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Twp. plans for next year's sledding

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

It might seem like the Grinch is running the show over in Plymouth Township, but this year's ban on sledding at Plymouth Township's McClumpha Park will hopefully make next year a better one for cold weather fun.

According to Plymouth Township Director of Public Services James Anulewicz, the risks to the township are more than normal.

"We're not looking at normal liability here," Anulewicz said. "We cannot negate our liability by saying 'sledded at your own risk.' at the park."

Anulewicz said that the hill in question was not designed for sledding and there is a creek and trees at the end of the run.

"If we have sledding and we know that the hill has a problem, we would be liable," Anulewicz said. "Even if we had people sign a waiver the waiver wouldn't mean anything."

But because the township knows about the problem, the board is taking steps to remedy it.

"The board wants a design analysis of the park to plan for the future, we anticipate that adjustments can be made," Anulewicz said.

He said that to remedy the sledding problem, the hill would have to be graded or a barrier put in place to make the hill safe.

In line with the idea of looking at what can be done to make the park safe for sledding, Anulewicz said that the board

also wants to see other ideas for winter activities at the park.

"The board took the position of 'what can we do to turn this around?' and make this a positive move," Anulewicz said.

"Right now, we are taking the position that there are no bad ideas," Anulewicz said. "We need ideas from residents."

Anulewicz said that the tentative schedule for the project is to spend January and February analyzing the project, present a plan to the board in March and do the work at the park (contingent on the availability of funding) in May and June.

"There's nothing we can do about it now," Anulewicz said. "But we can get things ready so that we don't lose another season."

Holiday shopping crush



A Plymouth rescue worker moves a car off the sidewalk on Penniman Avenue. The driver of the car accidentally stepped on the gas rather than the brake. The car ended up close enough to Frameworks in Downtown Plymouth to have its headlights framed, mounted and hung on the wall. (Crier photo by Rob Kirkbride)

Lowe's honored for decades of service to community

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

A Lowe family legacy has ended. For the first time since 1967, a member of the Lowe family will not be Plymouth City Attorney at the next commission meeting.

Plymouth City Attorney Ron Lowe and his father — former City Attorney Chuck Lowe — were honored for 27 years of service to the community at the Plymouth City Commission meeting Monday.

Mayor Doug Miller said the Lowes will be missed. "It is a sad night for the city commission," he said.

Ron Lowe began his work for the city in 1982, working as city prosecutor. In 1985 he became city attorney. At the end of this year, he is moving to the judge's chair at 35th District Court — a seat he won in November's election.

Ron Lowe said he enjoyed serving the city. "I think it is most important to thank the mayor and commissioners," he said, "and the City of Plymouth. It has been a real privilege to serve this community."

Chuck Lowe served as city attorney from 1967 to 1985 — when he gave up the position to his son.

Miller said Chuck Lowe never received the thanks he deserved when he left the city attorney position in 1985. "It seems it was just a handshake," he said. "It should have been more."

Chuck Lowe said it was a pleasure working as city attorney. "Over the years," he said, "I had some mighty good commissions to work with. I thank you all."

Both father and son received a plaque from the city in appreciation for their years of service.

Agenda

THE CRIER

- The offices of The Community Crier and COMMA, will be closed at 3 p.m. today and also closed after noon on Friday in observance of the Christmas Holiday. The office will also be closed on Jan. 2, 1995. The Crier will be delivered, as usual, on Wednesdays during these weeks. Merry Christmas from the staffs of The Crier and COMMA.

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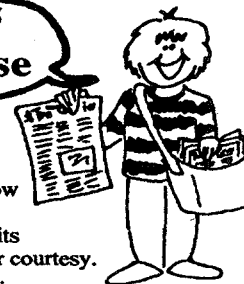
Plymouth: City Hall will be closed Friday, Dec. 23 for Christmas. Tomorrow and Thursday City Hall will only be open for payment of taxes and water bills. It will be closed on Friday, Dec. 30 for New Year's holiday, but will be open on Monday, Jan. 2.

Plymouth Township: Plymouth Township Hall will be closed on Friday, Dec. 23 and Monday, Dec. 26 for Christmas. Township Hall will also be closed Friday, Dec. 30 and Monday, Jan. 2 for New Year's.

Canton: Canton Township Hall will be closed on Friday, Dec. 23 and Monday, Dec. 26 for Christmas. Township Hall will also be closed Friday, Dec. 30 and Monday, Jan. 2 for New Year's.

Post Offices: Area post offices will be open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. through the rest of the week. They will be open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 24, but will be closed on Monday, Dec. 26 and Monday, Jan. 2.

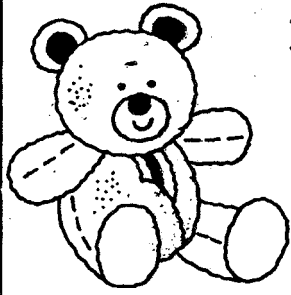
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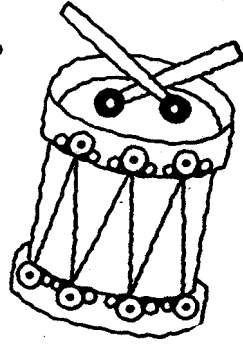
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Library accepting trustee position applications

The Plymouth District Library Board is accepting letters of application to fill a vacancy on the board.

Trustee Judy Morgan tendered her resignation on Dec. 13 and the board is look-

ing for someone to fill out her term, which will end Dec. 31, 1994.

Applicants must be citizens of Plymouth or Plymouth Township and at least 18 years of age.

Letters of interest should be sent to Pat Thomas, Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth 48170 by Jan. 20, 1995.

The board will fill the position at their February meeting

The seven member board meets monthly and is responsible for providing service at the Dunning-Hough Library.

The board also establishes library hours and policies for collections and services.

Over the next two years, the board will plan and oversee the expansion and renovation of the library as approved by the voters in the Nov. 8 election.

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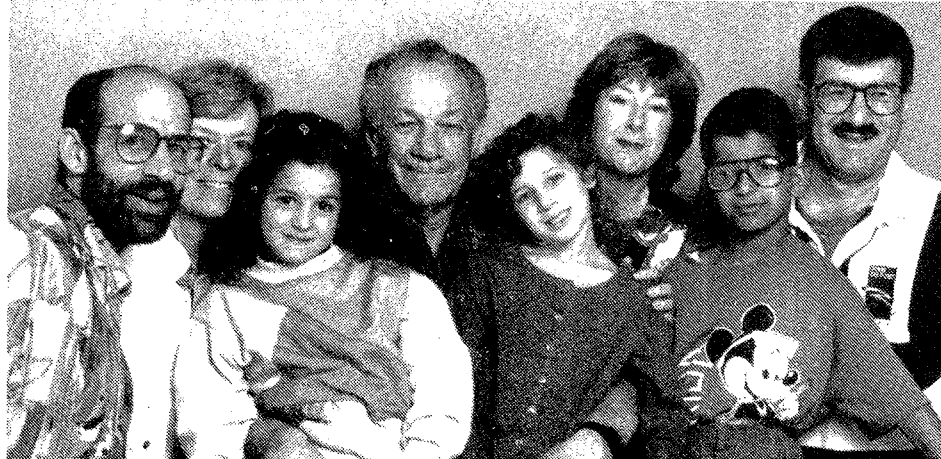
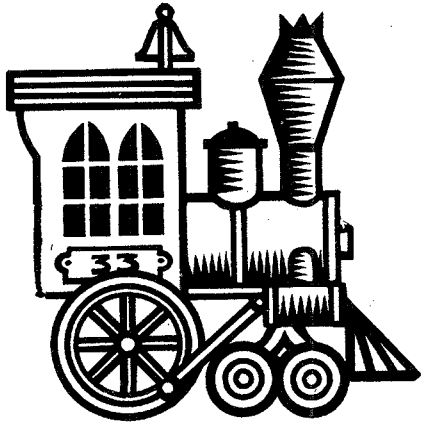
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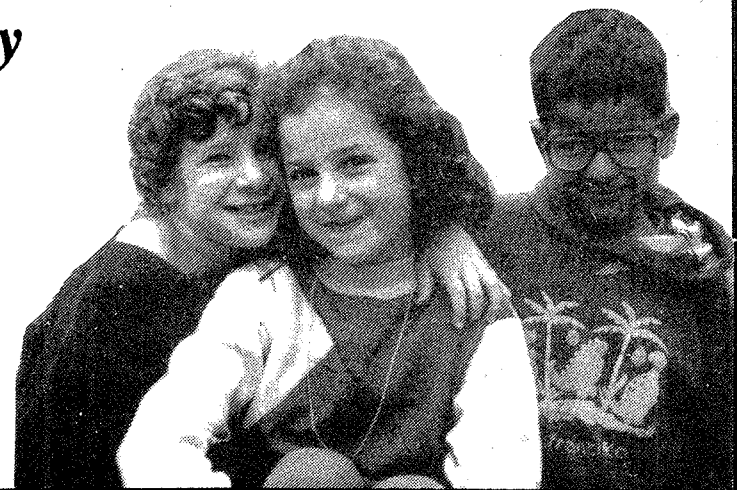
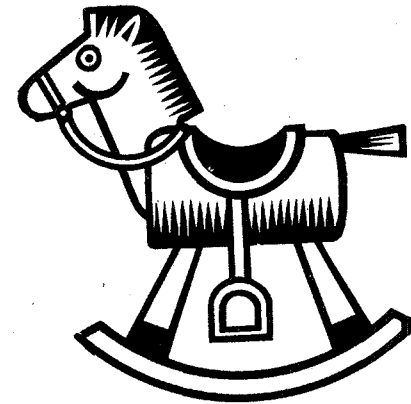
A.See the all new '95 GUIDE to Plymouth-Canton-Northville coming soon!



Marty, Gundy, Jenna, Jim, Zan, Sherry, Jamie, Mike

Seasons Greetings

*from the
James Jabara Family*



Board allows prayer group to stay at elementary

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

The Boys and Girls Bible Club will be allowed to continue to meet at Field Elementary School now that issues of separation and sponsorship have been resolved by the Plymouth-Canton School board.

At the meeting, Assistant Superintendent of Employee Relations and Personnel Errol Goldman said that the schools were allowing the club as part of its policy of making facilities open to groups.

"Our policy is to let whoever in the community that wants to use the facilities have access," Goldman said.

"Basketball, Boy Scouts and the Brownies."

Board President Dave Artley asked if there was a chance that students taking part in the Extended Day program or Kids Time would pass in and out of the

Bible Club.

"That would be inappropriate and won't be allowed," Goldman said. "Even if the child has a permission slip to go to the Bible club they won't be allowed to wander over to kids time."

Goldman said that the flyer advertising the club that was mailed home to parents was inappropriate as well and the sponsors of the group were aware of that.

Boardmember Barbara Graham, excusing herself from the board, spoke in favor of the club.

"This issue of separation of church and state goes beyond Plymouth-Canton," Graham said. "I think this is an issue that every one of us needs to address."

Graham said that the courts have overdone the issue of separation of church and state and said that this was part of a climate of persecution of Christians.

"Atheists don't care about religion in the schools," Graham said. "It is members of other religious groups that are pushing against Bible groups in the schools. If a picture of a man with long hair and a beard a myth to someone, how does that myth become intolerable?"

"Why are Christians, who are 80 percent of the population of this country, under attack?"

Wendy Sadler, a P-C Schools parent, said that opposition to the club was not a religious issue.

"Public schools do not advocate Bible study," Sadler said.

"You cannot malign another religion over this issue."

Sadler said that the club was inappropriate because kids at the grade school level have a harder time differentiating between what is part of the curriculum and what is not and what is endorsed and

what is not.

"Why does this club meet right on the heels of the students leaving school?" Sadler asked.

"I don't see a problem with this program as long as there is separation," Goldman said.

P-C Schools Superintendent Charles Little said that the issue goes beyond this one club.

"For many years, it has been the board's policy to keep school facilities open to different groups," Little said, "far predating this event. Drive by some of the schools on a Sunday and there are services being held in them."

Supt. Little also said that his offices had received two letters from outside the district (one from Commerce and one from Northville) protesting the Bible club's use of school facilities.

Canton trustees vote own pay increase to \$8,100

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

The Canton Board of Trustees increased their pay from \$7,800 to \$8,100 per year at their meeting last week.

The increase will be effective the first of the year.

Trustee Phil LaJoy, who spoke for the Elected Officials' Compensation Committee — comprised of Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack, Trustee Melissa McLaughlin and LaJoy — said the committee decided a \$300 raise would keep Canton in step with what other communities pay their employees.

"We looked at various communities," said LaJoy. "We felt we need the raise to keep pace. We're still about in the middle. We feel this is a reasonable amount."

LaJoy said the committee looked at the trustee/council pay of seven other area communities. Elected officials in Redford Township and Dearborn Heights — two communities LaJoy said are similar in size as Canton — receive \$8,262 and \$7,200 per year respectively.

The Canton Board of Trustees' last raise — a \$500 increase — was approved Nov. 20, 1992.

Two Canton trustees disapprove of pool hall liquor license

"We got Trouble. Right here in River City. With a capital 'T', which rhymes with 'P' and that stands for pool!" — from The Music Man

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

The Canton Board of Trustees approved a Class C Liquor License for the Shark Club — a new pool room/restaurant that will be located in the New York Carpet World center on Ford Road.

But the fact that the business is a pool room did not go unnoticed by two of the Canton Trustees, who voted "no" on the liquor license request.

Elaine Kirchgatter and Melissa McLaughlin voted "no," but the request passed 5-2.

Kirchgatter said she does not want a liquor license to go to a pool hall in Canton.

"...there is a limited number of liquor licenses in Canton until the year 2000," she said. "I'm not sure I want to see it go to a pool hall."

The Michigan Liquor Control Commission allows for one liquor license per 1,500 people living in the community. Canton has seven available Class C Liquor Licenses available at this time.

