

Northville fest offers trip back in time

BY ROBERT PARKER

While Fall Festival was in full swing last week, the City of Northville geared up for its fourth annual Victorian Festival.

The festival offers people a chance to take a trip back in time to

a simpler era.

Sponsored by the Northville Community Chamber of Commerce, the festival originated as a way for the town to celebrate its heritage.

The festival is scheduled for this

weekend (Sept. 18-20), and kicks off Friday evening with a parade. All entertainment is free.

For two days, the streets will be closed as townspeople, artists and business owners turn back the clock and transform the community

into a turn-of-the-century festival complete with period costumes, horse-and-carriage and trolley rides, storytellers, medicine man shows, strolling musicians and

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Visit costs Canton public safety \$8,500

BY MIKE McGLINNEN

The expenses for the recent visit by President George Bush are starting to roll in at Canton, although the final total has still not yet been compiled.

"They are starting to come in. We haven't even compiled them yet," said Loren Bennett, Canton clerk. "We know how to credit it and will be sending one bill to the committee, rather than billing them every day which would be ridiculous.

"The amount that we bill them for will not amount to much. We acted as the middle men on most of these things," Bennett stated.

Among the items the township will bill to the campaign committee are overtime for the Canton Department of Public Works workers; funds for the set-up crew and maintenance people; and money to pay for the rental risers and curtains.

The Republican National Committee sent a check for \$1,650 to the township for rental of the amphitheater, according to Bennett.

"They asked for any bills that we had before they left. That was the only one we had right with us so we gave it to them," Bennett said.

John Santomauro, Canton director of public safety, recently presented a report to the township board on the costs incurred by the Canton Department of Public Safety for the presidential visit.

"Public safety matters are not reimbursed by the committee. That is any community's responsibility regardless of who the person is. We have to protect any individual in the community," Bennett said, "Just as Canton provided security for the Liberty Fest and Plymouth did for the Fall Fest."

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Job applicant considers suit against Canton

BY MIKE McGLINNEN

A disgruntled job applicant is considering bringing legal action against Canton after he was rejected for a position as police dispatcher.

In a letter to Canton attorney Andrew Baran, the applicant, Joseph Ditzhazy, Jr., claims to have "reasonable cause to believe irregularities may have occurred in the selection process involving the position Dispatcher."

Ditzhazy will appear at the township board of trustees meeting Tuesday (Sept. 22) to explain his position. He said he wants to expend all avenues of recourse with the township officials before deciding on possible legal action.

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Fest a swinging success

Kellogg Park, above, was home to the Fall Festival Rotary chicken dinner Sunday. Salem swim team members, below, help the Plymouth Rotary Club serve chicken dinners. See pages 11, 12, 16 and 17 for more photos of the fest. (Crier photos by Tim Shuller; Jessica Wendover)





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**Post Office
talks stall**

BY ROBERT PARKER

Negotiations between the City of Plymouth and the U.S. Postal Service over the Penniman Avenue Post Office have once again been delayed.

Plymouth City Manager Steven Walters said discussions are on a 30-day hold until the postal service finishes reorganizing.

Walters said Monday that the postal service is currently scaling down.

Don Fennelly has taken over negotiations for the postal service, replacing Liz Harris.

Negotiations with the postal service began last September when the city commission approved a resolution to purchase the Post Office.

The postal service has said it wants to sell the building for \$390,000.

In June, the city reached a verbal agreement with the postal service on its latest proposal.

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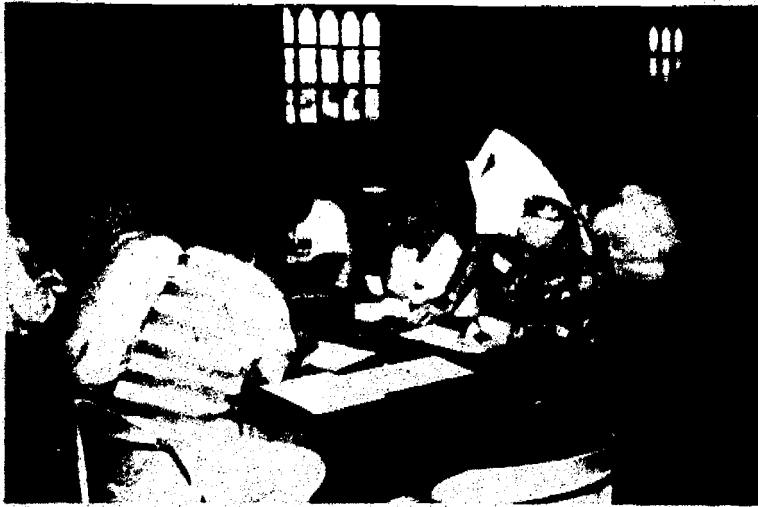
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Election workers diligently tabulate ballots during last week's recount for Plymouth Township Supervisor. (Crier photo by Mike McGlennen)

KKM wins Twp. recount

BY MIKE MCGLENNEN

The ballots have been counted and the final result is still the same -- Kathleen Keen-McCarthy won the Republican primary for Plymouth Township supervisor.

The Wayne County Board of Canvassers approved a recount performed on last week at Plymouth Township Hall.

Keen-McCarthy won the recount by 17 votes over challenger Charles

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Legal firm selected by WTUA board

BY ROBERT PARKER

The Western Townships Utilities Authority (WTUA) has selected a new firm to handle its legal affairs.

Foster, Swift, Smith and Collins, with offices in East Lansing and Farmington, beat out six other finalists vying for WTUA's business.

Contract negotiations are expected to be completed by the end of the month, said Deloris Newell, executive director of WTUA.

WTUA recently conducted public interviews of the seven finalists with the board making its decision last week.

WTUA decided to put its legal services out for bid in May, with more than 20 law firms submitting bids for the WTUA account.

Seven firms were selected for interviews by the WTUA board of commissioners -- Plymouth Township Supervisor Gerald Law, Northville Township Supervisor Betty Lennox and Canton Supervisor Thomas Yack, chairperson.

For City employes New vehicle use policy

BY ROBERT PARKER

The City of Plymouth Commission, following a budget review and goal-setting process this past spring, passed a resolution last week setting a new policy regarding the use of vehicles assigned to employes.

Currently, the city has 11 vehicles assigned to various employes, including the chief of police, fire chief and city engineer.

A recent report to the city commission by City Manager Steven Walters said, "there is no clear policy regarding the manner and degree of personal use of these city vehicles.

"As a result, the actual practice among employes varies widely."

The new policy defines limitations on

personal use of a city vehicle, requires a log of business mileage use, defines which vehicles are required by the city to be taken home at night and requires reimbursement by the employe for personal use outside of what is allowed in the policy.

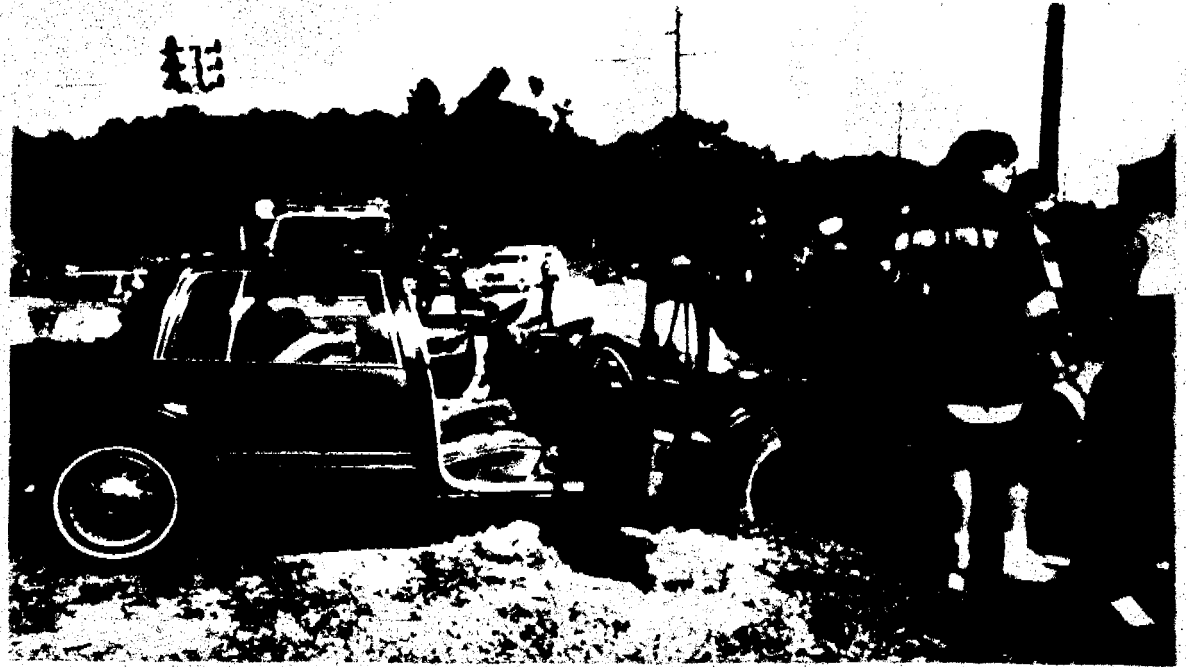
Walters said the policy is scheduled to take effect Oct. 1.

Other area communities have similar city-vehicle policies.

Canton's top officials, including township supervisor, police chief and fire chief, drive city-owned vehicles.

Restrictions in Canton on personal use varies though.

Walters said the policy is "within the general range of policies in effect in other area governmental units."



Rachel Leigh Thomason, a 21-year-old City of Plymouth resident, died Friday after her car struck this 1989 Buick at the intersection of 5

Mile and Haggerty roads in Plymouth Township. (Crier photo by Robert Parker)

In Twp. City resident dies in accident

BY ROBERT PARKER

A 21-year-old City of Plymouth resident died Friday morning in a multi-vehicle accident at the intersection of Five Mile and Haggerty roads in Plymouth Township.

According to Plymouth Township Police reports, Rachel Leigh Thomason was traveling southbound on Haggerty in her Ford EXP, approaching Five Mile Road, when she apparently failed to stop for a red light.

Thomason struck a car driven by Beverly Jean Schoch, who was heading east on Five Mile, said police.

Thomason was transported to St. Mary Hospital, in Livonia, and then taken by

helicopter to University of Michigan Hospital where she was pronounced dead.

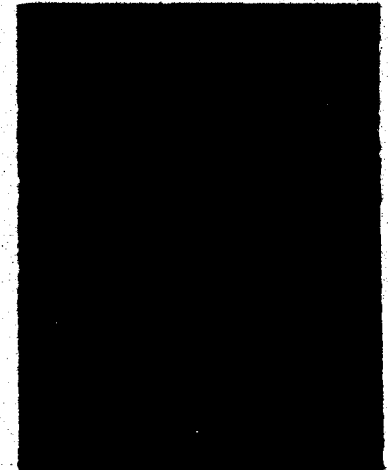
Schoch, 59, of Plymouth, suffered compound leg fractures and was also transported to St. Mary's. She was said to be in good condition Saturday.

