Nov. 30 something, the dream went come. The anticipation was away and I started to feel like I part of the fun of the holiday. "It" was a Christmas-treewas ready to do Christmas Each year I try to rekindle shopping. Until it arrived.

bedecked catalog from L.L. Bean-announcing, "There is still time.

Still time? Still time for what?

Gee, since when is Dec. 1 too late to begin celebrating the I guess that's what has both-

ered me a little bit about the

holiday season for the past few years. I hear people talking about having their Christmas shopping done in October and I start to feel inadequate. I have a problem with starting my Christmas shopping until the weather is "season-

talking about those 70-degree days when it feels more like spring than almost winter. No matter how happy the weatherman is to deliver me the news that we'll have more record-breaking warm spells

this December. I'm not receiv-

able." And when I'm talking

Christmas seasonable. I'm not

ing his news with enthusiasm. When the magnolia tree out back is looking like it may bloom for the third time this year. I feel more like coloring Easter eggs than thinking of

Christmas.

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### **AFTER THOUGHTS**

So it irritated me greatly to have L.L. Bean of Freeport. Maine, telling me that I still had time to shop. Of course I still have time to shop! It wasn't even December yet. We still had a balmy 70 degrees outside. It may have been a little cooler up there in Freeport, but I'm willing to bet they've been having the same unseasonable temperatures up there recent-

Up until that time. I was actually feeling pretty good about myself after suffering some early pre-holiday anxiety. I still haven't figured out why I kept dreaming—in mid-October that it was Dec. 24 and I hadn't bought any gifts for my husband. I woke up in a cold sweat at least three times over the same dream.

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Perhaps I should be feeling more charitable as the holidays approach. Perhaps I should be feeling sorry for the poor catalog merchants who haven't been receiving as many orders this year due to a perceived recession, due to anthrax scares, or maybe because of the fact that other people are also confused about what time of year it really is.

But there's another reason I felt frustrated by the message on the L.L. Bean catalog.

It's the more subtle message that we need to hurry our way through the holiday season and not take time to enjoy what we already have.

We are supposed to be so concerned about getting just the right gift for everyone on our list, and making our own "wish lists" (don't even get me started on those) that we don't have time to sit back, relax and reflect on what the holidays are all about.

It already seems like Christmases are getting closer together every year.

As a child. I remember think-But once I went out and got ing that Christmas would never

some of that childish anticipation, by remembering that Advent is a season of preparation, not a non-stop holiday of

It's all too easy to get swept up in the rush and busy-ness of all the baking and the shopping and an endless list of parties and activities to attend. Even if start a little earlier each year, we don't seem to get pare and even time to anticicaught up any sooner.

I loved last December's seemingly constant snowfall. It enjoy

reminded me to slow down a bit in the rush of holiday preparations. There were things that didn't get done, but life went on. Christmas came just the same as it would have if we'd had 70-degree days leading all the way up to Dec. 24. And everything was fine.

Now, a year later, and nearly two weeks after receiving the infamous catalog. I know "there's still time." Time to shop, time to bake, time to pre pate.

Best of all, there's time to

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"The system that they're rely-

ing on, there will be improve-

ments made," he said, describing

them as mostly proactive plans

for the future. "You don't want to

know you can't build an extra

bathroom because we can't pro-

these things for a long time.

We're actively doing this all the

Wallace said the village just

got done with a major water plan

two to three years ago. With help

of a grant and loan, the village

did \$600,000 worth of work to the

system, including the looping of

dead ends, replacement of shut-

off valves, and the addition of

The plan calls for the projects

to be finished in the 2006-2007 fis-

cal year. But Wallace pointed out

that construction of a new pro-

duction well, set for that fiscal

year at a cost of \$290,000, was sub-

ject to unforeseeable economic

said. "Growth plays into plan-

He added that a recession

could push high-cost projects

back. He also said the projects

had to be staggered over five

years due to limits in the size of

All work will be done by out-

side companies on a contractual

staff and finances.

ning for something like that."

"It depends on growth," he

new supplies to critical areas.

"We've been saving up for

vide the water for it.

said most won't be noticeable.

## Village council approves capital improvement program

■ Sewer, water upgrades part of five-year process.

By Sven Gustafson

Village Manchester Council approved details of its five-year capital improvement plan at its Dec. 3 meeting at . Village Hall.

The plan, presented by Village Manager Jeff Wallace, represent the culmination of several months of work with Tetra Tech MPS, the village's engineering firm, as well supervisors from the Department of Public Works and the wastewater treatment plant.

The plan calls for upgrading existing water mains and improving sewer infrastructure, and provides timetables and cost estimates for the various projects. Cost estimates in the plan are based on fiscal years for the village, which run from July 1 to June 30 of the following year. The total cost of the five-year water projects is \$425,000, and the tab for the sewer upgrades comes to \$542,000.

The village has estimated the cost of \$262,000 to loop seven dead ends-lines that abruptly stop—on water mains. Looping a dead end involves hooking it into a nearby main that flows contiguously. Because water-borne minerals such as iron can build up in dead ends, workers from the Department of Public Works flush them on a regular basis.

"We feel if we do it, we could eliminate the flushing, there's less of a chance for minerals to build up, and it would improve pressure." Wallace said, "It's still important for the future.

Gary Wiedmayer, supervisor of the DPW, said. "You would be saving labor by not having to flush" the dead ends

Wallace said further duiscussion would determine whether these would be addressed.

Three fire hydrants are to be upgraded beginning the next fiscal year, with three more every year after that. Wallace said the work will consist mostly of replacing old connections with

At the water station wellhouse on M-52, workers will replace an old six-cylinder. V-6 gas engine with a new natural gas-operated generator. The new generator will take advantage of natural

gas lines already buried underground, and will be able to run two of three wells for the village.

The engine will be able to alternate between well number one, which Wallace said has a capacity of up to 400 gallons per minute, and well number three, which can handle up to 700 gallons per minute. All water in the village goes to this brick wellhouse before it is pumped to the water system on Hibbard Street behind the village hall.

Wallace described the addition of the generator as an "emergency backup system in case of a power failure in the community," and said that without it, "if there's a power outage, we may not be able to keep up with the demand.

He said the village had a power outage 10 to 12 years ago, and the new generator will help prevent against a system overload because natural gas is a reliable energy source.

Wallace said projects would start in the 2001-2002 budget year. "My guess is you'll see a couple projects start next year." he said. By next year, I mean July."

He added that in particular. the natural gas generator wellhouse project might be put ahead of its projected 2003-2004 budget year schedule.

"I think that will get bumped up to '02-'03." he said. "We need to implement that soon.

The cost of the wellhouse upgrades is \$74.300.

So what can area residents expect in way of construction?

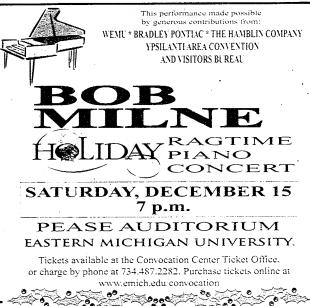
As far as water projects, they probably won't even notice anything." Wallace said. With the water projects, he

said, everything is on village property. The sewer projects could require some easements to cross a yard or two, and "could be a hassle." he said.

Work on sewer lines will mainly involve separating storm from sanitary lines. Wiedmayer explained. But Wallace added that plans are not yet drawn.

As far as tearing up roadways. "It depends on the road."

Wallace explained. Where workers will install 3.100 feet of 12-inch pumping main on Vernon Street, he said any road disruption would be limited to the side of the road. Other projects might shut streets down, but each project is unique-





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requesting sewer and water for the parcel, without annexation, to provide services to the school and simultaneously help resolve Sharon's legal challenges with the Landon Companies.

Sharon has been in and out of court for more than two years regarding a disputed 700-unit manufactured home development in rural Sharon Township. Sharon objects to the location and size of the proposed development, which is miles away from existing services, and has supported manufactured home park zoning nearer the Manchester village limits, where infrastructure

## CRC

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Because of this, the hope is that citizens, especially those who have experience in fund-raising or public relations will consider joining.

This, however, should not deter community members with other skills from joining. "We need all kinds of people," says Mussio. "Old, young, working, retired, stay-at-home moms, there's a place for everybody.

Ideally, the CRC would be best served with a board of closer to 15 members, according to CRC director Chris Kanta

"In the past they have operated at a higher number," Kanta adds. Kennedy encourages young people to consider the rewards of volunteering as well. Whether by driving people to doctor appointments or bringing energy and ideas to the board, valuable experience can be gained by working in the community

The Board of Directors meets at 7:30 p.m. on every fourth Thursday of the month.

is more readily accessible.

Blades also worries that Sharon Township stands to lose out on money to the village in any transfer or annexation. Because property taxes are higher in the village than in Sharon, the village can collect more in tax value on any development done on the property.

But Oegema argued that because the proposed development is a school, and schools do not pay taxes, concern over taxable value is a moot point.

The potential for tax value isn't there either way," Oegema

Blades did acknowledge there were currently three or four proposals for the land transfer on the drawing board, and said, "This is happening." In a letter to Blades dated Dec.

6, Wallace wrote, "we recommend that we concentrate on facilitating (the school's) needs to allow the community to get going on out a school project."

"We're both being educated on the process, we're both learning a lot." Wallace said of his discussions so far with Blades. "We've both been working real hard on

it, and we've got an understanding of it as far as how it affects the

village and township alike.' But Oegema said that the school board is worried that delays in the project may push the construction schedule into the winter months, and increase the project's cost. The \$35 million school bond passed in September and the school is slated to open in

The board will entertain three different proposals at the meeting, including cost estimates for each proposal. Oegema did not specify the exact nature of the proposals, but said that one involves using the Gourley site. where the school is currently being proposed, while keeping school building within Manchester Township boundaries.

Another, he said, is to build the school on the Klager Elementary site, with athletic fields and various other buildings on another, unspecified location.

"We're trying to keep the options open," he said.

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After moving to Clinton in 1949, the couple owned a grocery store, which was sold in 1956. They purchased a shoe store in Tecumseh, which they operated for the next 30 years.

Virginia Proctor was a teacher for 30 years, 25 of which were in the Clinton Community Schools.

They have two children: Maryann (Carl) Habrick of Clinton and Bob Proctor of Adrian, and three grandchildren: Janet (Rob) Irvine and Ginny (Michael) Krauss of Clinton, and Rick (Amy) Hilderley of Tecumseh.

The couple also has six greatgrandchildren: Salena Heimerdinger. Spencer and Taylor Krauss, and Marlena. Madison. and Melanie Hilderley.

A family dinner is planned, to be held at the Hilderley's home in Tecumseh.



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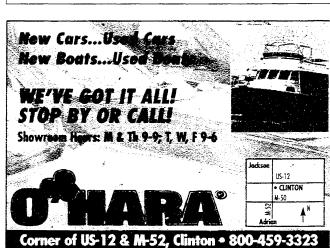
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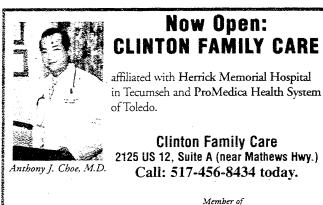


















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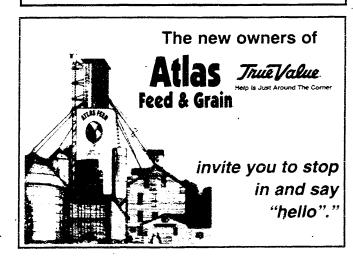
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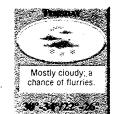














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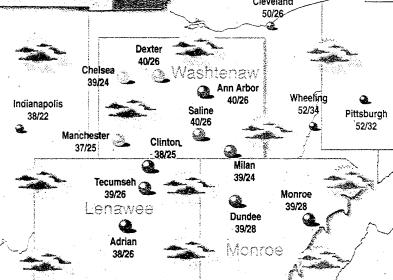
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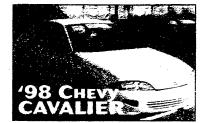
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#### Two gridders named to Jackson all-star team

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#### One coaching position remains open

Coaching positions for spring sports are being finalized this week as the athletic department seeks approval from the school board for its appointments.

The varsity softball coaching position is the only remaining position to be filled. Applicants may contact Athletic Director Wes Gall at 428-0185.

#### Wrestling team takes third at JAWS

The traditional JAWS wrestling tournament was held on Dec. 8 in Jackson and all ten Manchester wrestlers made their debut at the meet.

In a fine showing for the small team, the Manchester wrestlers placed third in their bracket. See details at right.

#### Winter season in full swing

As of this weekend, the winter sports season is in full swing as the varsity and iunior varsity volleyball teams participate in tournament play at Parma and Saline to kick off the preseason competition.

The basketball conference home opener is held tomorrow night at the high school. beginning at 4 p.m. for a triple-header of hoops.

#### Defibrillator fund making progress

Athletic Director Wes Gall reports that the fund for the automatic external defibrillator has exceeded \$2,000.

"The football team kicked in \$1,200 from its gold card program, and we had a contribution of \$1,000 from the Pepsi machines," Gall said.

If you are interested in making a year-end, taxdeductible contribution to the defibrillator fund, contact Gall at 428-0185.

#### Athletic boosters need assistance at games

Volunteers are always needed to work at the concession stands for basketball, wrestling and other sporting events. Contact the Athletic Boosters' president, Larry Aiken, at 428-9507 to contribute your time to this project.

#### Dutch wear available for Christmas giving

Looking for a last-minute gift idea for the Manchester Flying Dutchman fans on your gift list? Consider giving clothing items available from the Manchester Athletic Boosters.

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# Varsity Dutch split games in opening week

■ Work ethic, attitude credited for team's successes.

#### By Marsha Johnson Chartrand ssociate Editor

The Manchester Dutchman basketball team had its traditional season opener last week, hosting non-conference neighbor Clinton Redskins for a Tuesday night game.

"We lost, 56-53," Manchester coach Bryan Barnard said. "It was a good game; we had a really good shot at the end."

With Dutch down by just one point with 18 seconds left, the team set a play and got a good shot at the basket. It fell short, however, and the Dutch were forced to foul the Redskins with just seconds left to play.

