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## No HBO for Americast

### Continental will keep exclusive contract

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) handed down a decision Friday upholding Continental Cablevision's exclusive contract with HBO.

The decision is a blow to Americast — a company fighting to gain a foothold in the local cable market.

"Sure, we're disappointed about the decision," said Americast spokesperson Dave Onak, "but that won't stop us from signing up customers in the area. We're pleased with our results so far, even without HBO and Cinemax."

In February, Ameritech and Americast filed a complaint with the FCC charging Continental and HBO with unlawfully denying consumers in the four-community consortium of Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Northville and Canton, along with Northville Township, access to HBO and Cinemax programming.

Americast representatives claimed an exclusive contract signed by Time-Warner's HBO division and Continental in 1988 did not apply to the former Omnicom properties.

Congress passed the Cable Act of 1992. A portion of the act outlawed

exclusive contracts, but "grandfathered" any such contracts signed before June 1, 1990.

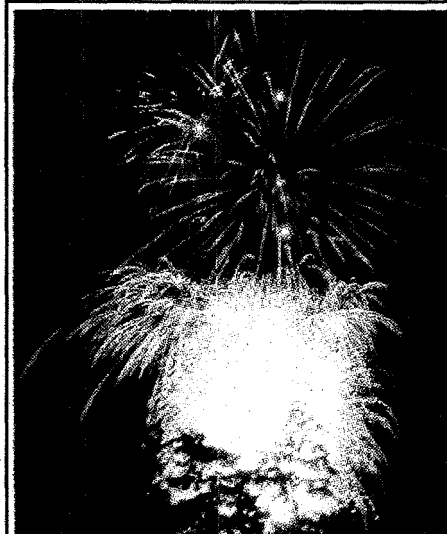
In an order released Friday, the FCC denied Americast's complaint and said that it found the Cable Act provision that Americast cited to be "clear and unambiguous."

"We feel fully vindicated by the FCC's decision," said Robert J. Sachs, Continental's Senior Vice President for Corporate and Legal Affairs. "In finding the programming access provisions of the Cable Act to be 'clear and unambiguous,' the commission could not have spoken more loudly about the baselessness of Ameritech's claims."

The exclusivity provisions of the agreement between HBO and Continental run until Dec. 31, 1997.

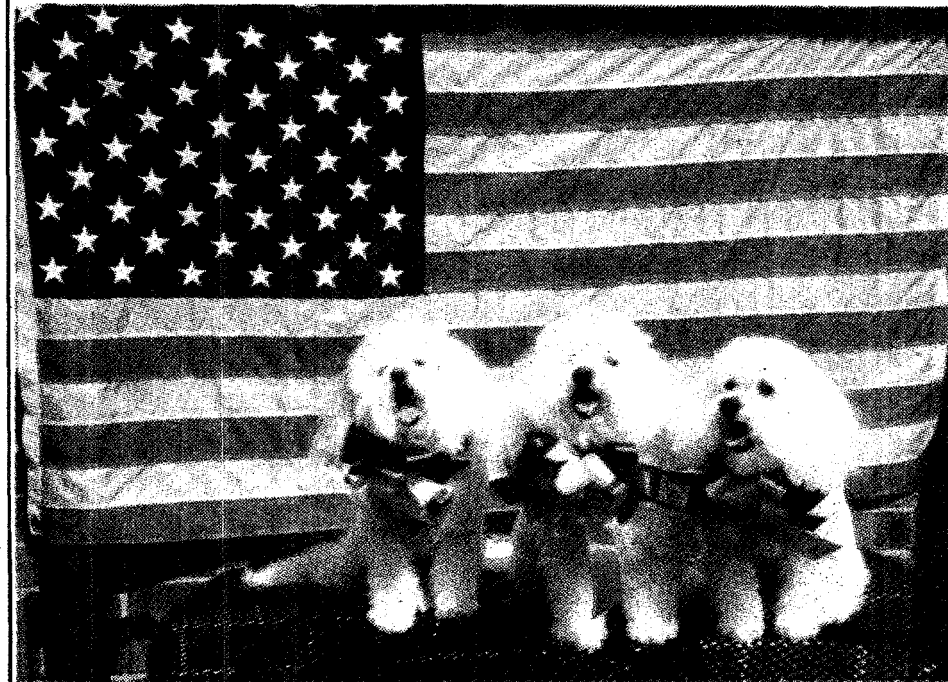
"We're at a competitive disadvantage from the start," said Onak. "We're a new player in town competing against an entrenched monopoly."

He said further legal action could be taken by Americast. "We are looking at all our options now," Onak said. "There hasn't been a decision made as to what we'll do next."



## Fun on 4th

(right) Thousands enjoyed the parade and fireworks hosted by the Plymouth-Canton Jaycees. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.) (below) Plymouth's own patriotic dogs — Sara, Mandy and Lucy — sing "The Star Spangled Banner" (Photo courtesy of Nancy Drabek) For more Crier coverage of the Independence Day festivities, see pages 12-13.



## Artists drawn to City this weekend

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Dianne Quinn has two birthdays.

One is the day she turns a year older. The other is Art in the Park, set for this weekend in downtown Plymouth.

"That's very well put," said Quinn, a Plymouth resident and founder of the 16th annual art celebration. "You wake up in the morning and you're all nervous inside because it's your birthday. That's Art in the Park, too."

Art in the Park begins Saturday, running from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, the event will take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

She can't plan Plymouth's midsummer event in her sleep anymore. It's grown so much since the inaugural Art in the

Park in 1980. There were 30 artists that year. Sixteen years later, artists are coming from nearly 30 different states.

The festival's growth is a testament to its originality. "I just thought Plymouth was the perfect location for something like this," Quinn said. "A downtown with a park in the middle of the city. I just can't tell you...you can't buy a city like this."

But visitors bought the concept.

Year by year the crowds grew along with the artists and entertainment offerings. Quinn wouldn't venture to guess how many attend the "speckled spectacular" every year, but it's more than you could shake a paint brush at.

"Some people are drawn to crowds," said Quinn. "They

want to be here. They don't want to miss a thing.

"There is something here for everybody — toys and games for the kids all the way up to walking sticks for 80-year-olds."

And they might need them, too. Art in the Park '96 has a new layout that winds the festival in and out of the City streets. "We have electricity throughout the City now," she said, "so we can have food way down Forest (Avenue). We're going to have a more well-rounded show instead of having food here, art there."

The painstaking preparation was handled by a to-scale

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### Artifacts

Canton student studies archeology in Colorado

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### Paper chase

American Blind and Wallpaper to open outlet

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### All-star

Local athlete competes in 2 all-star games this summer

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If you have questions about our healthier tomorrow,  
call Oakwood's President at (313) 593-7700  
between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. on July 16th and 17th.

# Leading the way to a healthier tomorrow. With your help.

July 1996

Dear Friend:

Oakwood Healthcare System has recently completed the data gathering and planning phase of our transition process, which involved more than 400 people (including 147 physicians and dozens representing communities we serve) during the past six months. We are now moving ahead to ensure a healthier tomorrow for our patients/members and our organization as a whole.

Earlier this month, Oakwood's board adopted recommendations emerging from the process, and approved new strategies for the organization through the year 2000. You will hear more about these from us during the next several months.

Why do we feel new strategies are necessary?

Changes in healthcare are occurring in the Detroit area and in virtually every community in the United States. They are affecting every hospital and healthcare system nationwide. These changes include a *decrease* in inpatient volume, and *increase* in the demand for outpatient care and other non-acute services, the future decline of Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement, increased pressure from payers and purchasers to reduce costs and increase efficiencies, and managed-care reimbursement which sets fixed dollars per person and dictates a shift toward *wellness*.

We need to listen to our customers or we won't be in business long. And, we owe it to you and others to be as healthy and strong as possible — so we can meet and exceed your expectations for years to come.

Like any good business, we need to step up and make the adjustments necessary to meet our customers' long-term needs. Those adjustments will require large investments of time and money. However, we recognize our responsibility to make decisions — as difficult as they may be — keeping tightly focused on the best, long-term interests of all those we serve. We've set the strategies and, as customer demands dictate, we will make specific decisions on ways to follow them.

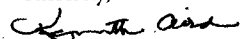
What will the changes achieve? They will ensure that you benefit from consistent, high-quality care across the Oakwood system; make it easier for you to access Oakwood services; make it easier, effective and more desirable for you to move out of the hospital and into the most appropriate non-hospital settings (such as being treated in doctors' offices or at home); promote wellness by increasing education on prevention; and replace unneeded hospital beds with a network of 24 outpatient centers.

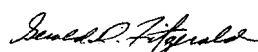
You will learn more about these changes and how they will affect you and your family. In the meantime, a special *toll-free* phone line has been activated through September 30th to receive your questions and comments on this. Please call **1-800-861-4630** to offer a question or comment that can be considered by us in future communications with you. Also, please feel free to write to any of us with your ideas and thoughts at: A Healthier Tomorrow, Oakwood Healthcare System P.O. Box 2500, Dearborn, Michigan 48123-2500.


We are excited about these changes, and need your support and thoughts as we move forward.

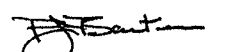
Thank you.

Sincerely,

  
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Co-Chair, Council of Chiefs

  
Fred J. Barten  
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# School board chooses Horvath president, changes meeting day to Tuesday

The Plymouth-Canton School Board has a new president and a new meeting night.

That's just some of the results from Monday night's organizational meeting held prior to the board's regular meeting.

The 1996-97 school year got underway with the approval of Mark Horvath as president. Horvath, a Canton resident who was elected in 1994, served last year as vice president and was nominated by outgoing President David Artley.