Although still under investigation, alcohol is not suspected as a contributing factor in the accident, said Plymouth Township Police Sergeant Steve Rapson.

Both drivers were apparently wearing seatbelts according to police reports.

Thomason, a lifelong Plymouth resident, was a student at Schoolcraft College and a 1990 graduate of Canton High School.

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Rachel Leigh Thomason



Public notices

The Board Report A brief review of actions at the regular Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education meeting of September 14, 1992

A public hearing was held at 7:15 p.m. on increasing property taxes by .0121 mills, which will result in an additional \$24,000 to the District for the 1992-93 school year.

The regular meeting began at 7:30 p.m. with the first "Extra Miler" award presentation of the year. Bird Elementary School teacher Carol Breed was honored as the "Extra Miler" for her sixteen years of dedicated service to the District.

Under the Superintendent's Report, Errol Goldman, assistant superintendent for personnel and employee relations, and Dr. Michael Homes, assistant superintendent for instruction, discussed class size ranges and classroom ratios. Dale Goby, director of transportation and safety, stated that bus routes at Central and West Middle Schools will be moved back to 8:15 a.m. to better service those buildings.

Mike Schlenke of Barton Malow Company presented revised plans for the "ABC" school site, which included the construction of a bridge for students to use to walk to school. John Santomauro, Director of Public Safety for Canton Township, presented a report on safety issues concerning the opening of Buckley Drive at the "ABC" school site. He stated that, based on past experience, there would be no increase in crime or accidents if the drive is opened.

Board President Roland Thomas and Ray Hoedel, associate superintendent for business and operations, discussed the "Cut and Cap" (Proposal C) and the House Joint Resolution "H" (Proposal A) tax plans which will be on the November 3 ballot. Through a five-year phase-in process, the "Cut and Cap" plan calls for a reduction in school operating taxes on all property by 30 percent. This would result in a loss of \$34 million to the District over the five-year period. The HJR - "H" plan limits State Equalized Valuations (SEV) on homestead property, which would cause the District to lose \$500,000 over three years.

Under Citizen Comments, Debbie Loy, Fran Brandt, Ellen Pilzner and Holly Coppelle expressed concerns and alternate plans for busing students who attend Our Lady of Good Counsel. Bonnie Goodrich and Howard Walker presented petitions in support of naming one of the new elementary schools in the honor of Kate Otto, a former principal. Ann Lopez expressed concern over the lack of foreign languages at Central Middle School this year. John Hollowell stated his opposition to the construction of a fence around Miller Woods. James Shepperd and Phil Temple of Canton reiterated their concerns about Buckley Drive as an access to the new elementary school. Carol Bollman expressed concern over busing to the Skills Center in Livonia.

The Board approved the Consent Calendar which included:

- payment of bills in the amount of \$2,940,229.88.
- the leaves of Ralph Brickman and Nancy Koppin; the resignations of Laura Greba and Larry Phillips; the recall of seven certified staff members; and the hiring of Marianne Wright, resource room teacher at Salem High School.
- the hiring of Ellison Franklin to fill the position of Curriculum Coordinator for Mathematics and Science.

The Board approved:

- the levy of 33.8721 mills for operating purposes during the 1992-93 school year, which includes an additional millage rate of .0121. This vote was based on the Truth-In-Taxation public hearing.
- the winter property tax levy of 18.0921 mills (16.9421 for Operation and 1.15 for Debt Retirement).

A workshop meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, September 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the E. J. McClendon Educational Center, located at 454 South Harvey Street in Plymouth. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, September 28 at the same location.

This report is brought to you as a means of communicating the actions of your Board of Education. For more information, please call Community Relations at 451-3188.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is soliciting proposals from qualified companies for the following construction related project: (1) Plymouth Salem High School Chiller Replacement. Interested companies can obtain bid documents at the office of the Construction Manager, on or after September 8, 1992: Barton - Malow Company

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The Board of Education reserves the right to accept any or reject all bid proposals, as they judge to be in the best interest of the Plymouth - Canton Community Schools.

David P. Arley, Secretary
Board of Education

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Charter Township of Plymouth Board of Trustees - Regular Meeting Tuesday, September 8, 1992 7:30 P.M.

Supervisor Law called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led in the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. All members were present with John Stewart arriving at 7:37 p.m. and Abe Munfakh arriving at 7:50 p.m.

Mrs. Hulsing asked that the minutes of the August 18, 1992 meeting be corrected on page 5 under 1.54 to read Ms. Cynthia "Schertzer" not "Schuster".

Mrs. Hulsing then moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Supported by Horton. Ayes all.

Mrs. Hulsing moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Supported by Mr. Horton. Ayes all.

At 7:37 p.m., Supervisor Law asked for comments from the public as to any item that was not on the adopted agenda. Hearing none, Supervisor Law closed the public comment section 7:38 p.m.

It was moved by Mr. Griffith and supported by Mr. Horton to table the approval of the Towing Bid for further discussion to the meeting of September 22, 1992. roll call:

Ayes: Brooks, Griffith, Horton, Hulsing, Law, Stewart

Nays: None

Absent: Munfakh

Mrs. Hulsing moved that the utility easement be approved for Plymouth/ Beck Associates, on Parcel B, Port Street, in Metro West Industrial Park, Sub No. 3 as approved by the Township Engineer as to form and by the Township Attorney as to content. Supported by Mr. Horton. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

Mrs. Hulsing moved that the utility easement be approved for metro West Industrial Park Limited Partnership, located on Lot 86 in Metro West Industrial Park No. 3 as approved by the Township Engineer as to form and the Township Attorney as to content. Supported by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

Mr. Munfakh moved to accept the sanitary sewers and watermains for continuous operation and maintenance for the Don Massey Project, N. Plymouth Commerce Center, Charnwood Condominiums #2, Chrysan Industrials, Manchester Project, St. Kenneth Church, Woodlands of Deer Creek, Collins Landsplit, Michigan Bell Training Facility, Link Engineering, Plymouth Hills Mobile Home Park, Oak Haven Mobile Home Park, JMUS Plaza, S & W Controls and Ventura Industries per the recommendation of the Public Works Manager and consulting engineer. Supported by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

Mr. Horton moved to approved Resolution No. 92-09-08-31 accepting the budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1993, as prepared by the Western Townships Utilities Authority. Supported by Mrs. Hulsing. The entire resolution is incorporated into the official minutes on file in the Clerk's Office.

Roll call:

Ayes: Brooks, Griffith, Horton, Hulsing, Law

Nays: Stewart

Abstaining: Munfakh

Keen-McCarthy - 1,241 votes

McIlhargy - 1,224 votes

Stewart - 994 votes

Beak - 477 votes

It was moved by Mr. Horton and supported by Mr. Griffith to accept and file Communications and Resolutions as listed. Ayes all.

It was moved by Mr. Griffith and supported by Mrs. Hulsing that the meeting adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Ayes all.

Ester Hulsing Clerk

Susan Koch, Recording Secretary

Plymouth Charter Township

The foregoing is a synopsis of the minutes of the board of Trustees held on September 8, 1992. 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 September 22, 1992.

Corps completes historic tour

The Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps recently completed its annual performance tour. The corps consists of 49 young people between the ages of 12 and 18 and performs in 50-60 parades throughout the area during the summer.

The uniforms worn by the corps are replicas of those worn by George Washington's life guard during the Revolutionary War.

The historic tour began with an

overnight visit to Fort Niagara, which was built by the French in 1726.

Other performances of the corps were at Fort Stanwix, NY, the New Windsor Cantonment, the Young Colonials Muster in Carmel, NY, Valley Forge, PA, Independence Hall, Philadelphia and Hershey Park Amusement Park in Hershey, PA.

The Fife and Drum Corps had the opportunity to visit with several of the fife and drum groups popular throughout New England and North Atlantic states.

The corps will be ending its season at the end of October, after performing its Revolutionary War-style marching and music during the Plymouth Fall Festival.

Information for the corps can be obtained by calling Chris Williams at 981-5607.

Bush cost

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The expenses were broken into special assignment hours and overtime hours for both the police and fire departments.

The police manpower cost \$1,838.96 for special assignment hours and \$5,752.68 for overtime. The fire department manpower cost \$304.57 for special assignment and \$624.05 for overtime pay.

Bennett expects the final billing process to take some time before it is completed.

"For the last primary it took six months for them to reimburse us and two months for us to compile all the bills," Bennett said.

Many of the operations used by the Republican Party were not handled by Canton, according to Bennett. Instead the Republican officials made their own arrangements with the various utilities and other companies, he said.

Accident

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She is survived by her parents Geraldine McKinney and John R. Thomason, both of Plymouth; sister Rebecca Lynn Thomason, of Westland; brother Christopher Thomason, of Plymouth; grandparents Martha Ash, and Clifford and Rose St. Onge; and uncles Roger St. Onge and Neil Thomason.

Funeral services are scheduled for 1:30 p.m. today (Sept. 16) at the Schrader Funeral Home with the Reverend John N. Grenfell, Jr. officiating.

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Keen-McCarthy comes out on top of recount

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McIlhargey. That's slightly different than the 21-vote margin in the Aug. 4 primary. McIlhargey requested the recount after the narrow defeat in the primary.

The new vote totals are: Keen-McCarthy - 1,241; McIlhargey - 1,224; John Stewart - 994; and Stephen Boak - 481.

Those numbers were certified by Ed Carey, director of the county elections bureau.

Keen-McCarthy will now face independent candidate Ronald Edwards in the general election Nov. 3.

"It was a very interesting and educational process. I think the outcome proves that the (voting) process works," Keen-McCarthy said.

"The election officials said that a change of one vote here or there is not uncommon. They thought our clerks office did a good job, they were content with the way it went," added Keen-McCarthy.

"This is a pretty interesting day. Kathleen and I have the largest contingent here as you might expect," McIlhargey said during the recount.

Each candidate was allowed up to two "challengers" per table, which McIlhargey and Keen-McCarthy both used. The challengers were representatives of the candidates who pointed out any inaccuracies with the vote tabulation process.

Keen-McCarthy and McIlhargey's representatives each had three or four challenges which they both gave up after they determined that they would not effect

the outcome.

Stewart had one or two challengers per table, while Boak did not have any challengers at the recount.

The recount proved to be a new experience for all involved in the process.

"No one knew how they did it. This has been a learning process for everyone, including some of the county workers," Keen-McCarthy said.

The "vote talliers" were constantly informed by the county employes on how to proceed with the counting, in order to guarantee the accuracy of the count.