Joseph Puertas, one of the owners of the Shark Club, said it will be an upscale business. "This is not your typical shot-and-beer bar," he said.

Puertas and business partner Michael Mazza point to

the success of the first Shark Club — located in Waterford — as proof of the businesses' good reputation.

"We card everyone to make sure they are over 21," he said. "There are no minors in after 8 p.m. We've never had a fight in three years, which is pretty impressive for any bar."

Puertas said the billiard room/restaurant is geared toward the sports enthusiast. Two-thirds of the establishment will be dedicated to pool and entertainment and one-third will be restaurant space.

The application will now be forwarded to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission, who will make the final decision on the request.

Principal criticized for taking children's Christmas gifts

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

Santa brought gifts a little early to a local school for the handicapped, but the question that remains is who Jolly 'Ol St. Nick brought them for.

Some parents of students at Northville's Old Village School say that the gifts were for their children, the school's principal says that they were for the whole school.

Northville Old Village School serves the needs of severely handicapped students from The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community.

Vicky Weise, a parent of a student at Northville's Old Village School was unhappy that the present given to her severely handicapped daughter by a Lion's Club Santa was taken from her by a school administrator.

"The kids had a Christmas party and Santa was there giving out gifts," Weise said. "The principal at the school took those gifts away and gave them to the school."

Weise said the gifts were for the kids individually and not for the school as a whole.

"Santa is not an indian-giver," Weise said.

The principal at the school, Christine Clinton-Cali, said that it was the policy of the school for those presents to stay at the school out of fairness to all the kids.

"This is how that party has been for the last five years. Some of the classrooms got group gifts (VCR's, boomboxes and other large ticket items) and some got individual gifts," Cali said. "To make things fair to all of the children those gifts will stay at the school. This is the sort of thing that is reflective of one parent who is misrepresenting the issue. We told the children about the policy ahead of time."

"I know that this sounds kind of terrible, but it is not that way," Cali said. "The children can play with the toys at school."

Weise said that the kids at the school, most of which are severely retarded, could not have understood what the principal at the school had done to them.

"Some of the kids at the school can't even talk, they're hooked to machines," Weise said.

"My daughter is blind and severely retarded, she can't say no when something is taken from her. How could she have understood what she said? All they can understand

is that the man in the red suit is happiness."

Another parent with a child at the school, Mike Kelch, said that he was concerned that this was not enough of an issue to warrant the amount of attention that it has received.

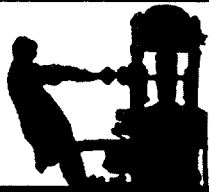
"I am of the opinion that the kids should have been able to keep the gifts," Kelch said.

"Overall Old Village has a very good program."

According to Matt Collins, president of the High-Nooners Lions Club (who provided the gifts) for the school, said that the orders for the gifts came from the students through the teachers.

"Each of the children selected a gift and the teachers passed the requests to us," Collins said. "The gifts were intended for each individual child to take home with them, but we make no stipulation as to the destination of the toys — we're not familiar with the school's policy, our involvement ended there."

Collins said that the High-Nooners have been involved with the school's Christmas party for 40 years. "We enjoy the event," Collins. "We hope that it will continue."



Public notices

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES - REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1994

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:36 and led in the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. All members were present.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the minutes of the November 15, 1994 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees as submitted. Supported by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the minutes of the November 29, 1994 Work Session Meeting of the Board of Trustees as submitted. Supported by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the minutes of the November 30, 1994 Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees as submitted. Supported by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all with Mrs. Mueller abstaining due to her absence.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the minutes of the December 6, 1994 Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees as submitted. Supported by Mr. Curmi. Ayes all with Mrs. Brooks abstaining due to her absence.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the minutes of the December 6, 1994 Work Session Meeting of the Board of Trustees as submitted. Supported by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill requested that the agenda be amended by removing Item J.9 Resolution for PCUW Gaming License and add Item J.4A Award to Police Chief Carl Berry for his work with the Jaycees. With those changes, Mrs. Massengill then moved to approve the agenda as amended for the December 13, 1994, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Supported by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy asked for comments from the public. Mr. Scott Lorenz addressed the Board opposing the closing of the Township Park for sledding. Mr. Lorenz stated he realizes there are risks, however, risks can be managed and made some suggestions. He further stated that many parents have approached him and would like to volunteer their time. Mr. Lorenz then asked that the Board please reconsider closing the park and disappointed the children.

Ms. Arnold moved to amend Plymouth Township's Code of Ordinances, Chapter 71 Section 71.040 (the extension of the expiration date of the existing franchise) for the Second Reading. Supported by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

Ms. Griffith moved to amend Plymouth Township's Code of Ordinances, Chapter 74, Section 74.265 (to make continuity of service provision immediately effective) for Second Reading. Supported by Mrs. Arnold. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

Mrs. Brooks moved to accept the bid of SLC Meter Service, Inc. in the amount of \$13,370.00 for a hand-held meter reading device, software, training, maintenance and to authorize the Supervisor to sign a contract for same. Supported by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Ms. Arnold moved to award the contract for correction of the present plumbing arrangement at the Fire Station II to England Plumbing and Sewer Service, Inc. in the amount of \$5,224.64 and authorize the Clerk and Supervisor to execute the reconstruction contract. Supported by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all.

Mr. Curmi moved to award the contract for the River Oaks Sanitary Sewer By-Pass to Mago Construction Company in the amount of \$99,929.06 and authorize the Clerk and Supervisor to execute the construction contracts. Supported by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Mr. Griffith moved to authorize the Township Supervisor to sign the Annual Permit "C", allowing the Charter Township of Plymouth to perform street sweeping operations, to apply Calcium Magnesium Chloride to the streets listed in exhibit A and to excavate for the purpose of making repairs, inspections and routine maintenance of water mains and sanitary sewers within the right-of-way of roads under the jurisdiction of the County of Wayne in Plymouth Township. Supported by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mr. Curmi, moved to approve the purchase of a 1994 Wheeled Coach Ambulance Demonstrator at a cost of \$72,000.00 with Block Grant Funds and General Funds as recommended by the Fire Chief subject to receiving final clearance from the Wayne County Block Grant Program. Supported by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all.

Mr. Cameron Miller and Mr. Mike Fill presented an award to Chief Berry for his work with the Jaycees.

Mrs. Mueller moved to approve the Lease agreement between the Charter Township of Plymouth ("Lessor") and Detroit Cellular Telephone Company, a Michigan Co-Partnership ("Lessor") and authorize the Township Supervisor and the Clerk to sign the Lease Agreement on behalf of the Township. Said approval contingent upon the Lessee meeting site plan approval requirements. Supported by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all.

Ms. Arnold moved to authorize the engineering firm of Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Inc. to prepare plans showing the improvement, location and estimate of costs for the pavement of Powell Road from Beck Road to approximately one hundred twenty feet (120') west of Ridgewood Hills Subdivision and Ridge Road from North Territorial to approximately one hundred twenty feet (120') south of Plymouth Commons Subdivision as submitted and described on the received petitions. For a cost not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) the scope of the work for the above shall include:

1. The procurement of soil borings from a qualified agent.
 2. Preliminary field shots and necessary field review.
 3. Meeting with Wayne County to review preliminary plan, cross sections and other information.
 4. Prepare a preliminary cost estimate.
 5. Any and all activities needed to proceed with the public hearing of necessity.
- Supported by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the following utility easements 1) Plymouth Real Estate Development Corporation, located at N. Territorial and Ridge Roads; 2) Plymouth Industrial Center, located at 13101 Eckles Road; 3) River Oaks Sewer Bypass, located at 12114 Hines Court; and 4) JAED Industries located on Beck Road in Metro West Beck Road Subdivision. Supported by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to allow Ms. Arnold to abstain from voting due to conflict of interest. Supported by Mr. Curmi.

Roll call:
Ayes: Massengill, Mueller, Curmi, Brooks, Keen-McCarthy, Griffith
Nays: None
Motion passes.

Mrs. Massengill moved to allow Mr. Griffith to abstain from voting due to conflict of interest. Supported by Mrs. Brooks.

Roll call:
Ayes: Massengill, Mueller, Curmi, Brooks, Keen-McCarthy, Arnold
Nays: None
Motion passes.

Mrs. Brooks moved that Resolution No. 94-12-13-23 for Township depositories for money collected and invested, be accepted by the Plymouth Township Board. Supported by Mrs. Mueller. The entire resolution is available in the Clerk's Office.

Roll call:
Ayes: Massengill, Mueller, Curmi, Brooks, Keen-McCarthy
Nays: None
Abstain: Arnold, Griffith
Resolution declared adopted.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the 1995 Board of Trustee Regular Meeting and Work Session dates as submitted and confirm that all meetings will commence at 7:30 p.m.

Regular Board of Trustee Meeting	Board of Trustee Work Sessions
January 24	January 10
February 28	February 14
March 28	March 14
April 25	April 11
May 23	May 9
June 27	June 13
July 25	July 11
August 22	August 8
September 26	September 12
October 24	October 10
November 28	November 14
December 19	December 5

Supported by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Mr. Griffith moved to receive and file Communications and Reports as listed. Supported by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

It was moved by Ms. Arnold and supported by Mr. Griffith at 9:14 p.m. that a closed session be called for the purpose of discussing pending litigation - Re: TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH VS. CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH and PLACE VS. CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

This is a permissible purpose under Michigan's Open Meeting Act, Public Act NO. 267 of 1976, as amended by Act No. 256 of 1978 Article 15.268, Section 8, Paragraph e.

It was moved by Ms. Arnold and supported by Mr. Griffith to call the meeting of December 13, 1994 back into open session at 10:34 p.m. Ayes all.

It was moved by Mr. Griffith and supported by Ms. Arnold to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 p.m. Ayes all.

Marilyn Massengill, Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

The foregoing is a synopsis of the minutes of the Board of Trustees held on December 13, 1994. The full text is available in the Clerk's Office for perusal. They will be submitted for Board approval at the next regular meeting on January 24, 1995.

The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling Catherine A. Broadbent, ADA Coordinator, Charter Township of Plymouth, 42350 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170, (313) 453-3840, TDD users: 1-800-649-3777 (Michigan Relay Service)

Schools move to collecting 100 per cent of tax before fall semester

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

The Plymouth-Canton School board trustees voted to raise the summer tax levy to 100 per cent instead of the 50 per cent point where it is now.

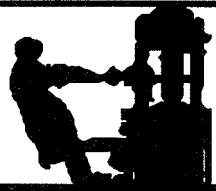
The schools can either collect their local tax money in either the winter or the summer, or, half at a time.

According to Associate Superintendent for Business and Operations Ray Hoedel, the new levy will help the schools by not having to borrow money. "We try to do what we can to help the district," Hoedel said. "By not having to borrow money we will keep

interest expenses down. We had to do that when we were collecting only half of the tax before the semester."

With the change in school funding, now the amount of tax money will be even less. "We don't collect as much now," Hoedel said, "But we can get all of it before the year starts."

Hoedel said the board has to annually request each township and city in the area of the school district to collect the new summer tax. They will also have to agree on a fee to cover the municipality's expenses for the collection before Jan. 1 of each year.



Public notices

NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN WINTER TAXES

Winter taxes are due December 1, 1994 payable through February 28, 1995 without penalty. Additional information appears on the reverse side of your tax statement.

MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CITY OF PLYMOUTH. Payments for tax bills and water bills can be made at City Hall- Treasurer's Office during regular working hours, 8:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m. Residents may make payments after hours by using the DROP BOX located next to the Treasurer's Office window. For your convenience payments for tax bills can also be made at the Plymouth office of First of America Bank until February 28, 1995.

CITY HALL will be closed during the Christmas Holidays from Friday, December 23rd through Sunday, January 1st. The Treasurer's Office **WILL BE OPEN** to accept tax payments and other payments on Wednesday, December 28th and Thursday, December 29th.

TERESA CISCHKE
TREASURER

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NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS

You are hereby reminded to be aware of CITY ORDINANCE NO. 91-3, "EXPENSE OF CLEARING," that became operative and effective on the 22nd day of March, 1991.

The following is an informational reminder, since we are approaching winter weather conditions:

CITY ORDINANCE REQUIRES THAT PROPERTY OWNERS OR OCCUPANTS REMOVE SNOW AND ICE FROM SIDEWALKS WITHIN 24 HOURS AFTER IT FALLS, FAILURE TO KEEP SIDEWALKS CLEAN MAY RESULT IN THE CITY HAVING TO CLEAR THE WALKS. THE MINIMUM CITY BILLING FOR SERVICES WILL START AT \$70.00 AND THE BILL MAY BECOME A TAX LIEN ON THE PROPERTY IF NOT PAID.

If you have any questions concerning this ordinance, call the Department of Public Works at 453-7737.

LINDA J. LANGMESSER, CMC
CITY CLERK

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Friends & neighbors

Neighbors in the news

Navy Lt. William C. Murphy of Plymouth has returned home after a six-month deployment to the Indian and western Pacific oceans and the Persian Gulf.

Murphy was part of the USS Tripoli Amphibious Group which relocated U.S. citizens in Somalia, provided humanitarian assistance in Rwanda and deterred Iraqi aggression on the Arabian Peninsula.

Marine Pfc. Dustin B. Young, a 1993 graduate of Salem High School and resident of Canton, has been serving off the coast of Bosnia-Herzegovina with the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit, embarked with the USS Nassau Amphibious Ready Group(ARG).

Young left the U.S. in late October for a six-month overseas deployment with the USS Nassau, USS Gunston Hall and the USS Ponce. Young departed from North Carolina and traveled to the Mediterranean Sea where the ARG is scheduled to take part in several multinational amphibious landing exercises. He joined the Marines in June 1993.

Navy Seaman Recruit Thomas C. Hathaway, a 1994 Salem High School graduate and Canton resident, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Hathaway completed a variety of training including, classroom study, practical hands-on instruction and an emphasis on physical fitness. In particular, Hathaway learned naval customs, first aid, fire fighting, water safety and survival, a variety of safety skills required for working around ships and aircraft and personal and professional conduct.

