

# The Trumpeter



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*With deep sympathy, the MASCC,  
Inc. prints the obituary for our  
President, Bonnie Hertler.*

† REST IN PEACE, BONNIE. YOU ARE MISSED. †

**Bonnie Mae Hertler**, age 71, born on January 5, 1946, the only child of Francis and Lois (Ahrens) Heckaman, died June 17, 2017.

On August 30, 1969 she married Delmar Andrew Hertler, whom she met while they were both employed at Double A Products in Manchester, and preceded her in death on August 24, 2014.

After raising her children, Bonnie returned to work for Johnson Controls in accounting. After her career, she volunteered for the Clinton Fall Festival, Kiwanis Club of Manchester and most recently served as the president of the Manchester Area Senior Citizens Council.

Bonnie loved her family the very most. Whether it was attending her granddaughters' sporting events, babysitting, taking them on shopping sprees or picking them up on Friday night and keeping them until church on Sunday, spoiling them was all that mattered. Everyone will, but her granddaughters will especially miss her unequivocal love for them.

Bonnie is survived by her daughter, Teresa (Gary) Bross and son Andrew (Amy) Hertler. Granddaughters; Gillian and Delaney Bross and Allie and Alivia Hertler, Stepmother, Margret Heckaman, along with sisters-in-law; Dolores Church, Mary (Francis) Tirb and Kathy (Don) Brown.

Also preceding her in death were her father, Francis Heckaman, just eight weeks ago, her mother, Lois, and in-laws Harold and Viola Hertler.

## **"MEMORIES OF THE DAYS THAT WERE"**

From the September and October 1986 Trumpeter

With September again upon us, we thought you might enjoy the following. It was written circa 1944 by Emerson Hutzel (1890-1975), a 1909 graduate of Manchester High School.

I had my first experience with schools when I was about four years old. It was a cold, blustery day when Mother, Dad and I, on our way to Manchester in the bobsleigh, stopped at our district school to pick up my brother. They sent me inside to call for him, and "call for him" I did, for not being familiar with the rules of a school, I stepped inside the entry and shouted his name through the partitioning wall. Evidently my voice carried through for Miss Kirchhofer, the teacher, came out to find out what was wanted. It was some time before I got over my embarrassment.

According to the location of Dad's farm, sixty acres of which lay in Freedom, and twenty in Bridgewater, we boys should have gone to the Silver Lake district. As it was, however, the Bauer girls had insisted on taking brother Clarence with them to Short district, and naturally I followed him a year later. And here is another case where a trivial thing had a lifelong effect. In this school, there were the children of two Yankee families. I have already mentioned their influence, real or imaginary, upon the little German kids. I'm not sure, of course, but I believe that going to this school, through contacts with pupils and teachers, had something to do with my going to high school later on. The Silver Lake district, which strangely enough was to be my first school to teach after graduation from high school was very German at the time. In fact, when I taught there in 1909-1910, the youngsters used English only while in the school room. Their games were all played in German.

An important part of my district school training was played by one Minnie Randall, whom I had as teacher during the seventh and eighth grades. *(continued next page)*

**MASCC, INC. MISSION STATEMENT ...**

**TO BE OF SERVICE AND ENHANCE THE LIVES OF THE MANCHESTER AREA SENIORS.**



# SENIOR HAPPENINGS

➤ **MASCC, Inc**, lunches will not be served in July and August. We invite you back to our regular schedule of lunches on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Movin' 'n' Groovin'** is discontinued for the summer. Look for information about resuming this program in the September Trumpeter. ◀




Our next monthly **Birthday Celebration** will be in September when we will celebrate July August, and September birthdays.

The next **MASCC, Inc. Board Meeting** is **Wednesday, AUGUST 9, 2017** at 9:30a. Join Us!!


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**The Manchester Farmers Market** continues to offer produce, baked goods, plants, and fun activities each Thursday from 3:30 to 7:00 through October 26.

 With two exceptions, the events will take place at **Chi-Bro Park** north M-52. July 13 go to **Alumni Field** for the Fair/Kid's Activity Tent. August 3 meet at **Wurster Park** for old-fashioned games starting at 4p and Cake Walks for all ages from 6:30 to 7:30p.



Bring your lawn chair and a cool drink and enjoy "Family Friendly" **Gazebo Concerts** beginning at 7:30 on most Thursday evenings this summer.

Don't Forget--the **Manchester Community Fair**, at the request of the Carnival, has moved to Tuesday, July 11th to Saturday, the 15<sup>th</sup>. 



See you at the **Annual Manchester Chicken Broil** Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, from 4-8p at Alumni Memorial Field. Eat on the field while listening to live music or take your meal home.

CELEBRATE.

**150**  
years

**The Manchester Sesquicentennial Celebration** will occur August 1-8, 2017. Complete details of this event can be found on the Manchester Mirror website.

## "MEMORIES" (continued)

She was a graduate of the Ypsilanti State Normal, rather unusual for district school teachers of that day, and I got a real foundation in the subjects for that year, particularly in grammar.

Prior to that time, and this is not a reflection upon the teachers that precede her, I couldn't tell a noun from a verb, except perhaps if the former was capitalized, but by the time we had finished the second year, we were diagraming "Thanatopsis". As far as I know, I have the distinction of being the first one from this district to graduate from High school.