"Concentrate, go slowly, and make sure you say it out loud," Carey said.

The candidates spent much time waiting and pacing to kill time during the all-day recount session.

"It's hard to know exactly what's

going on -- I lost one vote over here and gained a couple there," McIlhargey stated.

"Now that this is over, it is time for us to come back together and work for the good of the township," Keen-McCarthy said.

Crier wins awards

The Community Crier came up a big winner at the annual Michigan Press Association (MPA) Display Advertising Conference over the weekend.

The Crier came home with two first place awards, three second places, two thirds and an honorable mention.

The Crier's 1991 Fall Festival edition took first for Best Special Section. The other first was for Best Campaign or Series (the United Way).



Friends & neighbors

Artist uses watercolors to gain national respect

BY RANDY COBLE

Johnnie Crosby is a fortunate individual. She makes a living at what she loves.

Crosby, a Northville Township resident, is a professional artist of 25 years' standing. A painter, she specializes in watercolors, and her works are included in exhibits around the country. One of her recent showings just finished last week at the Taubman Center, at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor.

"I'd always had the interest, but not the developed talent," said the 75-year area resident, referring to her art. "Then, about 25 years ago, I started taking lessons from a neighbor. That's how it all started," she said, sitting in her home, surrounded by her works.

"It's exhilarating. It's a real ego trip, it makes me want to go on to bigger and better things," she said.

"I get a great feeling when I go to my exhibits and hear people say, 'hey, that's great!'" Crosby said she uses such times as learning experiences, discovering what people like and dislike about her work.

She enjoys the sensation of success after someone likes her work and buys it. "It's flattering," she said. "Here someone takes it home and shares it with whoever sees it."

The tidy apartment is both workshop and showplace. Breathtaking pieces, large and small, brightly-colored and subtle, adorn the walls. Crosby favors nature in her works, flowers and fields, birds and lakes and seascapes.

Although she's delved into other areas, such as sculpture, and has won awards in that realm, she has concentrated on watercolors as her primary medium.

Crosby said that the reason she's attracted to it "is the challenge. It grabs you and you have to develop it.

"And it's developing as well," she



Johnnie Crosby is a Northville artist whose works in watercolors have gained national attention. She started painting 25 years ago. (Crier photo by Randy Coble)

continued. "I still take lessons from nationally-known artists because it's evolving all the time."

Working in her kitchen, painting on rag paper, Crosby expresses her creativity in realist, abstract and impressionistic styles. It takes time to craft a piece, like anything worth doing. "More work goes into the thinking than into the actual painting," she said.

Her efforts have born rich fruit. She has exhibited her pieces in several local, regional and national shows over the years.

The pieces are rich in color, lines and contrast. Crosby has painted in many areas of the United States, including Alaska and Hawaii, as well as Europe.

However, she prefers being a "studio painter."

"I don't like painting on-location as much," she said. "It's just more difficult. You're bucking the atmospheric conditions, particularly with watercolors - they dry up the paint."

Often, however, Crosby sketches an idea for a piece and then stores it, waiting for a time when she can consider it further and put brush to canvas. "I've got a whole file of ideas," she said. "I have enough for five years of painting right now. There just aren't enough hours in the day."

While Crosby has taught art in the past, she doesn't anymore "because I just don't have the time. This is a full-time job." Spending five to six hours a day at her craft, Crosby said that her work

demands a lot of time.

"First, watercolor pieces must go in stages -- you paint one area, then let it dry, then another, then let it dry and so on. Otherwise, they'll run, and ruin the painting," she said.

Is this difficult to the artist? "Yes, but that's what I like best. It's challenging. There's a lot of unexpected beauty in those changes."

Professionalism is the watchword of Crosby's approach. "This is a job. It takes time and discipline, that's what it's about. You have to set the time aside every day and concentrate. Otherwise, you'll find a million excuses not to do it."

Like a musician who must practice to stay sharp, so too must Crosby. The talent she has must be nurtured through constant use, she said, or it will atrophy. "If you don't keep at it, you lose your touch, your innovation and creativity," she said.

Crosby contemplates her next work even as she strokes the canvas on the piece she works on at the time. "I'm always thinking about the next one, maybe more than one, while I'm painting."

Where does she want to go from here? "Just keep on going," she said. "I don't want to teach. I love to see students develop, but it saps your strength, because you give so much of yourself to it. I had no time for my own paintings."

Crosby, mother of two grown sons, and grandmother of three grandsons, makes an exception, however, for her youngest grandchild. She has painted the boy a portrait of himself painting as a Christmas gift.

"He loves to come over and paint," she said. "He always asks when he can come back and do it again. We paint together, and he's making big improvements."

Dispatcher dispute may lead to lawsuit

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Baran said he does not have any specific plan of action at this time, but he will decide what the township's legal position will be after hearing Ditzhazy at the meeting.

"I've seen the letters he's sent out," Baran said. "As far as I know he can speak his piece and then we'll go from there."

"He applied for a job, and we are still in the process of narrowing down the

candidates. We are aware of the matter, I've spoken with him," said Dan Durack, administrative services director for Canton.

"I really have no comment because it is a matter of litigation," Durack said.

"I expected something like this after I had a very bad experience with David Medley, their personnel person," said Ditzhazy.

Ditzhazy said he asked Medley why he had been rejected for the position and Medley read some comments that were written on his application materials by a Canton employee.

"The nature of the comments written tells me that someone didn't want me hired. Someone threw a pig in the poke. I'm not only concerned about me, but the next guy too," Ditzhazy said.

There were over 200 applicants for the dispatcher position, even though an opening did not exist. The township has been merely compiling an "eligibility of hiring" list, to gather candidates in case a position opens up, said Medley.

The top 100 scorers on a written exam were narrowed down to the top 25 after interviews. This is where Ditzhazy was eliminated as a candidate, Medley said.

"This fellow was just another one that did not make the top 25. There are probably a lot of individuals in that 100 that could do the job, but they are not necessarily the top 25," Medley said.


"I don't think many of the people have the experience I do," Ditzhazy said.

Ditzhazy said he is a former police officer, police chief, special agent for the government and member of the military.

"I've been in government and business for many years. When they (government officials) see those storm clouds they take action. No good deed goes unpunished," Ditzhazy said.

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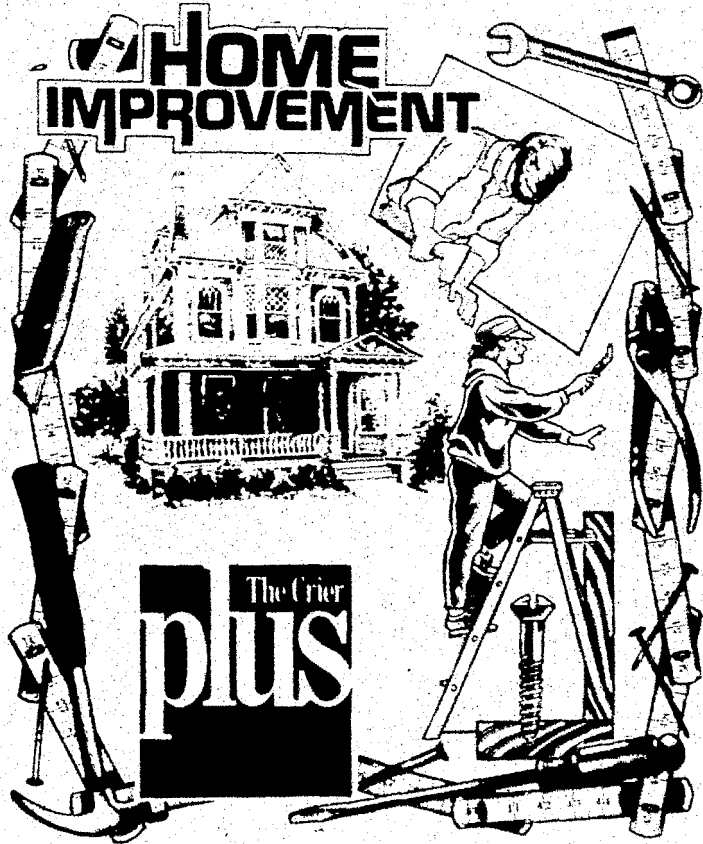


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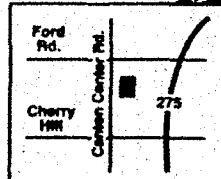
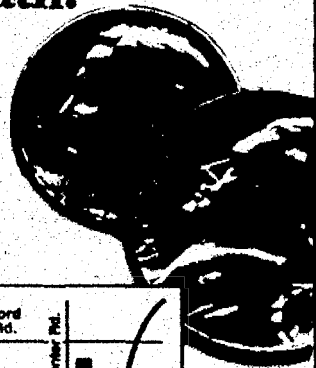
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NEW PICNIC FUNDRAISER

The University of Michigan of Northville and the U-M Health Center at Northville is co-sponsoring its first picnic fundraiser Oct. 4 from noon to 5 p.m. in Maybury State Park. Enjoy entertainment, games, a 10K and two mile run/walk. Open to all residents. Proceeds to the U-M Alumni Scholarship Fund. For further information call 348-2557.

TOPS -- TAKE OFF POUND SERIOUSLY

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Seriously) will hold an open house at 7 p.m. Sept. 24 at the Geneva Presbyterian Church on Sheldon Road in Canton. For further information call 455-7756 or 454-1319.

MOTHER OF TWINS CLUB POTLUCK

The Plymouth-Canton Mother of Twins Club will hold its annual potluck dinner Sept. 17 at 6:30 p.m. For further information call Vicki at 722-0248.

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SUPPORT GROUP

The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group (REMS Far West) will meet Sept. 20 from 2-4 p.m. at the St. Johns Episcopal Church on Sheldon Road in Plymouth. For further information call 455-2461.

THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF MICHIGAN

The Woman's Club of Michigan, celebrating 100 years will hold a "Luncheon and a Visit with Ladies of the Club" Oct. 2 at the First United Methodist Church in Plymouth. Reception at noon with lunch at 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$12. RSVP by Sept. 25. Part of the group's monthly celebration of its 100th birthday. "Ladies of the Club" will be present in clothing of each year represented (this time 1893-95). For reservations call Betty Pint at 453-8578.

FREE CLASSES FOR SENIORS

Free classes for seniors will be held at the Canton Recreation Center. Registration is currently under way. For further information call 397-5444. Classes include woodcarving, painting, ceramics, genealogy, machine quilting and more. Students responsible for their own supplies.

LA LECHE LEAGUE OF PLYMOUTH-CANTON

The La Leche League of Plymouth-Canton will hold a monthly group meeting Sept. 22 at 7 p.m. in the Dunning-Hough Library in Plymouth. La Leche League offers help to women who want to breastfeed their baby. For further information call 981-8719, 455-1374 or 397-2203.