The only duel of the night came over the vice president position. Artley nominated Trustee Jack Farrow, who was re-elected to a four-year term last month, but he received just two of six votes for vice president. Treasurer Michael Maloney, who was nominated by Trustee Carrie Blamer, was then unanimously approved as vice president.

Maloney's former position was filled by Secretary Sue Davis upon the nomination of Blamer. Detailing the meeting's minutes and comments is now the responsibility of Blamer, who was approved as secretary after Artley's nomination.

The first meeting of the 1996-97 school year was also the first for recently-elected board member Liz Givens, who will serve a four-year term as trustee. Artley and Farrow are the other

trustees.

The new school board will have a new meeting day too. Following the election of the officers came the adoption of by-laws, including notification that school board meetings will be moved to the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month beginning in August. Currently, meetings are held on the second and fourth Monday's of each month. "Monday's are a difficult day, not just in school — everywhere," said Artley.

Residents, administrators and board members will all benefit from Tuesday meeting dates, Artley said. Board meeting packets are made available to board members Friday night and to the public Monday morning — leaving one day for administrators to search for answers and prepare for the night's meeting. "That gives administrators precious little time to answer questions posed by the board and the public," said Artley.

Participation should be enhanced, Artley said, because the public will have more time to review the meeting's agenda.

The second day of the week is also a better day for building principals who host meetings during the school year.

"Monday is a crunch day for administrators in buildings," said Artley.

# Canton Trustees expected to offer post office Griffin Park site for full-service building

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

The Canton Board of Trustees was expected to officially offer the U.S. Post Office Tuesday night a four-acre parcel of land at Griffin Park on Canton Center Road to build the community's full-service post office.

The plan is not without opposition. Residents of the Pheasant Glen and Embassy Square subdivisions were expected to voice their concerns over possible traffic congestion if the Post Office is built at the site.

Canton Clerk Terry Bennett said

some elements of the park may need to be moved. "If baseball diamonds and other park amenities were removed to build the post office, they would have to be replaced," she said.

If the offer to sell is made and the post office accepts the offer, the land will be sold at \$125,000 per acre.

Bennett said that although the decision would be difficult for the board of trustees, a full-service post office is one of the last essential services Canton lacks.

"We've been working on this for a long time," she said. "I think there will be support for the site because of the central location and because it gives the opportunity for the largest amount of buffer (between the post office and the subdivisions.)"

Currently, Canton residents are served by a small, satellite post office. The nearest full-service post office is located in Westland.

"We worked as a community on this with our legislators to make sure a full-service post office would be a priority of Canton," Bennett said. "We're one of the fastest growing communities in the state, yet we don't have a full-service post office."

"Unfortunately, it took the post office 10 years to realize we needed one. If the post office would have worked with us 10 years ago, we would have had a better opportunity to plan for a site."

Canton presented the post office with several possible locations, some of which were eliminated because of their location or because of the classification of the roads on which the sites were located.

If the Canton Board of Trustees did not vote to offer the site for sale or if the offer is rejected, the post office may choose to purchase from a private land owner.

# New director



Carleigh Barnes, the Canton Chamber of Commerce's new executive director, was recently introduced to the chamber membership at a luncheon last week. She will officially begin her duties Tuesday. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

# Agenda

## THIS WEEK

- The Plymouth Community Band will perform tomorrow night in Kellogg Park at 8 p.m. The concerts are free. Those who attend are encouraged to bring lawn furniture.

## THE WEEKEND

- Art in the Park begins Saturday in downtown Plymouth. The annual event runs 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.
- The Plymouth Community Arts Council will be selling tickets for a two-person Jet Ski at Art in the Park. Tickets cost \$1. The proceeds of the raffle will go to fund the second stage of renovation at the PCAC's building on Sheldon Avenue.
- The Farmers Market will be held Saturday at The Gathering in downtown Plymouth beginning at 7:30 a.m.
- Canton's Race Day in the Park will be held Saturday at Heritage Park. Call 397-5110 for registration information.

## NEXT WEEK

- The Plymouth City Commission meets Monday at City Hall at 7 p.m. The meeting is open to the public.

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# City residents protest library's handling of land negotiations

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

The Plymouth Community Library Board is ready to replace the Dunning-Hough Library building, but some homeowners on Union Street aren't ready to sell their property.

Union Street resident Marie LaGrow told Plymouth City Commissioners last week that representatives of the library board are trying to force her from her home.

"We told them we don't want to sell," she said. "They said they'd have the home demolished if we didn't. They're putting all the stress on us."

Plymouth District Library Board member Sheryl Tripp-Khoury said the homeowners have known the board's initial plan to expand the library for almost five years. "We've been in negotiations with them since August of 1995," she said. "Our attorney sent letter after letter to them with no response at all."

The Plymouth District Library Board operates as a separate government entity from the City and Township. Board members are elected and the library operates with their own budget.

"We've had a lot of love and a lot of heartache there," said LaGrow. "We feel we're being harassed."

Khoury said the library board does have the power of eminent domain — the right of government entities to take private property for public use — but added that the library board does not want to

force the remaining two homeowners from their property.

"We've had certified appraisals and we've made offers in excess of that amount," she said. "Two of the homeowners have already settled. But this is taxpayer money we're spending here. We'll pay a fair price, but we still have a library to build."

Khoury said the construction schedule has not been affected by the negotiations to purchase the property yet. "We want to resolve this quickly," she said.


Plymouth resident Mark Oppat said he's concerned that the residential character of Union Street will be lost if the four homes are demolished to make way for the library. The four homes are part of the Kellogg Park Historic District.

"You're looking at destroying four of only eight properties that are in the historic district," he said. "I don't think that's a smart plan."

Khoury said the library is subject to the same parking requirement as everyone else. She said the space is needed for additional parking. "We did an investigation on the feasibility of a parking deck," she said. "We found that it would cost an additional \$2.3 million."

According to Oppat, the library board has a tough road ahead.

"Don't think this will be taken lightly," he said. "I think it's a hopeless case to get those houses demolished in a historic district."



## Public notices


### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its regular monthly meeting Tuesday, July 16th, 1996 at 7:30 p.m. at 705 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170.

The Plymouth District Library will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at meetings, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon seven (7) days notice to the Plymouth District Library. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Plymouth District Library by writing or calling the following:

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## Public notices

### NOTICE 1996 JULY BOARD OF REVIEW CITY OF PLYMOUTH 201 S. MAIN ST. PLYMOUTH, MI 48170 (313) 453-1234 x 222

The July Board of Review will convene in the Conference Room located on the 2nd Floor of City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, on Tuesday, July 16, 1996, at 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The Board will review Homestead or Hardship Appeals, Clerical Errors and Mutual Mistake of Fact.

No appointments are necessary.

All appellants will be sent a letter by first class mail indicating the decision of the Board of Review.

Judith A. Zirblis  
 Assessor

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## City loses appeal in CSX case

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

A recent court decision may mean Plymouth motorists will spend more time waiting at City railroad crossings.

A United States Court of Appeal upheld a lower court decision that the City's train obstruction ordinance is superseded by Federal law.

Plymouth Statute Chapter 129, Section 10.51 prohibits trains from obstructing "free passage of any street...for longer than five (5) minutes" and requires five minutes between obstructions.

In its decision, the court said the Plymouth statute is "expressly preempted" by Federal laws that govern railroad traffic and safety.

As of press time, it was unclear whether the City would challenge this decision.

## Art in the Park begins Saturday

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model — right down to the fire hydrants. But Quinn knows to expect the unexpected after enduring torn up sidewalks and nasty weather at last year's Art in the Park.

"I think we're prepared, I really do," she said, "but I know that even after everything you do to prepare, there will be surprises. That's life. There are things you can't prepare for — like last year.

"It looked like a bomb had gone off in the City. After last year, we're ready for anything."

Quinn and her dedicated group of volunteers have to be ready for anything.

The stellar entertainment lineup includes musical groups, new food booths and a poetry crawl organized by Plymouth Poet in Residence Rod Reinhart.

"They're going to be in all the coffee shops downtown," said Quinn.

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is raffling a two-person Jet Ski at the festi-

val. Tickets are \$1 and the proceeds will be used to complete the second stage of construction at the PCAC's building on Sheldon Road.

And then there's the art. Miles and miles of art. Enough to make Art in the Park the largest single art festival in the state.

"In Ann Arbor," Quinn said, "there are three or four different shows. None of them are this big."

There'll be 380 artists Saturday and 400 Sunday. To be eligible for a booth at Art in the Park, artists must display a certain level of quality and originality.

"We always want different, new things in the show," Quinn said. "But artists know that — they're always changing."

Change is one thing Art in the Park won't be doing too much of in the future. Quinn said she likes the layout. She admires the artists. Besides, if it got any bigger, there wouldn't be enough days in the year to plan it.



# Schools deny nepotism in negotiations

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The Plymouth-Canton School Board is content with the school district's current negotiating team with the teacher's union despite the fact its members have family employed as teachers in the district.

The P-C School Board finally replied to nearly two months of charges of nepotism at Monday night's meeting by announcing their "faith and confidence in the current members" of the negotiating team.

School board watch dog Ted Bohlen first raised the ethics and legality of having Assistant Superintendent for Employee Relations Errol Goldman, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction/K-12 Patrick O'Donnell and former Executive Director of Instruction Tom Tattan serving on the school district's negotiating team.