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class John A. Brock of Canton, recently returned from a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean and Adriatic seas and the Persian Gulf with the aircraft carrier USS George Washington, the lead ship of a Joint Task Group.

During his deployment Brock participated in the 50th anniversary of D-Day with visits to France and England, shared with his shipmates the honor of hosting President Bill Clinton for an overnight stay, enforced the "no-fly zone" over Iraq, served off the coast of Bosnia-Herzegovina, traveled through the Suez Canal and visited Greece, Israel, Turkey and the United Arab Emirates.

Holiday bliss

Crier community reporter finds holiday spirit in Plymouth

As I walk the snow-covered streets of downtown Plymouth, past the delightful decorations of Kellogg Park and under the wreath-wrapped light poles lining the streets, I can't help but breaking in to "It's The Most Wonderful Time Of The Year."

Unfortunately, that's all the words I know to the song or else I might be leading a caroling group around town instead of writing this column. But since my musical capabilities are unappreciated, except for the dogs who join in howling with me, I'll settle for spreading the Christmas joy I experienced from local people through the printed word.

This is my first Christmas in Plymouth, after several in East Lansing, and I'm amazed by the small town feeling of togetherness in a town this size. Everyone is so warm-hearted and sociable.

Browsing past stores on Forest Street, I wandered in to the Paper Parade. I was greeted with such bright smiles and holiday greetings that I thought owners John and Betty Buzuvis had confused me for a long lost relative.

I peered over at their tiny Christmas tree, bearing a remarkable resemblance to the one in "Merry Christmas Charlie Brown." This tree had different types of ornaments though, cards that represent children who'll be spending their Christmas morning at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital.

Anyone who wants to can select a card, choose a gift, then return it, unwrapped, to the Paper Parade to be delivered. "It's a nice thing to do for the kids," John Buzuvis said. I agreed and went on my way.

Pioneer students help five local families

In the spirit of holiday giving, Pioneer Middle School students delivered presents to five local families on Wednesday, Dec. 14.

Organized by teachers Sena Sherman and Karen Barksdale, advisors to the student council, Pioneer students raised \$2,500 since the beginning of the school through a variety of fundraisers. The students then work in cooperation with the Salvation Army, obtaining families who need help during the holiday season.

Resourceful in their ways to raise money, the student council arranged candy and muffin sales and popular school dances.

Salvation Army ends collections Saturday

The Salvation Army's volunteer bellringers will end 30 days of collecting contributions in their kettles this Saturday, Christmas Eve. And they are nearing their goal.

Meanwhile, more volunteers have been busy preparing 300 Christmas baskets for needy families in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community. Bill Stern, case worker of the Salvation Army, said the baskets will contain food for Christmas dinner, one gift per family member plus gift-wrapping and gift certificates.

Truth is tough

By Brian Corbett



"Sleigh Bells Ring, Are You Listening?"

I thought my holiday fever had caused me to hallucinate until a window shopper passed by humming "Winter Wonderland." No, it wasn't just me.

I stopped and looked where I was, The Cozy Cafe. The staff must have been bit by the holiday bug also because they were playing Christmas music on the sidewalk speakers. How could you be in a bad mood if you worked here?

I continued to walk over to the Community Federal Credit Union. Their Christmas tree wasn't as hard to spot, as a matter of fact, it was hard to miss.

Dangling from the various branches were hats, scarves, mittens, gloves and sweaters. Now I've heard of dressing snowmen, but Christmas trees? Well, this wasn't any tree, it was a Woolly Tree.

Marketing Director Sue O'Connor, welcomed me with a pleasant and courteous nature. While she scurried around the room looking for some information on the tradition, she explained she'd only been on the job for a few days. "That's okay," I said.

After all, I wasn't doing a background check or federal investigation in to Community Federal, but you never would've known from her determination to help answer my questions and support a good cause.

The Wooley Tree first made an appearance several years ago and since then collects warm clothes for the cold winter months. Of course, the Wooley tree can't hold food, but it doesn't mind watching over non-perishable goods if placed underneath its outstretched branches. At the end of the holiday season, the items are donated to the Salvation Army and the American Red Cross.

Walking through the Forest Street Mall, I gazed upon another tree that seemed to be growing clothes. Could it be another Wooley Tree? No, just some more people who want to lend a helping hand.

Donna Geistert, owner of Bed 'n Stead, is rushing around her store like an elf loading Santa's sleigh on Christmas eve, but still took some time to explain the Goodfellow Mitten Tree. Gathering warm clothes from those wishing to donate, mittens and gloves from the tree are then handed over to the Goodfellows for distribution this winter.

It seemed as though Charles Dickens was writing the last few lines of another Christmas fable as my journey through downtown Plymouth concluded. Except this novel wasn't going to end for my character, I'll turn another page tomorrow.

Merry Christmas.

After the money had been raised student shoppers bought clothes, toys, personal items and canned goods for the less fortunate.

"We've had good positive feedback," Sherman said. The fundraising activities were initiated by Sherman ten years ago and have been a yearly tradition since then, sponsoring five families each Christmas.

The experience of raising money and delivering presents will help teach the true meaning of the holidays to the students. Sherman said, "They'll wake up Christmas morning with a good personal feeling that they've helped out society."

The contributions are part of the Salvation Army's "Adopt-a-Family" program conducted each Christmas. Last week volunteers worked at preparing the gift baskets at the gymnasium in the Army Temple on Main Street in Plymouth. Ross Meyers directs the task of preparing the baskets, which are picked up at the temple by the receiving families.

Through last Saturday, cash contributions collected either by bellringers or through mail, totaled \$160,000. The combined goal is \$200,000.

Schools seal driver education deal with Jeannotte Pontiac

BY ALEX LUNDBREG

While no one else wants to deal with the hassles and trials of helping the school's driver's training program, Bob Jeannotte Pontiac-GMC is once again providing cars to the district to support the state-mandated program.

According to Executive Director of Instruction Tom Tattan, Jeannotte is the only dealership in the area that will lease to the schools.

"We went through an extensive bidding process," Tattan said. "Bob Jeannotte was the only dealership that was interested."

Tattan said that dealerships in other communities aren't interested in leasing to schools not in their district. He also said that the essence of driver training,

putting 15 and 16-year-olds who don't know how to drive into cars, is a hassle that dealerships aren't willing to get involved in.

If Jeannotte got out of the driver's education leasing business, Tattan said the district would have to take up the responsibility for providing cars.

"I would hate to find out what would happen if they stopped leasing to us," Tattan said.

"The district would have to purchase a fleet of cars. That wouldn't be economical for something that would sit unused nine months out of the year."

According to John Jeannotte, general manager of Bob Jeannotte Pontiac-GMC Truck, the dealership gets a little help from the world's largest corporation

when it helps out the schools.

"GM gives us incentives," Jeanotte said, "they offset the interest on the cars we send to the schools."

Jeannotte said that after the program the dealership sells the cars at a discount.

"We get the cars back and sell them to our customers at a discount," Jeannotte said.

"The equipment options; air, automatic transmission, dual air bags, are in the middle range."

According to Driver Education Coordinator Ken Jacobs, Jeannotte helped him make a pitch for the cars to General Motors.

"We went to GM and Jeannotte helped us do it, we worked out an arrangement," Jacobs said.

"Basically they made it so that it was not a losing proposition for the dealership. They have not raised prices on the cars since 1990."

Jacobs said that the program trains 576 students every year, training in order of birthdate (oldest first, then on to the 15-year olds).

The deal requires Jeannotte to provide 13 Pontiac Grand Ams from June 7 through Aug. 14 with automatic transmissions, power steering and brakes, air conditioning, floor mats and two sets of keys.

The schools would install the dual brake system, handicapped controls and pay the cost of having the cars restored to the condition they were found when received from Jeannotte.

Bagel restaurant chain opens new store in Canton

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The smell of freshly cooked bagels and piping hot soup began floating through the air of Canton Corners this week as Bruegger's Bagel Bakery opened its doors to the public.

"It's a wonderful edition to the community," said manager Patty Norton.

Starting in September in Grosse Pointe and expanding to Farmington Hills and Ann Arbor, Bruegger's moved into Canton because of the positive business environment and increasing population. Norton said of Canton, "It's an upbeat, contemporary community growing fast."

Also, Canton Corners is advantageous to the new bakery. "It's a good mall, a lot of foot traffic," Norton said.

Bruegger's offers a health conscious menu with quick service that fills a void in the restaurant business. Individuals who desire a quick, healthy meal without the delay of

waiting to be seated have found the answer in Bruegger's. "We're kind of the middle ground," Norton said.

The diverse menu is vegetarian friendly and offers several varieties of bagels made before your eyes, two or three different types of soup served daily, sandwiches, cookies, fresh juice drinks and desserts. The 15 flavors of cream cheeses are a Bruegger's specialty, with some unique offerings. For example, honey walnut, garden vegetable and smoked salmon.

After a VIP party to give workers a dry run in service, the grand opening on Tuesday, Dec. 13 went very smooth and initial reaction to Bruegger's has been outstanding. Norton said, "We've had wonderful responses back from customers."

Bruegger's is a Vermont based agency that plans on continuing its expansion in metro Detroit by opening another 12 stores



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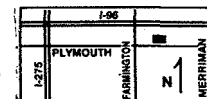


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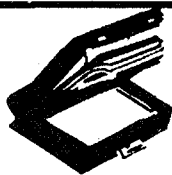
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Getting down to business

Neighbors in business

Native West is pleased to be hosting a Native American Sculpture show in connection with the 1995 Plymouth Ice Sculpture Festival held throughout Plymouth. Native West will have over 300 carvings for sale, most of which will be Native fetishes. Fetishes are hand-carved objects which represent the spirits of animals or the forces of nature.

Also, the work of Navajo artist Brian Begay and large carvings made from alabaster, usually of portraits and eagles, will be on exhibit. Gallery hours are: Monday-Wednesday, 10-6 pm.; Thursday-Friday, 10-8 p.m. and Sunday, 12-5 p.m.

James A. Kosteva, former state rep. from Canton and director of planning and community development for Canton, has been named the director of community relations for U of M.

Kosteva left his position as director of central staff for the speaker of the Michigan House of Representatives. The appointment at U of M became effective on Dec. 19. As director of community relations he will plan, develop and coordinate a community relations program for U of M in Southeastern Michigan.

The Plymouth office of Kemper Securities raised \$250 for Growth Works in its annual Community Charity Day. The office contributed a portion of its revenue from Nov. 3 to a local non-profit organization. Nationally, Kemper Securities donated \$150,000 from its 150 offices.

The Canton Chamber of Commerce "Business to Business" this month will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 20 5-7 p.m. at the Warrior Training and Tanning Center, located at 6712 Canton Center Road. Members are invited to enjoy the center's cappuccino bar and network with the other chamber members. Cost for members is \$6.00, non-member \$12.00.

The Chamber of Commerce is inviting area businesses to donate or become a sponsor for its Auction Dinner Dance scheduled for Saturday, March 11. The chamber wishes to thank Blackwell Ford, as the Major Sponsor of the Auction, and all the other businesses that have already committed. There will be bidding and a silent auction on wide array of items.

Bed and breakfasts

Canton's new bed and breakfasts prove bigger isn't better

BY BRIAN CORBETT

A taste of European culture with an American twist has arrived in Canton. The Willowbrook Inn Bed and Breakfast at Warren and Sheldon roads will receive its certificate of occupancy the first week of January and will open a week later. Owner and resident innkeeper Bernadette Van Lenten said, "We hope to be open for the (Plymouth) Ice Festival."

A standard in the European travel community, bed and breakfasts offers a change of pace from the typical hotel room. Van Lenten said, "It's a place to come and be pampered. I'm really trying to offer a feeling like you had when you went to Grandma's."

Bed and breakfast establishments have been in the U.S. for generations, but have seen a revival since the early 1980's, catering primarily to business travelers. Van Lenten said, "Americans have kind of taken and enhanced it, made it upscale."

Among the courtesies extended by Van Lenten and her husband and co-owner, Michael, are fresh baked cookies, options whether to have televisions or phones in guest rooms and personal dining service. These choices provide extreme privacy for people looking for a quiet weekend.

The Westbrook Inn Bed and Breakfast is also available for special events such as, mystery weekends, wine tasting parties or anniversaries. "We will have a special event once a month," said Van Lenten.

A member of the Professional Association of Innkeepers

International, the Westbrook Inn Bed and Breakfast is still going through various inspections and approvals after having an open house in October. It will soon be joined by the Sheldon Inn Bed and Breakfast, which is also taking care of necessities before opening.



Bed and breakfasts, long popular in Europe, have come to Canton. The establishments give the guest the feeling of a home away from home. (Crier photo by Craig Breil)

Roadside Marketplace fights lawsuit

The Roadside Marketplace, 110 W. Ann Arbor Road, has been charged with copyright infringement, trade dress infringement and unfair competition by the Westborn Market of Dearborn and Sterling Heights. The law suit was filed Aug. 10 in the U.S. District Court/East District of Michigan in Detroit.

"We absolutely deny we're responsible," said Attorney Luis Miguel Acosta, representing the Roadside Marketplace. Management and council

for the Westborn Market refused to comment.

The Westborn Market is seeking injunctive relief and monetary damages in the law suit.

In essence, the charges named in the law suit claim that the Roadside Market too closely resembles the Westborn Market.

On Aug. 15, at the preliminary injunction, Judge Lawrence Zavatoff ruled against the Westborn Market's

attempt to prevent the opening of the Roadside Marketplace. The Roadside Marketplace opened two days later on Aug. 17.

Acosta anticipates the Roadside Marketplace to continue with normal business operations until the legal issues are settled, sometime in March of 1995.

Acosta said of his clients, "I've been so proud with the hard work they've put in to starting their business."