But the varsity had come back from a seven-point deficit just moments before, with several three-point shots. "They didn't quit," Barnard

said. "They couldn't get the shot to fall, but they played well." Barnard said that the entire

game was played with a lot of intensity on both sides. Clinton-Manchester "The game is always that way," he

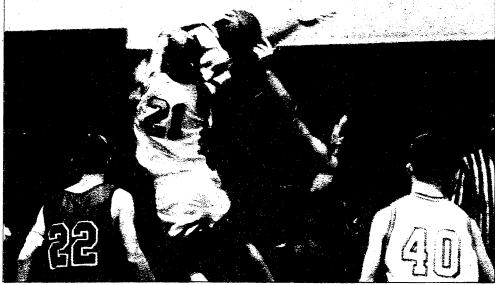
said. "There was a lot of energy in the gym. "But it was our first game, we were wound a little tight. The

guys couldn't get a lot of shots to

fall that I think are going to fall

this year. Sometimes you just get too wound up, and it showed at times," he said.

Senior co-captain Mike Walter led the team with 19 points. He had four three-point shots on the night with two of them in the



Brent Leverett got a good shot near the end of the Clinton game, but couldn't get the ball to drop into the basket. The Dutch fell 56-53 in a cliffhanger to non-conference rival Clinton last Tuesday but overcame Addison 61-45 on Friday.

crucial last quarter.

"As a team, we had four threepointers in the fourth quarter," Barnard said.

Walter was followed by Brent Leverett with 13 points, Nick Strobl and Karl Schaible with eight points each, and Jon Schaible contributed five points.

Strobl also was the team's leading rebounder for the night with nine boards.

On Friday, the team traveled to Addison, where they won the first conference game of the season with a resounding 61-45 score. But the game wasn't as easy as it sounds.

"We started out real well in the first quarter," Barnard said. 'We made them turn the ball over nine times in the first quarter with an effective press.

The team took a 16-10 lead into the second quarter, but then got into foul trouble.

"That didn't allow us to press," Barnard said. "So then we kind of had to play their

"Their zone was slowing the game down and we struggled through that time. We got real cold in the second quarter and that carried over into the third quarter.

In the third quarter, the Dutch Barnard said.

found themselves down by 11

"But we got our press going once again, and that brought us back." Barnard said. "It took the tempo up, we got a bunch of steals, and made the easier bas-

"Plus, we were a lot more patient as far as shot selection in the second half. We were hurrying it up in the first half."

Leverett hit six threes in the Addison game to finish with 26 points to lead the team in scoring. He also led in assists and steals with six of each.

"It was a great game for him,"

Walter had a solid 18 points to give him "a great week," accord-

'Mike had a really, really good week; he really stepped up for

us," he said. Walter also was the team's

leading rebounder with seven. Jon Schaible added five points, with Aaron LaRock and Strobl contributing four points

"It really was a tale of two halves." Barnard said of the Addison game. "The foul trouble hurt us a lot, but we played real well in the second half and got

The pressure defense is what got us back into it. We got a better shot selection and that's what brought us back?

Barnard said his team has played two games in a row showing an incredible amount of character.

"They get behind but they aren't quitting," he said. "I think it says a lot that they were down so far in the third quarter, then came back to win by 16 points.

'Not quitting, staying with it, believing we can come backwe've done it twice. That's a good sign."

Barnard says he hopes the team will continue to improve and put together a couple more wins in a row before the holiday break. "I'm seeing a great work ethic

in practice," he said. "The attitude is good. You'll go far if you have those things on your side.

"And these kids want to go far. They won't quit."

Tomorrow night the Dutch will have their league home opener against the Comets of Hanover-

# Wrestlers hang tough as the season begins

■ Small team fights big.

#### By Laura Merte Staff Writer

Starting out the season with only 10 wrestlers. Coach Steve Vlcek knew the team was up for a challenge. The first dual meet on Nov. 29 showed a 41-33 loss to Clinton and a 54-12 victory over Grass Lake.

Sophomore Josh Knouase and senior Alex Kormendi won the two biggest matches against Clinton, beating State qualifiers. Other winners were freshman James Tobias, juniors James Meyer and Josh Tobias, who both pinned their opponents. and senior Russ Cruz who also won by a pin.

Later that night, the wrestlers defeated Grass Lake, adding sophomores Dan Fleck and Austin Scott to the list of win-

"This was a good win for our young team," said Vlcek.

THE TEAM traveled next to Springport, which has one of the top five teams in the state, for a Dec. 1 meet. First, the team wrestled a veteran St. John team and lost 38-27, with Meyer leading the way with a pin. Knouase won on a decision, with James Tobias and Fleck collecting Springport dismantled

the team with a score of 66-3.

"Our kids hung tough, but weren't enough for the tough Springport team," said Vlcek. Josh Knouase was our only winner. Stockbridge was next, and

Manchester prevailed with a 47-42 win. Senior Lucas Lungo, the first exchange-student wrestler the team has seen in a long time, won in the second period with a pin. James Tobias and Knouase followed his victory, both pinning their opponents. Cruz finished the scoring with a 18-2 victory.

In the last match of the day, with only seven wrestlers, the team lost by just one point to Homer. Three out of the four matches wrestled were won with pins by Meyer, Knouase, and Josh Tobias.

LAST WEEK the team traveled to Napoleon to face another solid team on Dec. 5. Giving up 30 points with voids early on, the wrestlers came back strong to lose 48-24. James Tobias started off with a pin, followed by brother Josh with another pin, then Knouase won a tight 4-2 deci-

Up-and-comer Scott pinned his opponent early in the second round. The final win came 15-9 from Kormendi, with a convincing decision over a State placer.

A tough Albion team, also with small numbers, beat the Dutchmen 27-24 with Scott, the Tobias brothers and heavyweight sophomore Todd Canter winning points.

JACKSON HIGH hosted area teams Dec. 8, where last year's team finished in seventh. This year they seized third, with all ten wrestlers competing for the first time this season. Two losses were to second-

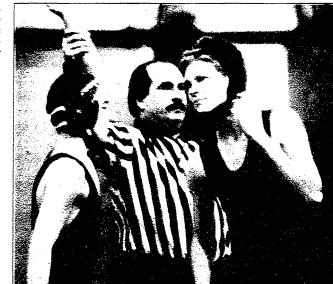
place finisher Leslie at 42-41, and to the champion Jonesville team 50-23. The team defeated East Jackson 42-36. Concord 66-30 and Jackson High School 48-30 in the consolation finals. Nine out of ten wrestlers had

winning records, with James Tobias going 5-0 on the day with one pin, Fleck 4-1 with two pins and Meyer at 3-2 with one pin. Cruz also went 5-0 that day with three pins, Josh Tobias also went 5-0 with three pins, while Knouase collected two pins at 4-

Scott was 3-1 with two pins, Kormendi was 5-0 with a perfect five pins. Canter had three wins with two pins and Longo had one

OVERALL, THE team had a great day, according to Vlcek.

"Some were going real strong with State qualifiers, and oth-



James Tobias' early pin helped the Dutch wrestlers to have a strong performance against the Napoleon Pirates last week, despite giving up several weight classes.

ers came back with wins against kids who had beaten them last year," he said. The next chance to see the

wrestlers will be in Addison next Wednesday. Wrestling starts at 6:30 p.m.

The wrestlers' hard work has not gone unrewarded, as is

apparent by the addition of new warm-ups, purchased through an anonymous donation. The team would like to thank the person or persons who donated the money. The warm-ups will be greatly appreciated not only by the wrestlers, but also by the whole wrestling family.

## Junior Dutch hoopsters victorious in first two games

■ Home opener set for Friday.

#### By Marsha Johnson Chartrand

The junior varsity basketball team did very well in its first two outings of the season.

"On Tuesday, we beat Clinton 71-48," Manchester coach Corey Fether said. "We put a lot of pressure on the ball defensively and made them turn over the ball 30 times.

"Our press was very effective.

Jeff Miller led the team with 16 points, three rebounds. three

assists and two steals. "Jason Lindemann came off the bench and gave us 10 points,

three rebounds and two steals," Fether added. "Mike Coval points. added nine rebounds and five assists.'

Jordan Tallman contributed eight points, three rebounds and two steals, a performance that was matched by Dan Schulte, who also added two assists to his

Ryan Hendricks also scored eight points and added four rebounds to the team effort. while Lance Aiken had five points, and three rebounds

Craig Lane gave the team four points, while Dave Evilsizer scored three. Mike Taddonio had two rebounds. "The key to this game was our

defense," Fether said. The opening of the conference

season was held at Addison on Friday, and the very determined Junior Dutch had a running

66We've been very balanced, and have been taking care of the ball offensively. 99

> Corey Fether Manchester coach

clock for nearly the entire fourth quarter. The final score of the game was 67-26.

"It was the exact same thing as

Tuesday," Fether said of the team's performance. "Defense is our key That pretty much sums up the

game.'

Two more Dutchmen racked up double-digit scores in Friday's game. Hendricks led the team in scoring with 18 points, seven rebounds and seven blocks.

"He ran the floor extremely well." Fether said.

Coval was the other doubledigit scorer with 12 points and

two assists. Close behind was Miller with nine points, eight rebounds and six assists.

Schulte had eight points, five rebounds and two steals while Evilsizer had seven points, two

rebounds and two assists. Lane added six points and

three rebounds. Lindemann contributed four points and four rebounds, while Tallman had two points, and five rebounds. Rounding out the game, Taddonio had one point and three rebounds, while Aiken contributed two rebounds, two assists and three steals.

"We get a lot of easy shots off steals and fast breaks." Fether said. "We've been very baianced, and have been taking care of the ball offensively.

"Each game we got a little bet-

ter," he added. The team meets the Hanover-Horton Comets on Friday night

on the home court, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

## High school cheer teams prepare for competitive season

■ Hard work and lots of energy make teams ready to compete.

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand

Twenty-three girls and one boy make up the four cheering squads at Manchester High School this winter.

All team members participate in one level of sideline cheering at basketball games and one level of competitive cheering. The sideline teams are divided up with 13 on varsity and 11 on junior varsity, and the competitive teams are evened out to 14 and 10.

This year, the competitive teams will face their winter season tournaments after the holiday break, said coach Carmen Williams, who is in her second year with the Manchester cheer

Cheerleaders include Megan ·Coutts, Jen Schulze, Amy Ervin, Cara Callaway, Mandy Carey, Nikki Minder. Briana Nici Forner, Lauren Miller, Heather Walter, Ashley Farr, Heather Deacons, Cori Ahrens, Amanda June, Jessica Curts. Kelly McCarthy, Mary Wallis, Katie Ochs, April Dondero, Andrew Coutts. Siero. Heather Garrison and

Catherine Fageros.

Having a boy on the cheer team is something new for Manchester cheerleaders.

"That's one of our biggest changes this year," Williams said. "I haven't had that before. He's pretty strong and a lot taller than most of the girls, so he can help put up the stunts.

"He's strong in that area and everything is going pretty well." As the younger brother of two cheerleaders, Amanda (2000) and Megan (a senior this year), Coutts grew up watching cheerleading.

"He liked having all the attention at the games," Williams said. "He'll be a real asset to the competitive team, too,"

Williams said that Coutts helps out a lot of the girls on the competitive junior varsity team.

"Many of them haven't done this before and they aren't experienced in stunting," she said. The girls who are flyers on top feel really confident with him."

The Oakland-Macomb Open is the first competition of the season, held on Jan. 25.

"We will do two different rounds-the first one is our leadership round, without any stunts and gymnastics." stunts and gymnastics." Williams said. "The second round is creative.

"In that round we do dancing.

stunts, gymnastics and every-

The second competition of the season, the Panther Classic, will be held in DeWitt on Feb. 16.

This is pretty much the same the first competition at Oakland-Macomb," Williams

Back-to-back with the Panther Classic, the Dutch will host the Cascades Conference competition on Feb. 20.

"This is similar to the first competition, except that there will be individual competition,' Williams explained. "Each team will get to nominate three girls to do a cheer on their own."

These cheerleaders will be up for all-conference awards or honorable mention.

The team works hard, practicing four days per week plus two games in a normal week.

"During the games, the girls get practice in getting in front of people," Williams said. "During half-time we practice and perform the dance routines that we'll be using at competition."

Everyone who is on the sideline teams is on one of the other of the competitive teams, she explained. This is the first year that the district has had two teams in competition.

"Last season I combined the two groups and had just one

Varsity sideline cheerleaders include Cara Callaway (front, left), Ashley Farr, Heather Deacons, Megan Coutts, Jen Schulze; Nikki Minder (middle, left), Briana Clark, Amy Ervin, Cori Ahrens; Mandy Carey (back, left), Heather Walter, Nici Forner, Lauren Miller.

competitive team, but this year responsible group, and captains I'm trying two," she said. "It's on varsity to whom I can dele-

kind of new, but I have a very gate some of the responsibility."

This year's captains are seniors Jen Schulze, Megan

# Seventh-grade hoops team on a winning season roll



Coach Curt Fielder (back, left), Brent Roberts, Ryan Maki, Jake LaCross, Zach Benedict and Jake Neal.

Loud. Jake LaCross, Brent

Roberts, Kevin Fielder, Jake

Neal, Weston and Kyle Clark.

Andrew Tindall, Ryan Maki,

Mike Schneider. Zach Benedict.

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"A unique thing about this

group of kids, is that we've had

contributions from every play-

er." Fielder said. "I think in

almost every one of our games.

11 or 12 kids score, and at the

make up this year's team.

Seventh grade basketball team includes Andrew Tindall (front, left), Kyle Clark, Ryan Galaska, Mike Schneider, Kevin Fielder; Alex Kastanis (middle, left), Weston Clark, Nick Ball, Nick Loud, David Ball;

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seventh grade level, that's very

As an experienced coach. Fielder knows that there are years when several players will not make a basket all year.

"But this is a balanced squad," he said. "We send the kids in, in groups of five. There's not a tremendous difference in the quality of play with any of

"Most of the games have been one-sided, so we just rotate freely.

The team's sole loss this season was a three-point decision against the Napoleon Pirates.

"It was a hard-fought game and very exciting," Fielder said. "We just came out on the short end.

Fielder predicts a lot of good

over the coming years. This week the Dutch faced Addison on Wednesday

battles between these two teams

Michigan Center on Monday and came home for a game against

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## Nick and David Ball, Nick Kirk Excavating

The team has 15 eager players. ach of whom has made butions this year, Fielder said.

Horton's home court.

■ Team is 7-1 for the

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand

coach Curt Fielder said of his

The team's season, which

began in early November, is

rapidly drawing to a close and will conclude next week. The youngest Dutchmen will have their final home game on Monday against Grass Lake and will end the season on the road as they meet on Hanover-

seventh-grade

season.