Goldman's wife and O'Donnell's daughters are teachers in the school district. Tattan, who resigned June 30 to become superintendent of the Clarenceville School District, is also married to a P-C Schools teacher. "So we have three people on our negotiating team who have spouses or children employed by the school district who are negotiating salaries for the school district," said Bohlen at the May 20 school board meeting.

He was joined in disapproval by City resident Sheryl Tripp-Khoury at later meetings, and it was her comments Monday night that led to Trustee David Artley's reply. "A concern has been raised regarding the makeup of the school district's negotiating team with the teachers' union," said Artley, reading a prepared release on behalf of the school board. "When this was raised originally as an issue at a board meeting, the board had research done by independent coun-

sel as to what was 'legal,' and what was 'practice' in other school districts in the area. The summary of that research follows, but first, we note for the record that the board of education sets the parameters used by the team. Issue number one: 'It is not illegal' — to have members of the team related to those in the unit. Issue number two: it has occurred in other districts.

"Given these points, and noting that we are currently in the middle of the

negotiation process, we will not be changing the team this year and have full faith and confidence in the current board members of that team. We perceive that changing would be counter-productive. As always, we welcome the participation of all citizens in the public education process and are grateful for the sharing of the ideas and concerns."

To which Khoury replied: "There are a lot of things that aren't strictly illegal that aren't a good idea to do."

## Journey Program expanded to include 10th graders; to move from Starkweather Center to PCEP campus

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The Journey will continue.

Journey Program supporters heard what they've wanted to hear since they began their campaign in the spring to extend the exclusively ninth-grade alternative education format to 10th graders.

A proposal developed by Journey Program parents, PCEP principals Pat Patton and Gerry Ostoin, and area coordinators Sharon Streat and Jerry Morris was greeted with enthusiasm by Superintendent Charles Little. "The plan is acceptable up and down from what I can tell," said Little. "If there are no objections, I plan on implementing this."

The proposal will move the Journey Program from Starkweather Center to the PCEP campus. But the Journey Program students — between 90 and 100 ninth and 10th graders — will benefit from the PCEP's additional human resources, aca-

ademic programs and support services. The relocation of the program will, Streat and Morris said in a memo to Little, also improve the physical setting and would increase the likelihood of students feeling more connected to their home high school.

Both parents and board members applauded the outcome. "I'm very pleased with the transition," said Trustee David Artley. "We did a good thing last year; we're expanding on it this year."

"It was kind of nice to see how the system worked with us," said Journey Program supporter Linda Cox about the numerous revisions made to the proposal.

"I know it's going to work," said fellow Journey Program advocate Leslie Queen.

The Journey Program was initiated last year for 50 "at-risk" incoming freshmen students offering smaller class sizes. It was very successful and students and parents expressed concern over sending the reinvigorated students to the 4,500-student PCEP.

## Poetry Crawl added to Art in Park lineup

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Art in the Park — it's not just limited to paint, pottery and plaster anymore. This year, poetry will be added to the list of offerings.

Included in this year's Art in the Park will be a Poetry Crawl, sponsored by the Plymouth Poets.

The Poetry Crawl is scheduled for Saturday from 2-7 p.m. Art in the Park is set for all day Saturday and Sunday in downtown Plymouth.

According to Plymouth's Poet in Residence Rod Reinhart, the Poetry Crawl will complement Art in the Park. "It's a natural outgrowth of what's going on around the country," he said. "You hear about pub crawls and art crawls, but never a poetry crawl. I'll be a new and different twist on the idea."

Reinhart said 50 poets were invited to the Poetry Crawl. Others interested in participating can sign in at the Coffee Studio between 1-4 p.m.

According to Reinhart, the poets will be performing throughout the City during the Poetry Crawl.

"We hope to follow the public," he said, "rather than the public following us. Whoever happens to be at the location at the time will be treated to some of the best performing artists and poets in the state."

The poets' stops will include the main stage in Kellogg Park, The Coffee Studio, Uncle Frank's Chicagos and Coney Islands, Harvest Moon, Native West, The Serenity Shop and the Sweet Afton Tea Room.

Reinhart said the idea for a poetry event has been well received. "Art in the

Park organizer Dianne Quinn has embraced this idea from the beginning," he said. "She has given me enthusiastic support for this project."

"I'm so impressed with the work Dianne and the Plymouth Community Arts Council has done to enrich all the lives here in Plymouth."

The respect between Reinhart and Quinn is mutual. Quinn asked Reinhart to write a poem about Art in the Park. The poem will grace the back of the Art in the Park tee shirts.

The Poetry Crawl is just one of the events being sponsored by the Plymouth Poets this summer.

The poetry group is also sponsoring the Summer Celebration of Poetry on Thursday nights at the Plymouth Coffee Bean Company. The poetry readings begin at 7:30 p.m. and run to 10:30 p.m. The Summer Celebration of Poetry begins tomorrow. The final night is Aug. 8.

The Michigan Mystical Poetry Festival is scheduled for July 28 from 4-9 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth. Reinhart said the event will feature some of the finest "mystical" poets in the state and also include an open microphone session.

If that wasn't enough, the Plymouth Poets and The Community Crier are again sponsoring a Plymouth Poetry Contest. Poets can submit their original poetry to The Community Crier, 821 Penniman Ave., Plymouth, MI 48170. The poems must speak directly to the life, history, people, problems, or stories about The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community. Poems are limited to 50

### Other Plymouth Poet events:

#### Poetry Crawl

Saturday

2-7 p.m.

downtown Plymouth

#### Summer Celebration of Poetry

Thursdays

7:30-10:30 p.m.

Plymouth Coffee Bean Company

#### Michigan Mystical Poetry Festival

July 28

4-9 p.m.

St. John's Episcopal Church

#### Plymouth Poetry Contest

Deadline: Aug. 2

Entries to The Community Crier

lines. Deadline for entry is Aug. 2. Poems will be published in The Crier's annual Fall Festival edition. Winners will receive a \$25 gift certificate from the Little Professor Book Store and a subscription to The Community Crier.

The Plymouth Poets weren't always this busy. The groups started slowly four years ago, but has since become one of the most active arts groups in the community.

"You learn as you grow," said Reinhart. "We have a good core group of

volunteers who are hard working, creative people."

Reinhart said the community has supported all the Plymouth Poets' programs. "Writers and creative artists' volunteer work and support — that's what made this happen," he said.

The Plymouth Poets will continue to bring new programs to the community, according to Reinhart. In fact, the group is starting a public access program on Continental Cablevision called "The Poet and the Power."



# Friends & neighbors

## Neighbors in the news

Canton resident Roger Alan Peterson earned a MBA from Northwood University in Midland.

Canton resident Jason Ueda and Plymouth resident Japbir Gill attended the Adrian College SEEKS program last week. SEEKS — Sustaining the Environment through Education, Knowledge and Skills — focuses on improvisational theatre, creative writing, dance, archeology, video production, journalism, microbiology, landscape architecture, freshwater ecology, biological chemistry, cultural anthropology, and architecture and design to study to interrelationship of humanity to the environment.

Plymouth resident Molly L. Pastori was named to the dean's list at Rochester Institute of Technology. She is studying criminal justice.