Scrap the salt

Keeping cars clean during the winter can be a tedious occupation for Plymouth-Canton residents as snow, sleet and salt bombard local roads. With the Theodore Street Car Wash opening this week, that task has been made easier to accomplish.

Owner Malcolm Dedes offers five self-serve car wash bays and one self-serve truck bay that are cheaper and quicker than drive-thru car washes. "I have foam brush, pre-soak, wax, tire and engine cleaners and I use all fresh water," Dedes said. The Theodore Street Car Wash is located at 275 Theodore St. across from the Cultural Center and is open seven days-a-week and 24 hours-a-day



Mettetal board ponders use, need for, buildings near airport

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

Discussion at the last meeting of the Canton-Plymouth Mettetal Airport Citizen's Advisory board centered around the future of two buildings that have been offered to the state by their owner.

Ed Tate, a businessman who had bought the property to house his auto-electric repair business, said that he

offered the land to the state out of frustration with Canton's planning officials.

The buildings are not on airport property.

In the course of discussing possible uses for the buildings, Boardmember Ed Wendover said his discussion with the fire marshal was helpful.

"We had a discussion in reference to

the fuel location, the township is concerned about fire suppression equipment with the self-serve situation," Wendover said.

"There has to be a canopy for fire suppression and canopies don't work well in an airport."

Wendover added that the airport's master plan identified the buildings as acquisition items for the airport and that buying the buildings could solve the fuel problem.

Boardmember Mike Stankov said that an item's place on the master plan does not mean that the item should be acted on.

"The master plan has an extended runway as a future plan," Stankov said. "Several months ago, this board was cautioned against empire building, we don't need to build and own everything on the airport."

"Unless there is no other place where it can be done better, we shouldn't buy that property," Stankov said.

Wendover said that the property should be investigated for possible uses.

Stankov said that enough land had been taken off the tax rolls and that he was "vehemently" against the purchase of the property.

Plymouth City Commission orders three new cars for police force

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Officers in the Plymouth Police Department haven't "driven a Ford lately" — but they will soon.

The Plymouth City Commission approved the purchase of three new patrol cars — Ford Crown Victorias — to replace three of their Chevrolet Caprices, which will soon hit the 90,000 mile mark.

The city is buying the vehicles through the State of Michigan Purchasing Plan in the amount of \$17,240 per vehicle.

Director of Public Works Paul Sincock said in a memo to City Manager Steve Walters that the police vehicles can remain in daily police patrol readiness up to approximately 100,000 miles. "It is also our opinion that the ordering process needs to begin as the vehicle approaches the 70,000 range," said Sincock.

At this time the police department has two vehicles that are in the or past the ordering range. Unit 55 is a 1990

Chevrolet Caprice with more than 81,000 miles on it. Unit 56 is a 1991 Chevrolet with more than 86,000 miles. The department has one other vehicle that is nearing the order point. Unit 51 is a 1991 Chevrolet Caprice that has approximately 62,000 miles.

Each of these cars is currently in the daily primary rotation of vehicles that the officers use for patrol.

"As we did last fiscal year," said Sincock in the memo, "we reviewed the two basic police patrol vehicles that meet the national and state criteria for full size police vehicles. Those are the Chevrolet Caprice and the Ford Crown Victoria."

"Many area police chiefs continue to report excellent ratings for the Ford Crown Victoria and this was the vehicle of choice for our department."

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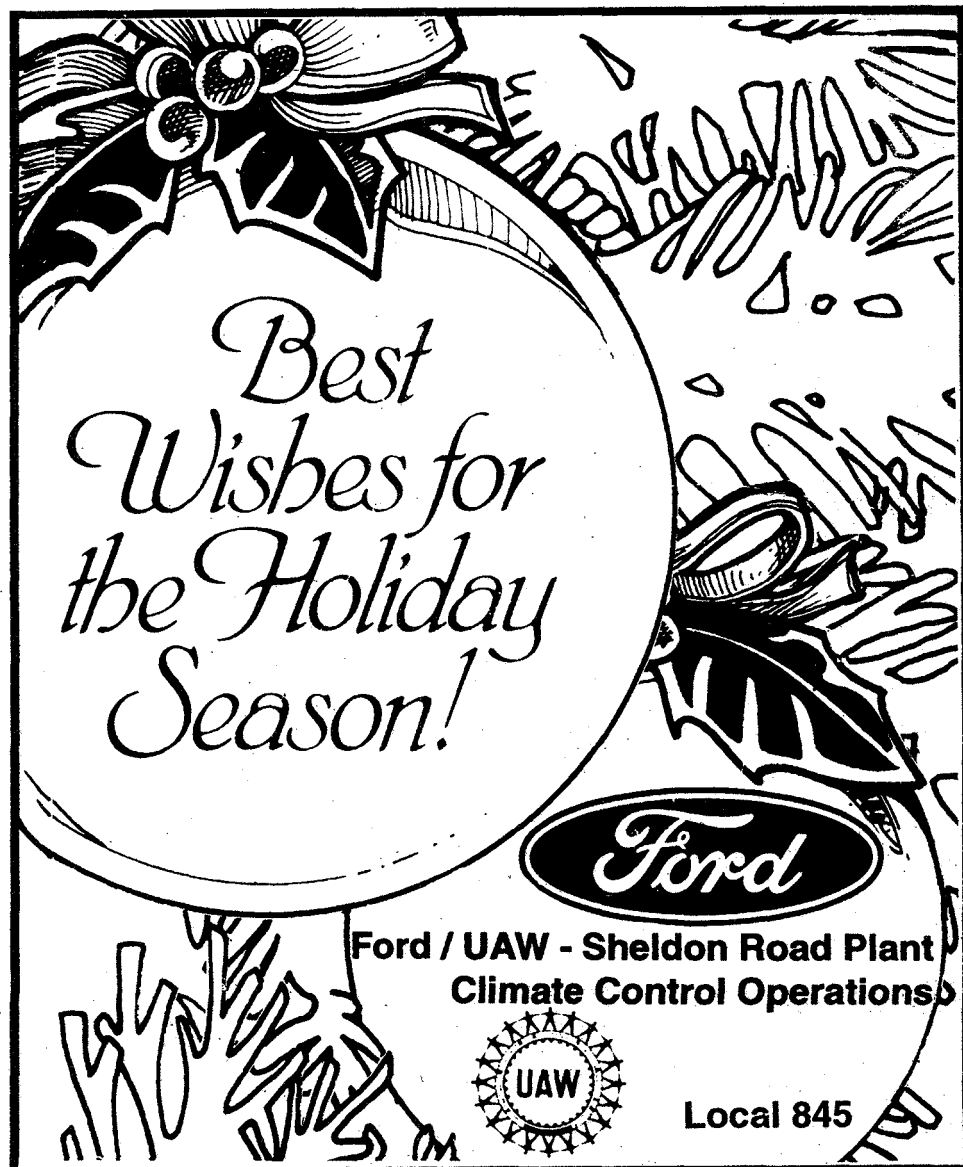
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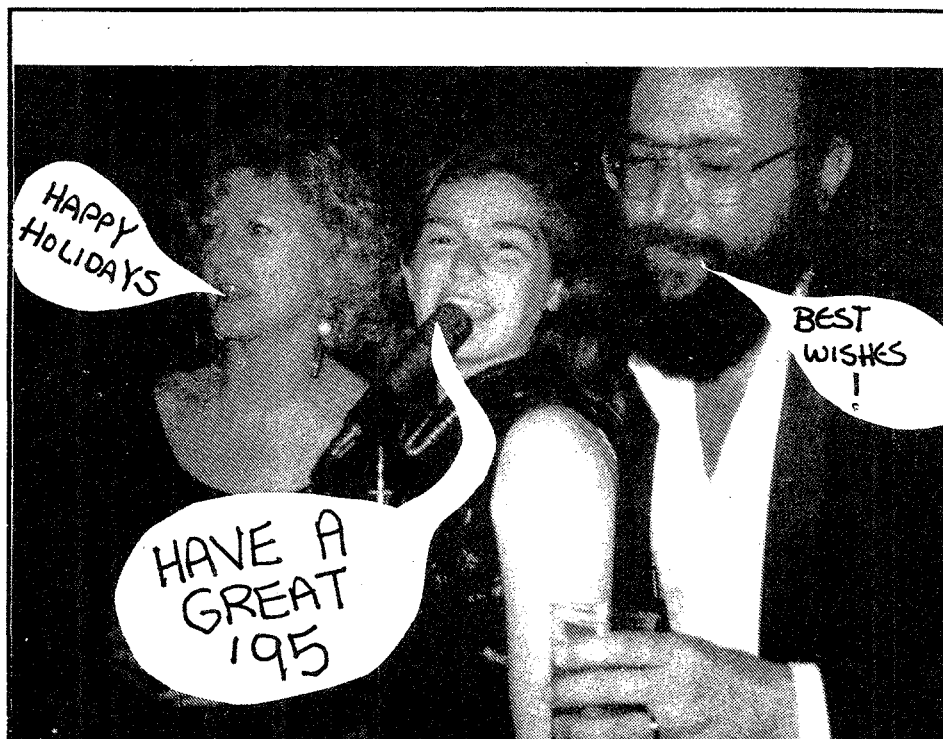
Members of the local chapter of the Tiger Scouts (First and second graders) used their community spirit to help clean up Kellogg Park, (left to right) Ryan Urbanowicz, Bradley LaChance, Rourick David, David Lewandowski, and Matthew Lewandowski.

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**Q.How do I find a Local
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Coats for Kids



Workers at Ford's Sheldon Road plant sponsored Coats for Kids. The organizers collected money to purchase winter clothing for needy children. The organizers (left to right) Renee Diroff, Don Juuiden, John Hassen, Dave Diroff and Jene Faldo did their shopping for the coats at K-Mart. (Crier photo by Craig Breil)

Pheasant Run logo created

A new logo design has been selected for the Pheasant Run Golf Club, Canton's new 18-hole municipal course currently under construction west of Canton Center Road behind the Canton municipal complex and Heritage Park.

The design was done by Angie Predhomme Farina, a graphic artist, and former Comma, artist from Futura Communications, a Plymouth-based company. Predhomme Farina worked with Canton staff members to achieve a classic look which reflects the township's vision for the new course.

The course is expected to open in the summer of 1995, with the practice range slated to open to the public next spring.



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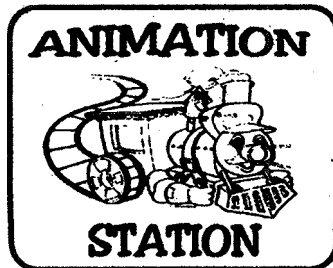
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HOLIDAY NUT SALE

Community Hospice Services will hold their 5th annual Holiday Nut Sale at the Plymouth location at 127 S. Main. Vacuum-sealed packages are \$10 each. For more information, call the Hospice at 459-0548.

RED CROSS HOLIDAY BLOOD DRIVE

Due to a holiday shortage of blood, the American Red Cross will be holding holiday blood drives at the Beck Road Post office on Dec. 23 and in Canton at the Westgate Plaza on Dec. 26. For more information and to schedule an appointment, call Barb (post office) at 453-6110 or 1-800 582-4383 (Westgate blood drive).

JAYCEE FOOD BASKETS

The Plymouth-Canton Jaycees are looking for volunteers 21 to 39 years old for their holiday food basket program. They need help with the food baskets, food and toys donation, gift wrapping and basket delivery. For more information, call either 453-8407 or 455-8676.

AMERICAN LEGION SCHOLARSHIPS

The Beasley-Zalensy Post of the American Legion is offering two \$500 scholarships for children of veterans. Information on applicants should be received by the post by Feb. 1, 1995. For more information, call the post at 451-3574.

PLYMOUTH WOMAN'S CLUB

The first Plymouth Woman's Club meeting of 1995 will be held on Jan. 6, 1994, at the First Methodist Church. The speaker will be Carol Fink, president of Happy Trails.

LIVING TRUST SEMINAR

The Plymouth Cultural Center will host financial expert Paul LeDuc to answer questions about reducing taxes for heirs through a living trust from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center, free of charge.

HIGH SCHOOL REUNION PLANNING

There will be a meeting to plan the 20th high school reunion of the Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem classes of 1975. For more information about the meeting, call 455-1230.

PRESCHOOL OPENINGS

New Morning School will take registrations for 4 and 5 year-old children for M, W or M, W, F preschool classes. For more information about enrolling in the parent cooperative, call 420-3331.

ADOPT-A-MAGAZINE

The Plymouth District Library is looking for individuals, businesses and community groups to donate the cost of a magazine subscription to one of the over 300 periodicals the library keeps in stock. The sponsor's name will appear on the label and the donation is federal and state tax deductible. For more information, call the library at 453-0750.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

United Home Health Services in Canton is looking for volunteers for companionship, telephone reassurance and conducting phone surveys with the ill, disabled and elderly. For more information, call Diana at 981-8820.

SYMPHONY LEAGUE FUNDRAISER

The Plymouth Symphony League will be selling Entertainment 1995 coupon book as a fundraiser for the symphony. Books are \$40. For more information, call 453-3016.

CLOTHING BANK

The Clothing Bank will be open to distribute donations of clothing to families in need on Tuesdays only from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. during the school year. To make an appointment or for more information, call 416-6179.

NURSING HOME PLANNING

Financial expert Paul LeDuc will hold a discussion of the "Catastrophic Care Act of 1990" and alternatives to prevent spousal impoverishment by nursing homes at the Plymouth Cultural Center on Feb. 6 from 1 to 3 p.m. The discussion is open to the public and is free of charge.

LADIES GOLF LEAGUES

Ladies golf leagues are now forming at Oasis Golf Center for spring and summer of 1995. Space is limited. For more information, call 420-4653.

PCAC ART RENTAL GALLERY

The Plymouth Community Arts Council will hold a sale before moving to their new location this spring. The gallery on the 2nd floor of the Plymouth District Library will be open from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays only, for more information, call Therese at 459-6896.