MENS RECREATION NIGHT BASKETBALL

The Canton Parks and Recreation fall session of Mens Recreation Night Basketball is set for Oct. 7 at Eriksson Elementary School. The 10-week program is open to Canton residents only. Cost is \$15 per person and runs Wednesday nights beginning at 6:45 p.m. Registration has begun. Call 397-5110 for further information.

PLYMOUTH AAUW DINNER MEETING

The Plymouth Branch of the AAUW (American Association of University Women) will hold a dinner meeting Sept. 17 at 6:30 p.m. at Ernestos. Guest are welcome to attend. For reservations call 981-6132.

THEATRE GUILD GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MTG

The Plymouth Theatre Guild will be holding a general membership meeting at 7 p.m. Sept. 22 on the campus of the Northville Regional Hospital. Members and non-members can attend. For information call 349-7110. The guild will also hold auditions Sept. 22-23 at 7 p.m. for "The Matchmaker." Cast includes 17 actors, men and women ranging from 17 to 60 years of age. The performances are Nov. 20 through Dec. 5. For information call 349-7110.

ROMAN FORUM TO HELP CEP BAND

The Roman Forum in Canton will donate a portion of proceeds from 4:30 p.m. to closing on Sept. 21 to support the Centennial Educational Park Marching Band's planned trip to the Fiesta Bowl in Tempe, AZ. For further information call Judi Hinote at 453-8394.

SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCHEON

The Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW Post 6695 will host a senior citizens luncheon Sept. 29 at noon in the post home on Mill Street, Plymouth. There is no cost. Reservations must be made by Sept. 26. For further information or reservations call 453-3586, 453-1680 or 453-4669.

JUNIOR HOOP REGISTRATION

The Plymouth Canton Junior Basketball Association (PCJBA) will hold 1992-93 registration Sept. 19 in the Phase III lobby at Centennial Educational Park (CEP). It will run from 9 a.m. to noon. Registering for leagues: A (boys and girls grades 7-8); B (boys and girls grades 5-6); and C (boys and girls grades 3-4) All students in Plymouth-Canton Schools District and Canton are eligible. Referees are needed also.

PUNT, PASS AND KICK COMPETITION

The Canton Parks and Recreation will sponsor its annual Punt, Pass and Kick football contest Sept. 26 at Griffin Park (Sheldon Road side). Pre-registration at 9:30 a.m.; competition at 10 a.m. Ages 8 to 13. There is no cost. Top finisher in reach age group advances to the regionals and top three places receive awards (per age group). Only gym shoes permitted. Call 397-5110 for further information.

HEART PATIENTS FORM SUPPORT GROUP

A support group for heart patients living in The Plymouth-Canton Community is currently being formed. The group will meet once a month on the third Friday from 7:30-9 p.m. at the Arbor Health Building community room. The first meeting is set for Sept. 18. To register, or for further details, call Jack Bologna at 459-8787.

SECOND ANNUAL MUSIC SERIES

The Friends of the Canton Public Library present the Second Annual Music Series held at the library. Tickets are \$5 each or \$12 for the three-part series. They are available at the reception desk at the library. First show is Oct. 16 (all shows at 7:30 p.m.) with another show Feb. 5, 1993 and the final show April 2, 1993.

USED BOOK MINI SALE

The Friends of the Canton Public Library present a Used Book Mini Sale of paperbacks only Sept. 26-27. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Books will be 25 cents apiece. Held in the Canton Library meeting room. Call 397-0999 for information.



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RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive Sept. 26 in Canton at the Stoneybrook Apartments on Brook Park Drive. Held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For details call 422-1425.

RECREATIONAL CO-ED VOLLEYBALL

The Canton Parks and Recreation, along with Plymouth Community Family YMCA, is hosting a recreational co-ed volleyball program for adults starting Sept. 17. The cost is \$15 per person for six weeks. Held Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in West School. Open to residents and non-residents. Register now. Call 397-5110.

ANNUAL FRIENDS OF MILLER WOODS MTG

The Friends of the Miller Woods will host their annual meeting Sept. 20 at 2 p.m. in Geneva Presbyterian Church on Sheldon Road, Canton. Tim Nowicki, a naturalist and teacher, will be the featured speaker. Open to the public. Two guided walks are planned by the group this fall on the second Sundays of October and November at 1 p.m.

EDUCATOR MASTERS TO SPEAK AT BORDERS

Retired Plymouth-Canton educator Barb Masters will speak on censorship and freedom of expression at the next Sunday Salon, Sept. 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the Borders Shop in Novi. For further information call 347-0780.

POLISH ETHNIC DANCING

Mala Wisla Dance Ensemble now accepting registration for classes beginning in September. Children between ages three years and 18 years learn Polish ethnic dances and folk songs; classes are held in the Plymouth area. The group's 6th annual dinner theater will be held in the spring. For more information call 459-5996.

BEGINNING CHEERLEADING FOR GIRLS

Canton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring beginning cheerleading for girls ages five to 12 starting Sept. 23 and running 10 weeks. Cost is \$25 per person. Held at Canton Recreation Center. Two start times. Classes held once a week. Students should wear shorts, t-shirts and tennis shoes. Canton residents can register Sept. 16. For details call 397-5110.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE CULINARY EVENT

Schoolcraft College's Foundation will present "A Culinary Extravaganza" Sept. 20 from 2-5 p.m. in the college Waterman Campus Center. More than 50 restaurants from metro Detroit will offer tastes of gourmet entrees, desserts and appetizers. Tickets are \$30 per person. Proceeds will fund student scholarships. To purchase tickets call 462-4417.

PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD OPENS SEASON

The Plymouth Theatre Guild will begin its 46th season with "Veronica's Room" Sept. 18-19, 25-27 and Oct. 2-3. Adults are \$8 At the door or \$7 in advance, while seniors and youths are \$7 at the door and \$6 in advance. Shows begin at 8 p.m. Other shows this year include "Fiddler on the Roof," "Matchmaker," and "Noises Off." For show or guild information call 349-7110

PLYMOUTH OLDTIMERS BREAKFAST

The Plymouth Oldtimers Breakfast Group is hosting a picnic at Plymouth Township Park Oct. 20 at 1 p.m. Catered. For reservations call 453-3366 or 459-0113 or 453-4323.

PRE-SCHOOL CO-OP AT CANTON CHURCH

Pre-school co-op at Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Canton. Enrollment is limited to 20 students ages three to pre-kindergarten. Registration for fall 1992 is now open. Cost is \$35 a month. For information or to register call 981-0286.

WEST PARENT COUNCIL

The West Parent Council will meet at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23 in the Skills for Living room at West Middle School. The topic will be "Peer Pressure And How Not To Be Blackmailed By Your Young Teenager." Each parent will receive a booklet free of charge. All West parents are invited to attend.

ANNUAL CANTON NIGHT AT EMU

The annual Canton Night at EMU is planned for Oct. 3. Caravan, tailgate party, football and more. The cost is \$10 for tickets (apiece). Hosted by EMU, the Canton Chamber of Commerce and Canton Community Foundation. "Canton Night" is for township residents and friends only. Caravan leaves 4 p.m. Tailgate at 4:30 p.m. Game starts at 6 p.m. For information call 453-4040 and 454-5427.

DDA LOGO CONTEST

The Plymouth Downtown Development Authority (DDA) is hosting a Logo Contest for residents who wish to submit art work for an identifiable logo for the Plymouth DDA. The logo will be used on DDA letterhead, business cards and promotional materials. A \$500 first prize will be awarded. Rules are as follows: must be 16 or older; all art work must be original; entire must include name, address, phone number. Designs are due no later than 5 p.m., Oct. 30. Send to Plymouth DDA, 819 Penniman, Plymouth, MI 48170. Employees and families of the DDA and city government are not eligible. For further details call 455-1453.

CANTON POLICE ACADEMY PROGRAM

The Canton Department of Public Safety will offer a four-day, 16-hour Citizens Police Academy through Oct. 3 from 8 a.m. to noon. Program is designed to give residents insight into the duties of the Canton department. For information call Tammie Colling at 397-5344.

TIVOLI ART FAIR IN NORTHVILLE

Northville Historical Society's 1992 Tivoli Fair arts and crafts show is set for Sept. 25-26 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Northville Downs Racetrack. Donation is \$2. No strollers. A variety of crafts. More than 100 exhibitors.

A CAUSE FOR APPLAUSE

The Canton Community Foundation is hosting "A Cause for Applause" breakfast celebration on the birthday of the foundation. It is set for Sept. 23 at 7:30 a.m. at Geneva Presbyterian Church. For information call 454-5427.

PLYMOUTH NEWCOMERS CLUB

The Plymouth Newcomers Club will host a coffee for prospective members at 7:30 p.m., Sept. 17. Club activities include monthly luncheons, golf, bridge, Chat-N-Stitch, Taste Esters, Moms and Tots and Round Robin Reading. For further details call 459-5325 or 451-9599.