Associate Editor

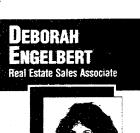
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# Dear Santa...

# Children's letters continue to inspire hope in giving season

Dear Santa

I would like to have for Christmas

A new Barbie Jammin' Draw Barbie Studio Popples A remote control puppy

Watersplash power puff I am in Kindergarten so my mommy is writing this. I will leave you cheese again, because you always eat it all, and carrots for your reindeer. I am trying to be so good, but sometimes it is very hard as I am very excited. Please be careful this year. Tell Mrs. Claus Hi.

I love you

Joann Wenger Joseph Wenger

Manchester Dear Santa

I would like The Wiggling Highway

Jack Stone Legos Jammin' Draw Leapfrog Pad

Watch Harry Potter Power Castle Alarm Clock

K'nex Batmar

My mommy is writing this because I am in Kindergarten. I will leave you cheese and the reindeer will have carrots. It is so hard to be good as I am very excited, but I am trying very Hard. Please tell Mrs Claus Hi. I love you Joseph Wenger

Holden Knapp Manchester

Thank you for my presents last year. This year I would like a Rumble Robot, Bop It Extreme. I would like these very much.

Love your friend, Holden Knapp

Luke James Evangelista South Lvon

Dear Santa Claus,

I have been a good boy all year long. Please bring me some toys. I would like some cars and

Also, my Mom and Dad and baby sister have been good too. And by the way Santa, I'm going potty on the toilet now! Doesn't that make you proud of me?

Merry Christmas to you from

Rachel Anne Evangelista

Dear Santa.

My grandma is writing this letter for me because I am only 8 months old. She has told me a lot about Christmas and how I need to be a good girl so you will come down my chimney and bring me a present.

Well Santa, I am here to tell you that I have been good since the day I was born! I only cry if I'm wet or hungry. I take my naps and I go to bed by 8:00 p.m. every night.

This will be my first Christmas Santa, and even though I'm still a baby myself, I would be happy to find a baby doll and maybe a cradle under my tree this year.

Oh Santa, my name is: Rachel Anne Evangelista

Tristan Fuqua Dear Santa,

Hi, my name is Tristan Fuqua. I have been a very good boy this year. Will you please bring me all of the things on my list? They

Ride on tractor Monsters Inc HQ Play set Hot Wheels Fire Ball Monsters Inc. Sully Dinosaur Bob the Builder Talking Bob Bob the Builder Talking Scoop Leap Frog Leap Pad Jumper Animal play set My first games - Puppy Racers Radio controlled jeep Tonka - Dusty Talking Tool

Bench Home Depot wooden kits Chainsaw tool set Home Depot mighty loader

games: Computer Monster Inc./Jurassic Movies

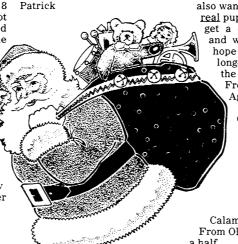
If you bring me the things on my list, I promise to do what Grandma and Papa tell me to do. I also promise to stay dry every

I hope that you and your raindeer have fun on your Christmas trip.

Love. Tristan F.

Patrick McGovern

Crayons Game Boy game I am a 5-year-old boy.



Kelsey McGovern Manchester

Dear Santa Dress Tent Pink Barbie bike Sun glasses

Car Pony Tractor I am a five-year-old girl. Kelsey

Emma Greene Manchester Dear Santa.

bar to do flips on. I also want a trampoline. I really wanted the bars and the trampoline, but I also want a pog-go stick. And a real puppy. I hope Maisie will

get a dog bone, tug-of-war, and whatever she wants. I hope that the U.S.A. will no longer have to worry about the terrorists.

From Emma Greene Age: 8 years old

> Olivia Greene Manchester

Dear Santa for Christmas I want a real puppy and a puppy with a black back. I saw the puppy with the black back at

Calamity Janes. From Olivia Greene age six in a half

P.S. and I want two dogs From my twin. Merry Christmas Santa

Natalie Horning Manchester

Dear Santa.

My name is Natalie horning. I am 6 years old. For Christmas I would like a "Bratz" doll. Diva star, Twilight Fairy Barbie. Barbie Magic Key house, a book on magic tricks and some magic playing cards. I also would like some clothes for me and some for my doll.

I hope you have a nice

**Mason Horning** Manchester

Dear Santa, Hi. My name is Mason. I am 3 years old. For Christmas I would like a Thomas the Tank Engine train set, a Bob the Builder video, Bob the Builder Legos,

and a surprise. Have a merry Christmas. Love,

Mason Horning

**Austin Hamilton** Manchester

Dear Santa.

My cousin is writing this for me. I would like Play Station II but if you don't have enough money because there are so many kids, anything will do. Have a Merry Christmas and get lots of rest.

Love.

Austin Hamilton

**Maddy Hamilton** Manchester

Dear Santa, I'm writing for my cousin. She is 4 years old.

This is what she would like for Christmas.

Barbie Jeep, a fish, a teddy bear, a doll house, new play

phone, clothes, baby, candles table cloth, make up, roller skates, scooter. Thank you. I don't need all of these things just some ideas. Love

Maddy Hamilton

Abbie Hamilton Manchester

Dear Santa.

I'm writing for my cousin Abbegail. She is 2 years old. She wants a Barbie jeep, play house, make up, some new clothes, pink socks, new barbie's, new shoes, new bell bottom pants, play phones, tea set for Christmas.

Thank you.

Abbie Hamilton

Charlie Ray Steffens Manchester

Dear Santa, Hi, my name is Charlie. I have

been a pretty good boy this year. Here is a list of the things I would like for Christmas. My mom says you will probably bring me a lot of toys, but maybe not everything.

Good luck flying your reindeer on Christmas Eve. Tell Rhudolf I said "Hi!" We have a book about Rhudolf. Here is my list: Jack Stone Lego set.

See SANTA -- Page 5-B

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A public service of this new

# Michigan cultural tour recognized as a model project

■ National Trust highlights Humanities Council project

A new publication, "Share Your Heritage: Cultural Heritage Tourism Success Stories," from the National Trust for Historic Preservation has recognized Michigan's Great Outdoors Culture Tour as one of two dozen "model" projects nationally, the only Michigan cultural tourism project featured.

The program is highlighted in a six-page, full-color article, "A Niche in the Northwoods: Michigan's Great Outdoors Culture Tour." The partnership project is sponsored by Michigan Humanities Council and the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs with Michigan State Parks, National Forests, National Parks and community cultural groups.

"The stories in this publication represent the results of an intensive search and review process to identify exemplary programs that can serve as models for others," wrote Kenneth I. Chenault, Chairman and CEO of American Express Company, whose grant supported the publication. "We hope that these 'how-to' stories will serve to inspire and guide many other cultural heritage tourism programs and projects."

Frank Ettawageshik, chair of Michigan Humanities Council, said, "Michigan's Great Outdoors Culture Tour has been a very effective program in raising the public's awareness of heritage and culture. Taking the next step in cultural tourism by presenting the Humanities in collaboration with a wide variety of partnerships has proved successful."

Each summer since 1998. Michigan's Great Outdoors Culture Tour has fielded a sixweek series of 84 to 94 live programs that celebrate the colorful stories, cultural heritage and traditions of the state's north woods and Great Lakes for audiences of campers, tourists and local residents. These presentations are

offered at parks and recreation of northern Lower Michigan and the Upper Peninsula. Programs take place from July 1 through mid-August.

storytellers, Musicians. dancers, artists and poets, historical role-players and interpreters of ethnic culture have educated and entertained more than 28,000 people with the fascinating adventures of Great Lakes mariners, voyageurs and fur traders and lives and customs of immigrant settlers, legendary miners and hardy lumber jacks. It also has featured the traditional ways and rich culture of Native American peoples, and natural heritage and scenic beauty of the Great Lakes State.

Audiences soak up local history and culture at the one-hour evening programs in casual and picturesque outdoor settings, according to Nancy Mathews, director of community programs for Michigan Humanities Council and Culture Tour coordinator. They come away from the experi-

ence with a greater appreciation areas and in small communities · of the contributions, sacrifices, values and lifestyles of people, past and present, associated with their vacation destinations.

Touring performers likewise gather and research new material from the field in northern Michigan and have turned what they collect on their trips into new songs, stories and characters for their year-round repertoire. even producing CDs and audio tapes as a result of their Culture Tour participation.

Presenters for the 2001 sum-

mer series included musicians Wanda Degen of East Lansing. John Berquist and Lee Murdock of Chicago, the Dodworth Saxhorn Band of southeastern Michigan, Kitty Donohoe of Ypsilanti, Dan Hall of Grand Blanc, Tom Hodgson of Chelsea. Corinne Rockow of Marquette. Song of the Lakes of the Grand Traverse area, and Neil Woodward of Howell. Storytellers Patty Clark of Charlevoix, Larry Massie of Allegan, Genot Picor of Macomb.

Barbara Schutzgruber of Ann Arbor, Jenifer Ivinskas Strauss of Hastings and bard Terry Wooten of Kewadin also participated in the tour.

The Mme. Cadillac Dancers of Detroit, historical roleplayer Michael Deren of Ann Arbor and Native American presenters Anny Hubbard of Sault Ste. Marie and Judy and Jim St. Arnold of Ironwood rounded out

Support for Michigan's Great Outdoors Culture Tour activities has come from the sponsoring councils, host organizations and interpretive associations and corporate sponsors like Mead Paper Division and Consumers Energy.

Michigan's Great Outdoors Culture Tour also received the "Window on the Past" national heritage award from the Chief of the USDA-Forest Service for "innovative work in bringing Michigan artisans together with the public to showcase natural and cultural heritage." It also was a finalist this

fall for a Travel Industry Association 2001 Odyssey Award for Cultural Heritage

For more information on the 'Share Your Heritage" publication, contact the National Trust for Historic Preservation, 1785 Massachusetts Ave. NW. Washington DC 20036 or call 202/588-6000.

Contact Michigan Humanities Council at 517/372-7770 to receive the upcoming Michigan's Great Outdoors Culture Tour schedule when it is available in April. Information about the program is also found on the council's web site: http://michiganhumanities.org or is available from the coordinator at the council's northern office, 906/789-9471.

Michigan Humanities council. founded in 1974, is the state's private, non-profit affiliate of the National Endowment for the

# Audubon society invites enthusiasts to annual bird count

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand Associate Editor

The Audubon Society calls upon volunteers in the Clinton and Manchester areas to join with birders across the western hemisphere and participate in one of its winter-time traditions.

The seventh annual Christmas

Bird Count (CBC) in the local area will take place in a 15-mile circle that is centered just northwest of Clinton and which includes all or parts of Clinton. Manchester. Newburg. Pentecost. Sharon Hollow and Tipton, as well as much of the surrounding rural areas. The Clinton-area CBC is the count that would be most convenient for local birders to participate.

For more information or directions to the count, contact John Farmer, in Milan, at (734) 439-1297 or farmerj@milan.k12.mi.us.

The Christmas bird count began over a century ago when 27 conservationists in 25 localities. led by ornithologist Frank Chapman, changed the course of history. ornithological Christmas Day 1900, Chapman and a small group of conservationists initiated an alternative

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activity to the holiday practice typical of the time period.

The 'side hunt,' was an activity in which teams competed to see who could shoot the most birds and small animals. Instead of hunting. Chapman proposed to count the birds they saw, thus founding one of the most significant citizen-based conservation efforts which has lasted for more than a century.

Apart from its attraction as a social, sporting, and competitive event, the CBC reveals scientific information on the winter distributions of various bird species. The CBC is important in monitoring the status of resident and migratory birds cross the Western Hemisphere.

The data, 100 percent volunteer generated, have become a crucial part of the U.S. Government's natural history monitoring database.

In it's 102nd year. CBC is now larger than ever, expanding its geographical range and accumulating valuable scientific data.

"Backed with over-a-century of observations. Christmas Bird Count is the longest running vol unteer-based bird census, spanning three human generations. said Geoff LeBaron, Director of Christmas Bird Count. "The CBC has evolved into a powerful: and important tool, one probably inconceivable to any of the 27 participants on the first Christmas Bird Count."

Accumulated data from the becomes increasingly important as a way of monitoring the status of early winter bird populations as well as the overall health of the environment. LeBaron added that with the growing value of the count. it seems likely that today's participants cannot fathom the value of their efforts in the next century.

Today, more than 50,000 volunteers from all 50 states, every Canadian province, parts of Central and South America. Bermuda, the West Indies and Pacific islands count and record every individual bird and bird species seen during one 24-hour calendar day. More than 1.800 individual count circles will be covered during a two-and-a-half week official count period.

Each group has a designated circle 15 miles in diameterabout 177 square miles-where they try to census as much ground as possible within a day.

Last season, in the 101st count. Bird Studies Canada, a leading and respected not-for-profit conservation organization became involved in the CBC. With Bird Studies Canada's involvement, a new record high of 1.880 individual counts made up the Christmas Bird Count last year.

The "Clinton Circle," which extends approximately from Tecumseh to Sharon Hollow north of Manchester, held their count on Dec. 17 last year and saw 27 different species, and 863 individual birds. The count in 1999 included 30 species of birds in their 15-mile circle. Because of, or perhaps in spite of last year's heavy snow fall, the count was considered a great success.

Over 54 million individual birds were counted in the CBC last year.

Count results from 1900 will be available through Audubon's website www.audubon.org. and are available at BirdSource www.birdsource.org. a collaborative project of the Audubon and the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology. Counts are open to birders of all skill levels. The designated CBC compiler for each count will enter data at Audubon www.audubon.org or Bird Studies Canada www.bsc-

eoc.org. where the 102nd Count results will be viewable in near real-time.

Founded in 1905 and supported by 600,000 members in more than 500 chapters throughout the Americas, the National Audubon Society conserves and restores natural ecosystems, focusing on birds and other wildlife and their habitats for the benefit of humanity and the Earth's biological diversity

#### **SHARON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION** Public Hearing and Meeting

On Thursday, December 20, 2001, at 8:00 p.m. EST, at the Sharon Township Hall. 18010 Pleasant Lake Road, the Sharon Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing to receive comments on the following proposals:

• An amendment to the Sharon Township Zoning Ordinance, Article 23.04A, that

would allow for approval of some expansions of non-conformities by the Zoning Administrator, in addition to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

An amendment to the Sharon township Zoning Ordinance, replacing Article 3.13 with a new section setting standards for single-family dwelling.
 Written comments may be sent to Shannon Fleck, Chair, Sharon Township Plan-

ning Commission, 10592 Chelsea-Manchester Road, Manchester, Michigan 48158. and must be received by Dec. 19, 2001. The Sharon Township Zoning Ordinance, the Plan and copies of the proposals, may be reviewed, and the Ordinance purchased, by appointment, through Teri Aluto.