KIWANIS \$1,000 RAFFLE

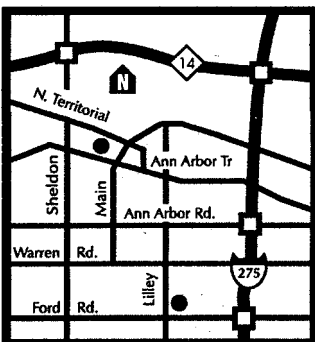
The Kiwanis Breakfast Club of Plymouth will conduct its second annual \$1,000 a month raffle for \$100 a ticket to win \$1,000 a month for every month of 1995. Winners are also placed back in the pool for future drawings. For more information, call 453-7091.

SENIOR TRIPS

The Plymouth Parks and Rec department will sponsor a group of trips around the country and to events, ending with a trip to Hawaii on Jan. 10, 1995. For more information about the trips, call Steve Anderson at 455-6620.

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ENTERTAINMENT '95 BOOKS

The Plymouth Optimist Club will be selling Entertainment 1995 books good for dining, events and other services in Michigan. Price is \$40 hand delivered, all proceeds go to children's causes in southeast Michigan. For more information, call Ken Fisher at 728-7619 or Bill Von Glahn at 453-8253.

COMMUNITY CHORUS AUDITIONS

The Plymouth Community Chorus will hold auditions at 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 3 and prescheduled auditions on subsequent Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church. For more information call 455-4080.

FLOOD INSURANCE STUDY

A flood insurance study for the City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township will be discussed at 1 p.m. on Dec. 21 at the Plymouth Township Hall. For more information, call the township at 453-3840.

MOMS IN THE MIDDLE

Moms in the Middle, a new group forming in the Plymouth area for mothers with kindergarten through eighth grade-aged children is looking for members. For more information, call 455-8336.

PLYMOUTH REPUBLICAN CLUB

The Plymouth Republican Club hold their regular meetings on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Water Club Grill at 6 p.m. For more information, call Carl Berry at 420-0782.

C.H.A.D.D. MEETING

C.H.A.D.D. of Northwest Wayne County (an attention-based disorder parent's organization) meets on the first Thursday of each month at the Livonia Civic Center Library. For more information about the group and the meeting, call Roberta Zarea at 344-8216.

CANTON REPUBLICAN CLUB

The Canton Republican Club, which meets on the third Thursday of each month, will be meeting at Cherry Hill School at 7 p.m. For more information, call Mellissa McLaughlin at 495-0304.

DIAPER COLLECTION

Michigan Made Inc. of Northville will be collecting disposable diapers for First Step through December. First Step is an agency to assist victims of domestic violence. For more information, call Michigan Made.

PREMARITAL HEALTH EDUCATION CERTIFICATE CLASSES

The Wedding Chapel on Main Street will be offering counseling on transmission and prevention of AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases. The classes are open to the public and will run every month this year. For information about the classes and dates and times, call the Wedding Chapel at 455-4800.

GOD'S GOLDEN GIRLS

Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church invites women over 50 to join "God's Golden Girls." The organization meets the third Friday of each month, at noon. Lunch is free but reservations are a must. For more information, call Pattie at 981-0286.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON CIVITAN MEETING

The Plymouth-Canton Civitan club will hold their monthly dinner meeting on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Water Club Bar & Grill. For more information, call Margaret at 455-6989.

PLYMOUTH OPTIMIST CLUB

The Plymouth Optimist Club meets every first and third Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Mayflower Hotel. Meetings include dinner and a speaker. For further information contact Felix Rotter at 453-2375.

TUESDAY NIGHT LIVE

Horizon Counseling Centre and Associates will be hosting a series of free seminars on the second Tuesday of every month. November's topics will be stress management and getting through the holidays alone. For more information about the series, call the Horizon Counseling at 451-7577.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON JAYCEES

The Plymouth-Canton Jaycees hold monthly meetings on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Plymouth Cultural Center. The meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call the Jaycee Hotline at 453-8407.

INTERPRETERS NEEDED

United Home Health Services of Canton are looking for volunteers who are fluent in a foreign language to interpret for the ill, disabled or elderly. There are also needs for drivers, telephone reassurance and conducting patient surveys. For more information, call 981-8820.

NEW MORNING SCHOOL

New Morning School in Plymouth will hold registration for 3 and 4 year olds for the M&W, M-W-F preschool classes. Programs emphasize individual instruction and a 12 to 1 student teacher ratio. For more information, call 420-3331.

JUBILEE RAFFLE

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church will hold their "Jubilee Raffle" for a chance at winning \$1,000 in one of 12 weekly drawings. Tickets, \$100 apiece, may be purchased at the parish office. For more information, call the parish office at 453-0326.

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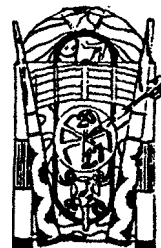
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- 2. Know the truth about sobering up.**
 Alcohol's effect on you depends on:

 - Your body weight
 - Your sex (females are affected at lower alcohol levels.)
 - How fast you drink
 - How recently you have eaten
 - Your mood

Traditional remedies such as cold showers, fresh air, black coffee and exercise have **No Effect** on blood-alcohol content. Only **Time** — alcohol concentration decreases about .015% per hours — will help.
- 3. Set an example.**
 Actions speak louder than words, especially to kids.

 - Be a good host. Serve food, non-alcoholic beverages.
 - Be a DESIGNATED DRIVER
 - Take away the keys from an intoxicated driver.
 - Make a choice to say "no thanks — I'm driving."
 - Remember — It's OK to say No!
 - Wear your seat belt and insist others do.



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- Victim Impact Panels

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- Speakers Bureau
- Media Relations
- Community Awareness Task Force
- Project LifeRide on New Year's Eve
- Red Ribbon Campaign
- K.I.S.S.
- State Fair
- Police Life Savers Banquet

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fact: Estimated economic cost of drunk driving is \$46 billion (NHTSA, 1992) each year.

fact: According to the Nationa High School Sernior Survey seniors reporting any alcohol use in the prior month fell from a peak of 72% in 1980 to 51% in 1992. (University of Michigan, 1993).

fact: Nearly nine out of ten of those in jail (86%) for DWI had previously been sentenced to probation, jail or prison for DWI or for other offense. (BUS, 1992)

fact: Based on NHTSA's estimates, alcohol-related crashes cost society \$46.1 billion, yet this conservative estimate does not include pain, suffering and lost quality of life. These indirect costs raise the alcohol-related crash figure to a staggering \$148 billion in 1992. (Miller & Blincoe, 1993)

1992 Holiday Statistics

Holiday	Total Traffic Fatalities	Percent Alcohol-Relate
New Year's Day '92	118	74.8%
Spring Break	969	51.5%
St. Patrick's Day	38	59.8%
Memorial Day	422	55.8%
Graduation 1st Week	335	56.5%
Graduation 2nd Week	367	58.9%
Graduation 3rd Week	340	55.2%
Fourth of July	350	55.9%
Labor Day	446	53.2%
Halloween	411	52.7%
Thanksgiving	399	56.5%
From Thanksgiving to New Year's Eve	3,801	43.1%
Christmas	391	49.5%
New Year's Eve	106	43.3%



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Obituaries

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Herbert L. Campbell, Jr.

Herbert L. Campbell, Jr., a Ford Motor Co. employee from Plymouth, died Dec. 13, 1994, at the age of 47.

Mr. Campbell was a worker at the Utica Trim Plant and was previously a U.S. Army medic when he was stationed in Germany. He was an avid sports fan and a reader of western and action novels.

Mr. Campbell is survived by his parents; Nannie and Herbert Sr., brother; Jack (Linda), niece; Robin, nephew; Brian, and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services for Mr. Campbell were held at the Vermeulen Funeral Home with Pastors Tom Hovermale and Roland De Renzo of Calvary Baptist Church officiating. Memorial contributions can be made to Calvary Baptist Church in Canton.

Mildred D. Trucks

Mildred D. Trucks, a stenographer for the Ford Motor Co. from South Lyon, died Dec. 17, 1994, at the age of 89.

Mrs. Trucks is survived by her daughters; Karyl Ann Buff and Erma Ruth Kienbaum, sisters; Thelma Bondville, Goldia Obsorn and Ruth Gillham, brother; Kenneth Masak, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services for Mrs. Trucks were held at the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home with interment at United Memorial Gardens.

Frances M. Chenevert

Frances M. Chenevert, an kitchen aide at Northville High School from Livonia, died Dec. 15, 1994, at the age of 60.

Mrs. Chenevert is survived by her husband; Gerald, daughters; Terry Buhler and Marie Zalewski, sons Matthew, Michael, Raymond and Robert, sister; Pat, brother; Charles and four grandchildren.

Services were held at the Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. William Moore officiating. Memorials can be made to the Michigan Cancer Foundation or to the charity of choice.

Donald E. Carrie

Donald E. Carrie, a driver-salesman for 32 years Continental Bakery from Canton, died Dec. 16, 1994, at the age of 66.

Mr. Carrie came to Canton in 1980 from Westland and was an avid bowler and golfer, and served in the armed forces during the Korean Conflict.

Mr. Carrie is survived by his wife; Molly, son Bruce (Clair), daughters; Susan and Kathleen, grandchildren; Caitlin and Robert, sister; Elenor Crise and brother; Robert Jr.

Services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Roy G. Forsyth officiating. Memorials can be made to the American Heart Association.

Starley B. Davis

Starley B. Davis, a clerical worker for Banner Linen from Plymouth, died Dec. 13, 1994, at the age of 83.

Mrs. Davis is survived by her daughters; Lorraine (Joseph) Griffin, Denise (Abe) Hussain and Deborah Youmans, grandsons; Robert (Darlene) Youmans and Charles (Sandra) Youmans, sisters; Vivienne and Mildred.

Services will be held at the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral home on Dec. 23 with the Rev. Gary Headapohl of St. Matthew Lutheran Church. Interment will be a Cadillac Memorial Gardens West. Memorial contributions can be made to St. Matthew Lutheran Church.

Walter N. Fletcher, 90, insurance agent

Walter N. Fletcher, owner of the Fletcher Insurance agency in Massachusetts and an agent for 35 years from Plymouth, died Dec. 14, 1994, at the age of 90. Fletcher is survived by his son; William (Patricia) and two grandchildren.

Services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with interment at Riverside Cemetery.

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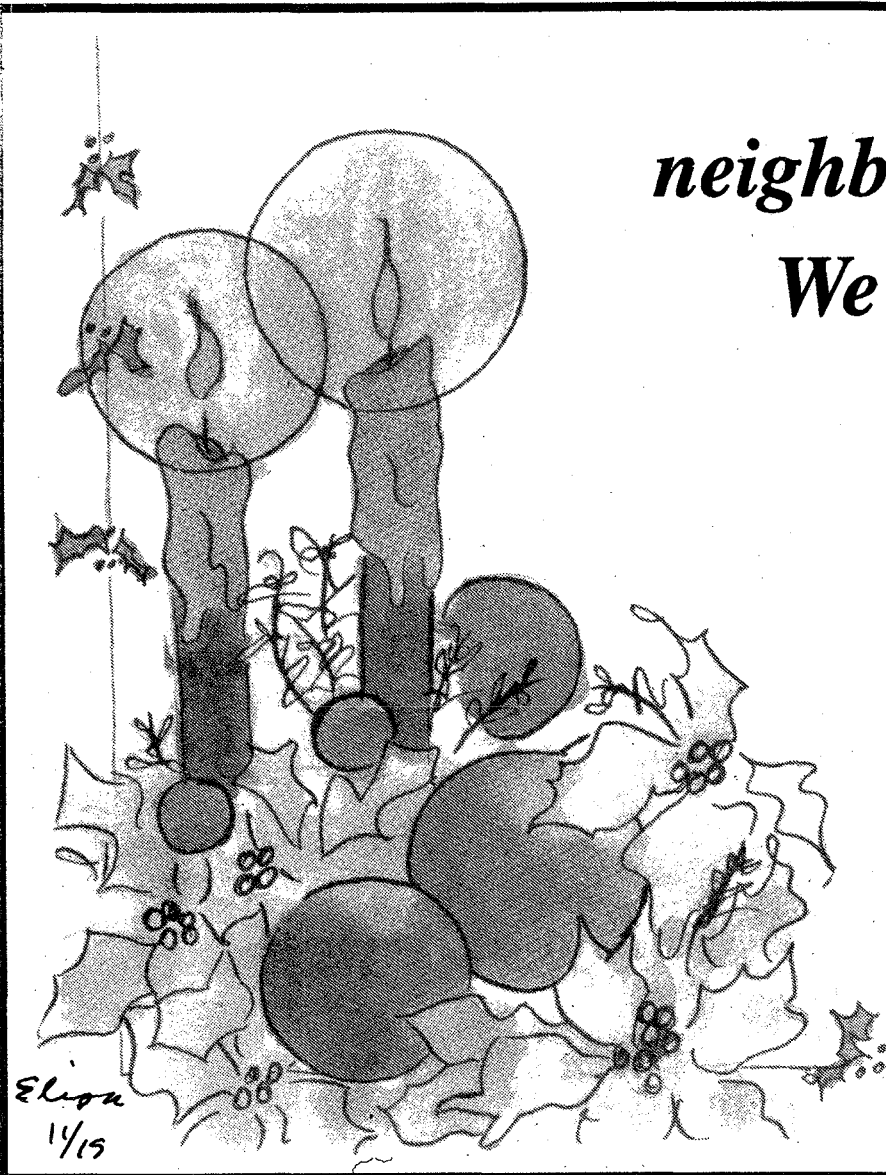
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Rob crashed as he drove onto the on-ramp of the Information Superhighway. But his car is repaired and back on the road to the future. Look for him AOL.

Geneva, we are enjoying the beautiful gifts you have given to us. Everytime we see them - we think of you. Have a wonderful holiday.