Along with English schooling, when we were about twelve or thirteen years old, we had to take religious instruction at Bethel Church under Rev. Paul Irion, a gruff old fellow of whom we were dreadfully afraid, and quite rightly so, for he would dispense "tattsens" (the application of a ruler on the extended palm) without much provocation. It was his habit to walk up and down the aisles striking his long black-walnut ruler against his pant leg with resounding whacks. Long and constant repetition of this caused it to split in two one day, somewhat to our relief, but our respite was only shortlived, for the ruler was quickly replaced by another whose appearance indicated quite clearly that the old Pastor knew his wood.

How I escaped receiving "tattsens" is still somewhat of a mystery to me. My closest was one day when we were having rough-house during the noon hour, while he was home at luncheon. Somehow, our guard at the door was caught napping and we were caught red-handed. Scared quite white, we slithered to our seats expecting each and every one of us to get the maximum, but nothing came of it, and I was convinced that I must have been right in thinking I saw, as he burst in upon us, a faint twinkle in his eye, reflecting that the scene he had just witnessed may have reminded him of his own boyhood days.

That a guardian angel hovers over us now and then is quite evident. One morning in the fall after a cold night or two, we were walking to German school with our lunch pails and books. When we came to Silver Lake, we found it frozen over, not very thick, perhaps less than half an inch. Kid-like we started over. We had not gone very far when we discovered several large sunfish just under the ice. We found an old plowpoint and with it proceeded to punch holes through the ice in an effort to catch some of the fish. But with each jab, the fish would move to a new place, demanding a new hole to be punched. We managed to get two or three which we placed in one of our lunch pails, having combined the lunch with another; but in our excitement in cutting the holes, we were unmindful that we were gradually weakening the ice to the point where we might easily break through. A resounding crack of the ice brought us quickly to our senses and sent us on our way. I'm quite sure we were tardy, but what became of the fish I do not remember.





# ACTIVITIES



3-Legion Cards Time-6:30 NO Bus

6-St. James UCC – Ice Cream Social  
Time-5:00 NO Bus

10-Legion Cards Time-6:00 NO Bus

13-Bethel UCC – Ice Cream Social  
Time-4:30 NO Bus

20-Chicken Broil 4-8pm NO Bus

24-Legion Cards Time-6:30 Bus-\$2.00

27-St. Mary's Ice Cream Social  
Time-5:00 Bus-\$2.00

28-Dinner Out  
Metzgers Time-5:00 Bus-\$5.00  
Knights Time-5:00 Bus-\$5.00

31-Legion Cards Time-6:30 Bus-\$2.00

3-Emanuel UCC – Ice Cream Social  
Time-5:00 Bus-\$2.00

4-Dinner Out  
Steaks Time-5:00 Bus-\$5.00  
Ruby Tuesday - 5:00 Bus-\$4.00

7-Legion Cards Time-6:30 Bus-\$2.00

11-Dinner Out  
JR's Brooklyn Time-5:00 Bus-\$4.00  
TGI Fridays Time-5:00 Bus-\$4.00

14-Shopping Time-10:00 Bus-\$5.00

14-Legion Cards Time-6:30 Bus-\$2.00

16-Lunch Out  
Coffee Cup Café Time-12:00 Bus-\$5.00  
Napoleon Café Time-12:00 Bus-\$4.00

18-Dinner Out  
Red Lobster Time-5:00 Bus-\$5.00  
Outback Time-5:00 Bus-\$5.00

21-Legion Cards Time-6:30 Bus-\$2.00

23-Lunch Out  
Coney Island Time-12:00 Bus-\$4.00  
Big Boy Time-12:00 Bus-\$4.00

25-Dinner Out  
Olive Garden AA Time-5:00 Bus-\$5.00  
Texas Road House Time-4:30 Bus-\$5.00

28-Legion Cards Time-6:30 Bus-\$2.00

30-Lunch Out  
Stivers Time-12:00 Bus-\$4.00



**THE BUS WILL NOT BE IN SERVICE  
UNTIL MONDAY, JULY 24<sup>TH</sup>.**



## Ice Cream Socials

July 6 - **St. James UCC** on south side of US12  
Just west of Saline

July 13 - **Bethel UCC** on Bethel Church Rd.  
During Fair Week

July 27 - **St. Mary Catholic Church** Main St.

August 3 - **Emanuel UCC** on Main St.





July 

- 7-2 Ethelyn Rhess
- 7-6 Robert Trent
- 7-22 Catherine Nickerson \*
- 7-22 Donna Johnson
- 7-24 Lela Watford
- 7-27 Judy Mann
- 7-31 Brenda Maisano

  
Birthdays  
of the  
Month




  
AUGUST

- 8-1 Richard Cole
- 8-4 Ted Kirsta
- 8-10 Ernest Sweeny
- 8-11 Mickey Spiess
- 8-11 Mike Miner
- 8-13 Rachel Bross
- 8-18 Helen Nimz \*
- 8-20 Evelyn Seegert
- 8-26 Mildred Stoll \*
- 8-26 Phyllis Baker \*

We are anxious to include your birthday in the **Birthdays Book**. Please call 517-673-7665 or see Margaret at a meal.



The next **Birthdays Meal** will be in September. We will celebrate July, August, and September birthdays at that time. At the end of August, watch for the September **Trumpeter** left at the various businesses in the Village, the Library, the CRC, the Wellness Center, at Fredonia, and at the Depot in Bridgewater. Look for a copy at your Church. Pam will have copies on the Bus. For many, they will also be found in the mail or as an email.

**Yoga Classes** resume  on Tuesdays September 12<sup>th</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup>, October 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup>, and November 7<sup>th</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 to 11:00a at the Manchester United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

These classes are FREE to all Seniors.

*A Happy, Healthy Summer to All!!*

*See you on the Senior Bus  
this Summer!!!*