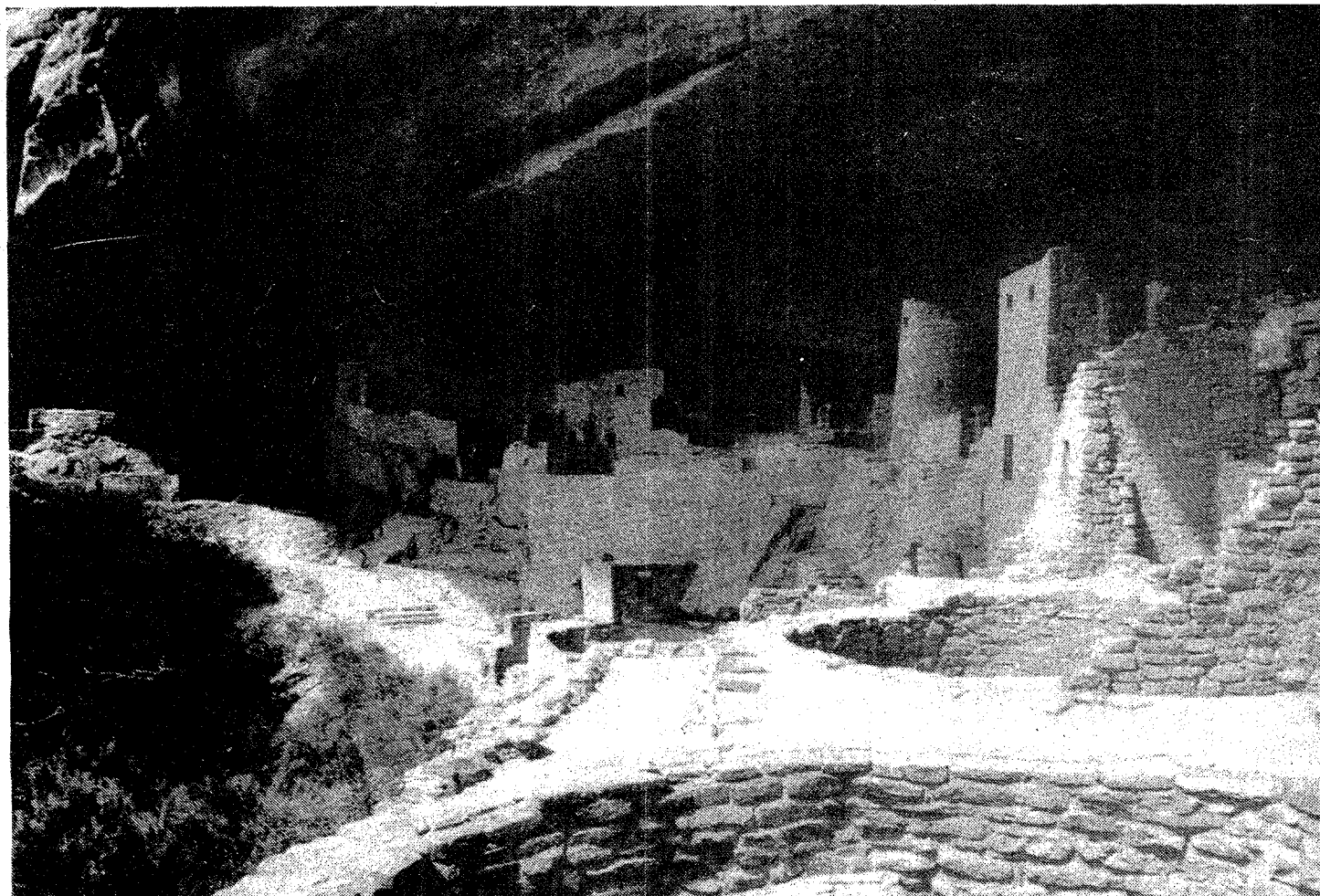


MICHELE BREEDING-MAAHS

American Legion Post 112 and Auxiliary Unit 112 of Plymouth Township recently elected and installed their new officers. Installed as officers were: James Kivell, commander; John Devor, sr. vice commander; John Pappas, jr. vice commander; George LaCroix, finance officer; and Gary McCoy, executive committeeman-at-large. The auxiliary unit installed: Michele Breeding-Maahs, president; Linda McCoy, treasurer-secretary; Shirley Maahs, chaplain; and Alicia Onderdonk, historian.

Courtney Virginia Sheldon of Canton recently completed her freshman year at GMI Engineering and Management Institute in Flint. The 1995 Salem High School graduate was named to the dean's list both terms and is majoring in manufacturing systems engineering.

Kirstin Elyse Lurtz of Plymouth received a JD degree at the 111th commencement of Northwestern School of Law of Lewis & Clark College in Portland, OR recently.



Students from Canton and Salem high schools recently attended a hands-on excavation project at the Crow Canyon in southwestern Colorado. The ancient people carved their cities from the stone bluffs of the canyon. (Crier photo by John Drauss)

## Uncovering history

*PCEP program helps beginning archaeologists look into past*

BY JOHN DRAUSS

In the tiny city of Cortez, near the southwest corner of Colorado, lies the Crow Canyon Archaeological Center, a non-profit organization dedicated to the studies of the ancient people who once populated the Four Corners region of the southwest United States.

Since its birth in 1984, Crow Canyon has been offering programs that allow the public to actually work on excavations and lab activities. Of the 4,000 people who attend the Crow Canyon programs yearly, between 20 and 30 are students from the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park (PCEP).

Anthropology and psychology teacher Denise Gimpel has offered the trip — eligible to students who have taken either physical or cultural anthropology classes — for the past nine years. Because of the strict number of people Crow Canyon can allow, only a fraction of the applicants can be selected.

This year, I was chosen along with 29 other students to attend the week-long course that began shortly after school let out.

A basic day's schedule began at 7 a.m. and consisted of a breakfast followed by a

Crow Canyon organized activity that lasted through the afternoon with a break for lunch. After dinner, the evening was either given to the students as free time, used as a period to visit tourist attractions, or as a lecture time to discuss topics related to Crow Canyon studies.

The day-time activities included hikes, excavation, lab work and class work — all conducted by the Crow Canyon staff — some of the friendliest and most knowledgeable people I've ever met.

Our studies revolved mostly around the ancestral Puebloan, the people who populated the southwest hundreds of years ago before moving out of the region to surrounding areas. We uncovered pottery,

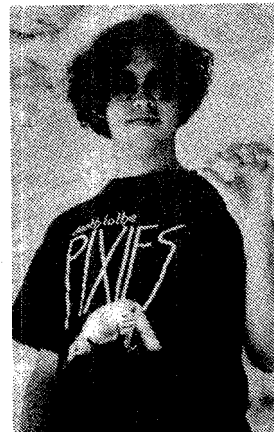
charcoal, human and animal bone and stone tools — all untouched for hundreds of years and all contributing in some way to the answers that Crow Canyon archaeologists have been seeking.

Attending the Crow Canyon field school was a very unique experience and has enhanced both my knowledge of the ancestral Puebloan, as well as the archaeological method in general. I was able to apply what I learned in the classroom to a "real life" experience for the first time.

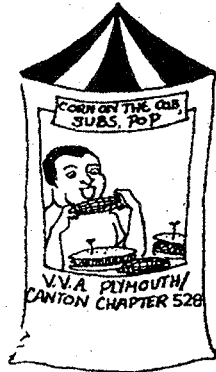
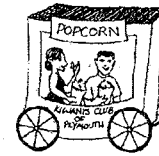
Within a week I had, among many other things, started a fire without the aid of modern tools, weaved a bracelet out of a yucca plant, walked through the remains of ancestral Puebloan buildings, unearthed artifacts hidden for centuries and used primitive hunting tools to launch an arrow at a target.

I'm extremely fortunate to have attended a school where this program is offered. Such opportunities are rare and I hope that for the sake of future students, the program continues to be offered and students continue to take advantage of it.

*EDITOR'S NOTE: John Drauss recently graduated from Canton High School. He is attending Eastern Michigan University this fall.*



John Drauss holds a piece of pottery uncovered at the dig site.



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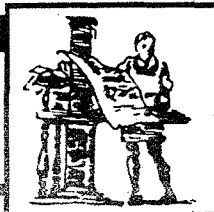
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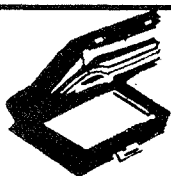


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# Getting down to business

## Neighbors in business

Trim Masters, Inc. (TMI) — a Johnson Controls joint venture with Araco and Toyota Tsusho America, Inc. — will supply seat systems for future Toyota T100 large pickup trucks that will be built in North America. Johnson Controls is based in Plymouth Township.



**RICHARD O. ANDERSON, P.E.**  
Canton resident Richard O. Anderson, P.E. recently joined Somat Engineering Inc. as president and CEO.

John Barth, executive vice president of Plymouth Township-based Johnson Controls, was named to the advisory board for C.S. Mott Children's Hospital. The newly-created board represents 21 volunteer members representing various business, professional and community interests in Michigan.

Huron Valley Ambulance recently joined Mobile Health Resources, L.L.C. (MHR). The role and mission of MHR is to be competitive in a market that calls for integrated, full-range, medically related transportation services. As part of this new organization, each of the seven local ambulance service operations will remain independent under their current individual ownership structure.

Telcom Credit Union recently opened in Canton at the corner of Warren and Sheldon roads. The credit union has been in business in the Detroit metro area for the past 60 years.

# Plymouth retail outlet

## *American Blind and Wallpaper Factory to open showroom outlet*

Just as savvy shoppers know that the best furniture buys can be had in North Carolina and deals on carpet abound in Dalton, GA, Steve Katzman hopes those with a panache for saving big on blinds and wallpaper will turn his corner of Plymouth into the next mecca for those in search of shopping's nirvana for their home.

Katzman's new American Blind and Wallpaper Factory Showroom Outlet will open Friday at the former Highland Appliance headquarters, with savings of up to 82 percent off the manufacturer's suggested retail price, represents a new chapter for his company. It is also leading the way in an ever-changing industry by embracing the latest trend in retailing: niche "category killers" or superstores that carve out and focus on a narrow business segment.

The American Blind and Wallpaper Factory Showroom Outlet has come full circle in the past decade. With roots firmly established in the former Mrs. Kay's Wallpaper, Blinds and More stores and Kay & Kay Tile Depot stores, the company began its mail order business in 1986. What started as a two-person "phone center" in a back room to sell first-quality, designer blinds and wallpaper at a discount, has swelled to 650 individuals, including an order department processing more than 2,000,000 calls each year. Inquiries come from across the country; 18 hours a day, seven days a week.

"Implementing a mail order operation gave us a window of opportunity to enable people from coast-to-coast to save on blinds and wallpaper," said Katzman, a third-generation retailer who got his start with his family's retail stores in Detroit and Chicago nearly a decade ago.

Today, in keeping with their original retail roots, Katzman and his team are embarking on their new venture, the American Blind and Wallpaper Factory Showroom Outlet. The 30,000 square-foot retail showroom will allow customers to see samples of more than 1,000 types of blinds and 1,500 special order wallpaper books.

As comparison, the typical Mrs. Kay's had 4,000 square feet of space. "For people not comfortable ordering over the phone, our showroom brings customers and merchandise together, where they can better examine colors and patterns," Katzman said.

The showroom is a natural extension of the American Blind and Wallpaper Factory mail order operation. "Our street address is on all of our advertisements and catalogs. As a result, we frequently have visitors walk in asking to see the wares," said Dan Gilmartin, executive vice president of operations.

Consumers will be encouraged to visit the company's Sheldon Road showroom, which displays samples of blinds and wallpaper from every major manufacturer including Levolor, Kirsch, Bali, Duette, Hunter Douglas, Wall Trends, Graber, Del Mar, Brewster, Imperial, Vymura and Sanitas.

According to Katzman, "We have seen the trend of families spending more time at home and devoting resources to renovate and redecorate. With the popularity and growth of the do-it-yourself stores, more and more consumers now have the confidence to undertake these projects."