Happy Holidays to my west coast kin - Rob

MIKE MAGDA will make Livonia a safer place soon. Good Luck! Steph & Rob

CINDY DRAGER GREW OLDER quietly -- 'til now.

JANET FARRIS peaks early... or is that "peeks" early for her FORTIETH BIRTHDAY!! Happy Dec. 31st.

AUNT MARGARET WILSON in Florida should remember to read The Curiosities! Happy Holidays! -- Terri and Bill Graham.

I JUST HATE those Christmas (or other) cards with little "sparklies" or confetti in them. Bah humbug! Glad I was sitting at Myles' desk when I opened it.

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What a wonderful lady you are. The world would be a better place if only we had more people like you. ML

You are so patient with me and my questions. Thank you. ML

Beauregard eats everything and anything! Prepare to share, those big, dark eyes can melt the coldest hearts!

Jack is a marshmallow!

Buff - Godzilla lives! And you thought he went to the great litterbox in the sky.

Alex looks at nonpictures!

Thank you Crier staff for all your kind words, support and beautiful flowers during the recent loss of my father. May you all have a very

Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with health and happiness. Mary Lu

Rob's a dreamer! Ask Steph & Karen!

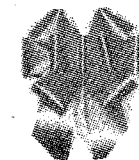
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BEV JAKUBUS you made my day I needed that. Thank you. The bus drivers made a wonderful job of decorating their tree in Kellogg Park, and everyone should make a point of seeing it.

DON FUNKI was most appreciative, Rebecca Pavy, that you found his lost key, and turned it in to The Crier. Thank you.

DEATH MAY BE A "SLEEP AND A FORGETTING," but there are memories about Walter Fletcher, who joined that innumerable caravan" last week, that I do not want to forget. The first time I ever met him, I had gone to a meeting (what, I don't know) sat down, and almost immediately an impeccably dressed gentleman occupied the vacant place next to me. He frowned and growled "who are you?" "I'm Geneva Guenther" I said "Any relation to Harold Guenther," said he. "Yes (I nodded), I'm his wife." "Never cared much for him" said he "Neither did I" I replied. Then we both laughed and became fast friends knowing we had met our match in off beat humor. I shall miss you Walter Fletcher. G.

WELL JACK WILCOX you asked for it. What would I do with the Wilcox house? (Just remember that no one has ever accused me of being practical.) I would turn it into the Plymouth Library with an addition appropriately to serve the needs of this community. There would even be room for proper parking what would I do with the empty Library? I'd turn it over to the city. Here the City Hall Fire and Police Departments could expand according to their needs.

TASTELESS - A well-known store in New York has commemorated the birth of Christ by displaying in their window the Holy Family Mother Mary is dressed in the fashion of Madonna, and the rest are similarly attired. May I add "Tacky" to "Tasteless?"

Curiosities

Kellogg Park is a jewel. The Wilcox House is an integral part of the shinning I would hate to see our Plymouth Heritage marred by so-called progress. Unfortunately, there is a price and rightly so. However "tearing down" rarely seems to me to be a right answer. May I add? I would work alone, never with a committee. I'd also hire the best architect that money could buy it would be someone who not only had knowledge, but feeling (nostalgia if you will) for our little town. Geneva Guenther

If the "Theodore Street Car Wash" hadn't just opened I never would have met Marie! Now we wash, Brush, scrub and wax together every week. Wash your car there maybe you'll get lucky, too. Tony

IRENE BERRIDGE - After to these many years the light has finally brightened. You collect "Bears" because it's part of your name, don't you" After looking at the "train and bear" exhibit at the Plymouth Historical Museum. I was struck with the generosity of people who share their collections. Suddenly I noticed your name. Thank you and all those who participated for adding a lovely dimension to the Christmas Season.

MYRILLA It was a lovely tea party. Surriptiously I did look for the Alice and Md Hatter because your home was a wonderland. Thank you for inviting me.

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Curiosities

JACK MURDOCK can't decide which ones I liked the best. The red, green and golden popcorn balls. Thank you.

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HUN. In celebrating our 8th christmas together. I just wanted to say I love you!

KEITH - "OKAY BYE!"

KEITH - "OKAY COOL!"

REEN and FAM we're getting excited to see u!

BULLWINKLE AND ROCKY I gave Santa the directions to your house, just to make sure he found you, and he laughed--like he could miss something so close to his home! --steph & rob

ROXY AND SIMON SAY: just how big are those "8 tiny reindeer?"

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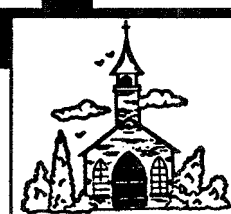
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The YMCA also will offer a Youth Muscles in Motion program. Youth muscles in motion builds endurance, strength and good form in this sports movement class. The first session begins Jan. 9 and lasts until Feb. 25 and the second session lasts from March 6 until April 29. Ages 13 and up. On Wednesdays from 6:00 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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Canton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring its Winter Racquetball League at Rose Shores of Canton, beginning Jan. 4, 1995. All players are divided in to divisions based upon ability levels. There are no residency requirements.

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Rocks sink rats

Salem beats Ann Arbor Huron to win third straight game

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The Salem Rocks and arsenic poison have something in common; they both do a good job of getting rid of pesky rodents.

Winning their third consecutive game, the Rocks crushed the River Rats of Ann Arbor Huron at home on Friday, 66-36.

"We succeeded at both ends of the floor," said coach Bob Brodie. Dan McKian led all scorers with 12 points as ten Salem players scored in the offensive outburst. "We were patient offensively," said Brodie, whose team was as equally effective setting up shots as it was in the transition and defending.

Despite the wide margin of victory, the Rocks had trouble in the opening quarter dealing with the River Rats' quickness while also committing quite a few mental errors. "We kind of shot ourselves in the foot," Brodie said. "We missed a lot of easy baskets."

The two teams battled up and down the court as stringent defense caused the several turnovers and terrible shot decisions. Huron finished the first quarter shooting three of 13 from the field, while the Rocks were held in check by the River Rats intense pressure, one of two concerns Brodie had coming in to the game. "Their quickness and they penetrate to the basket well," Brodie said of the River Rats' strengths.

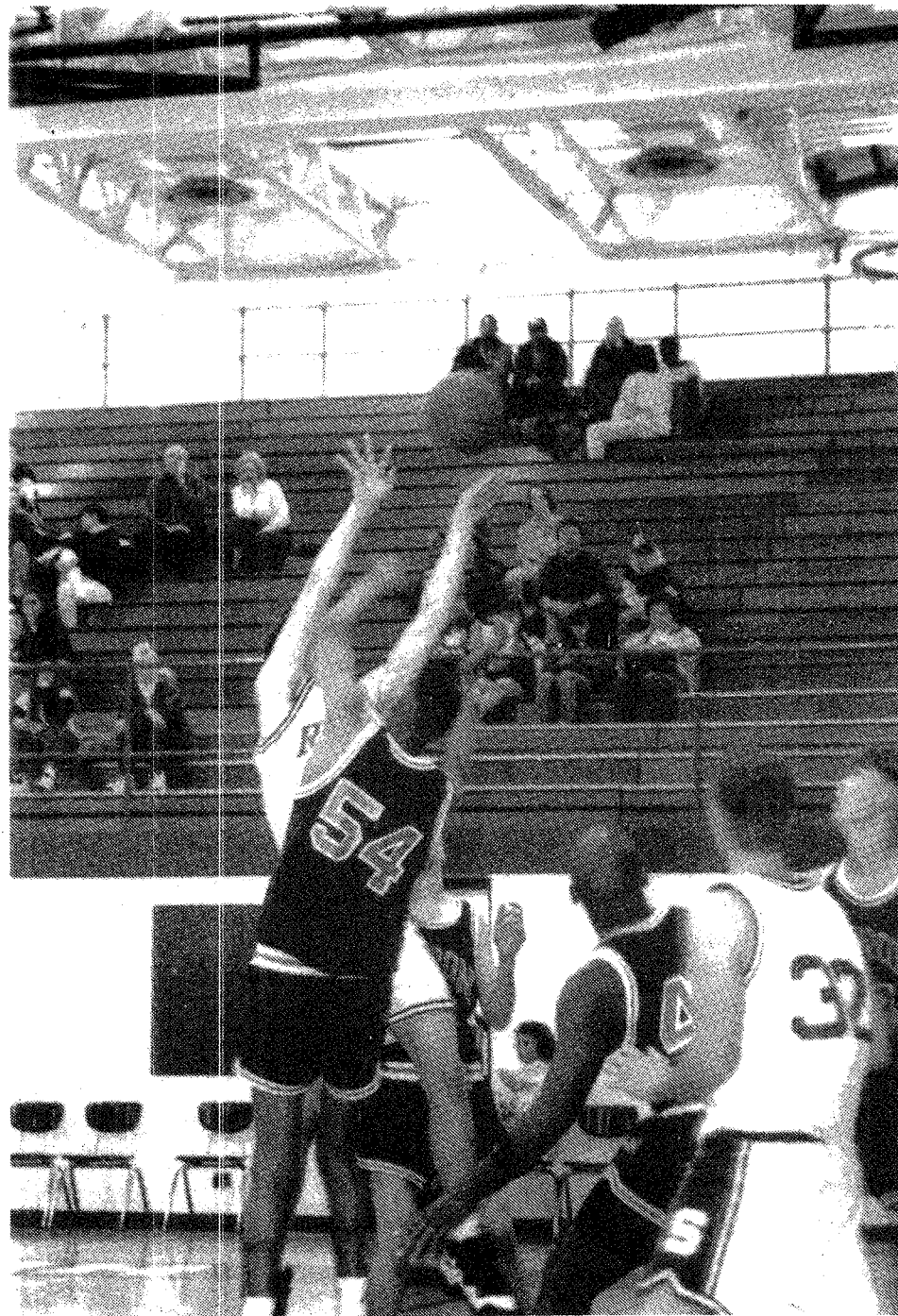
Huron's quickness remained the rest of the game, but their penetration in the paint came to a sudden halt in the second quarter. "We made sure we were contesting them," Brodie said.

The Rocks' team defense made like an exterminator and cleared the River Rats out from under the basket, forcing low-percentage perimeter shots. In a well-balanced effort, five Salem player registered baskets as the Rocks went on a 19-2 run. As the Rocks dominated inside, making a majority of their baskets in the paint, the River Rats struggled, hitting only one shot the entire stanza.

With a 31-13 advantage at home, most coaches might relax and let the game play itself, but Brodie remained apprehensive. He said, "The third quarter's been our Achilles heel." In previous games this season, Salem has come out of halftime flat and crumbled in the face of the opposition. Brodie said, "You have to play to win, not play to lose."

Heeding his coach advice, McKian got the Rocks rolling on the way to their landslide victory by scoring ten of his 12 points during the third quarter. Guard Dave Herriman joined in the assault with precision passing while forward Dave Bol came of the bench to bang the boards.

It was the defensive effort, however, which garnered the most praise from



Salem's J.V. team didn't follow the varsity team's lead. The J.V. Rocks were beat handily by the River Rats. (Crier photo by Craig Breil)

Brodie. He said, "Our defense was consistently improving. We limited their shots to one at a time."

Outscoring the River Rats by 16 points in the third quarter had put the game away, 53-19, and Brodie removed his starting lineup for the entire fourth quarter. Getting some much needed game experience, Salem reserves were admirable in relief, outscoring Huron, 17-13. Brodie remained focused on the action. He said, "You have to consistently teach."

McKian shared the scoring honors with James McDonald who had 11

points, Bol finished with six points and seven rebounds and Herriman was the playmaker with seven assists. Brodie said, "He(Herriman) led the floor well."

After opening the season with a defeat against Monroe, the Rocks have put together three impressive outings, raising their record to 3-1.

"We're being a little bit more patient when we have to, Brodie said. "We're working better as a team and our defense is playing solid." The Rocks will continue with their non-conference schedule after Christmas break with a game against Riverview.

Class act

Chief wrestling team, coach Ray Givens take pride in academic achievements as well as athletic achievements

BY BRIAN CORBETT

When Canton wrestling coach Ray Givens insists his players have passing grades for the season, he means the classroom, not the their final record.

"Winning is not priority one, we won't die if we lose," Givens said. "We're real tough on them about grades. We teach the basics of wrestling and the basics of life."

Givens' task becomes even more important with the young team he has this season. There are 12 freshmen on a roster of 26 wrestlers, considerably larger than the last few years because of the eradication of the pay-to-play clause that had been in effect.

"We got a young lineup," Givens said. The eight-year head coach has wrestle-offs every week to fill the weight divisions on the varsity team for dual meets.

Only a few wrestlers are secure in a spot on the varsity team for every meet. One example is senior Dan Gruenwald, who wrestles at the 100 lbs. class. Givens said, "He's as strong as anything you've ever seen."

Gruenwald was a regional qualifier last season, finishing 28-8. A premier athlete in his weight class, Givens marvels at Gruenwald's determination for a better performance this year. "He's on a mission," he said.

Junior Doug Cooper will wrestle the heavyweight division this season. He's off to a good start by advancing to the Trenton Tournament finals. Givens said, "He had a good year last year. He has what it takes to make it to the state meet."

Senior Dave Cline at 151 lbs. and Junior Tom Keelint at 142 lbs. will be vital contributors to the Chiefs this year. Both have dramatically enhanced their skills from last year.

Improving on a seventh place finish in the Western Lakes Activities Association (WLAA) last year remains a possibility because after powerhouse Livonia Stevenson, the WLAA is a dead heat. "A lot of these team you just don't know," Givens said.

After finishing seventh in the 16-team Trenton Tournament and losing to Monroe, Givens knows his team has to progress with each experience.

He said, "There's some things we can work on and some things that were positive."