Sharon Township Clerk, Call 428-7002. The regular meeting of the Commission will commence immediately following the Public Hearings.

Sharon Township Planning Commission Shannon Fleck, Chair

SHARON TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS OF BOARD MEETING

**NOVEMBER 1, 2001** 

Supervisor Blades called the meeting to order at 8:05 P.M. with the following Board members present: Aiuto, Chizmar, and Kappler and Lavender. There were Chizmar attended a meeting and due to many recommendations from the meet-

ing, he amended the Sharon Township land split application. Motion from Chizmar. supported by Lavender to adopt the amended Sharon Township land split applica-

The 10/4/01 and the 10/24/01 minutes were approved. There was one public

The Treasurer's report for August and September were approved. The Clerk pre-

Aiuto stated that she had received Campbell, Kusterer & Co., P.C.'s audit engage-

ment letter. She stated she had received a proposal from Post, Smythe, Lutz and

Ziel, LLP, which was considerably higher. Motion by Blades, supported by Lavender

to sign the audit engagement letter from Campbell, Kusterer & Co. P.C. Motion car-

The Board discussed the Ellis/Duvall lawsuit. Motion by Lavender, supported by Kappler to pursue it as a civil burden of proof vs. a criminal. Motion carried.

Teri L. Aluto, Sharon Township Clerk

sented bilis for payment totaling \$17,398.28. Board approved payment.

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omment and/or question.

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#### **MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE TO ALL TAXPAYERS**

New tax bills are being issued for all parcels in the Manchester School District. This is to correct a calculation error in the 1% tax administration fee. I apologize for

Claire A. Turk, Treasure Manchester Township P.O. Box 668

## **MANCHESTER VILLAGE COUNCIL AGENDA**

. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag 3. Minutes of the previous meeting

4. Approval of Agenda

5. Public Participation

a. Oid Village Hall Discussion

ZBA - 320 RIVERSIDE PUBLIC HEARING - 7:30 P.M.

# Monday, December 17, 2001, 7:00 P.M.

1. Call meeting to order

c. 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan Water and Sewer

7. New Business

a. Other 8. Correspondence

9. Committee Reports

## MANCHESTER VILLAGE COUNCIL APPROVED PROCEEDINGS NOVEMBER 19, 2001

President Schaffer called the regular meeting of the Manchester Village Council to order at 7:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Council members pre sent: Conaway, DuRussel, Dzengeleski, Marshall, Schaffer, Vailiiencourt, and Way. Also present: Manager Wallace, Clerk Schaible, Dieter Heren-WCSD, Ken Rogge. Don Limpert, Joan Berry, Marion Ahrens, George Daubner, John Newman The minutes of the November 5, 2001 regular meeting were approved as amend-

ed. The proceedings of the November 5, 2001 regular meeting were approved as

The minutes of the November 5, 2001 closed session were approved as pre-

The Agenda was approved as amended PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
George Daubner asked about the status of the old DPW property. President

Schaffer replied that the sale of that property is a future project. It has been appraised. President Schaffer introduced Don Limpert and accepted his letter of resignation from the Manchester District Library Board with regret. Schaffer thanked impert for all his effort and his excellent representation of the people of Manchester. Council appointed John Newman to the District Library Board effective January 1, 2002

ACT 425 PRESENTATION - Manager Wallace reported that he had met with Sharon Township Supervisor, Gary Blades to discuss potential 425 agreements. Another meeting will be held to continue the discussion.

WEXFORD FINAL SITE PLAN REVIEW SERVICES - TETRA-TECH - Motion to WEXFORD FINAL SITE PLAN REVIEW SERVICES - TETRA-TECH - Motion to authorize the Village Manager to approve up to \$5,000 to Tetra-Tech for work per

formed by them in the Wexford final site plan review, to be billed back to Wexford. MANAGER REPORT - motion to authorized Wallace to approve the Krieghoff Lenawee Co. final bill of \$22,733.00 carried. Wallace reported that the audit

gone well and that the Village is in good financial shape. Dam inspections have been avorable with some minor work suggestions.

The Planning Commission will kick off the General Development Plan update process November 20th. The Historical Society plans to have an answer to the Village by November 29th as to their interest in the old Village Hall. There being no further business President Schaffer adjourned the meeting at

> Respectfully Submitted Julie A. Schaible Manchester Village Clerk

## Approved by Gary Blades, Supervisor BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS NOVEMBER 21, 2001

Present: Peacock, Wahl, Weidmayer and Spaller Absent: Parr

The meeting was adjourned at 10:28 P.M.

Attendance: 7

Supervisor opened the meeting at 7:30 P.M. with all board in attendance except rustee Parr. Board added additions and corrections to the agenda.

Public comments consisted of discussion on the recycle for the township and when will tax payers have a self supportive program. Comments were made by the poard of the history of the recycle program.

Board reviewed the minutes of the October 17 & 23 meetings and made correc-

ions to the minutes.

Treasurer reported a balance on hand being \$151,694,12. Bills were paid for the evening totaling \$16,338,19. Under Priority Business the board heard a report from Stansley Mineral Resources with Chip Tokar presenting, Board discussed with the company several nesodices with Chip tokat presenting, board discusses with the company several issues which included; Consent Judgment, Road Easements, Mining issues, Annual

nspection and Soil Erosion concerns. Sewer System concerns were discussed regarding, requests of properties outside the sewer district, charge for future development and capacity for treatment

Supervisor reviewed with the board vacancies for committees in the township. December will be the month for these appointments.

Board reviewed a zoning violation and discussed the attorneys continued actions

Board reviewed from last meeting concerns with township roads. Police service contract will be reviewed by the attorney and ready for next month

neeting.

The village contract will be reviewed as well.

Board heard complaints about Comcast from area land owners.

Board discussed a property that will be nominated for the Brownfield Redevelopment environmental assessment.

Under other business board heard reports from, Village Tile Drain Project, town hip clean-up day. River Raisin Watershed Council and Snow removal contract. Board heard several correspondence and announcements for the month.

Reports were presented from the Planning Commission, Zoning administrator, Assessor and SWCOG.

Board approved to move into closed session at 9:45 p.m. for the purpose of land

scussion for the lagoon for the sewer system.

Board reopened the regular meeting at 10:16 p.m.

A motion was presented and approved to have two properties be appraised by a appraisal service for purposes of the sewer system.

Board adjourned at 10:20 p.m. Next meeting December 19, 2001

Karen Weidmayei Bridgewater Township Clerk

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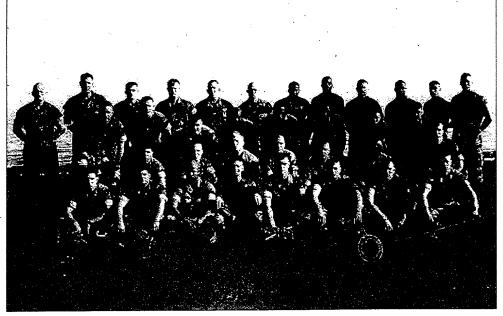


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## Village election process under way

■ Village president, three trustees to be elected in March.

#### By Marsha Johnson Chartrand Associate Editor

Didn't we just have Election Day in November?

Although most elections are held on the federally-mandated first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, the Village of Manchester holds its annual election on the second Monday of March.

This year, village voters will choose a village president and three trustees. Current Village President Jeff Schaffer has indicated he will not seek a third term. Council trustees' terms due to expire are those currently held by Pat DuRussel, Joe Marshall and Marty Way.

And it's not too early to begin thinking about running for a village office if you're interested.

Nominating petitions currently are available at the village offices, according to clerk Julie Schaible. Petitions, bearing at least 12 signatures of registered voters within the village, must be returned to Schaible at the village offices by Jan. 21, along with an affidavit of identity.

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Write-in candidates must file a declaration of intent before 4 p.m. on March 8, the Friday preceding the election.

Because the village has nonpartisan elections, there won't

"People will hear a lot about primaries in other areas, but we don't have them in the village, Schaible explained.

Although the village has more than 1,500 registered voters, turnout usually is low for village elections, especially when the vote is uncontested. But the elections must go on, regardless.

Paper ballots are hand-counted by at least three, and sometimes four, election officials who spend a 14 to 16-hour shift working at the polls. The very long day is made even longer when only a handful of people show up to cast their votes.

With the polls open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., the officials arrive between 6 and 6:30 a.m., and don't get to leave until all the votes are counted and recon-

Voters must be registered by Feb. 11 at 4:30 p.m. to be able to vote in the March 11 election. Residents may register at their local township, village or county clerk's office or at any Secretary of State branch offices.

Absentee ballots can be obtained by written request to the village clerk.

"People can sign and drop off requests at the village office at any time and I will keep them on file," Schaible said. "If the request is hand-written it needs to specify for which election the voter needs an absentee ballot."

The hallots themselves will be available within the month prior to the election and a notice will be published in the Enterprise.

Schaible would like her first election as Village Clerk to be a productive one.

"We'd like to see the voter turnout built up," she said.





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Truck. Cool shirt.

Hot Wheels Cyborg City play set. slippers Buzz Light Year (head wiggles).

books. Grinch movie.

That's all. Thank you very much Santa. Make sure to fill my Love you,

Charlie Ray P.S. I will leave you cookies and milk and carrots.

#### Keith Myers Manchester

Dear Santa

I would like a toy train and Schoolhouse and Slime robt

from Hot Wheels Thank you

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Katie Paul Manchester

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#### Ryan Paul Manchester Dear Santa.

this year for Christmas I like a Carnigie would Dimetradon, Tanystropheus, Acrocathosaurus,

Baryonyx, Deltadromeus, Diloposaururus, & a brown Tyranosaurus. I would also like a brown & green Dino - Chi. From.

RvanPaul

#### Mollie Anne Cole Manchester

Dear Santa,

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Thank you Sinserly, Mollie Anne Age 9

#### Joey Muszynski Manchester

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Joey, Age 3

(Joey helped hold the pen and dictated the letter)

#### **Emily Winalis** Manchester

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## Local student accepted to hotel-restuarant management

■ Alternative school helps senior realize her dreams.

#### By Marsha Johnson Chartrand Associate Editor

Sarah Matt, a senior at Manchester Alternative High School, has been accepted out of 4.000 applicants to the hotel and restaurant management program at the Pennsylvania Culinary Institute in Pittsburgh.

"At the end of last school year a representative from the school came to visit, and at that time I thought I'd be interested," Matt said. "In September, the school set up special interviews in Romulus because there was so much interest from students in the Detroit area."

As a result of the interview, she was invited to a senior weekend in Pittsburgh Dec. 1 and was notified last Wednesday that she was one of the accepted appli-

"The school accepts only 900 new students each year." she said. "I was worried at the beginning because I thought the odds might be against me.

But she will begin the 16month program in hotel and restaurant management on June 27, shortly after graduating from Manchester High School in

Matt, who is attending alternative school for one semester to make up some missed credits, is planning to return to the more structured environment of the main campus high school for the spring semester, so she can get used to being on a tight sched-

Manchester is just a quick stop on her way to Pittsburgh for Matt as she has only lived in the community for a little more than a year. She is the daughter of



Sarah Matt, a senior at alternative school, has been accepted to the

Dee Readé of Manchester.

After growing up in Newberry in the Upper Peninsula, Matt is eager to learn more about hotel and restaurant management with an eye toward managing a resort hotel "somewhere warm." she says with a grin.

Pennsylvania Culinary Institute.

She's hoping that kind of position will be a stepping stone to eventually owning a resort of her own.

The Pennsylvania Culinary Institute program culminates in a six-month internship and also provides a job placement after completion of the program.

"They place 98 percent of their graduates." Matt said. "I liked that. It can be hard to get a job after college, but the food industry can be very lucrative.

Her biggest concern is how she will adapt to living and working in a big city, after growing up in small towns, but she has decided that it will be good practice for her career as she says she will prefer to work

some place busy.

course Pennsylvania Culinary Institute will include business math, basic business skills, economics, cooking, mixology and other management classes.

Matt believes it was a wise choice to attend the alternative school for a semester and make up the missing credits that would have otherwise caused her to graduate a semester or a

It will help her to realize her dreams and fulfill some new goals for her life.

"It's been great, but I will need to develop some structure in my schedule," she says of her decision to return to traditional classes next semester.

Sandie Theissen, instructor at Manchester Alternative High School, says the staff is supportive of her success.

"She's a great kid." Theissen

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Helen Fisher, local artisan, has made a tradition of working with Pat Coelius' third grade class at Klager Elementary. Each year, after reading the story The Patchwork Quilt by Valerie Flourney, the class produces a quilt containing squares representing a moment in each child's life. The quilt is displayed in the classroom before each student gets to take the quilt home. Pictured: Josh Blades (front, left), Scott Wharam; Helen Fisher (back, left), Brendan Coakley, Johnny Wall, Jesse Sahakian, Devin Girbach, Isaac Wells, Halley Cook, Alex Mutchler, Dylan Neff, Alex Wallace.

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Ypsilanti High School graduate Erin Kruse, a graduate student in mechanical engineering at Michigan Technological University, recently received the Campus Campaign Graduate · Award for her outstanding commitment to service.

Kruse has been actively involved in the student community, helping to plan social and cultural events for international and American students. She formed a partnership with Michigan Tech's Graduate Student Council, which brought the two organizations together for celebrations and events.

Kruse is also working on research to develop a crane

which will enable Navy ships to safely transport cargo in rough seas.

She is the daughter of Bill Kruse of Ypsilanti and Sherry Kruse of Manchester



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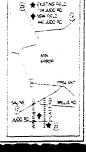
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# This is what captures the imagination

■ Local folk artist has a national reputation.

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand Associate Editor

For someone who was once told she couldn't draw, Manchester artist Chris Roberts-Antieau has proven everyone wrong.

Now a prominent folk artist. Roberts-Antieau has recently been featured on the Home and Garden Television show "Our Place." On the segment, viewers were treated to a sampling of the whimsical fabric compositions for which she has gained a national reputation.

The segment was originally aired at 9:30 a.m. on Nov. 13.