Gilmartin said: "Our customers tell us they prefer putting their own thumb prints on their home decorating and remodeling projects."

While the roster of "big box" home centers seems a natural competitor on the rugged retail landscape, they actually help American Blind and Wallpaper Factory by showcasing merchandise. "These retailers whet the appetite of customers," said Katzman. "The difference is that at the home centers, their goods are typically not customized. When our customers place an order, they will have their blinds or wallpaper made to their specifications, delivered direct to their home in three to 14 days. Plus, we always guarantee the lowest prices anywhere."

The American Blind and Wallpaper Factory Showroom Outlet will also act as an on-site research and development department. Management can see what styles are selling and what are the latest home decorating trends.

# Twp.-based Johnson Controls picks McDonough for v.p. job

## *McDonough will oversee Asia/Pacific operations for company's Automotive Systems Group in Township*

Johnson Controls named John McDonough vice president and general manager for Asia/Pacific operations at the company's Automotive Systems Group in Plymouth Township.

McDonough, who joined the automotive seating and interior supplier in 1991, has been serving as vice president and managing director for the company's European operations. In his new post, he will direct the company's efforts as it launches manufacturing operations and expands into new markets throughout Asia.

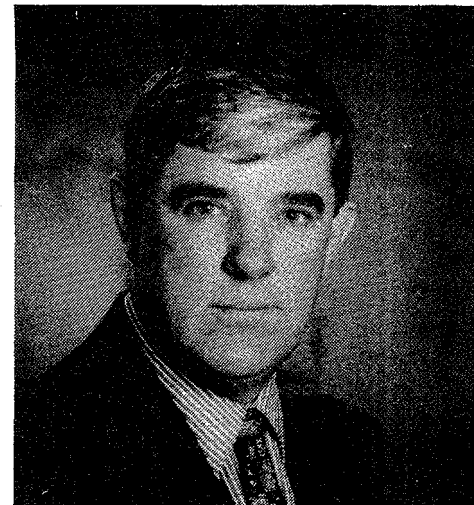
McDonough is responsible for managing joint-venture relationships, new business development, quality, costing, program management, and manufacturing operations in the region.

He reports to John Fiori, vice president and managing director for Johnson Controls European and Asian operations.

During the past five years, McDonough has served in two other positions for Johnson Controls: managing director of United Kingdom operations; and general manager for the company's European metal, trim and "just-in-time" seat manufacturing plants.

"We're pleased to have John McDonough managing this vitally important function as we expand into emerging Asian market," said John Barth, president of Johnson Controls.

McDonough earned a degree in engineering from London University. He is married and has two children.



**JOHN MCDONOUGH**



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# Groups...

## PLYMOUTH OPTIMISTS

Order your 1997 book. All proceeds go to children's causes. Cost is \$40. For more information, call Bill at 453-8253 or Ken at 728-7619.

## PLYMOUTH LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS

July 16, Aug. 20, Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19 and Dec. 17. For more information, call 453-0750.

## PCAC SUMMER ART CLASSES

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## PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS

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## PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL EXHIBIT

"Plymouth-Canton Collects" will be on display until October 27 at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main St. Judge Ron Lowe, Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack and West Middle School Principal Judie Stone are among the many contributors. Admission is \$2; 50 cents for children. For more information, call 455-8940.

## STU ROCKAFELLOW AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

The Stu Rockafellow Amateur Radio Society will hold their regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month on the second floor of the Plymouth City Hall. For more information, call 455-7652. Amateur radio classes will be held Wednesdays from 7-9 p.m. at the Plymouth Township Hall. For more information, call 454-4061.

## 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.

## PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY WRITER'S CLUB

The second and fourth Thursday of every month from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Writers of all experience levels are welcome. For more information, call 416-0418

## CLOTHING BANK

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

## 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 Melissa McLaughlin at 495-0304.

## 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.

## 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.

## SMOKERS' RIGHTS MEETING

People supportive of smokers' rights can meet on the third Monday of every month at 7 p.m. at The Senate Coney Island, 34359 Plymouth Rd. For more information, call Marc at 455-1635.

## MEALS ON WHEELS

The Meals on Wheels program serves a hot nutritious lunch five days a week at Tonquish Manor. A donation is requested for the meal, but not required. For more information, call 453-9703 weekdays between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

# Volunteer...

## FISH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

FISH of Plymouth/Canton is always looking for volunteers to assist in its purpose of aiding neighbors who cannot help themselves. If you would like information on being a driver, a "caller", or just running errands, call 261-1011 and leave a message.

## HOSPICE OF SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN

The hospice is seeking patient care, patient companion and team support volunteers in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community. For more information, call 291-9700.


## ADOPT-A-MAGAZINE

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# Community deaths

## City resident lives to 108, honored by presidents, governors

Plymouth resident Beatrice Dickie died July 7, 1996 at the age of 108.

Dickie was born Aug. 19, 1887 in Scotland. She lived in her own apartment in Lake Pointe Village until the age of 102. At 102 she moved to American House in Livonia.

Over the years, she has received many letters from dignitaries including Presidents Richard Nixon, George Bush, Ronald Reagan and Bill Clinton, along with Governors Jim Blanchard and John Engler. She also received a declaration from the House of Parliament in England. She moved to the Plymouth

community in 1980 from Detroit and was a member of St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton and belonged to many church groups.

She was a Red Cross volunteer during W.W. II.

Throughout the years, her family and friends were most important to her. She loved to walk and travel the U.S. She also loved roses.

She is survived by her daughter, Margaret Lennebacker of Plymouth; son, James (Martha) Dickie of Salt Lake City, UT; grandchildren, Carol (Toni) Garofalo of Batavia, IL, Ruth (Dale) Thorp of

Plymouth, Steven (Linda) Dickie of Wichita, KS, Kristine (Robert) Jones of Salt Lake City, UT, Lora (Kenneth) Hicks of Atlanta, GA; and six grandchildren.

Services were held at St. Michael Lutheran Church with Rev. Drex Morton officiating. Burial was at Parkview Cemetery in Livonia. Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial tributes can be made to St. Michael Lutheran Church or the charity of the donors choice.

## Kelly father of Canton priest, remembered for work as firefighter

Charles Richard Kelly, Sr., a Bonita Springs, FL resident, died July 5, 1996 at the age of 77. He is the father of Rev. Fr. C. Richard Kelly, Jr. of St. Thomas' Becket Catholic Church in Canton.

Kelly, Sr. was born July 28, 1918 in Detroit, where he served as captain of the Detroit Fire Department. He served two years in the Army Air Corp during W.W. II.

He is survived by his wife, E. Virginia Kelly; sons, Fr. C. Richard Kelly, Jr. of Canton and Tom Kelly of Dearborn;

daughters, Patricia Kelly of Traverse City and Katie Kelly of Detroit; brother, Robert Kelly of Bonita Springs, FL; eight grandchildren; and seven great grandchildren.

Services were held at St. Thomas' Becket Catholic Church with Fr. C. Richard Kelly officiating. Burial was at the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. Arrangements were made by the McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel. Memorial tributes can be made to St. Thomas' Becket Education Fund.

## Obituaries

For more information on listing a paid obituary notice in The Crier, contact your funeral director or call (313) 453-6900

### MERTON H. SLATER

Merton H. Slater, a Plymouth resident, died July 6, 1996 at the age of 90.

Mr. Slater was born Aug. 8, 1905 in Montgomery County, KS. He moved to the community in 1937. He worked for 32 years at Ford Motor Company's Rouge Plant, from which he retired in 1970.

Mr. Slater is survived by his wife, Verna G. McKee; daughter, Marily (Whitney) of Plymouth; three grandchildren; and six great grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by and services were held at Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth with Rev. Dean A. Klump of the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth officiating. The family will receive visitors from 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the Potts Chapel, 122 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Independence, KS. The funeral home will be open for friends to pay respects from noon to 8 p.m. Thursday. Burial will take place at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Independence, KS, with a graveside service scheduled for Friday. Memorial tributes can be made to the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, 45201 N. Territorial Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170.

### OLIVE (IRENE) LEITH

Olive (Irene) Leith, a Canton resident, died June 30, 1996 at the age of 71.

She was born April 17, 1925 in Detroit. She was a homemaker. Mrs. Leith is survived by her husband, Charles R. Leith of Canton, with whom she was married for 47 years; daughters, Joyce C. (Thomas) Scott of El Paso, TX and Judy C. (John) Darolfi of Canton; son, John C. (Margaret) Leith of Redford; brother, Jack Levick of Rochester; and six grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by and services were held at Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth with Rev. Harvey Heneveld of Christ Community Church in Canton officiating. Memorial tributes can be made to the Michigan Cancer Foundation, 744 Wing St., Plymouth, MI 48170-9860.



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## Health...

### PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROGRAM FOR SENIORS

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### OAKWOOD CLASSES/SCREENINGS

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### FITNESS CLASSES

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### LUNCHTIME EXERCISE

Lunch hour open skate at the Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St. Fees are reduced from regular open skate fees. Mondays: 12:30-1:50 p.m.; Wednesdays: 1-2 p.m.; Fridays: 10:50 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. \$2 for City resident or full time worker in the City (please bring pay stub). \$2.50 non resident. Fifty cents skate rental. For more information, call 455-6623.

### SMOKE STOPPERS

The McAuley Health building will hold a continuing stop-smoking clinic with a free assessment. Patch users are welcome. For more information, call Pat Harris at 712-4141.

## Schools...

### CANTON/SALEM FIVE YEAR CLASS REUNION

Aug. 2 at the Hellenic Cultural Center from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Cost is \$25 per person. Reservations required. For more information, call 981-4072 or 453-3683.