However, Givens and his staff, Jim Eddy and Pete Israel, emphasize a successful campaign doesn't rest on the number of victories, but with the development of each student. Givens said, "The biggest concern is with the kids and that they get as much as structured life as possible, that they learn to deal with things."

Salem's Yockey brings impressive team, individual record to gymnastics program

BY BRIAN CORBETT

With enough experience to make Mary Lou Retton look like a nervous child walking across a balance beam for the first time, Salem gymnastics coach Pam Yockey brings an impressive record of individual and team achievements to the Rocks this year.

"I've enjoyed every minute of it," Yockey said. Taking only a one season reprieve from her gymnastic duties since 1968, Yockey has competed at the college level and coached for junior high and high school teams.

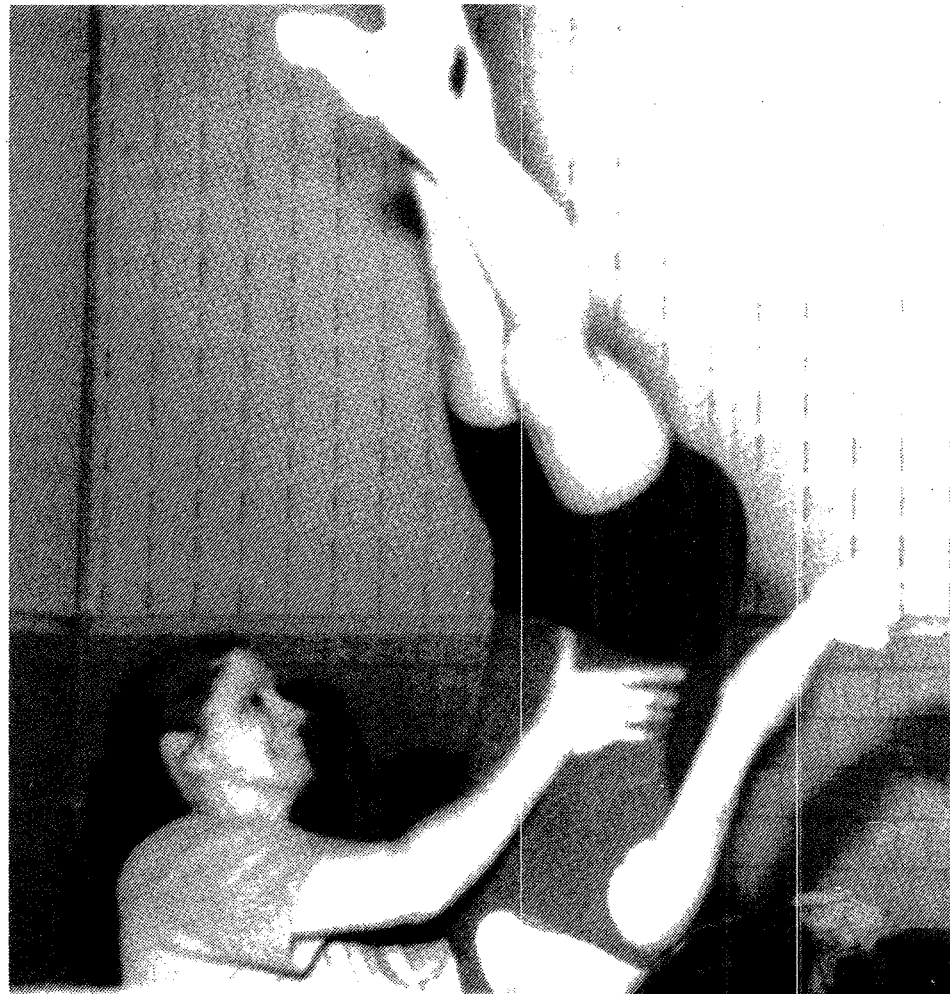
Yockey's road to Salem began in 1968 when she was a graduate assistant at MSU and a coach at East Lansing high school. She was a member of the gymnastics team from 1968-71 and qualified for the regionals one season.

Yockey found competing and coaching difficult because of money constraints for womens' programs in the late 1960's. Yockey said, "It was a very minor program at that time, you had to pay for a lot of things yourself."

After enjoying herself immensely and watching gymnastics in the Olympics, Yockey wanted to continue her involvement in the sport and returned to coaching at Okemos. Since then she has coached at Taylor Truman and John Glenn before coming to Salem this year.

Coaching several different schools has allowed Yockey to improve her coaching techniques. She said, "Each time is entirely different, it gives you a different perspective on kids." Yockey has also learned how to handle the stress of coaching. "I think I've become a little bit calmer," Yockey said.

The philosophy Yockey preaches has proved to be prosperous. In her 27 years as a mentor, she has visited the state meet 15 times, coached a state high school national team and a junior Olympian.



Pam Yockey spots one of her gymnasts during a recent practice. The Rocks kick off their season Jan. 11 against Walled Lake Western. (Crier photo by Craig Breil)

The Salem team Yockey inherits this year is shallow in experience, but she maintains her patience with the 19 girls on the roster. She said, "With each team there's a rebuilding year."

Included among Yockey's gymnasts and the primary reason she decided to coach Salem is her daughter, Zoe, a

junior, who will be one of several girls depended upon to carry the team through bouts of inconsistency.

The individuality and creative aspect of gymnastics will keep Yockey coaching long after her daughter graduates. "As long as my body can hold out," she said of her future.

On deck

SALEM BASKETBALL

The Salem Varsity Basketball team will play Tuesday, Jan. 3 on the road at 5:30 p.m. against Riverview and Friday, Jan. 6 at home at 6:00 p.m. against Walled Lake Western.

SALEM SWIMMING

The Salem Boys Swimming team takes on campus rival Canton at Canton at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 22.

SALEM WRESTLING

The Salem Wrestling team has a meet Thursday, Dec. 29 at home at 10 a.m. hosting the "B" Invitational.

SALEM GYMNASTICS

The Salem Gymnastics team next meet is against Walled Lake Western at home on Wednesday, Jan. 11 at 7 p.m.

SALEM VOLLEYBALL

The Salem Varsity Volleyball team will travel to Portage Northern for an invitational on Saturday, Jan. 7 at 8 a.m.

CANTON BASKETBALL

The Chiefs face Livonia Stevenson on the road at 6 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 6 and Ann Arbor Huron on the road at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 10.

CANTON SWIMMING

The Canton Boys Swimming team will host Salem on Thursday, Dec. 22 at 7 p.m.

CANTON WRESTLING

The Canton Wrestling team will participate in the Salem "B" Invitational on Thursday, Dec. 29 at 10 a.m.

CANTON GYMNASTICS

The Canton Gymnastics team next meet is at North Farmington on Monday, Jan. 9 at 7 p.m.

CANTON VOLLEYBALL

The Canton Volleyball team will host North Farmington on Monday, Jan. 16 at home at 6 p.m.

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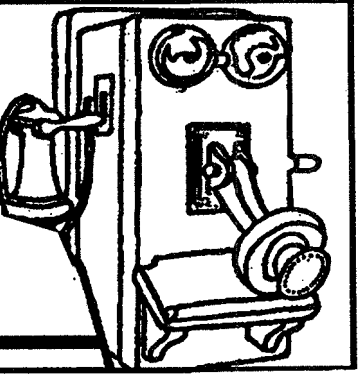
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Community opinions

Homeless should be welcome in Plymouth Twp.

EDITOR:

It's a disgrace — Plymouth Township is prosecuting the First Methodist Church for 17 (?) code violations because the homeless stayed at the church for five nights this past October.

Why is Plymouth Township

Supervisor McCarthy taking the taxpayer's time and money to interfere with the events of the First Methodist Church?

We can only wonder if her motive is to control them (Big Brother) and show them who is the boss.

By the way, what is the township's

law firm — Law, Hemming & Polaczyk — getting paid to prosecute the First Methodist Church?

The solution is obvious — have the building department work out a compromise for this limited single purpose.

Merry Christmas to Plymouth

Township Hall and Supervisor McCarthy with her base salary of \$67,000 for continuing the policy of former Supervisor (Gerry) Law by prosecuting the people of the First Methodist Church of Plymouth for helping the homeless.

ELIZABETH WOLFE

Judge Davis is private citizen, not public figure

EDITOR:

I was surprised and shocked to read the following statement in a recent Crier article regarding the election of a judge for the 35th District Court, quote;

"Breaking with tradition, the retired 'founding' judge of the 35th District

Court — Dunbar Davis — backed Lowe."

One would be interested in knowing what "tradition" the author of the article is referring to.

It is a well know fact that during the time the former judge, Dunbar Davis,

served as judge of the 35th District Court he strictly maintained his policy of not openly endorsing a candidate running for judge of the court, as true to "tradition." It is noteworthy that Dunbar Davis has not been a judge of the 35th District Court for several years.

He has been voting as a private citizen, not as a public official.

I find the remark in the Crier article, about the former judge, unfair and offensive.

MARTHA DAVIS

Homeowner hopes thief enjoys holiday lights

EDITOR:

I am writing this letter to the editor with sadness as this is supposed to be the time of the year for "Peace on Earth and Goodwill Toward Men." I also hope to notify other homeowners that this practice is taking place and to be aware. After spending several hours on Friday hanging our Christmas lights, they were stolen on Saturday

evening. We were home at the time, and must have disturbed the burglars, so they didn't get all the lights.

I truly hope that the person who took the lights will use them and display the lights for Christmas, and did not steal them just to vandalize a home. For the last two years, we had not put up any lights because my husband was unemployed and we felt we could not afford to have

a high electric bill. I talked my husband into putting up the lights to signal a new, fresh start to Christmas, and after only one day of display, they were stolen. These lights will not be replaced as there are no funds to do so. The outside of the house will be a little darker this year, however, they cannot diminish the spirit within.

MARILYN C. BROWN

Powell Road paving story showed only one side of story

EDITOR:

How disappointed I was to see the article written by John Horn entitled "Powell Road paving plan gets mixed reception". Here was an excellent opportunity for your paper to herald the good works of many dedicated area residents who, with Plymouth Township personnel, have initiated a project for the betterment and benefit of their community and who have gathered overwhelming support for the paving of Powell and Ridge Roads. Mr. Horn unfortunately chose to emphasize the bit of discord which exists. Mr. Horn spoke to an individual who discussed his desire to "protect Powell Road." I would like to ask what these roads need protecting from? I makes me curious why it was not mentioned that this individual's driveway is approximately 20 feet or so from a paved road surface. Mr. Horn could have interviewed any number of residents within the assessment district who must travel down Powell or Ridge Roads to get a clearer perspective of the real need for the project. This seemingly altruistic soul says he is interested in trying to preserve the natural setting of the area, but it seems more likely that his real issue is one of some financial preservation.

Many of us residents further away from a paved main road have had to contact the township with many serious if not dangerous concerns over these roads: Currently there is no posted speed limit. By state law, this means that the speed limit for these roads is 55 miles per hour! During the winter and early spring months, these roads become almost impassable due to the enormous pot holes that take up the majority of the road surface. Conditions were so bad last year, that a school bus got stranded for almost two hours after school en route home with many children still aboard. In relation to the school district, the individual Mr. Horn interviewed commented that "his concerns are connected with the possible increased assessment of property owned by the school district." The school board's recent decision to put the Miller Woods parcel up for sale seems to indicate their possible interest in selling the entire property. Paving the roads would prove to be a sound investment for the school district, which would undoubtedly make a generous profit on the sale. Imagine the uses the school board could find for additional funds.

Another important consideration of the current unpaved road surfaces is maintenance. Road grading to take care of "pot craters" is infrequent at best and during the summer months, the dust and dirt generated is a mess. To control this dust problem a chemical is sprayed over the road surface. This product is very corrosive to automobiles but what could it be doing to the soil and underground water in the area? Who knows what long term effects may become evident in the soil and water content. And what about we the residents? What about the health and safety of our children? I do not share the belief that this issue is "Old Plymouth" versus "New Plymouth." I am certain this is people, neighbors coming together to help other neighbors, old and new to this community, who recognize a need exists and who are willing to see that the paving of these roads occur for the

betterment of their entire community. If Powell and Ridge Roads need protecting, I feel it is only from individuals who are self serving and choose to ignore the greater needs of their neighbors.

LINDA J. DEMMER

Support Christmas Seals during this holiday season

EDITOR:

The American Lung Association of Michigan is continuing its tradition of mailing Christmas Seals to area homes over the holidays. In Wayne County alone, nearly 200,000 households will receive our colorful holiday stamps in their mailboxes. I hope everyone in our area will join me in using Christmas Seals on all their holiday cards and packages.

The Christmas Seal Campaign is the American Lung Association's major fundraising effort each year, and we hope to raise \$1.4 million this year.

Last year, Wayne County proudly raised over \$250,000! Funds raised in this campaign will help continue the fight against lung disease, with 90 per cent of our local dollars staying local — right

here in Wayne County. Lung disease is the third leading killer. Over 25,000 of our neighborhood children have asthma, and the tobacco industry continues to spend millions to addict our precious children. We need your support to help local residents breathe easier and have healthier lives.

As a resident of Canton, I am urging my friends and neighbors to remember that the American Lung Association — our nation's oldest voluntary health agency, advocates for your health. Contribute to Christmas Seals when your package arrives in the mail. We can all be guaranteed that donations to the American Lung Association of Michigan will be well spent!

PAUL MUNZENBERGER

N'ville restaurant deserves praise

EDITOR:

Just a comment for your editor's page. I would like to publicly thank the people at the Sundowner Restaurant in Northville, on Cady Street just west of Center Street, for finding and returning my portable phone. I offered them a reward, but was told, "No thanks, this is

the way it should be." Hopefully, that is always true, but maybe they will accept my written thanks and some other of our local citizens will find the trip to Northville for a meal just as good as the one that I had this evening.

SOREN T. PEDERSEN



Community opinions

Party girl

Heintz proves small town politics can lead to bigger and better things

She's not going to be your typical party type.

GOP that is.