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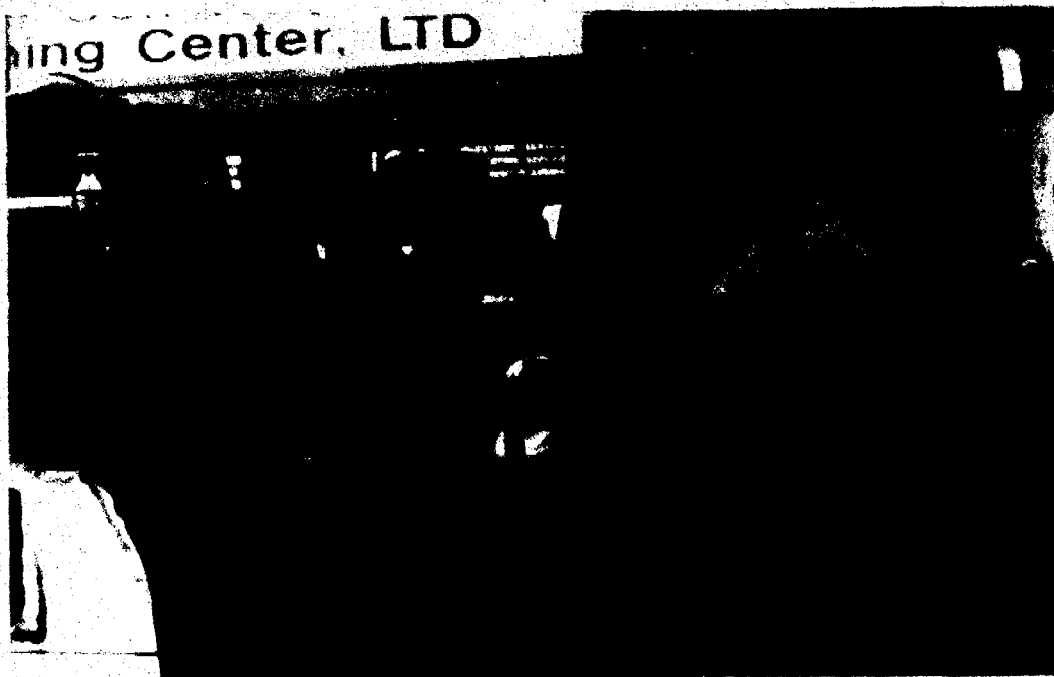
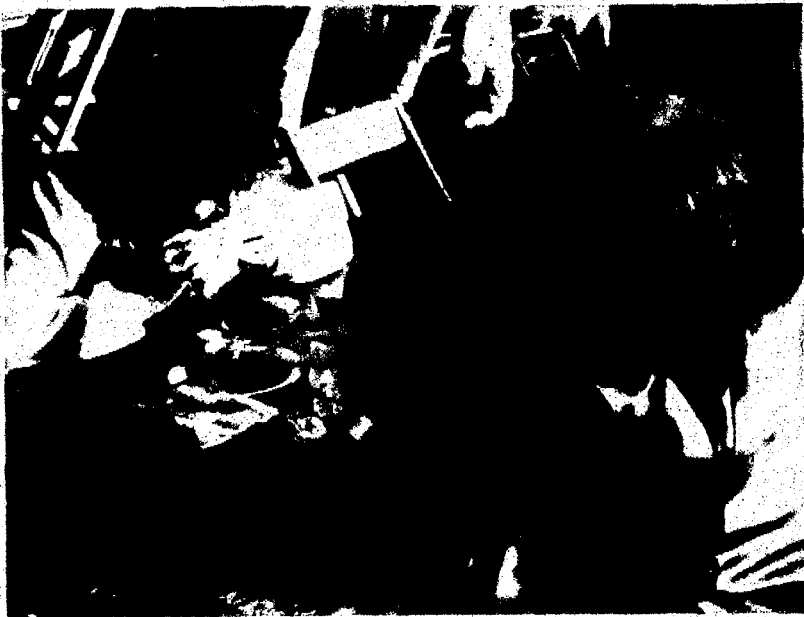
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Scott Locklear, of the Nativity of the Virgin Mary, serves Shishkebob at Fall Festival. (above) Pat and Mike Beal, of Plymouth eat Shishkebob Friday. (above left) A young Fall Festival goer enjoys the sights from the inside of a City of Plymouth fire engine. (left)

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Fall Festival Moments



Youngsters enjoy the kiddie rides along Penniman Avenue last weekend at the Fall Fest.



Chris Bray, 12, of Plymouth, and his chinchilla Chi-Chi won the "Biggest Unusual" award.



(Above) Fest goers look over the pickings at the produce tent. (Left) A joyous youth loves the bouncy atmosphere of the moonwalk.

Victorian Festival

N'ville festival travels back in time

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more.

Visitors can also enjoy shopping, old-fashioned games and food booths.

An art market, sponsored by the Northville Arts Commission, will feature more than 65 fine artists with pieces ranging from hand-thrown pottery to jewelry and paintings.

Historic Mill Race Village, a restored Victorian village nestled between a town green and Mill Race Pond, will be open for tours during the festival.

Gennittis and Casterline Funeral Home in Northville are sponsoring this year's main acts.

One of the star attractions of the Festival is the Victorian Costume Ball.

Laurie Marrs, executive director of the Northville Chamber of Commerce, said this is a sight no one will want to miss.

Tivoli Fair on tap

Arts and crafts will soon be arriving to Northville in full force, as the Northville Historical Society hosts the 23rd Annual Tivoli Fair Friday and Saturday Sept. 25-26.

The fair is a juried arts and crafts show held in the Northville Downs Clubhouse which is located at Seven Mile and Sheldon Roads in Northville.

Over 100 exhibitors will be displaying their crafts in 40 general categories. The hours for the show will be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday.

Among the items on display will be: baskets, ceramics, carved tovs, cross

"It is truly magic how the community center gym is changed," she said. "It is an elegant affair."

Sponsored by the Pheonix Group, Inc., the Community Center will be transformed into an authentic looking Victorian Ballroom on Saturday, Sept. 19 at 7:30 p.m.

At a cost of \$45, people can enjoy hot and cold auderbs by Edwards Catering, Little Italy, Heavenly Bakery and Ruffles as well as a main meal by Mackinnons.

In addition, Glen Morningstar and his old-fashioned Ruffwater String Band will play at the ball.

Tickets may be purchased at the Nortville Chamber of Commerce until the Thursday before the ball.

Entertainment at the festival starts at 10 a.m. with a Northville Schools Visitation.

On Friday, from 5-10 p.m. is the antique photo booth; 6-8 p.m., an

stitching decoys, English smocking, fiber sculpture, potpourri, raffia, scherenschnitte, thorem painting, and trapunto.

Admission to the fair is \$2. All proceeds are used for restoration and maintenance work in Mill Race Historical Village -- a museum representing the community before 1900.

Food and soft drinks will be available. Local fire ordinances prohibit the use of strollers, however, wheelchairs are permitted.

For further information call 348-1845 Monday, Wednesday and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

ice cream social sponsored by Northville Parks and Recreation.

From 6-9 p.m. are pony rides, non-profit booths are open, horse and carriage rides and an antique show.

The Victorian parade starts at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, and the Dr.

There will be children's old-fashioned games downtown, a Victorian quilt show in Mill Race Village and trolley tours.

There will be walking tours at 1:30-3:30 p.m. on Saturday as well.

On Sunday, the art market is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. There is a continental breakfast at 10 a.m. and is sponsored by the Northville Arts Commission.

There will be a duck race and police tug of war at Mill Race Village on Sunday.

On-going entertainment includes a monkey grinder, caricaturist, keystone cops, palm reading, tarot cards, Dr. Rudy medicine man show, face painting, clowns, balloon makers and the dixieland band.

Rudy show is at 8 p.m. There will also be a melodrama by the Northville Players at the American Legion Hall.

On Saturday, starting at 9 a.m., the art market will be open and is sponsored by the Northville Arts Commission, as well as the antique show and antique photo booth.



Some of the Wizard of Oz characters made a visit to last year's Victorian Festival in Northville. (Crier photo)

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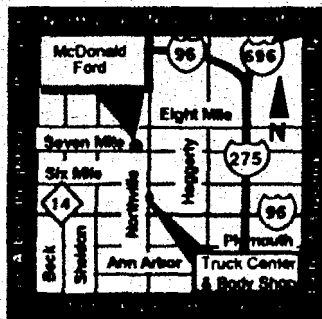
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Friday, September 18th

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- 6:00-8:00 Ice Cream Social - Northville Recreation
- 6:00-9:00 Pony Rides
- 6:00-9:00 Non-Profit Booths Open
- 6:00-9:00 Horse & Carriage Rides
- 6:00-9:00 Antique Show
- 6:30-7:00 Victorian Parade
- 7:00-8:30 Victorian Review
- 8:00 Dr. Rudy Show
- 8:00 Melodrama - American Legion Hall - Northville Players

Friday - Street Activities

- Tarot Card Reading
- Palm Reading
- Punch & Judy Show
- Monkey Grinder

Saturday, September 19th

- 9:00-7:00 Arts Market Open-Northville Arts Commission
- 9:00-7:00 Antique Show Open
- 9:00-7:00 Antique Photo Booth
- 10:00-7:00 Non-Profit Booths Open
- 12:00-3:00 Children's Old Fashioned Games-Downtown
- 12:00-7:00 Horse & Carriage Rides
- 12:00-3:00 Victorian Quilt Show-Mill Race Village
- 12:00-5:00 Trolley Tours
- 12:00-5:00 Melodrama-American Legion Hall
- 1:00 Northville Players
- 1:00-5:00 Pony Rides
- 1:30-2:30 Walking Tour-Crows Nest
- 3:30-4:30 Walking Tour-Crows Nest

Saturday-Bandshell Activities

- 12:00 Musical Exhibition
- 1:00-2:30 Victorian Review
- 3:00 Children's Pie Eating Contest
- 3:30 Dance Performance
- 4:00-5:30 Victorian Review
- 5:30-7:00 Magic & Music

On-Going Street Entertainment

- Dr. Rudy Medicine Man Show
- Dixieland Band
- Tarot Cards
- Palm Reading
- Balloon Makers
- Caricatures
- Face Painting
- Clowns
- Punch and Judy Show
- Keystone Cops

Sunday, September 20th

- 9:00-6:00 Art Market Open - Northville Arts Commission
- 9:00-6:00 Antique Show Open
- 9:00-6:00 Antique Photo Booth
- 10:00-6:00 Non-Profit Booths Open
- 10:00-11:30 Continental Breakfast - \$3.00 Sponsored by Northville Arts Commission
- 11:00-5:00 Mill Race Village Open
- 12:00-5:00 Trolley Tours
- 12:00-5:00 Horse & Carriage Rides
- 12:00-5:00 Victorian Quilt Show
- 12:00-5:00 Mill Race Village
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- 1:00-5:00 Hat Contest
- 2:00 Duck Race - Mill Race Village
- 2:30 Police Tug of War
- 3:00 Mill Race Village

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- PTA Coordinating Council
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- 2:00 Victorian Review
- 2:30-4:00 Street Adelines
- 4:00 Sweet Adelines
- 4:30 Barbershop Quartet

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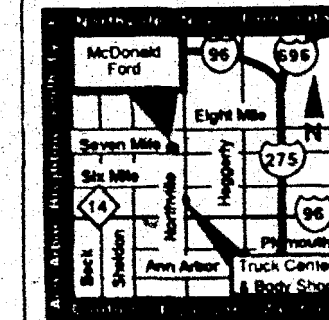


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Fall Festival Moments



The Snowy River band entertains the crowd with some country music at Fall Festival.



Two young fest goers compete for stage time in front of the festival stage.



This group kept the fire hot for the Rotary chicken dinner Sunday.



The Plymouth Park Players perform during the Fall Festival.



Innovations entertains a captive audience Friday night at Fall Festival.