### P-C SCHOOLS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS FOR COMMITTEES

The Housing and Facilities Committee, the Citizens Finance Committee and the Long Range Planning Committee is seeking community members. The P-C School Board will select the committee members by random draw at the July 22 School Board meeting. Committees meet regularly throughout the year, presenting reports to the school board. For more information, call the P-C Schools Community Relations Department at 416-2755 or 416-2753 before next Wednesday.

### FREE SUMMER SESSION FOR SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS

The P-C Schools Infant and Preschool Special Education Program is providing free summer services to parents of special needs children. Infants to five-years-old. July 18 and Aug. 15. For more information, call 420-7001.

### NEW KIDDIE CREW PROGRAM

Preschool activities for three-year-olds. Registration will begin on a first come first serve basis Aug. 5 at Canton High School in the Community Education office. For more information on requirements, call 416-2937.

### SALVATION ARMY-TINY TOTS PRESCHOOL

Tiny Tots preschool-Salvation Army is taking applications for the fall 1996 school year. It's a four-year-old program. Must be four-years-old by December 1. For more information, call Peggy at 459-1358.

### NEW MORNING SCHOOL DAY CLASSES

Discovery Day classes. There are many classes to choose from, all with an emphasis on hands-on activities. Ages three to 11. Twelve students, one teacher and one parent aide per class. For more information, call 420-3331.

### PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL/CLASS OF 1971 REUNION

The 25th class reunion will be held at the Summit in Canton Aug. 31. For more information, call Marilyn Miller Smith at (810) 486-6060 or (810) 437-8517.

### CLASS OF 1976/SALEM HIGH SCHOOL

Aug. 10 at the Novi Hilton. Class Reunions Plus, P.O. Box 806010, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080-6010. Call 886-0770.

## Upcoming...

### NOMINATING PETITIONS FOR LIBRARY BOARD

Nominating petitions are available at the clerk's office of the City and Plymouth Township for candidates to the Plymouth Library Board in the general election Nov. 5. Three trustee seats are open. Nominees must be 18 and a resident of Plymouth. The filing deadline is 4 p.m. July 18.

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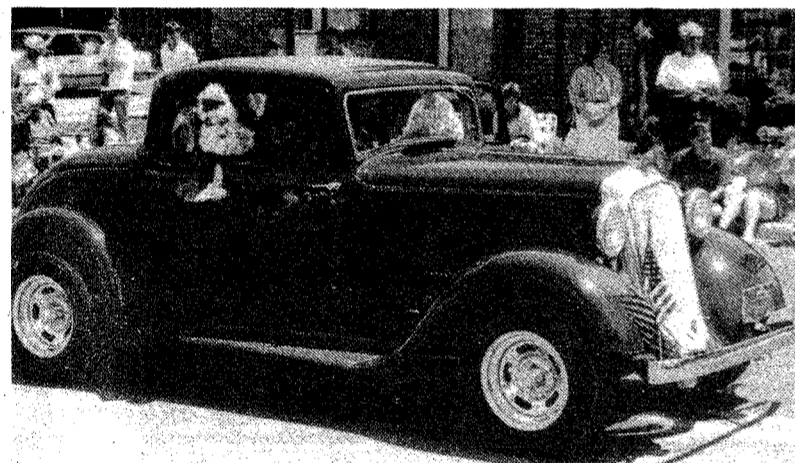
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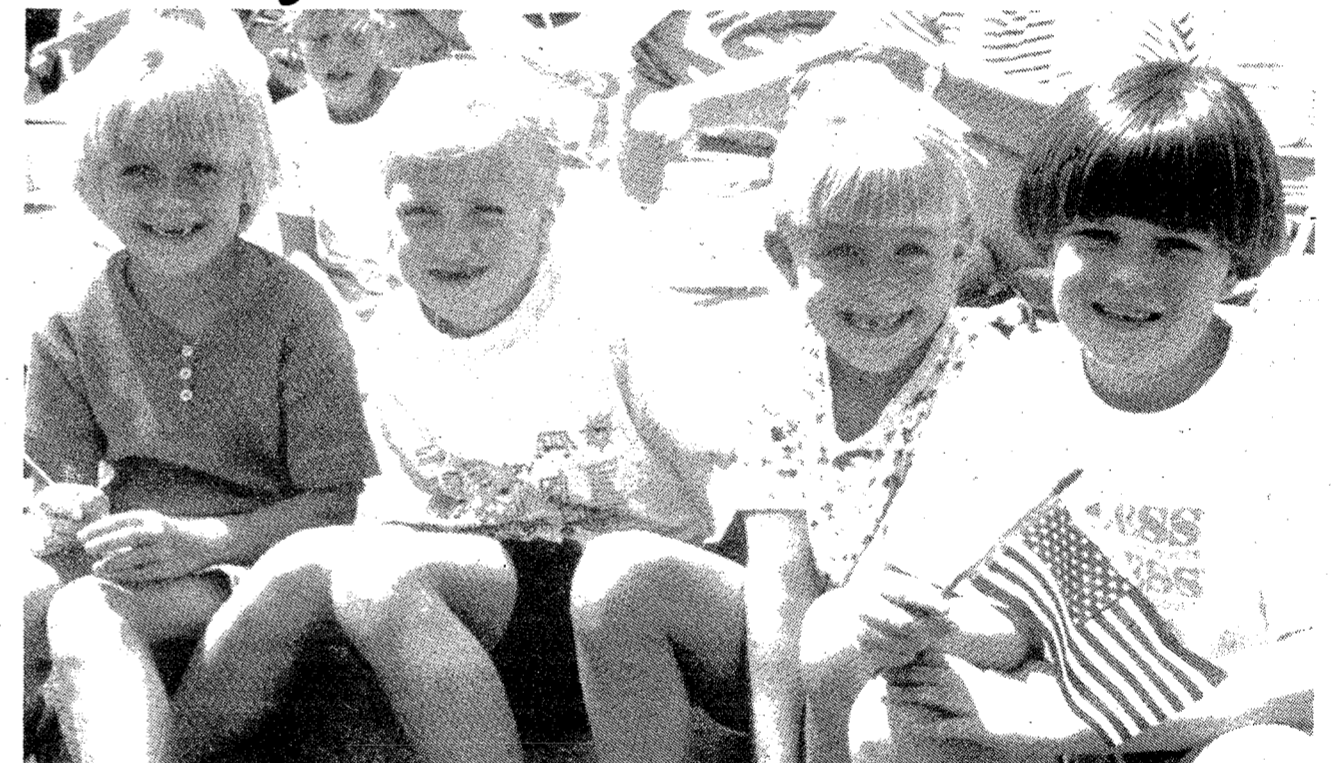
## Community celebrates July 4th holiday



The parade featured clowns, cars and candy. (Crier photo by Jack Armstrong)



The PCEP Marching Band lead the way for the 1996 Independence Day parade in downtown Plymouth last week. The parade was sponsored by the Plymouth-Canton Jaycees. Weather was perfect for the annual celebration. (Crier photo by Jack Armstrong)



(left to right) Courtney, Kristen and Katelyn Ward, along with their friend Julie Wludyka got into the spirit of the event by waving Old Glory. (Crier photo by Stephanie Everitt-Kirkbride)



Young and old enjoyed the parade down Main Street. (Crier photo by Stephanie Everitt-Kirkbride)



This year's parade featured lots of animals, including these horses. The Independence Day parade began at 1 p.m. and lasted until almost 2:30 p.m. (Crier photo by Jack Armstrong)



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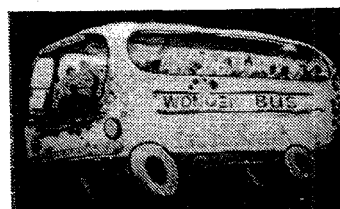
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The backroom looks great - "the thing they don't teach in Journalism school!"

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Kristin Trabbue says Jack can make sausage out of Mike's Iguanas. How about Parrot - Iguana sausage?

Janet did a great job for her dad's birthday! Super gifts & a great dinner. thanks loads. She also let her dad look good at golf.

just kidding, for the 1st time out Janet shot a 60 and that was with 25 strokes of the 1st three holes - and most of all we had a ball -

Kathy & Rob throw a great party - good food, good drinks and most of all good people.

Sorry Judi, your birthday curios were supposed to be in the paper last week. Claire must have called & cancelled them because of the trouble she would have gotten into.

#### Curiosities

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#### Curiosities

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Ed and Sally met "The Handyman" this past weekend. Wouldn't cha' know, Sally asked the fix-it question?! Could it be that the Wendover workshop is utilized more by the woman of the house??

LOOK OUT PLYMOUTH - Jim Armstrong is coming to town for 10 whole days!!

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# Sports

## Sports shorts

Canton Parks and Recreation are sponsoring field trips on six separate dates.

There will be trips to **Rolling Hills Water Park** tomorrow, July 23, Aug. 1 and Aug. 6 and there will be a trip to the **Hands-On Museum and Ruthren Exhibit Museum** on July 18. The cost for the Water Park is \$3 for the bus ride with a \$3 admission fee, the Hands-On Museum is \$3 for the bus ride with a \$2 admission fee and the Ruthren Museum has a \$1 admission fee.

Registration began June 24 and ends the day before the trip at 5 p.m. There is a limit of 40 people total per trip and all trips are open to all Canton residents.

Canton Parks and Recreation playground leaders will supervise the field trip and participants must provide their own lunch and/or money if concessions are provided. Participants must also sign up only at the Canton Parks and Recreation office, which is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday. Call 397-5110 for more information.