Fast-rising Suzy Heintz, who was "merely" a Northville Township trustee in 1979-80 appears to be the favored candidate as new chair of the Michigan Republican Party when the state convention delegates vote on Feb. 4.



SUZY HEINTZ

With malice toward none

By W. EDWARD WENDOVER



Suzy moved up to Northville Township Clerk in 1980 — "the hardest job I ever had," she says.

"I'd wake up in the middle of the night worrying did I run the right legal (notice)?"

She became township supervisor in 1984, and then, in 1986, she became the Wayne County Commissioner serving the Plymouths-Northvilles-Livonia.

Suzy was the lone Republican on the Wayne County Board and her favorite gag then was to open a beautiful wooden door in the far corner of her office inviting her visitors to come see the "Republican Caucus Room." The door opened to an unpainted cement-block

wall.

In 1990, newly-elected Governor John Engler was looking for someone to head up his five-county office in Southeast Michigan. Suzy got the nod, "right in the middle of a lot of controversial stuff." Many of the new governor's early publicized cutbacks — the Lafayette Clinic, general assistance — were particularly hot topics in Suzy's new position.

Some predicted that Suzy's moving from elected office to a partisan appointment with the governor would sidetrack her political career. Staff members rarely get elected — ala Cynthia Hudgins, David Geiss, John Schall.

But, obviously, Suzy's content with

the party line of command.

Her big job at the moment is heading up the governor's Inaugural Party on Jan. 1 and 2.

If she wins the big GOP post at the Cobo Hall convention — with Engler voting for her it's almost guaranteed — Suzy has an agenda.

"What I want to do with it is make the party a lot more grass roots.

"I'm one of the only Republicans at this level to have been a local elected official," Suzy points out. "Most of them (in party leadership) are retiring state senators or worked inside the organization or something.

"We're going to open it up," she insists — fitting for someone who just 15 years ago was a township trustee and will now chair the dominant party in the state.

Just think, one of the current lowly-paid (except Canton) township trustees in Plymouth, Canton, Northville or elsewhere could go on to much bigger things too.

Is a bargain a bargain?

It doesn't pay to skimp on teacher salaries when other districts pay more

In the wake of the recent teacher contract negotiations it is time to look at how teachers are paid and how school funds in general are dealt with.

First and foremost, it is important that this is not seen as a blatant plug for the teachers. While I think teachers perform an important function, there needs to be accountability at all levels of school operation.

Buy the best, weep once. Buy cheaply, weep often.

Just like going to buy a car, when shopping for an educator the more you pay — the better product you'll get. Paying very little for the educator in question buys less of a teacher, less in the way of an option package as it were.

Also, better pay attracts better teachers. All altruism aside, if the money is not there, even the most dedicated teacher will take his or her talents elsewhere. Paying less for teachers means attracting employees that cannot get hired elsewhere and are willing to work for less pay.

It might mean having to (gasp!) ask the residents for more money. Having the best means paying for the best.

In this current age of teacher-bashing (an outgrowth of wider union bashing) it's easy to paint the teachers as money-grubbing hogs at the public tit. But if you put the average citizen in the position of playing the equivalent of nursemaid to the district's kids they'd ask for more money too.

The taxpayers understand that teaching is not an easy thing and if the demands on their wallets are not extreme they'll go along with a modest rise in property tax. Remember, taxpayers are consumers — they can tell the difference between a good deal and a bad one. Let them decide.

The First Law of Business: it is impossible to get more by paying less.

There is a lot more to being a teacher than getting kids to learn the three R's. Besides keeping up on all of the new trends and finding out new ways to get a kid to think about school — teachers have a mentor function that is never listed on any contract.

A good teacher will serve as that mentor, that necessary impartial third party, that a lot

Wordsmith

By Alex Lundberg



of kids need when discussing their futures. Parents don't always think realistically about their children's futures and counselors aren't close enough to each child to be all the help the child needs.

A good teacher, one that knows a child's strengths firsthand, can be an invaluable source of advice and nurturing.

Remember, Albert Einstein was kicked out of school by a teacher that said he was stupid.

People who don't feel appreciated or feel that they are being taken for granted don't offer more than what is expected of them.

Good work isn't cheap, cheap work isn't good.

Finally, continuing to pay less for the teachers here in Plymouth-Canton will drive down the high level of educational value in the district. When that value goes down, people looking for a community to raise their children will cross off P-C on their list of possible homes.

Even worse, if the Plymouth-Canton district gets a reputation as a bad district, fewer quality teachers will want to come here to work. It would set up a destructive cycle in the community that would be hard to break.

For those that think the teachers get enough money already, you might well be right. But the fact remains, a teacher gets paid better in Northville, Livonia and in Wayne-Westland. Do the math...if you were a teacher, where would you send your resume?

You get what you pay for...

East Middle student wants clothing equality at concerts

EDITOR:

I can't understand why I am not allowed to wear pants in my band concert at East Middle School. The reason I don't want to wear a skirt is because they are so uncomfortable and I never played my instrument in a skirt before.

My mother called Mr. O'Donnell, executive director of instruction K-12, who said it is not sexist to wear skirts in my band concert when boys can wear pants.

My mom spoke to Mrs. Franklin, the assistant principal; she said women lawyers cannot wear pants (in

court). A judge said that is not true.

My band teacher, Mr. Karboske, said I would get a lower grade if I wear pants to the concert.

I will wear a skirt until the rule is changed.

JENNA MADOLE



Community opinions

Canton payday

Trustees are highest paid elected officials in community

Like thieves in the night, the Canton Township Board of Trustees gave themselves a raise. It happened last Tuesday, Dec. 13 at approximately 9:20 p.m. at the end of a 40-item agenda. No one, except for the press, was around to see it happen.

The raise — from \$7,800 to \$8,100 — is a modest \$300 hike. A modest hike until one considers the fact that Canton just increased taxes for fire and police services a couple of months ago. And a modest hike until one realizes the Canton Board of Trustees makes more per year than comparable board members in the City of Plymouth, Plymouth Township, the City of Northville, Northville Township, the Plymouth-Canton School Board, Canton-Plymouth Mettetal Airport Citizens Advisory Board and the Schoolcraft College board — COMBINED.

When taxpayers are asked for more, shouldn't the trustees tighten their belts as well?

The board members said they were increasing their salary to mirror the pay other area trustee/council members receive. This is only half true. Elected board members in Redford Township and Dearborn Heights, two communities approximately the same size as Canton, receive \$8,262 and \$7,200 respectively.

But why do we have to mirror these other communities? Can officials in Dearborn Heights give themselves a raise now that Canton is at \$8,100 to remain approximately the same? Where does it all end?

Let's take a look at where the \$8,100

No curves

By Rob Kirkbride



figure comes from and more importantly, what it's for. Assuming there are 26 regular board meeting per year, each member of the Canton Board of Trustees is getting paid \$311.54 per meeting. Each meeting lasts approximately two hours (some are much longer, some are much shorter). That means the trustees are being paid \$155.77 per hour. \$623.08 per month doesn't really seem like a lot, but it's not too bad for part time work, especially when one considers their work is "public service."

Sure, they'll tell you they work many hours studying proposals and attending township functions — and they do.

But so do members of other area elected boards.

The Plymouth City Charter was amended in 1969 to increase city commissioner's pay from \$5 per meeting to \$10 per meeting, with a limit of 52 meetings per year that are compensated. The mayor gets an additional \$500 per year for his trouble. It hasn't been changed since, and cannot be changed without the vote of the people. Those who represent the City of Northville on their city commission make \$500 per council person per year. The Mayor of Northville makes \$600 per year.

Canton trustees will say, "Wait a

minute. The cities are much smaller than a township." So let's compare them to area townships.

In Plymouth Township, board members make approximately \$3,500 per year. Northville Township board members make just \$225 per quarter, or \$900 per year.

For other elected officials, pay is even less.

Members of the Plymouth-Canton School Board make \$30 per meeting. School administrators who attend the school board meetings don't get paid at all. It's part of their job.

Members of the Canton-Plymouth Mettetal Citizens Advisory Committee and Schoolcraft College board don't make anything. They are not compensated for their hard work.

The Canton Board of Trustees work hard. Their work ethic is not in question.

But it's time for the leaders in Canton to take the lead. Instead of giving themselves a pay raise, they should think about a cut in pay.

The Canton Board of Trustees should give the power back to the people. Let them decide what the trustees are worth. Let's hope the Canton Board of Trustees have not forgotten they are PUBLIC SERVANTS.

Meijer not to blame for charity losses

One of the most "unChristmaslike" stories this season has been the unfortunate situation outside the Canton Meijer store.

As the largest single retail facility in The Plymouth-Canton Community, it had been a tradition to hear the Salvation Army bells ringing as shoppers approached, or seen the Goodfellows hawking papers outside the doors. It put shoppers in the Christmas mood.

But this year there was no soliciting at any of the Meijer stores. And, unfairly, Meijer took a PR beating for the problem.

The problem actually should be laid at the feet of the United Food and Commercial Workers Union, Local 954, AFL-CIO in Holland, OH, which filed a complaint with the National Labor Relations Board saying that it was unfair that Meijer allowed the charitable groups on its property, but did not allow union picketing at the store doors.

Certainly, the union members or even consumer groups have the right to picket

at the property line; but the store should have the right to allow charitable groups to solicit on its property. "We're between a rock and a hard place," said Meijer Co-chair Hank Meijer. "We tried everything imaginable to accommodate them (the Salvation Army and the Goodfellows), but unless the NLRB allows us, our hands are tied. (Meijer himself worked with the Plymouth and Canton



Canton Goodfellow President Nancy Spencer thanks Canton Meijer Store Director Jeff Hamm

Goodfellows when he was editor and publisher of this newspaper in 1974-78.)

Since the union filed the complaint and Meijer was forced to prohibit all groups from its grounds, the charities saw a significant dip in their fundraising.

As Nancy Spencer, president of th Canton Goodfellows points out, th Meijer store "is the gathering place i Canton." Both her group and th Salvation Army estimate they lost donations by not being at the Meijer location and the store has made donations to bot to try to make up for some of the difference but obviously can't cover the entire amount. There is a simple solution.

The Meijer union could recognize th difference between its activities and thos of charitable groups. It's that easy.

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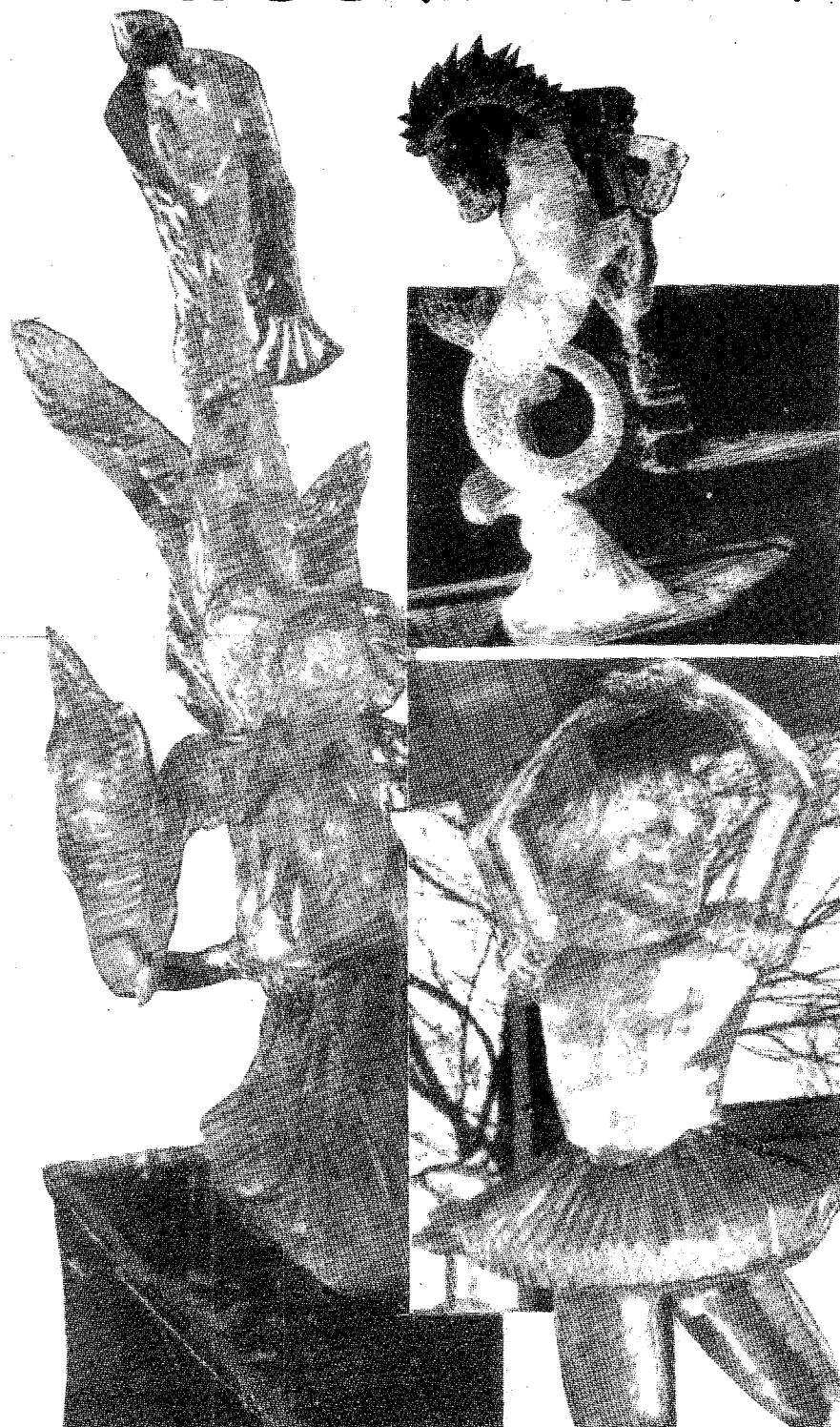
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