"It was a really interesting experience." she says of the filming. "We had a camera guy and sound crew in the studio for about five hours. I learned that it takes about an hour of filming to get a minute of airtime!

Roberts-Antieau has been featured in locally-produced television shows before, but this is her first on a nationwide scale.

While she has been working as a professional artist for the past 14 years, Roberts-Antieau

is very used to marketing her work and expanding her own horizons as an artist. A regular at a few highly selective juried art shows, her moments of fame on HGTV quickly and exponentially increased her audience.

"I've been told that HGTV has more than 20 million viewers."

As one of the foremost fabric artists in the country, she already works on a national scale. Her work is displayed in 70 galleries around the United States, facilitated by the presti-American Enterprises event held in

Baltimore each February.
"Galleries fly in from all over the country," she says, "and they place orders and purchase the work outright.

This is a wonderful format, to have the kind of national customer base without having to do a lot of travel.

Sharon Roberts-Antieau's Township "contemporary farmhouse" is also her studio.

"I love Manchester." she says from her studio retreat in San Diego. "I love living there. I built house five years ago and it's been great. being out in the hills, in the woods.

"The town is great, and it's

such a wonderful area to be in it helps me facili-

tate my work. I hope I never have leave Manchester.

Her home studio is a self-designed. window-lit oasis overlooking the Sharon Hills.

We did have a gallery there for a while, and little by little we phased it out," she says. "We're so busy that most of the work goes right out the door.

"We don't get a chance to hang onto pieces: but sometimes I do something I really like and then I keep

Roberts-Antieau works primarily in appliqued fabric, the medium that gave her the fame she now enjoys. However, she sketch her designs in colored pencil and also is starting to paint.

"I'm teaching myself to paint," she says. "I'm just playing right now. but I'm having a good time.

"It's fun to dabble in new media, it kind of feeds the other media, and then translates back to the fabric and drawing as well. "It all goes hand in

hand. In her first college-level art course, a professor mocked Roberts-Antieau as she created a drawing of an ink bottle in her distinctive style, rather than following a more sedate pattern like the remainder of the class.

"Who told you you could draw?" the professor asked.

She walked out of the room and never went back.

"I think it made me more determined to create." she says now. "Maybe he knew what he was doing ... it just fired me up.

"I was really young, really vulnerable. But I had a fire in the ture toys such

.. he didn't stop me. that's for sure." When her son Noah, now 25, was born, her interest in art was

rekindled. "I developed my style when he was young." Roberts-Antieau

says. "We would draw together. "It took me a few years before I got a piece of artwork out the door, though.

The first piece she ever sold was a soft-sculpture acrobat.

"It took me 24 hours to make." she recalls. "I sold it for \$18 and I was just thrilled. Those were my first baby steps.

She went out to local art fairs. marketing quilts and small soft-

as the acrobat. From Saline to St. Joseph to Saugatuck to Charlevoix, she traveled the state and built her business

Manchester artist Chris Roberts-

collection of antique painted circus

from there. A brief foray into wearable art taught Roberts-Antieau that she wanted to be an artist, not a manufacturer.

Her love for fabric art turned into the pieces that have become her hallmark: "fabric pictures" composed from carefully-cut scraps of cloth, hung in handpainted frames that are coordinated with the design of the pic-

ture within. A small local staff paints the frames and does the packing and shipping while her studio manager of five years. Laurie

handles telephone calls. organizes the shipments and generally keeps things moving.

The fanciful themes of her work are often inspired by a collection of antique painted circus posters which are displayed in her home studio. Animals. angels, people and vehicles all are fodder for her vivid imagination. And the vivid colors of her designs match the imaginative nature of the subjects.

"My vision of the world is joy-based." she says. "That's what my art is about: the joy and wonder and humor that's all around us, every day.

Chris Roberts-Antieau's website is located at www.chrisroberts-antieau.com.



Fabric artist Chris Roberts-Antieau at work in her Sharon Township home studio.





# The restaurant as modern day Roman Colosseum

■ Waiting: The True Confessions of a Waitress

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. as Debra Ginsberg points out in her book, "Waiting: The True Confessions of a Waitress. nearly 2 million people work as a waiter or waitress in the United States.

By 2006, that number is projected to increase by 200,000.

"Of course." Ginsberg writes, "this statistic only refers to current figures and says nothing about those who, at some point or other, supported themselves waiting tables before moving on to other careers. One can only imagine how large that number would be.

Such is the appeal of Ginsberg's debut: even if you've personally never depended on slinging hash to pay the rent. chances are good you know someone—a college roommate. an ex-lover, your aunt or uncle-who did. Or does.

Ginsberg's book came out shortly after the more widely known "Kitchen Confidential: Adventures in the Culinary Underbelly by Anthony Bourdain. Although that book



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was written from the perspective of a (very egotistical) chef. both books function as alternate sides of the same coin. shedding overdue light on the colorful, seamy side of the restaurant industry.

On the surface, there are many similarities. Each author represents a veteran professionalism not commonly associated with the restaurant field. and both wet their feet outside the restaurant penning novels. And both have created works that might make otherwise unsuspecting diners see their favorite haunts differently and re-evaluate the way they behave in them.

After all. Ginsberg asserts. it's rarely as simple as ordering off a menu and getting service

with a smile.

Yet one of the glaring differences between the two books is simply that Bourdain is, from a reader's standpoint, a far more eccentric character, and he inserts himself accordingly at the center of his narrative maelstrom.

Where Bourdain ricochets from one train wreck of a job to another, fending off sexually predatory prep cooks with meat forks and developing nasty drug habits. Ginsberg is a coolly detached observer of the carnival-like atmosphere of the restaurant world.

Her concerns center on family, relationships, her writing aspirations, gloomy Northwest weather, and being assigned the good sections during the dinner rush

Occasionally, this gets cumbersome, as she strays from the subject to document her own personal life in diary-like fashion. Although she writes well. the book loses momentum in the process. She does hint at a regrettable, drunken tryst with a manager, but other than that. many of her stories involve other people, or revolve around her own issues outside of the

She doesn't pretend to be invulnerable, but her detachment makes her seem dull and flat by comparison. Waiting tables, after all, is all about personalities, and Ginsberg is the central character here. Either she's not telling you everything, or she's truly better off talking about other people.

As a tableside reporter, however. Ginsberg's 20 years of waitressing experience serve her well. And she does a marvelous job of skirting the cynicism that consumes so many who work in restaurants, rarely allowing it to bubble over into anger. Instead, her acute observational skills skewer the subjects of her tales-usually the customers-the way Bourdain literally skewers a prep cook.

Ginsberg also does a fine job breaking down the various aspects of the job and examining them from an analytical perspective. For example, she correctly notes "with few exceptions (waiters) are not only waiting on tables but waiting to get out of the business.

She sheds interesting light on issues of tipping, customer psychology, and waitresses in Hollywood. Ginsberg also bal-Bureau of Labor Statistics with the observation that the general public holds waiting tables in low regard. As an example, she cites an episode of Family Feud that asked the question What occupation would you least like your wife to have?' The number one answer, of course, was wait-

Not stripper, mind you, or prostitute. she

But the book is at its pageturning best in a chapter entitled "food and sex." It is here that Ginsberg's observational and storytelling talents truly shine. Although the chapter mines similar territory of "Kitchen." the tales are invaluable for the fact they

come from a waitress; these are not stories about kitchen personnel no member of the dining public ever sees, they are about customers and the servers charged with their satisfaction.

From the hostess who returns to the podium with her dress streaked with flour, to the woman who takes matters into her own hands while the author is tableside, many of the stories fall into the truth-is-strangerthan-fiction category, and are

delicious.

So "Waiting" definitely entertains and enlightens. If you've ever waited on tables personally, some of the scenarios recounted here will bring it all back in painful. blood-boiling detail. Others may be astonished to discover the depths to which human behavior can plummet come feeding time.

Ultimately, although the book concludes with our protagonist realistically expecting to one day again pick up an apron and ordering pad, she strikes an optimistic, pragmatic tone about the profession.

"There are very few jobs that offer such direct contact with such a wide variety of people. she writes. "Those who are able to hone these skills. I feel. will be successful in whatever . field they choose, whether they stay in the restaurant business or not.

Ginsberg is a talented writer. and we hope her proclamation comes true.

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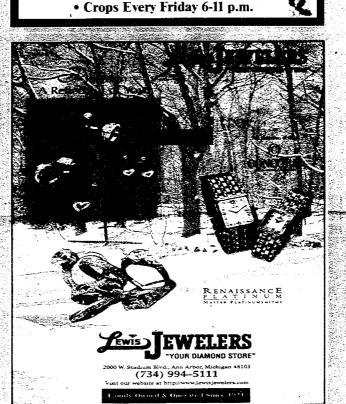


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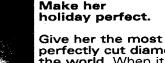
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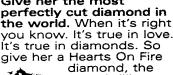
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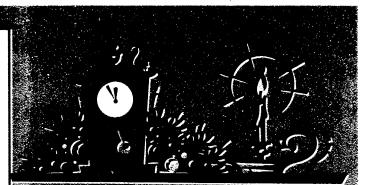
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Brown head, brown & white body. Female. 734-429-2969.

LOST- Red Australian Shepherd, North Territo-rial & Zeeb Rd on Dec. 2. Call (734) 426-5284. COST-RED CHOW CHOW, male, named Boxter near Sharon Hollow, 5. of English Rd. Very friendly to people and sadly missed. REWARD! If tound please call: (734) 428-8768.

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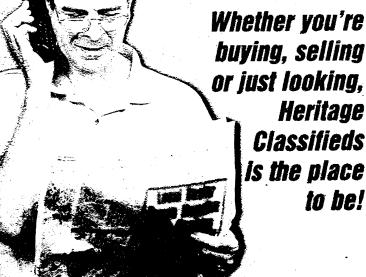
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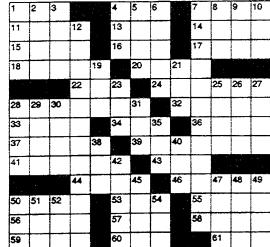
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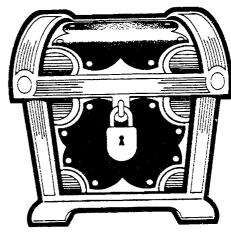
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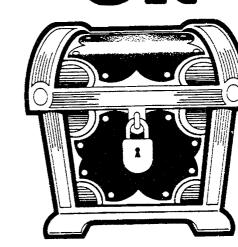
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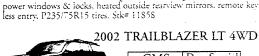
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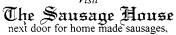
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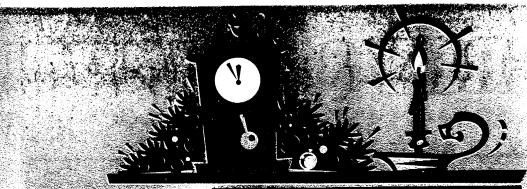
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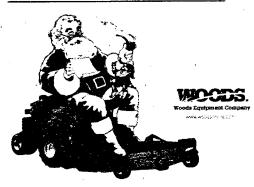
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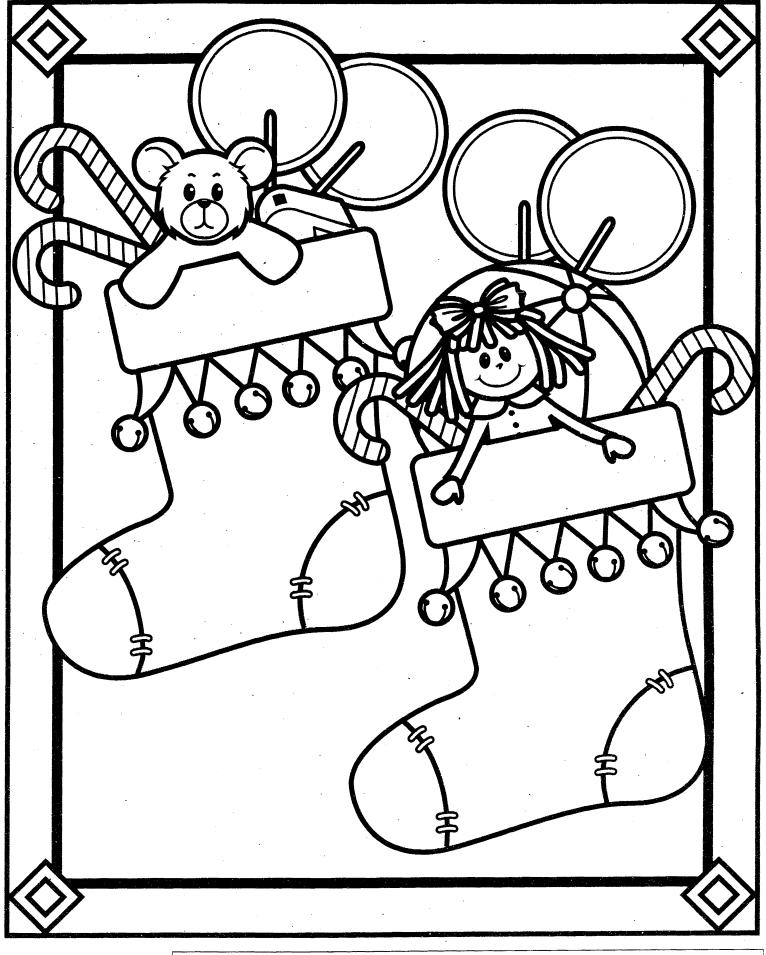


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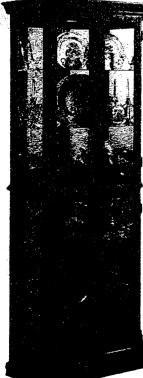
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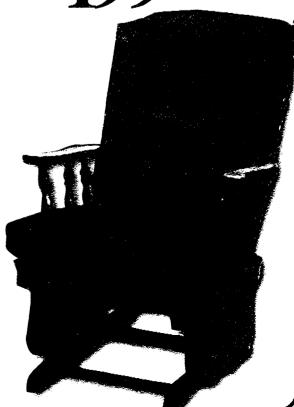


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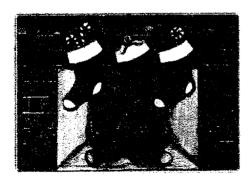


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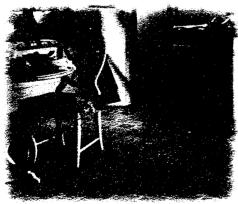
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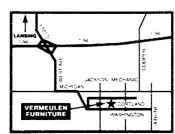
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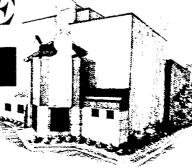