Canton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a **Campout/Movie night program** for all ages at the Heritage Park Amphitheater on July 19 with the movie "Casper" being shown.

Tent set-up begins at 6 p.m., a cook-out begins around 7:15 p.m., entertainment begins around 8:15 p.m. and the movie starts at dusk. Tents must be down by noon on July 20. This event is for all ages with a cost of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children 15 years old and under. The camping permit is free if registered by next Wednesday at 5 p.m. or the cost is \$10 if registered after that date.

There are no residency requirements, permits and rules will be provided and there are no trailers or campers, tents only. Registration began June 24 and the pre-registration deadline is this Wednesday. Late registration is July 18 and 19. Call 397-5110 for more information.

Northville Parks and Recreation will sponsor a second soccer camp on July 22-26 from 1-3:30 p.m. at the Northville Community soccer fields on Beck Road between Five and Six Mile Roads.

Coordinated by Total Training, the camp is designed for beginning and advanced soccer players. The camp goal is to improve technical ball handling skills and tactical awareness on

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# Whirlpool

## Special Olympics swim team has no place to practice

BY MATT HUCAL

The local Special Olympics team has a problem.

After competing in the State Special Olympic Games the last 11 years, the Plymouth-Canton members of the swim team were unable to participate at this year's games at Central Michigan University in June because there was no practice time available at the PCEP high school pools. The swim team is comprised of five teenagers and because of the lack of a pool time, they are unable to build the team up, having to continually turn away interested swimmers.

For the last decade the swim team was able to use the high school's pool for once a week practices. According to Bill Abraham, who has a daughter on the swim team, it's been nearly impossible to contact those responsible for the pool's time allotment.

"We have an easy time getting the gym for the track and field team," Abraham said, "but the problem with swimming is we've had a hard time getting a hold of people."

One theory Abraham has about the problem is the coaching changes the team has gone through recently. Hooker Wellman, a former swim coach at Canton, was the Special Olympics coach until 1994 before handing the position over to Nicki Montross, who left the job this past year. Both Wellman and Montross had an easy time getting the team practice time because of the connections they had with the school.

Abraham was given a few names of people he should contact about the problem, but those people either didn't return his calls or are in a position where they don't have the authority to assign pool times.

It's been suggested to reserve time at the Summit on the Park, but although the price is a factor Abraham and the rest of the parents could deal with, there are other reasons why the Summit was purposely overlooked.

"The one problem we do have is that we need to have a few lanes," Abraham

said, "and the Summit wouldn't be able to provide that because it's a public place."

To be able to compete in the State Games a team needs a certain amount of practice time under its belt. The Our Lady of Providence Center in Northville allowed the team to practice a bit at their pool this last Spring, but the team wants to keep the practices in its own community.

Plymouth-Canton started the community Special Olympics 12 years ago, and the swim team has gone to the State Games every year aside from this year. The track and field team traveled to the State Games this year, leaving the swimmers frustrated and disappointed.

According to Donna Marquardt, who has a daughter on the swim team, the Games are the Olympians time to shine and they don't comprehend scheduling conflicts. They just know that for some reason, they were not allowed to compete

in the State Games this year.

The Wayne County Special Olympic Games were held on May 3 at Franklin High School in Livonia in which there were swimming and track and field events. The five Plymouth-Canton swimmers did reasonably well considering they weren't able to secure pool time for any practices.

Tasha DeGraff won a silver medal in the 25 meter backstroke and a gold medal in the 50 meter backstroke. Julie Abraham won a gold in the 50 meter freestyle and was fifth place in the 25 meter backstroke. Carrie Shilling won a silver in the 50 meter freestyle and a bronze in the 25 meter backstroke. Betsy Marquardt won a bronze in the 50 meter freestyle and a bronze in the 25 meter backstroke. David Foust won a bronze in the 50 freestyle and a silver in the 25 meter backstroke and the 4 X 25 relay team of DeGraff, Abraham, Shilling and Marquardt won a bronze medal.

## Canton grad named to all-star team in 2 different sports

BY MATT HUCAL

While most high school graduates are spending their summer soaking in the sun rays and just plain bumming around until college comes their way, Canton High School graduate Ron Hunter will be occupying his summertime in quite a more vigorous way.

Hunter has been selected for two upcoming high school all-star games in the sports of basketball and football.

The Wendy's Classic basketball tournament will be held this weekend at Ohio State University. Hunter was among 10 Michigan high school basketball players selected for the team. The team will be competing against squads from Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana that were chosen the same way. The game will be broadcast on 24 television channels nationwide and should bring a lot of exposure to Hunter and his teammates.

After the basketball tournament Hunter will have two weeks until he's due to report to the 1996 Michigan High School East-West All Star football game. The game takes place on August 3 at 1:35 p.m. at Spartan Stadium on the MSU campus, but all players are due on July 27 for a week of three-a-day practices.

Each Class A high school in Michigan was able to nominate three players from their team, Class B schools could nominate two players, Class C and D schools were able to nominate one player. Only one player from each school is able to be selected for the team. Only head coaches

who are members of the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association (MHSFCA) may nominate their players for the game.

Hunter is taking the game serious, considering he's enrolled at MSU in the fall without a scholarship in either football or basketball.

"I think it's great that I have this opportunity to play in front of all the coaches and to work on my skills," Hunter said.

Competing in the game will be two teams each with 44 players. With no high school being able to have more than one player on it, there will be 88 players from 88 different schools. These 88 players have been selected from a total of 647 schools and 547,200 students from throughout the State of Michigan.

Tickets are available at the gate for \$7 or can be ordered through the mail through Jim Clawson, 21681 Thorofare, Grosse Ile, MI 48138 by sending \$6 per ticket with a check made out to the MHSFCA and a self addressed stamped envelope.

As for Hunter's collegiate athletic future, he says football at MSU will have top priority over basketball, but becoming a walk-on for the basketball team is a good possibility.

"I'm going to work on football and if I'm able to handle my workload of athletics and academics, I'll definitely do that (play basketball)," Hunter said.

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# Sports

## King of the Court

*Tennis makes comeback on refurbished PCEP courts*

BY MATT HUCAL

Tennis is a tough sport to play.

The cutting back and forth across the court, having to hit a small ball over a net and placing it inside of a square box, returning powerful serves that are sometimes as fast as Cecil Fielder running to McDonalds.

Those are just a few examples of what's needed to excel in tennis, not including stamina, the arm strength that brings powerful swings and the ability to make quick decisions while having fast reactions.

Then come the courts that players put their skill to use on. Most communities have the security of knowing that a respectable court is nearby, something our community has lacked for awhile.

We have nine courts at the high school that have, for the most part, been in terrible condition for quite some time.

### Sure Shot

By Matt Hucal

Complaints from people associated with the tennis programs at PCEP were numerous and well-deserved. The previous boys tennis season was like a bus riding extravaganza as half the matches Salem and Canton were supposed to host were transferred to the opponents' court.

It's also been a mystery as to why the southern courts of the tennis center are end to end, east to west. The distractions that have developed from that setup don't seem to make it worth it to even have the courts there.

But it's the good news that makes this all worthwhile. Repairs have been made

to the high school courts. Cracks have been filled in and the nets are in good shape.

What luck it is that the Canton-Plymouth-Crier Open Singles Tennis Tournament is set for July 20 - 21 at the Plymouth-Canton high school tennis courts and that they are in respectable condition.

With the knowledge that the courts are in the best possible condition that they can be in, it's highly suggested to register for the tournament by the deadline next Wednesday. Fill out the application below and return it today.

### Sports shorts

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the playing field. Camp participants should bring soccer shoes, ball, shin guards and water bottles.

Registration fees are \$69 per person for Northville residents, \$72 for Novi residents and \$74 for non-Northville residents. Registrations are accepted at the Northville Parks and Recreation Department and include t-shirts. Call 349-0203 for more information.

The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department, in cooperation with Mr. Wizard's World and ECS Educational Services, will be offering Mr. Wizard Discover Day Camps this summer.

The camps are a week long and include activities designed to challenge children's natural curiosity. For three hours each day the children are presented with hands-on activities that help them discover and understand the world around them. Sessions are supervised by a certified educator trained in special hands-on, self-discovery methods children use in explorations.

These camps will be offered: **Balancing and Weighing** from Monday to July 19 for ages 7-10 years old at a cost of \$60 for City residents and \$70 for non-residents. Kids will solve challenges relating to balances and weights.

**Electric Circuits** from July 22-26 for ages 10-12 years old at a cost of \$70 for City residents and \$80 for non-residents. Kids will experiment with electricity.

**Sounds** from August 5-9 for ages 7-10 years old at a cost of \$70 for City residents and \$80 for non-City residents. Kids will learn all about sounds.

**Structures** from August 12-16 for ages 10-12 years old at a cost of \$70 for City residents and \$80 for non-City residents. Kids will learn about structures. Call 455-6620 for more information on any camp being offered.

The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department will be presenting **Marc Thomas & Max the Moose** Friday at 1 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center. The cost of the show is \$2 for adults, \$1 for children.

Marc Thomas and Max the Moose will perform and children will participate through movement and musical activities, bringing to life the magical world of Marc's music as puppet friend Max the Moose offers his own giddy moose fun. It is recommended that tickets be purchased in advance at the Recreation Department, as seating is limited. For more information call 455-6620.