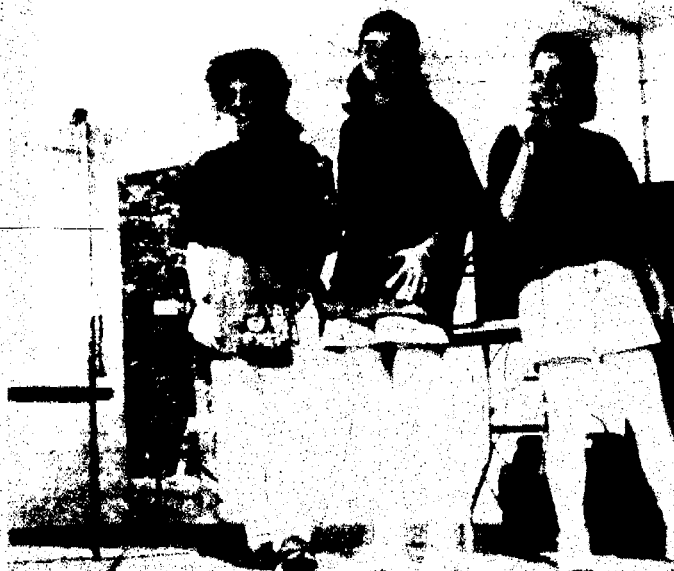
Fall Festival Moments



Danny Valentine and Mark Hansen examine wooden toys at the PCAC Art Show last weekend at Fall Fest.



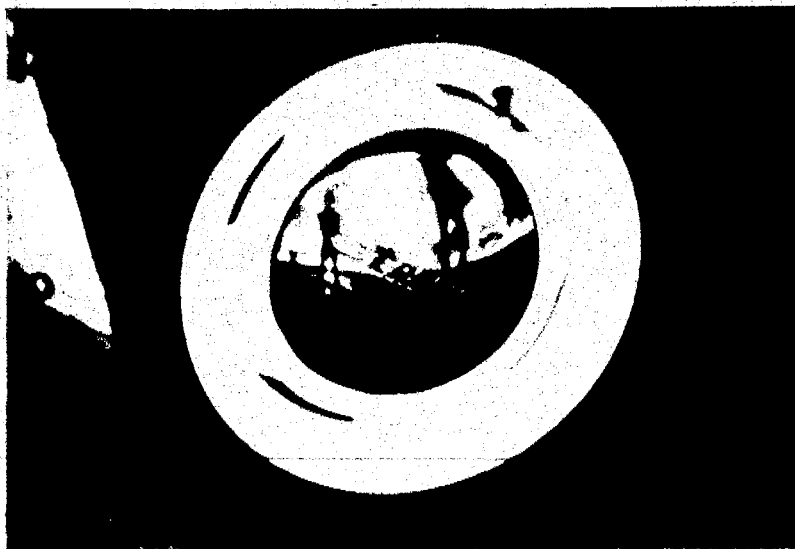
The Kiwanis Club popcorn wagon rolls "nature's favorite snack" to hungry Fest goers.



These ladies strut their stuff at Friday's Karaoke session at the Fall Festival.



(Above) This youngster enjoys the sweet sounds of the Plymouth Community Chorus. (Left) A reflection on the festival comes courtesy of the hubcap of this classic automobile.





Community deaths

Padget, office manager

Elisabeth Padget, 46, of Canton died Sept. 4 in Canton. Funeral services were held Sept. 8 at Faith United Methodist Church in Van Buren with the Rev. Gerald Hunter officiating. Burial was in Denton Cemetery in Van Buren. Local arrangements made by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home.

Born in 1945, in Stockholm Sweden, Mrs. Padget came to Canton from Westland in 1990. She was born and raised in Sweden and formerly resided in Southfield. Mrs. Padget came to the United States 25 years ago. She was a legal secretary and office manager for Natinsky and Jaffa in Southfield. She was a member of Faith United Methodist Church in Van Buren and attended college in Sweden for two years.

Survivors include: husband, Robert; son Jordan Fenstermacher, of Hillsdale; four step daughters; five step grandchildren; brothers Gunner Strom, of Arvika, Sweden and Johan Strom, of New York; sister Ulrika Odarstromer, of Lund, Sweden; and parents Claes and Gilbert Strom, of Sweden.

Memorials may be sent to the Michigan Cancer Foundation, Faith United Methodist Church or Arbor Hospice.

Groth, church coordinator

Donna Groth, 73, of Plymouth died Sept. 6 in Howell. Funeral services were held Sept. 10 at Calvary Baptist Church with the Rev. David Hay officiating. Interment was in South Lyon Cemetery.

Born in 1918 in South Lyon, Mrs. Groth was employed at Calvary Baptist for 35 years as secretary and spent eight years as mission coordinator. She came to the community in 1950 from South Lyon. She was the mother of Plymouth Township Fire Chief Larry Groth.

Besides Larry Groth, of Plymouth, and his wife Sandy, survivors include: sons Richard, of Port Orange, FL, and Paul (Linda), of Howell; grandchildren Larry, Timothy, Paul II, Stephanie, and Brett; great grandchildren Alyssa and Alissa Groth; and brother Greig Sayre, of New Smyrna, FL.

Local arrangements were made by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home.

Memorials may be sent to the Donna Groth Missions-Scholarship Fund at Calvary Baptist Church.

Villanueva, a railroader

Pedro Villanueva, 83, of Westland, died Aug. 27 in Detroit. Funeral services were held Aug. 29 at the Schrader Funeral Home in Plymouth with Pastor Jerry Yarnell officiating. Burial was in Washtenong Cemetery in Ann Arbor.

Mr. Villanueva was born in 1909 in San Marcos, TX. After living most of his life in Plymouth, he moved to Westland three years ago. A World War II veteran, serving in the U.S. Navy, he worked for the C & O Railroad company for over 30 years.

Survivors include: wife Maria, of Westland; daughters Elodia Lester, of TN, Julia Miles, of Flat Rock, and Ester Hillman, of Westland; son Pedro, Jr., of Dearborn; sister Aurora Gonzales, of TX; 16 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the Michigan Kidney Foundation.

Williams, heat treater

Roy Williams, 77, of Westland, died Aug. 22 in Garden City. Funeral services were held Aug. 25 at the Schrader Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. Frederick Weaver officiating.

Mr. Williams was born in 1915 in Detroit. He was heat treat operator for Associated Spring in Plymouth until his retirement in 1981. He came to Plymouth in 1919 from Detroit, and was a member of the Abundant Life Church of God in Westland. Williams was a member of the VFW, and served in World War II as an MP.

Survivors include: wife Lorene, of Plymouth; son Roy II, of Westland; daughters Karen Burklow, of Garden City, and Lioba Niestroy, of Redford; brothers James and Bob Willett; sister Donna Trobaugh, six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Gahrs, German immigrant

John Gahrs, 93, of Plymouth, died Aug. 20 in Pontiac. Funeral services were held Aug. 24 at the Schrader Funeral Home in Plymouth with Pastor Jerry Stroud officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia.

Mr. Gahrs was born in 1898 in Hamburg, Germany. He emigrated to the United States in 1919, and came to Plymouth in early 1970s from Detroit. He worked as tool and die machinist for automotive companies and suppliers, retiring in the mid 1960s. Gahrs was a member of Christ Lutheran Church of Redford.

Survivors include: wife Herta, of Plymouth; sons John, of Big Rapids, and James, of Clarkston; grandchildren Karrie, Julie, James, John and Cheryl; and great-grandchildren Daniel, Kerrina and Tyler.

Noakes, a homemaker

Edna Noakes, 71, of Plymouth, died Aug. 24 in Livonia. Funeral services were held Aug. 27 at the Schrader Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. William Branham officiating. Burial was in Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia.

Mrs. Noakes was born in 1921 in Toronto. She came to Plymouth in 1971 from Westland, and was a homemaker.

Survivors include: husband John, of Plymouth; brother George Bradley, of Canada; daughters Victoria Chester, of Plymouth, Joanne Cabe of Burke, VA, Ellen Louis Lukacs, of Washington, D.C., Judith Enderle, of Plymouth, Janice Radon, of Northville, and Sheila Giroux, of Maryland; and 13 grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the American Diabetes Association.



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Gun scare ends in shots fired

A resident of Sandpiper Drive in Canton was taken into custody by the Canton Police Department and the Special Operations Team last Wednesday after he apparently thought he was being held at gunpoint.

The subject's mother called the police and informed the officers that her son was being held hostage, according to police reports.

When the officers arrived at the home, they heard a man yelling and claiming to be held at gunpoint just after 5 p.m. Wednesday, police said.

After a while, there were several shots

from the interior of the home, and the last one shattered the front window. After the window had been destroyed, the man jumped out of the window, wearing only his underwear, said police. He claimed there were three gunmen still inside, police said.

After inspecting the premises the officers determined that no one was in the house and that the man had been hallucinating due to some undetermined drug he had apparently ingested, said officers.

Although no charges had been filed as of press time, police were considering a weapons charges.

PTG conducts auditions

The Plymouth Theatre Guild will be holding auditions for "The Matchmaker" at 7 p.m. Sept. 22 and 23 on the campus of the Northville Regional Hospital at the Water Tower Theatre, 41001 W. Seven Mile.

The cast includes 17 actors, with an age range between 17 and 60 years old. Both men and women will be participating.

The play performance dates are Friday and Saturday evenings, Nov. 20 to Dec. 5, with one special Sunday performance Nov. 29.

For additional information call 349-7110.

Vietnam vets plan ceremony

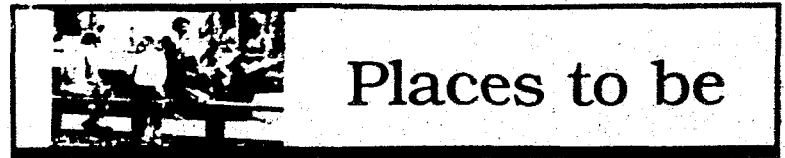
The Plymouth-Canton Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528 will conduct a ceremony Friday (Sept. 18) on the lawn in front of the Canton Police Department in recognition of National POW/MIA Day.

The ceremony begins at about 6:30 p.m. in front of the police station located

at 1150 S. Canton Center Rd.

The roster of speakers has yet to be finalized. The VVA will provide a color guard and rifle team for a 21-gun salute.

After the playing of Taps, refreshments will be served in the township board meeting room.



Places to be

Group for heart patients

Local heart patients will soon be able to gather with others who have faced similar problems in order to discuss their experiences on a monthly basis.

The support group for heart patients living in The Plymouth-Canton Community is in the process of formation and meetings will start Friday, Sept. 18.

The group will meet once a month on the third Friday from 7:30-9 p.m. at the Arbor Health Building Community Room in Plymouth.

Outside speakers will be invited to discuss a variety of concerns that heart patients may have, including exercise, diet and medication.

To register or for information call Jack Bologna at 459-8787 during the daytime.

Music series at Canton library

The second annual music series at the Canton Public Library will commence Friday, Oct. 16 at with a performance by jazz artists the Dennis Tini Quartet.

This is a return engagement of the quartet, which features singer April Arabian Tini.

Other programs in the series include David Reynolds singing light classical and show tunes Friday, Feb. 5 and blues and folk artists Robert Jones and Matt Watroba on April 2.

All shows begin at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 each or \$12 for the series they may be purchased at the Canton Public Library Reception Desk.