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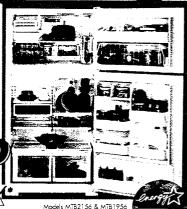
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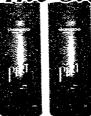


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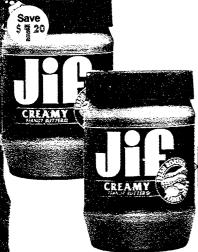
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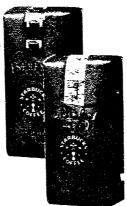
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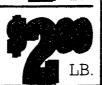
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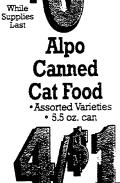
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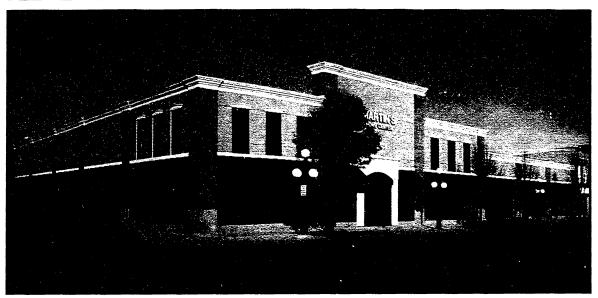
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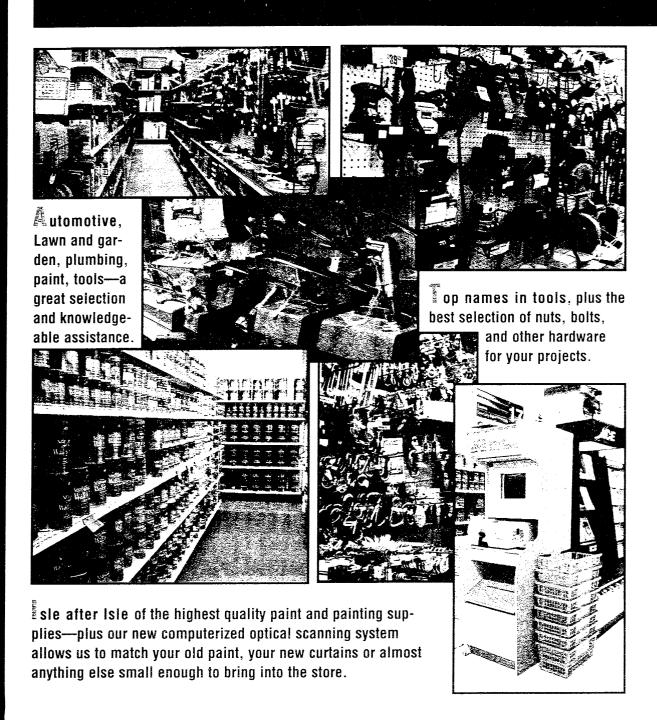




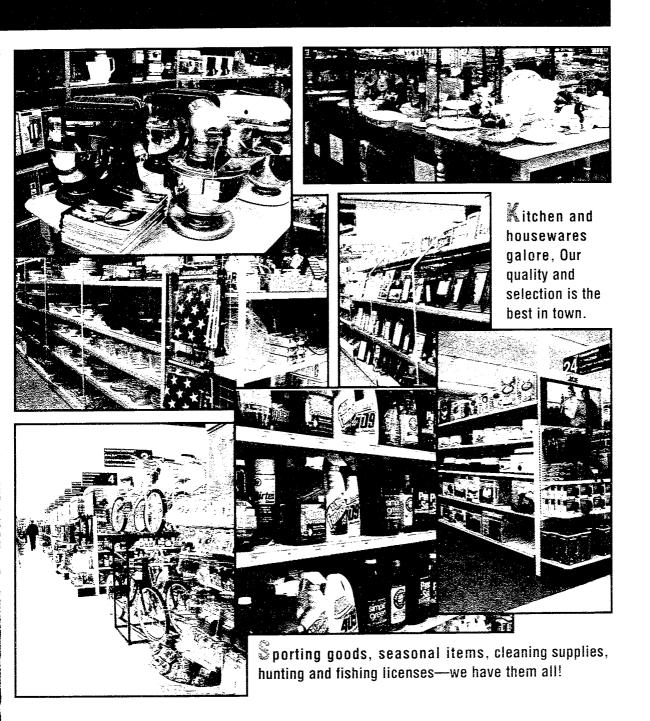


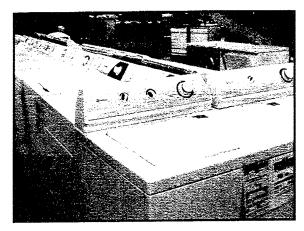
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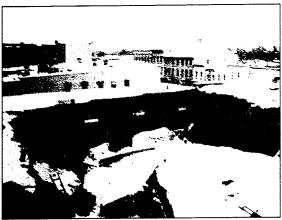
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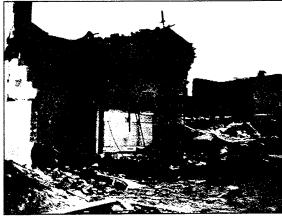


Down comes the facade along with more snow.

nly 20 minutes after closing on December 14. 2000, the roof and second floor collapsed into the main furniture showroom. Through great good fortune, no one was injured.

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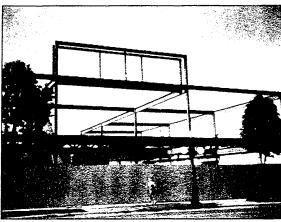


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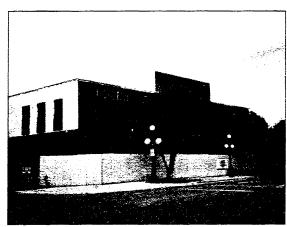
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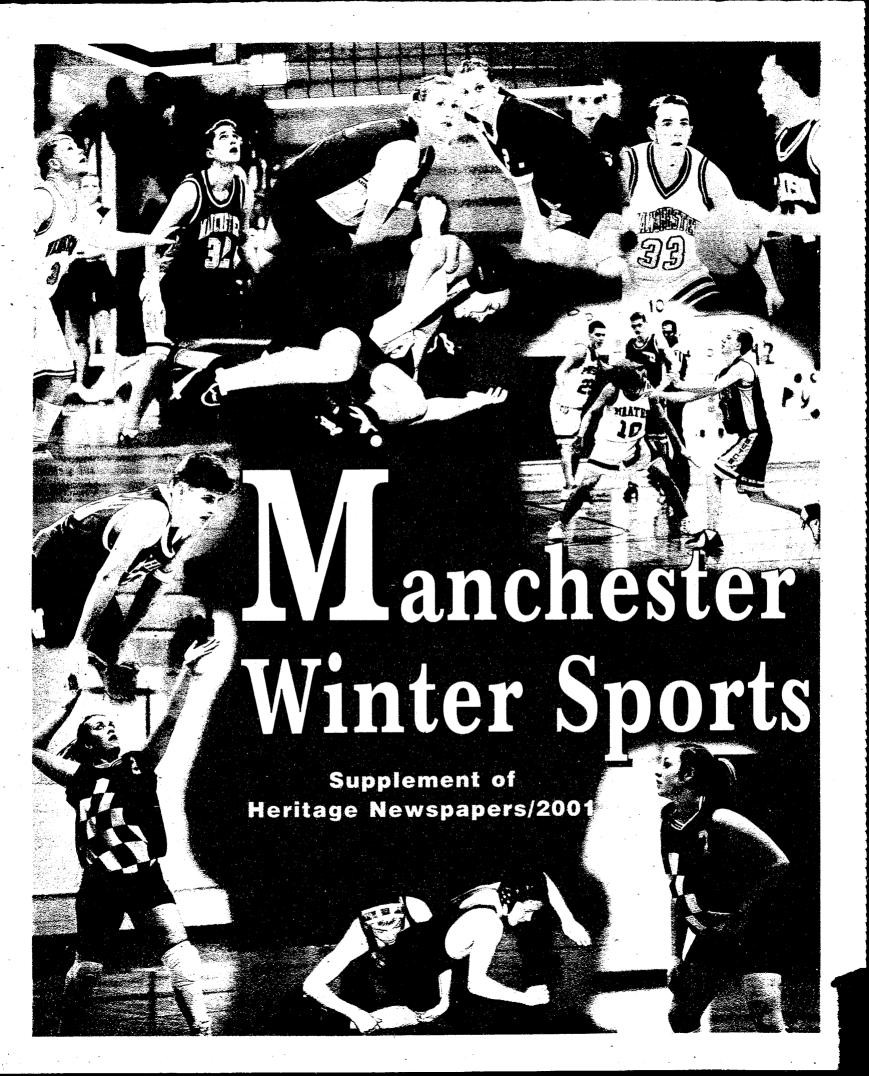
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#### VOLLEYBALL

## Bright future in store for varsity netters

Team filled with talent and experience.

#### By Marsha Johnson Chartrand

Associate Editor

Following up on a second-place finish in conference play last year, and a successful 15-16-9 overall record. Manchester varsity volleyball coach Dan Roughton is looking forward to this season's play.

"This team is very experienced." Roughton said. "Every girl that will be starting this year has started last year and already has varsity experience."

And Roughton is looking for that experience to count as the team faces a preseason tournament at Western High School this weekend.

"At the tournament we'll face a few really good teams, one being Adrian." he said. "It will be a great chance to get to play them so the girls can put themselves

Photo by David Jose Junior Liz Okey is slated to play a tough offensive game this year.

up against a larger school and see how they fare against a team that has a larger program and play all the time."

Roughton thinks that with the level of experience his team holds they should compare favorably even with the larger schools in the tournament.

"It will help them to understand what they can or cannot do," he said. "It can take away the doubts they may have coming from a smaller school.

"I'd love to play them against Adrian in that tournament, to see how good they really are."

Leading the team is third-year varsity senior Brie Hyde.

"We're looking for blocking from Brie," Roughton said. "She's a strong blocker and very good on defense."

Hyde has had the most experience of any of the girls on the team.

"She really understands what she needs to do as part of the team," Roughton added.

Senior Sarah Johnson is the team's setter and floor leader.

"She calls the plays and she's very aggressive and very competitive," Roughton said. "She brings a lot out of the rest of our team, she really draws out the good things from the other girls."

Roughton says that he expects to see a lot of offense out of senior Natalie Weidmayer.

"She's really a consistent hitter," he said. "She doesn't make too many errors and she's a confident passer."

Senior Kelli Randall, playing middle blocker, is "the exciting part of the offence," according to Roughton.

"She hits a lot of the trickier sets," he said.

Roughton said that senior Ashley Schlosser and junior Michelle Slocum would be the team's defensive leaders.

"They're both very good passers and very good in the back row," he said.

Junior Liz Okey will be a big part of the team's offense on the middle and left side. Dara Jose, another junior, is in her second year on varsity this season.

"(Dara was) one of the team leaders in blocks and kills last year." Roughton said. "We're really looking forward to having her on the court."

Two more juniors who are making their



Photo courtesy of Unforgettable Photos

Varsity volleyball players for the 2001-02 season include Natalie Weidmayer (front, left), Sarah Johnson, Ashley Schlosser, Brie Hyde, Kelli Randall; Becca Alber (middle, left), Michelle Slocum, Daisha DeLawter; Coach Dan Roughton (back, left), Dara Jose, Liz Okey and Becky Steiner.

first appearances on varsity and in fact, their first court appearances in high school, are Rebecca Alber and Becky Steiner.

"Both girls are trying as hard as they can to get caught up with the other girls," Roughton said. "They are doing a great job: I couldn't expect any more from either one of them.

"Everything they've needed to do, they have done."

Junior Daisha DeLawter is currently injured and unable to practice, but hasn't missed a practice date with her team.

"Daisha isn't even sure if she'll be able to play, but it says a lot about her attitude that she's there every day, helping out," Roughton said.

"I can't wait for her to be able to play, if not at the end of this season, for next year in her senior year."

Roughton said he is looking forward to the most enjoyable season he has had as varsity coach. Now in his third year with the varsity team, he said the program has become more established and the girls who are coming up from the junior varsity team already know the basics of the game.

"It's nice to be able to work more on skills and other aspects of the game, and not spend half the season teaching skills they can now learn at the younger levels." he said.

"They're a good team," he added. "They get along; they're friends on and off the court.

"I'm really looking forward to getting under way."

And Roughton will have the opportunity to do that in Saturday's tournament.

In addition to honing the girls' skills in playing, he looks forward to seeing what he can learn as a coach from the larger teams.

"I want to learn from it myself," he said.
"I want to see what I can bring back to
Manchester in terms of coaching skills
from the bigger teams.

"(Adrian) will be the biggest school I've coached against."



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#### VOLLEYBALL

## Junior varsity volleyball team looking good

■ Lady Dutch laden with experienced sophs.

After finishing last season with optimism for the coming year, the

mism for the coming ye ball team, coached by Sarah Twietmeyer, has a strong roster of 11 sophomore players and two freshmen.

Returning from last year's team are Jennifer Schultz, Abby LaRock, Sydni Johnson, Kim Roberts, Megan E is e n h a u e r, Chelsea Render and Abbey Preuninger.

New this year

Lianne Maly.

are sophomores Lianne Maly, Katie Sharp and Sarah Henderson.

In addition, freshman Rosalyn Harvey was pulled into the junior varsity fold and Carolyn Billetdeaux will play JV during the tournament games.

The netters began the tournament season last Saturday at Pinckney and will continue this weekend at Saline. After

a holiday break, the Junior Dutch will begin its season in an away match against Napoleon on Jan.

Last spring, as the 2001 season ended. Twietmeyer reflected on a season that showed substantial improvement from almost every player on the team. After a season



Photo by David Jose

Sophomore Sydni Johnson waits for the set-up.

Sophomore Syuni Johnson wars for the sec

filled with ups and downs, finishing with an 11-17-5 record, the team has renewed optimism for this year's schedule. The team will first appear on its own home court in a Jan. 28 match against Gabriel Richard.



Photo courtesy of Unforgettable Photos Manchester's junior varsity volleyball team includes Sarah Henderson (front, left), Kim Roberts, Katie Sharp, Jennifer Schulze; Sydni Johnson (middle, left), Chelsea Render, Megan Eisenhauer, Carolyn Billetdeaux, Coach Sarah Twietmayer (back, left), Abbey Preuninger, Abby LaRock, Rosalyn Harvey and

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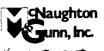
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#### WINTER SPORTS

## Sports participation is important for kids and parents

By Renee Lapham Collins

Heritage Newspapers

According to an article released by the Michigan High School Athletic Association, participation in high school sports reached record numbers last year.