## Tennis Tournament Entry Form

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IN CONSIDERATION FOR THE FOREGOING, I FOR MYSELF, MY EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, AND ASSIGNEES, DO HEREBY RELEASE AND DISCHARGE ALL SPONSORS, COORDINATION GROUPS, VOLUNTEERS AND ANY INDIVIDUALS ASSOCIATED WITH THE EVENT, FOR ALL CLAIMS OF DAMAGES, DEMANDS, ACTIONS AND WHATSOEVER IN MANNER ARISING OR GROWING OUT OF MY PARTICIPATION IN SAID EVENT.

Athlete's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian if under 18 \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Tennis tournament makes comeback

The tennis tournament returns.

The Canton-Plymouth-Crier Open Singles Tennis Tournament is ready to provide enormous competition to tennis players of all ages on July 20 and 21 at the Plymouth-Canton High School tennis courts.

There are seven age divisions for both males and females. The divisions are 10 years and under, 14 years and under, 18 years and under, Mens Open, Womens

Open, Mens 50 years and over, and Womens 50-years and over.

For residents of Canton and the City, there will be a fee of \$6 and for non-residents the price will be \$8. Each player must provide their own can of USTA approved tennis balls.

The format of the tournament is single elimination and is open to all area tennis players. Awards will be given to winners and runner-ups of each division.

Registration began on Monday and the deadline is July 17 at 4 p.m. Registration may take place in person or by mail by sending an entry form to Canton Parks and Recreation at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton with a zip code of 48188. Players will be able to find out the time of their first match on July 19 between 2-4 p.m. by calling the Canton Parks and Recreation Department at 397-5110.



# Community opinions

## Edwards deserves Twp. treasurer job

EDITOR:

August is a great month in Michigan. Our warm, sunny weather gives us the opportunity to travel and experience our great state at its most beautiful. At home, August in election years gives us the opportunity to evaluate our local elected officials and decide who is best qualified to manage our township.

Having studied the candidates running for Plymouth Township Treasurer, I have concluded that Ron Edwards is the best qualified to hold this important office. Ron is a Certified Public Accountant (C.P.A.) and management consultant with a

solid business background. He has also been an active supporter of our community as both a treasurer of the Plymouth District Library Building Campaign Committee and as an active volunteer in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools both in his children's schools and on district-wide advisory groups.

From my experience both as treasurer of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and treasurer of the Plymouth District Library,

I have noticed that our Township Treasurer's Office has not been operated with the same accuracy and efficiency as our neighboring communities. In addition, as a citizen

I am concerned about the unfavorable comment letter the Plymouth Township Treasurer's Office received this year from the Township's independent auditor.

After twelve years, it's time to make a change, time to bring fresh ideas, professional business

management, and a CPA's experience to our Township Treasurer's Office. I urge you to take the time to vote in this August's Republican Primary election and recommend you vote for Ron Edwards for Plymouth Township Treasurer.

STEVE HARPER

	FACTOR	1995/96	INCREASE	1996/97
SALARY		110,210	3,541	113,751.00
RETIRE.	14.56	16,047	0.00	16,047.00
RETIRE. INCR**	.0059		487.68	487.68
RETIRE. (96-97)	.1515		536.46	536.46
FICA 62,700	.062	3,887	0.00	3,887.00
MDCR	.0145	1,598	51.34	1,649.34
FRINGE BENEFITS*		7,370	268.00	7,638.00
ANNUITY (5%)	.05	5,511	177.05	5,688.05
TOTAL		144,623	5,061.53	149,684.53

\* Does not include mileage and auto reimbursement  
 \*\* This increase is for 9 months (75%).

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This is the school board-supplied calculation of the superintendent's compensation package for 1996-97.

## Media should look at total compensation package for P-C Schools superintendent

EDITOR:

This past June, the Board of Education took an idea and turned it into a reality recently, but it was reported incorrectly in at least one issue of the print media. We just want the record straight regarding the superintendent's total compensation package for the school year 1996/97.

Simply put, we addressed his "total compensation package," not just his salary. It was unfortunately reported in a very different fashion, possibly creating misunderstanding within the community that we serve. Often, in looking at compensation for work, people focus only on wages. What the Board of Education did was consider the total package of all financial compensation received by the Superintendent. This was inclusive of salary, fringes (health and life insurance, etc.), retirement, and annuity. The Board, based on our evaluation of the Superintendent, gave the Superintendent a total compensation package increase of 3.5% for the 96/97 school year. The net affect on his wages was a 3.2% increment over this year. In fact, we put together a chart that clearly demonstrated this. A copy is attached

to this letter. Please take a moment and do your own calculation.

Our purpose was to point out the importance of total employment costs. The Superintendent was and is supportive of this concept. We believe the public is entitled to know and understand the total employment cost, to ask questions, and to express concerns. It is the public's money that we spend on the education of our youth. Many have asked us to state facts in this fashion during the last year, we felt that we had an obligation to do so, and did.

Our intent in this letter is to "get it right." We hope that you will publish this letter and the chart. If the public has questions, they should feel free to contact any board member — all have published phone numbers. We stand ready to be held accountable by our community. We believe it is our responsibility, and yours, to "get it right."

DAVID P. ARTLEY

What do you think?  
 Write a letter to the editor.  
 Rob Kirkbride, editor, The  
 Community Crier, 821 Penniman  
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Allen O'Dell's flower garden near the Plymouth Central Parking Deck has improved the look of the downtown area. (Crier photo by Stephanie Everitt-Kirkbride)

## Twp. resident takes time to improve community

The City is a brighter place because of Allen O'Dell.

O'Dell planted and has maintained the flowers along Fleet Street in downtown Plymouth. He has faithfully watered and pruned the plants — and they look fantastic.

O'Dell, who lives in Plymouth Township, is also active in the Plymouth Historical Society and volunteers at the Detroit Institute of Art. He also travels extensively. Despite all these activities, O'Dell has worked hard with the Fleet Street business owners to make the community a more colorful, attractive place to live.

O'Dell, along with all the downtown businesses who've worked this summer to make downtown Plymouth a nicer place to live, should be commended for their work.

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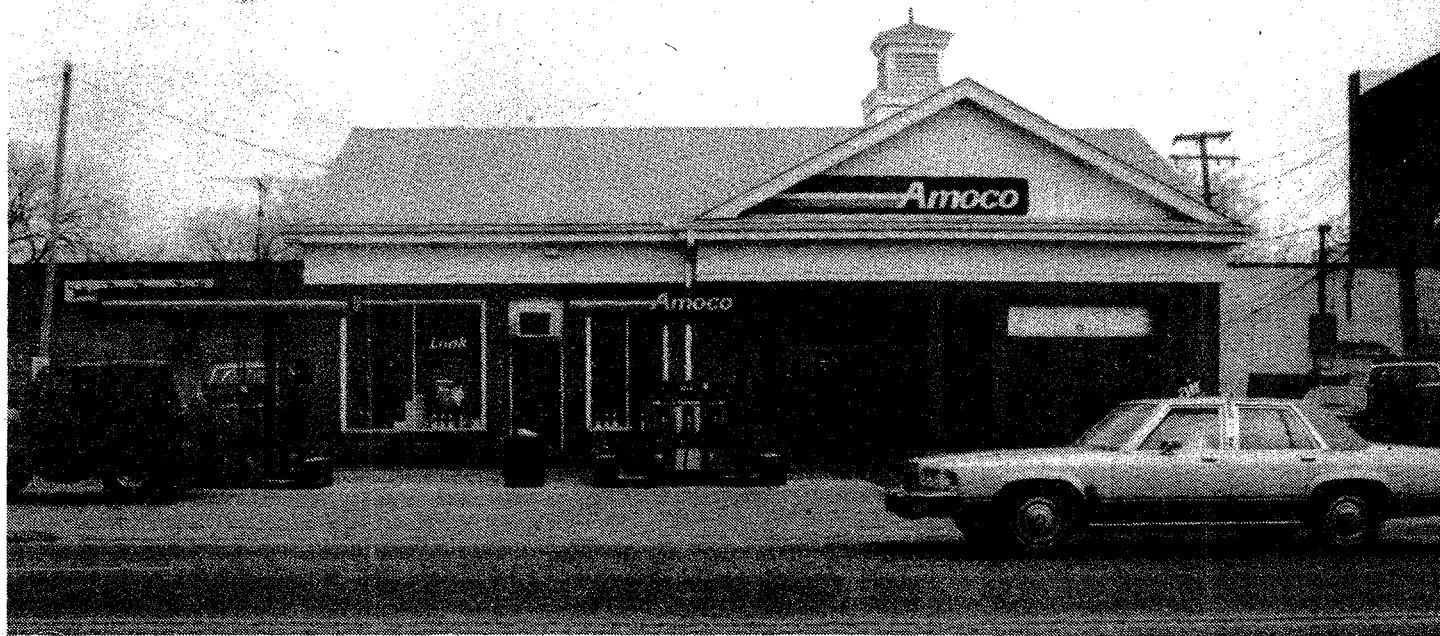
# Community Editorials





# Community opinions

## The way it was...



This is the way the Amoco station on the corner of Main Street and Ann Arbor Trail used to look before it was closed. (Crier file photo)

## ...the way it is...



This is how the former Amoco station looks today. (Crier photo by Rob Kirkbride)

## ...and the way it should be

The former Amoco gas station has stood empty at the corner of Main Street and Ann Arbor Trail for years. It's time for something to be done with this important piece of downtown Plymouth property.

No amount of landscaping or flowers can cover up the fact that the building stands as a monument to

environmental failure. It's a Plymouth eyesore and should be immediately cleaned up and sold.

The abandoned Amoco station is the last piece of the puzzle that needs to be put into place to make the downtown area complete.

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John Cleveland's  
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