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Strong rebounding leads Chiefs to tourney victory

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

The Canton High girls basketball team won the Mercy Hoops Classic last week defeating St. Joseph's 42-40 Thursday before taking the tournament championship Saturday with a 47-30 win over Mercy.

The key to Canton's win Saturday was

consistent play and strong offensive and defensive rebounding, as the Chiefs held Mercy's score to single digits in the first and second quarters.

Canton tossed in 11 points in the first quarter, Mercy had five. Canton scored 12 points in each of the remaining quarters. Mercy was held to four in the second,

to end the half with Canton leading 23-9. Mercy tossed in seven in the third, to end the third 35-16, and 14 in the fourth.

"We rebounded very, very well to keep them to nine in the first half," said Canton coach Bob Blohm. "That's not something we're normally able to do (against Mercy)."

To make it to the finals, Canton

defeated St. Joseph on Thursday.

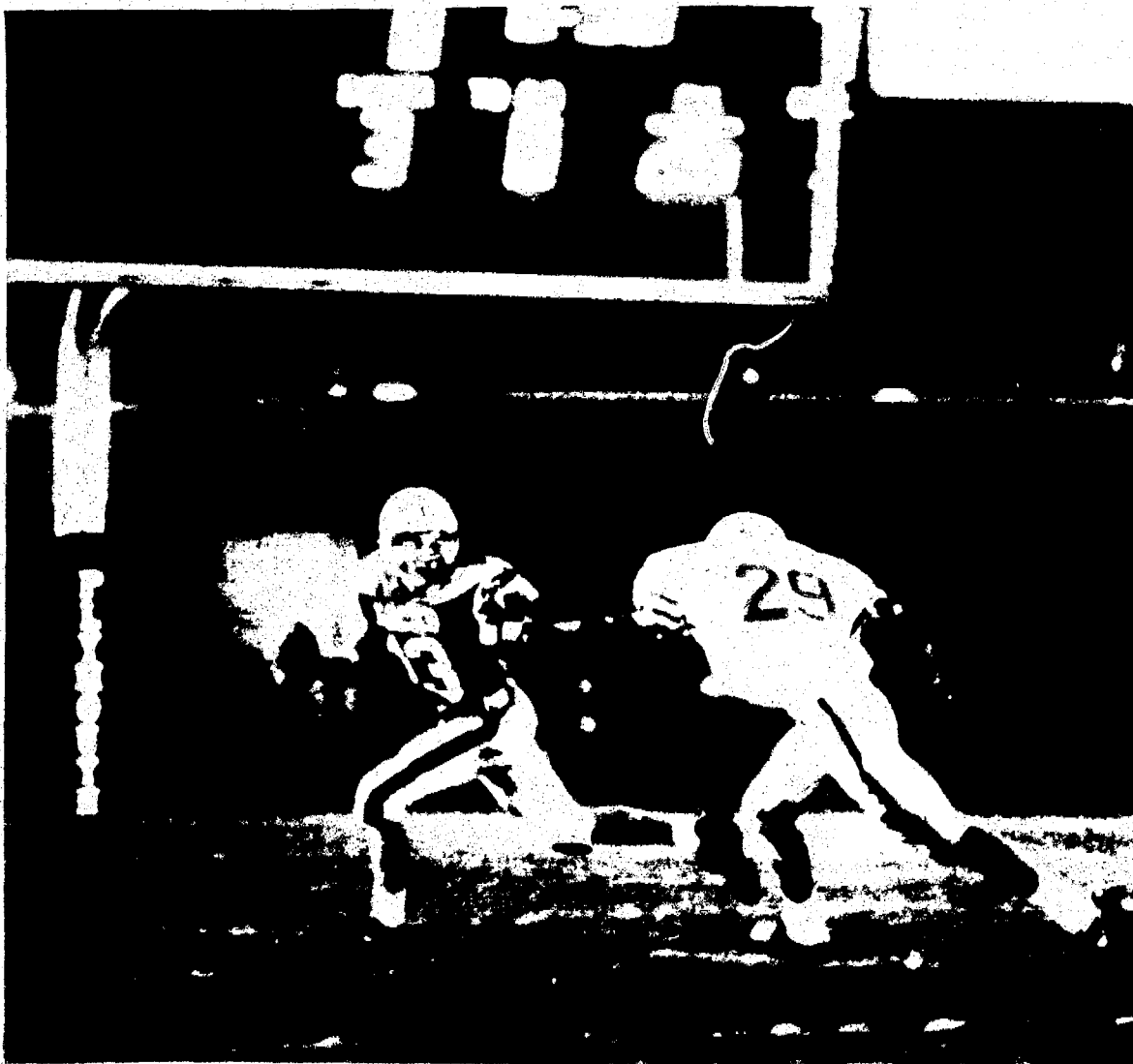
"St. Joe's is one to the top teams in the state in Class B," said Canton coach Bob Blohm. "We feel very fortunate to have beat them."

Thursday's game was Kelly Holmes return to the team. She has been recovering from a broken collar bone.

The Chiefs are now 5-0 overall.



Sports



Chiefs drop the football on the road

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

The Canton High football squad traveled to North Farmington Saturday but was defeated 35-14.

Justin Buchhop caught a 12-yard pass from Kevin Shankie, in the first half, for the Chiefs first touchdown.

Shankie crossed through the goal post on a quarterback sneak for Canton's second touchdown in the second half.

Canton suffered four turnovers, including two fumbles and two interceptions against North.

"When we had some good offensive drives, we'd lose the ball, fumbling or a turnover," said Bob Khoenle, Canton coach. "The turnovers hurt us Saturday, our defense did not do well, we just didn't control them well."

Canton is now 0-2.

The Chiefs lost their season opener to Monroe 14-13, last Friday.

Test those football skills

It's almost that time again, time for the annual Punt, Pass and Kick competition sponsored by the Canton Parks and Recreation Services.

This year the annual event will be held Saturday, Sept. 26 at Griffin Park (Sheldon Road side).

It is open to ages eight through 13 (ages as of Dec. 31, 1992). There is no cost to compete.

Pre-registration begins at 9:30 a.m. with the competition set for 10 a.m.

The top finisher in each age group advances to the regional level of competition and the top three places in each age receive awards.

Only gym shoes are permitted, no cleats or turf shoes.

Register on-site at Griffin Park. No residency requirements.

For further information call 397-5110.

Salem quarterback Bob Keney scrambles away during Friday's dismal home opener. (Crier photo by Jay Keenan)

Salem can't overcome 1st half miscues

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

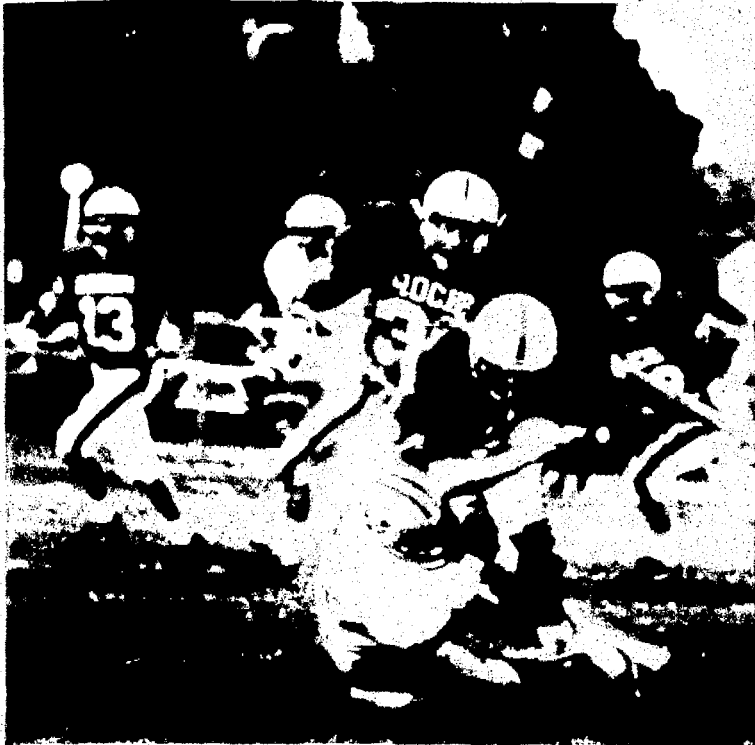
In its first home game of the 1992 season, the Salem High football team was shutout 22-0 by Farmington Harrison Friday night.

The Rocks suffered five turnovers in the first half, three of which Harrison turned into touchdowns.

The second half consisted of even play between the Rocks and the Hawks, but Salem could not recover.

"We're going to have to improve and eliminate our turnover problem,"

Please see pg. 21



Salem's Scott Helmstadter falls while trying to get a pass Friday. The Harrison player was called for pass interference on the play. (Crier photo by Jay Keenan)

Salem gridders now 1-1

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said Salem coach Tom Moshimer. "We're a better team than we looked (on Friday).

"This was not a positive game for us, it's one we'd like to forget."

The Rocks are now 1-1, after winning the season opener against Trenton last Friday

Rock kickers undefeated

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

After a key division win, 2-1, over Livonia Stevenson last Tuesday, the Salem boys soccer team beat North Farmington 11-1 Thursday evening and remain undefeated.

The Rocks are now 6-0-1 overall, 3-0 in the conference and 2-0 in division competition.

Against North, Joe Perron led the team scoring three goals and had two assists.

Jason Oberhelman had two goals, Ryan Smith, Chris Saline, Mark

MacInnis, Mike Kley and Tom Baker each one goal and one assist.

Brian Wright kicked in one goal and Brad Jaskolski and Brian Spuck each had one assist.

Against Stevenson, Salem was down 1-0 with 15 minutes left in the game. Chris Saline scored on a header shot with an assist by Ryan Phipps, to tie the game.

With two minutes left in the game, Tom Baker scored on an assist from Perron.

Junior hoop registration set

Registration for Plymouth Canton Junior Basketball Association (PCJBA) will be held Sept. 19 at the Canton High Phase III.

Registration hours are from 9 a.m. to noon.

Leagues for both boys and girls open include C (grades 3-4), B (grades 5-6) and A (grades 7-8).

All students in the Plymouth-Canton Schools district or any part of Canton are eligible.

Referees are also needed. Ninth through 12th grade students interested in being referees should also register.

Because of limited gym space there is a cutoff for registration. Those who register after the cutoff will be put on a waiting list.

Tryouts will also be held.

This year there are expected to be more than 900 boys and girls in the league.

Coaches are always needed as well, said organizers.

Canton kickers tie Athens

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

It's always a tough match on the soccer field when a Centennial Educational Park (CEP) team faces Troy Athens, and Saturday was no exception for the Canton soccer squad.

The competition was at CEP stadium, and at the end of the game, the Chiefs tied Athens 2-2.