Pollsters for the MHSAA reported that some 287,036 students in grades 9-12 played some sport during the school year. A record of 119,586 girls participated in sports, representing a 14 percent increase since the 1994-95 school year. Participation in boys' sports rose 8 percent, MHSAA officials said.

A USA Today newsbite printed a story Oct. 27 from the Associated "basketball Press. reporting remained the most popular high school sport for girls last school year and football again had the most participants among boys, according to an annual survey by the National Federation of State High School Associations.

The national figures and the state figures appear to match up fairly well-with the bottom line being that participation in high school sports has increased. In fact, in the same article, "There were 3.911.076 boys playing high school sports in 2000-01, the highest number since 1977-78, participation peaked at 4,367,442 with the last of the "baby boom" generation. The girls' total of 2,746,181 broke the record of 2,675,874 set in 1999-00.3

According to the MHSAA, the total number of students participating in high school sports actually represent any student in any sport-that is, if a student is playing three sports, he or she is counted three times.

"The totals count once for each sport in which an athlete participates, meaning students who are multiple sport athletes are counted more than once," said MHSAA officials.

Saline Athletic Director Ed Gall said that participation in prep sports in Saline follows the national trend, with an increase in the numbers of student athletes.

"Our philosophy guides our decision making," said Gall. "We think that is done by coaches encouraging them to do just that.'

In 1971-72, Gall indicated, there were eight sports with a total of 219 participants. In the 1999-00 school vear, the number of sports had grown to 22 with the number of participants topping 1,000. In addition, middle school sports also have grown, with the number of students participating more than doubling in the last three decades

SUCH influences as Title XI have played a part in the increase in student athletes, but also affecting those statistics-at least in Saline-is the level of parental and staff support for the kids themselves.

Saline Schools' athletic department philosophy states that "participation in athletics...is an integral part of the overall education

In short, lessons on the playing field in many ways reflect the lessons of life; sportsmanship, teamwork, fair play-all of these contribute to the success of a child as he or she grows to adulthood.

Physical fitness and conditioning also are important habits that are learned through the course of participation in athletics, whether it be cross country, wrestling, football, or baseball. There are a host of "baby boomers" now struggling with weight problems, diabetes, heart disease, and bad habits such as smoking who might have had a better chance at a more quality mid-life had they played sports or participated in a similar physical pursuit.

SURPRISINGLY, the numbers of student athletes in Milan don't measure up against the state average.

Wrestling coach Mike Betts commented that he was disappointed with the low numbers of students he has going out for wrestling. In fact, he said, coaches in Milan have trouble getting kids out to participate in practically every sport.

"There are kids walking the hallways here who I know would make excellent wrestlers," said Betts. "I would challenge the kids in Milan

kids need to play multiple sports and High to come out and try sports—any sports, not just wrestling. And I encourage other coaches to support their student athletes in playing a variety of sports."

AT THE Dec. 5 meet against Tecumseh and Brooklyn Columbia Central, for example, Betts said that there were only a handful of parents and fans who were on hand to cheer the grapplers.

"Tecumseh had a crowd there that night," Betts said. "Kids need to be supported in a program by parents. Kids need their coaches in other sports to encourage them to participate in other sports during their off

In the Manchester School District. the enrollment has fluctuated considerably since Wes Gall became athletic director. Numbers in football are higher than in any other sport, but the school population-380 this year. compared to 500 a decade agomeans there aren't as many kids to go out for sports. There also is a limited amount of space available for practices and competition, as well as fewer dollars for uniforms and other necessities.

"WE ARE limited by space," said Gall. "The current high school was built before there were girls' sports. and there just isn't the space compared to a more modern facility.'

He said that the new high school approved by voters earlier this year should not only encourage more kids to go out for sports and the development of more teams at the high school level, but also at the middle school. Moreover, he said, the new school should encourage more growth in the community, which means that the district would see an increase in both funds and population.

"I expect the new high school with its larger gym will make a big difference in the numbers," he said.

According to Gall, the Manchester Schools' philosophy is to encourage kids to play sports as part of the educational process, as well as become involved in other non-athletic activities such as clubs and organizations.

"I think one of the best ways to encourage kids to play sports is to have people on staff who also coach,' he said. "If a coach is also in the district as a teacher, he or she can see kids and invite them to try out for sports.

"In Manchester, more than half the coaches are outside the district, and some potential student athletes get lost in the crowd.

"As a phys ed teacher, part of my job is to recruit kids to play sports.'

Manchester coaches, he said, encourage kids to try other sports in the off season." One of the ways that they do this is with the annual "Three Sport Medal," which kids receive in the spring if they have participated in three different sports throughout the school year.

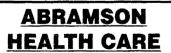
"Last spring, we had 20 girls and 27 boys receive the three-sport medal.' Gall said.

Participation in sports encourages kids to build all manner of skills that they will carry into adulthood. Sports also help kids to be more aware of fitness, good health, and how to maintain both.

But it takes more than just a talent for running, blocking, or hitting. It takes coaches who can teach and encourage, and it takes parents who can support their student athletes by watching games, driving them to practice, and making sure that they get plenty of rest.

STILL, it's up to the students themselves. The Internet, Gameboy. Playstation, DVDs, and the like can combine to distract kids from participating in organized school or club sports. Peer pressure, too, can determine whether a student goes out for cross country or wrestling.

Everyone has a role to play in a child's journey from youth to adulthood-and encouraging and supporting a youngster's efforts, whether on the baseball diamond or in the classroom-can make the difference between whether that child grows up with a host of bad habits and low selfesteem, or becomes a confident, independent, and productive citizen.



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#### BASKETBALL

## JV Dutchmen look to build on experience

"Deep" team showing defensive improvements.

#### **By Sven Gustafson**

Staff Writer

By the looks of it. Manchester coach Corey Fether is feeling pretty optimistic about this year's junior varsity Flying Dutchman basketball team.

Describing his squad as a mixed team of juniors and sophomores. Fether said the team is starting to play well together. especially on defense.

"Our key to success this year is defensive pressure." he said. "We're going to look to get up and down the court. We have an up-tempo style.

"We should be solid," he said. "We do

Napoleon and Hanover Horton should be the biggest rivals for this year's junior varsity. Last year, Fether said, these teams were the biggest competition both at freshman and junior varsity level, and at the conference.

Last year's junior Dutch squad went 15-5 overall, and finished with a share of the junior varsity league championship. thanks to a thrilling overtime victory over Napoleon.

The current roster runs 10 players deep. Juniors Craig Lane, forward: Dave Evilsizer, guard and Ryan Hendricks, center join sophomores Mike Coval at guard: Jordan Tallman, forward: Lance Aiken. guard: Jeff Miller, guard: Dan Schulte, forward: Jason Lindemann, forward and

Mike'Taddonio, forward. Fether is enthusiastic about the talent on his team.

"(Lane) will have to step up and be big in the middle for us." Fether said.
"He's going to have to crash the boards and get a lot of put back buckets.

"He's got to play big for

Evilsizer is characterized as one of the better shooters on the team.

We're going to look to him to shoot the ball and work hard defensively on the press." Fether said.

"As the tallest kid in the need we program. (Hendricks) to hit the board's hard." he continued. "He runs the floor well for a big man, and he dos a lot of great things for us on the press."

Hendricks is 67"

Of point guard Coval. "He's our main ball han-

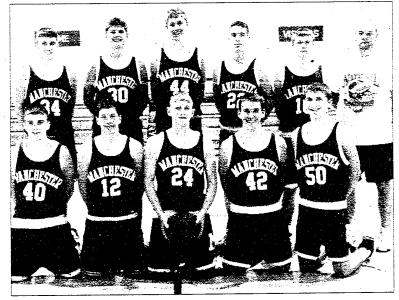


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Junior varsity Dutchmen include Mike Coval (front, left), Lance Aiken, Jeff Miller, Jason Lindemann, Mike Taddonio: Craig Lane (back, left), Jordan Tallman, Ryan Hendricks. Dan Schulte. Dave Evilsizer and coach Corey Fether.

dler, the one running the show," said Fether.

"And we're going to look to Jordan (Tallman) to score for us, and crash the boards hard.

The defensive pressure will fall to

"We're looking to him for his defensive pressure." Fether said. "Both on the press and against their better guards.

And classmate Jeff Miller will shine for the offensive team.

"We're going to look to him to score, he's going to be our best shooter on the team." Fether said.

He describes Dan Schulte as "an excel-

lent athlete.

"He's the key to our press." he said. He's all over the floor: a real hustler."

Of Jason Lindemann. Fether said. "We need him to be active on our press, again. just like Lance.

"Jason's strength is his defense and his quickness.

In the forward position, sophomore Mike Taddonio rounds out the team.

"Even for a shorter guy, we're looking for him to be a big rebounder for us." said Fether. "He's always in the right spot at the right time."

"We're definitely a very deep team." Fether added.

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ing for the junior Dutch.

Jordan Tallman is expected to keep the buckets com-

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# Last year's district champions are

■ Being prepared is new coach's motto.

#### **By Sven Gustafson**

Staff Writer

Manchester coach Bryan Barnard has some rather large shoes to fill. Barnard, last year's junior varsity coach, will attempt to build on the success that saw the varsity Dutchmen finish second in the Cascades Conference, amass a 15-5 regular season record, and defeat Ann Arbor Green Hills to become District champions for the first time since 1974.

He fills a vacancy left by Mike Quinn, who left to take a position in Gibraltar.

"What we want to do as a team, we want to kind of get everyone to understand what a team is," said Barnard, "Everyone has a certain role and if everybody does their role, we're going to be successful.

Teamwork, it seems, is a cornerstone of the Barnard era, and in that respect, Barnard will be aided by experience. Seniors Brent Leverett. Jeff Punches, Aaron LaRock, Jacob Sawyer, Mike Walter, Karl Schaible. and Casey Preuninger all return from last year. So do juniors Nate Smith. Ken Baker, Josh McCalla, and Nick Strobl.

"We have a good mix." Barnard said. "Every time you have seven seniors who've played a lot of basketball. it's going to be a situation that

"We have a lot of depth, a lot of experience and that's the key. Everyone can contribute.

Barnard wants to teach his kids to win beyond the obvious

"You might not contribute points, it might be rebounds or defensively. but everyone has something they can do." he said.

Barnard said his strategy will be to "push the ball and play a pressure defense. (We'll) get after people, put a lot of pressure on the other team. go with it and try to get some easy baskets.

"We don't want to work so hard on the offensive end ... get the game going, get some flow to the game."

In the league. Napoleon and Hanover will be the two toughest oppo-



Co-captains Mike Walter, Jeff Punches and Karl Schaible lead the Dutch in their senior year.

nents as Barnard sees it. Then there's a Christmas tournament with Chelsea, Milford and Milan.

"They're all bigger (schools) than us." he said. "It's a good thing for us because it's going to help us to play bigger schools."

Here's what Barnard looks for as keys to a successful season. Leverett: "He's going to play guard, shooting and point guard, a little of

With four years on varsity. Leve "We're just looking for some l "He needs, to contribute both defense.

Jeff Punches, another four-year of the year due to an injury.

"We're looking for a lot of good defensively," Barnard said, "He o ing away the middle of the key.

. "He's a good shot blocker and p "(LaRock) brings to us a lot of ence," said Barnard, "We're look game, scoring in the post."

LaRock, too, is a fourth-year va-Of Sawver, another player in his to move inside this year and pla before. He did a great job on it th

"Jake is probably our strongest for us this summer. We're looking

Mike-Walter has a lot of energy. "That's a good way to describe h is a great defensive player."

Walter, a second-year varsity pl "If anyone can play a lot of digood contribution for him," Barna Forward Karl Schaible is anoth

"He's a lot like Mike." Barnard We're looking for scoring from his looking for good defense.

"He's displayed that for the last Barnard looks for Preuninger.

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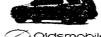




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er player with a lot of energy. said. "He's a great defensive player. m in the small forward spot, and also

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ibute in the post.

"He's got a great wingspan," Barnard
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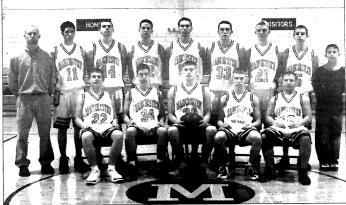
"(Smith) brings us some shooting," id Barnard. A true shooting guard who plays good

fense and hustles, Barnard called ith "a real active player." Ken Baker is playing his first year on

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We're just looking for him to conoute by a lot of hustle," Barnard said. e hustles, and he's given us a lot of ort. He's a hard-working kid and a d team player."

osh McCalla got hurt six months ago, will return to action around Dec. 14.



The Dutch varsity is filled with experience this year, with many third and fourth-year players, including Ken Baker (front, left), Mike Walter, Jeff Punches, Karl Schaible, Josh McCalli: Ocach Bryan Barnard (back, left), Nate Smith, Nick Strebl, Aaron LaRock, Casey Preuninger, Jake Smyer, Brent Leverett, Jon Schaible and manager Zach Vassay.

"If not, then hopefully soon after Christmas," Barnard said. "He's a point guard and he makes good decisions with the ball. We'll be looking for him to get people the basketball."

McCalla also is a good shooter, but Barnard says his main job is to set people up.
"He does a good job with that," he said. "He understands the game real

"He does a good job with that," he said. "He understands the game real well and is a smart player."

An inside player, Nick Strobl "has an inside-out game, shoots the three real good for a big guy," according to Barnard.

A post player at 6'3", Strobl also has a really good inside game.

"He plays real hard too," Barnard said. "He won't give anything but 100 percent all the time. He's a very intense kid when it comes to basketball."

ercent all the time, He's a very intense kid when it comes to basketball." Jon Schaible is an athletic point guard that can play shooting guard. "He gives us a good push when he's in the game," said Barnard. "That's

what he does well, and he plays great defense, too." Barnard is looking for others to step up, as well.

"We have guys who can do it," he said. "We've looked good in practice, have been really great ... everyone has a good attitude and is giving me everything they've got.

"It's exciting to be the varsity coach," he added. "It's definitely a different level as far as preparing. The biggest thing I've noticed is being prepared; it's not just the x's and o's, but a lot of other things you have to take into consideration.

"I'm excited about it," he said. Barnard also conched the team this summer, and says he had a good

feeling about that.
"I've coached all of these kids in some sport during their career, so I'm

"I've coached all of these kids in some sport during their career, so not new to them and that makes the transition pretty smooth."

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#### **VOLLEYBALL**

## New kids on the block

■ Freshman team will help build strong volleyball program.

#### By Marsha Johnson Chartrand Heritage Newspapers

The newest sports team at Manchester High School is the freshman volleyball team. coached by Beth Sodt.

Sodt. a 2000 graduate of Manchester High School and an alumnus of the varsity volleyball team, is excited about the prospects this team brings to the total volleyball program at Manchester High School.

The inaugural team consists of Carolyn Billetdeaux. Christina Copeland. Danielle Forner. Jessica Kraft. Emily Little. Amy Maisano. Kelly Schaible. Amanda Scott. Ashiey Sloat and Emilee Sweet. all members of the Class of 2005.

"Our volleyball program is very underdeveloped." Sodt said. "We're trying to grow the program by starting this team."

Sodt was asked to coach the team by varsity coach Dan Roughton and athletic director Wes Gall. She played volleyball for six years in the school's program, from seventh grade to her senior year.

Billetdeaux, characterized as the team's strongest player by Sodt, will also be playing on the junior varsity tournament schedule.

Freshman Rosalyn Harvey also was pulled up to the JV squad for a full time position on the junior varsity team.

Sodt's goals for the team are to teach the girls better passing skills and how to get along on the court. She'll have an opportunity to try out these newly-found skills at a preseason tournament Saturday at Whitmore Lake, and at a game with Adrian Madison on Dec. 20. Then the team will have a holiday hiatus until the season begins on Jan. 15.

"At the Whitmore Lake tournament, as well as in many of our games, we will be playing mostly junior varsity teams." Sodt explained. "It will be a challenge and some good practice for them.

"They have a lot of potential."

In addition to Billetdeaux's talent. Sodt said that Sweet will be a really good hit-



The freshman volley-ball team is
Manchester's newest.
Pictured are Jessica
Kraft (front. left).
Christina Copeland:
Kelly Schaible (middle. left). Amanda
Scott. Danielle
Forner: coach Beth
Sodt (back, left).
Carolyn Billetdeaux.
Emily Little. Emilee
Sweet and Ashley
Sloat.

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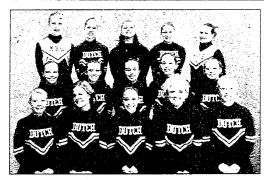
ter. Kraft will be a strong back-row player, and she will look to Schaible for strong serves

"It's going to be good for the girls to have this extra practice before they go up to JV." Sodt said. "Especially since they're playing higher level teams, they will have some good experience next year."

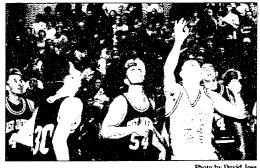
It also increases the pool of players available to the teams in coming years, a factor that will be especially important next year when the varsity team loses its five senior members.

The team will participate in five tournaments and a full range of games as the season extends through Feb. 26.

#### WINTER SPORTS



The Varsity competitive cheer team.



Though injured, co-captain Jeff Punches is expected to make a defensive comeback after the first of the year.



The Junior varsity sideline cheer team.

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#### WRESTLING

# Strategy will be the key to wrestlers' winning season

■ Small team holds plenty of promise.

#### By Marsha Johnson Chartrand Associate Editor

After losing three seniors from last year's team, including a state qualifier, Manchester wrestling coach Steve Vlcek is working with a much smaller team this year than he's had in recent years.

"I'm a little disappointed," he said. "Some of the kids didn't come out this year.

"But I know the kids we have will wrestle hard and will do really well."

Vlcek knows that with at least five open slots on his roster, the team won't be winning a lot of dual meets, unless the opposing teams also forfeit several weight classes.

"But overall, these kids will be right there to the end," he says with confidence.

At 103, freshman James Tobias looks to follow in the footsteps of his brothers Joe,

Jeremiah and Joshua, who all have excelled in the wrestling program. Two years ago, Jeremiah Tobias achieved the rank of fourtime state champion.

At the 112 mark, Vicek also is looking for good things from sophomore Dan Fleck.

Two wrestlers in the 130 weight class are junior James Meyer and senior Russ Cruz, followed by junior Josh Tobias at 135 and sophomore Joshua Knouase at 140.

Skipping a weight class, Vlcek places sophomore Austin Scott at 160 and senior Alex Kormendi at 171. In the heavy weight category, sophomore Todd Canter will build on his success from last year.

And Vlcek has a strategy for keeping his team at the top of their game, at least individually.

"We'll be looking for the best competition," Vlcek said. "If we're going to a meet where I know we don't have a good chance of winning as a team, I'll have them face the best competition.

"That will get them ready for the end of



Photo courtesy of Unforgettable Photos

Manchester wrestling has ten team members this year. Austin Scott (front, left), Josh Tobias, Russ Cruz, Dan Fleck, James Tobias; Lucas Longo (middle, left), Alex Kormendi, James Meyer, Todd Canter; Head coach Steve Vlcek (back, left), assistants Mike Bunn and Jason Woods.

the year.'

This is not the first year that Vlcek has had a lean team. The last small team he had was in 1995, when there were only eight kids.

This year, he has two seniors, Kormendi and Cruz, both of whom were regional qualifiers last year.

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#### BASKETBALL

#### Freshman cagers size up competition

#### **By Sven Gustafson**

Staff Writer

For the third year running, Manchester High School is fielding a freshman basketball team. And aside from the new faces of the ninth-grade students, this one features a new face at the helm.

Jim Krzyzaniak is the coach charged with the development of 11 freshman basketbail 'players. He takes over the job formerly occupied by Corey Fether, who now coaches the junior varsity team.

A Manchester graduate, Krzyzaniak explained that the freshman basketball team has been an on-again, off-again program.

"I think it's a needed program." he said, adding that it provides the players with good experience. "I see all 11 players getting a lot of playing time (while) they're still learning, getting them ready for the next level."

This year's freshman team consists of Caleb Bergner, Tom Breilein, RJ Layher, Andrew Little, Brett Melcher, Rodney Posky. Daniel Randall, Eric Strong, Mike Tremblay, Mark Trinkle. and Andrew Way.

Through practice, Krzyzaniak said, the kids have been working hard, and the coach is pleased with their effort.

"They're a competitive group, which I like, and I'm encouraged," he said.

Although this will be Krzyzaniak's first year coaching the freshman team at Manchester, he has previously coached basketball at the eighth grade, junior varsity and varsity levels.

"I wanted to get back into coaching, and it's working out well," he said.

The freshman Dutch opened their season with a Dec. 10 game at Sand Creek, with a 7 p.m. tip-off. They open their home season tomorrow evening as part of triple-header against the Hanover-Horton Comets. Game time for that matchup is 4 p.m.

Asked to list the team's biggest opponents, Krzyzaniak said, "I can't really say. It looks like a real balanced schedule.



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Manchester High School's freshman basketball team is developing skills that will serve them in the future. Team members are Caleb Bergner (front, left), Mark Trinkle, Andrew Way, RJ Layher, Brett Melcher, Mike Tremblay, Daniel Randall, (back, left), Eric Strong, Rodney Posky, Tom Breilein and coach Jim Krzyzaniak.

"We play 18 games, and there is a tournament over the Christmas holiday at Chelsea, against Chelsea and Milford. That will be a very competitive tournament as well." He also noted that his squad scrapped its scheduled pre-season scrimmage on Nov. 24 due to absences over Thanksgiving break.

"We will take it a game at a time," he said.





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#### **GYMNASTICS**

## Promising season ahead for gymnastics team

■ One Manchester athlete competing on co-op team.

#### By Marsha Johnson Chartrand

Although the season does not officially start until the New Year, the Manchester/Napoleon gymnastics team has been practicing since Nov. 1 to prepare for the arduous competition they'll

face from Jan. 5 to March 9.

Only one Manchester gymnast, sophomore Terre Deacons, will be participating on this year's team.

"She will be one of our top scorers this year," said Napoleon gymnastics coach Shelley Jusick. "Terre is definitely one of our solid people.

Jusick said the team

will sorely miss senior Heather Deacons of Manchester, who chose to participate in a different sport this winter season.

"We're sad to have lost Heather," Jusick said. "She was really good for us, and it's a great loss."

However, her sister should be able to shine brightly on her own this year.

"Terre is an all-around athlete, which means she'll be in all four events," Jusick said. "She's brushing up on some new skills to be used this year.'

The four events in which Deacons will participate include floor, vault, beam and uneven bars.

Jusick said the future looks great for the rest of her team, which includes co-op students from Manchester and East Jackson as well as Napoleon.

"We have four new freshmen this year which was not expected," she said. "We're very pleased to have them.

"We look as strong as we did last year, when the team tied for conference cham-

Jusick said her biggest goal is "to make sure our girls are safe and healthy.

"It's tough to keep them healthy; gymnastics is really hard on their bodies."

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- Shelley Jusick

Gymnastics coach

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from them this year.

This is Jusick's third year as coach for the combined gymnastics team, but the team has been established for many years. The co-op program has been in existence for the past six years, and this is the third year for participation Manchester athletes.

Lacking Heather Deacons, the team still has two returning seniors who are showing great promise,

lete Christina Hill. "They were always good," Jusick said with a chuckle. "I'm just looking for great

Jenny Solak and East Jackson co-op ath-

things from them this year." In addition, the team has returning conference champion and Citizen-Patriot allarea gymnast of the year, Meaghan Jusick.

"We're really expecting great things from her," Jusick said. "Last year, she qualified for state, and this year we are expecting her to place at state."

"We" includes not only Meaghan's teammates but also co-coach Kristen Kiebler-Green, who is returning for her second year with Jusick and the Napoleon gym-



Manchester sophomore Terre Deacons is the only Manchester co-op member of the Napoleon gymnastics team. Deacons, however, is expected to excel in all events this year.

nasts.

"She makes all the difference on the team," Jusick said. "She has great exper-

With a total of 12 girls on the team, there are many other returning gymnasts who look to be solid scorers for the team.

"With each season, we're improving," Jusick said

With talent and enthusiasm, the future does indeed look bright for the gymnasts.

#### WRESTLING

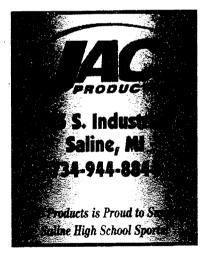
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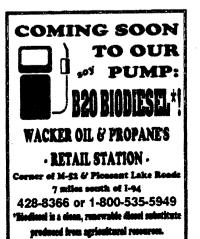
"They've been with us for all four years, and both also are closing in on the 100-win career mark." Vicek said.

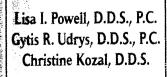
Although the team is not loaded with numbers, it certainly is loaded with talent. Vlcek said he and assistant coach Jason Woods look forward to taking more kids to the state meet this year as they face the best competition of their careers.

"I'd like to take at least three or four to state," he said.

In his 12th year of coaching, Vlcek has seen wrestiers come and go, and he is optimistic about this being a good year for Manchester wrestling. The team faces its sixth meet of the season next Wednesday against the Addison Panthers at 6:30 p.m.







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The Manchester/Napoleon gymnastics team looks forward to a good year with several strong returning gymnasts.

#### CHEERLEADING

## Middle school cheer to compete in holiday program

Enthusiasm keeps the crowd cheering.

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Associate Editor

Associate Editor
With 20 girls participating in sideline

cheering and 13 of those 20 on a competitive team, secondyear middle school cheerleading coach Katie Sondeen has her hands full.

Sondeen. a 2000 graduate of Manchester High School and an experienced cheerleader. says that this year's team is filled with "quick learners" and she looks forward to the squad's winter competition this Saturday.

"We're going to the Holiday Cheers competition that will be held at West Bloomfield High School," she said.

Last year, in the squad's first year of

competitive cheering, the middle school cheer team brought home a third-place plaque, and Sondeen is determined that this year's squad can improve on that score.

In October, the cheerleaders attended the Fall Championship competition held at Walled Lake Western High School.

where they also placed third.

"It was a very tough competition, and we also had a girl get injured that day, so it was a difficult experience."

Sondeen said, "Hopefully, we'll do much better this weekend.

"We should."

Saturday's competition will consist of one round that has a cheer section and a music section.

"Our music section is about a minute long." Sondeen explained, "and then they do stunting and dancing in addition to cheering."



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Seventh grade cheer team: Lara Wagner (front, left), Deanna Uhr; Amber Hubbard (middle, left), Sara Scharpenberg; Coach Katie Sondeen (back, left), Rachel Tucker, Elizabeth Copeland and Angie Jovanelly.



Eighth grade cheerleaders: Krystle Wilson (front, left), Kiersten Bond; Alex Breilein (second row, left), Michelle Shirk, Molly Sears, Jayne Helton; Laura Eisenhauer (third row, left) Holly Staten; Coach Katie Sondeen (back, left); Emily Ray, Danielle Simon, Misty Neely.

**66** The girls who are in competition

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- Katie Sondeen

Cheerleading coach

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This is the second time that the girls have competed in a music section, and Sondeen says that they all are excited about the prospect.

seventh-grade sideline cheer team consists of Sara Scharpenberg, Deanna Uhr, Jaimee Tobias. Jovanelly, Angela Elizabeth Copeland. Rachel Tucker, Jamie Baird, Amber Hubbard and Lara Wagner. Eighthgrade cheerleaders are Emily Ray. Molly Sears. Neely. Mistv Javne Helton, Alex Breilein,

Laura Eisenhauer. Michelle Shirk, Danielle Simon. Holly Staten. Kiersten Bond and Krystle Wilson.

The competitive cheer team is comprised of Scharpenberg. Uhr. Tobias. Baird. Ray. Sears. Neely. Helton, Staten.

Breilein, Eisenhauer, Bond and Wilson,

"It's going really well," Sondeen said of her second year in coaching. "I think it

was .good getting them to go to competition."

Last year was the first year that the middle school cheer-leaders participated in competitive cheering and Sondeen plans to continue that trend.

"The girls who are in competition say that they like cheering for the games, but

they really like competitive cheering."
Sondeen said.

"The seventh grade is doing very well for their first year," she added. "They're all pretty quick learners.

"Overall, I have a really good team this year."

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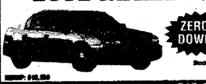
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