Shortly before the first half ended, Athens was ahead 2-0, when Canton's Jeff Fliss put the Chiefs on the scoreboard.

Fliss knocked in Canton's first goal on a penalty shot with three minutes left in the half, top end the half with Canton trailing by one, 2-1.

Fliss scored again on a restart from a dead ball 20 minutes into the second half, on a ball that bounced in front of the Athens keeper, over his head, and into the net.

Canton made 21 shots on goal and Athens had 11.

"It was a very physical, ugly game," said Canton coach Don Smith. "We're

coming along really well. We came back very nicely from being down 2-0. The guys rose to the occasion and did a nice job."

The Chiefs are now 4-1-2 overall, 2-0 in the league and 1-0 in the division.

Canton will travel to Livonia and face Churchill today, and Salem on Monday at CEP Stadium.

Lion split

The Canton Lions junior football squad met the Dearborn Heights Redskins for their season home opener.

The varsity Lions won in a 13-6 game. Lions touchdowns were scored by Tony Hollingsworth, and from a pass by Phill Bahrou to Enzo Fabbro.

The junior varsity suffered a 15-6 loss despite a 60-yard touchdown run by Rob Malchow.

The freshmen Lions showed their claws with a 24-6 win. Chris Trott and Archie Kinney led the way with two touchdowns apiece.

The Lions return to Central Middle School this weekend (Sunday, Sept. 20). Kickoff is 1 p.m.

CEP sports highlights

Cross Country:

Canton boys and girls opened the cross country season in the Ypsilanti Early Bird race, Thursday, and both teams took third place with 72 points each.

Six Cantons runners earned medals in the boys race: Casey Moothart, Jeff Keith, Shawn McNamara, Todd Smith, Ian Bedford and David Yack.

The girls squad had four medalists. Kathleen Landelius, Laura McWilliams, Lara Antczak and Jayne De Courcy.

The girls squad also ran in the West Bloomfield Invitational Saturday, taking 10th place with 261 points. Landelius (14th) and McWilliams (26th) were medalists in Saturday's race.

Salem girls opened the season placing fifth of 20 teams in the West Bloomfield Invitational Saturday, earning 158 points. The Rocks have finished fifth in this invitational for the last three years.

Three runners were medalists, Leah Retherford (20th), Stacy Withhoff (24th) and Corey Gulkewicz (29th).

Salem boys cross country team, Derek Cudini was the only medalist. He placed 15th and his team earned 383 points.

Golf:

After some rainouts, the Canton team beat Farmington Harris 226-241. Brad Paskievitch was the medalist and shot a 41.

Salem opens its season this week with five games including the J.F. Sandmann Invitational on Thursday.

Canton will also be participating in the Thursday tournament.

Tennis:

Canton won the Ypsilanti Invitation tournament Saturday, earning 16 points

and the squad brought home a trophy.

Two singles and two doubles teams brought earned championship titles in Saturday's tournament. Lynne Cessante won the number three singles and Pam Reynolds took the number four singles.

The number three doubles team of Kara Fiegenschuh and Kelley Reeber were medalists, and in an exhibition match, the number four doubles team of Noel Kilgore and Jenny Staszal were champions.

The Chiefs are 1-0 overall and begin league play this week.

"Every flight gave at least one point (to our score) and all players contributed," said Barb Hanosh, Canton coach.

Salem netters will kick off their season this week, opening against Livonia Stevenson.

Basketball:

In a real nail biter Saturday, as Salem traveled to Flint and battled Flint Powers, and lost by one, 57-56.

Cyndi Platter was the leading scorer for Salem, tossing in 23 points. Lelsie Gotts and Christy Parimucha each had nine, and Amanda Tubough tossed in seven.

"It was a hard fought back and forth game," said Salem coach Fred Thomann.

The Rocks also competed last Saturday and lost 62-51 to Birmingham Marion.

Platter led the team inscoring with 18. Shelly Sockow tossed in 11, and Tonya Wheeler and Kelly Lukasik each had eight.

The Rocks are 0-4 overall and start league play tomorrow at home against Livonia Churchill.

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Crier Classifieds

Curiosities

Way to go Crier staff. Great Fall Festival edition!

Believe it or not, we all survived!

Brent will be 24 on September 17.

Happy Birthday Baby!

Ed - Thanks for the great retirement party!!!
Donna

I will miss all of you! Donna.

Jackie caught a HUGE fish the weekend before last. She kept trying to reel it in & the catch was so BIG that she had a hard time bringing it in. Rumor has that Larry is carrying her HUMONGOUS catch in his tackle box.

My ribs have healed. I guess I can play darts with Jackie again.

COMMA, staff is the best!

Brent hit the big "24", or is that the big "42"?

Is Wendy a truck driver?

Curiosities

Peter should know better than to wear a white shirt & tie during Fall Fest.

Happy 24th Brent!!

Thursday pizza was delicious - would be better sans mushrooms & black olives.

Happy Birthday Brent!! May all your birthday fantasies come true.

A weekend celebration in Chicago?

Joe DeLauro likes The Who!

Or any music with rhythm.

Congratulations Jack, Michelle and Todd. We topped last year!

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Sally and Ed - Thanks for a great party - yes Bob Muneot it was time to have fun - PUGH

Ken - We'll miss you lots & lots.

Curiosities

Anne get to know your grid iron slang!

Mike - your cheesy freakness makes me spew green stuff.

Ken - just remember... yello is good, green is bad. Love to love love ya baby, Dave.

Ed - loved the great party (ho-ho-ha-ha)

Robert's "special" friend - We care about you - the best is yet to be. The Criers.

Ken - good luck in the future. Don't forget us.

Robert is into BONDAGE. Weird.

We enjoyed your "last day of work" party Donna!

MOM & DAD ON MELTON Things are looking up! Should we have a welcome home party?

Claudia - So nice to see you again! Let us know when you set the date.

Good luck at school Todd! Visit when you come home for break.

Jim "Bones" McLean has a new home. Find him at Tech Hot & Cold.

Good luck edit guys. Hope all is well. KHV.

Robert - wait til my chair is cold before you move in. K.

ANNE DUDLEY - "Brighten the corner where you are" - and "Brighten the corner", you really did, for all of us. Those who have known you are very sad, - and yet happy for the loving care you gave, and for the fun and humour you brought into their lives. "God bless you." "God bless us all."

Wendy - Great job on cover ideas.

Who feels it, knows it!

No, Red. This is the final Blue curio. Feelin' blue all night now that this is it...

ERIC & MARY CHILDS: you are "special"! How nice of you to go to see Harold. He is improving because of it, we know.

Liz - Scan Do Da?

Sue, everything is going to be great with baby Voyles.

So long Ken Voyles, editor. Hello, Ken Voyles resident.

LOUISE TRITEN - I was "winging it" when I suggested you as someone who would have a recipe for "GREEN TOMATO CHILI SAUCE." Was I right? G.G.

Elsie - Lots of typing coming in this week. Are you rested from the break?

ANNE FEATHERSTONE is alive and well after her recent surgery. "Atta girl, ANNE," that Irish spirit pays off.

Jack - Is golf season winding down?

DONNA - "Parting is such a sweet sorrow" But not for us. We miss you! THE CRIERS.

Shawn - isn't it time for a veggie burger? Can't diet every day! Or we could have a Vegetarian Salad!

Curiosities

WILLIAM F. McNAMARA - Don't you dare let anything get you down! Your CHEERING SECTION.

Ken - Tuesdays just won't be the same!

Voyles - I've really enjoyed working with you! Guyor.

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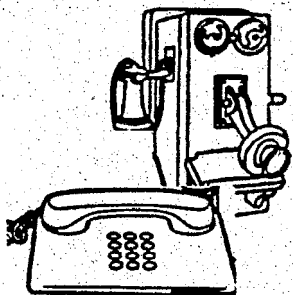


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Community opinions

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By W. EDWARD WENDOVER



Kids downtown.
Although the Fall Festival saw thousands of teenagers enjoying the festivities -- with very few incidents -- it's in stark contrast to increasing rowdiness seen by youths in the DDA of late.

For parents of teenagers (our home hosted more than 20 of our daughter's friends and friends of friends during varying points at the Fest), it's difficult to universally dislike the youngsters who gather downtown. But increased property damage, broken bottles and emotional scenes make it equally difficult to ignore.

Lots of concrete for skateboarding and a scarcity of walking police patrols attract the youths, who then attract more youths and so on.

There's no denying the problem has increased, even though it's still evident (as during the Festival) almost all young adults act appropriately.

The answer(s): more parents should supervise and teach their children better; the responsible youths should demand better behavior of their rowdy colleagues; more police should walk downtown (should the DDA hire a "beat cop"?); and more adults should help teach the young adults what behavior is expected.

In the margin

By Ken Voyles



Say goodbye to Ken Voyles, editor, and say hello to Ken Voyles, resident of the City of Plymouth and Canton township employee.

That's right, it's time to hit the trail (not Ann Arbor) and leave my ivory tower on Penniman after six long years of serving The Plymouth-Canton Community.

Actually this is the second time I have a chance to write the proverbial farewell column. The last time was in 1982 when I left The Crier to go back to school.

I know this won't make some people happy, but I'm not leaving town, just the newspaper.

Still, the next time you see me I may be sitting next to you at a city planning commission meeting or a library board gathering.

And don't be surprised if I stand up and voice my opinion. Without this column space each week I'll be just like any other resident -- my concerns will no longer be on a page of newsprint but in the public record.

It will feel different (but also good) to be more like John Doe again. I've never felt I was anything special or that I deserved this column space any more than the rest of you folks. The opportunity presented itself, though, when I returned to the paper in 1986.

But I remember back to those days when I struggled to write a column on a

weekly basis. I never felt I had anything to add to local issues (partially because I lived in Livonia) or any special insight or wisdom.

I still feel kind of that way. Except now I live in the city (following a couple years in Plymouth Township).

And I'm ready, ready to stand up and be counted. I've voted for years here, and now I can join those voices at meetings sitting next to reporters from this and other newspapers.

I can hardly wait. I can't tell you how many times I've wanted to stand up and scream at local officials or other residents making some kind of asinine comment. Instead I've put many of my complaints in this column, offending some, making others happy.

At the same time I'll be employed by Canton's government. The folks in Canton will pay my salary, so I'll be answerable to them.

That too will be strange. Here at the paper we are answerable to the publisher, and sometimes the public. But starting this week I enter the "glass house," as someone in Canton explained, and will have to show folks that their tax dollars are being used wisely.

So I must now sadly say farewell to these "community opinion pages," but hello to the world of community opinions beyond The Crier.

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EDITOR:

Schools and Signs:

At all the Plymouth-Canton school sites I have viewed there stand large, expensive signs facing all traffic lanes advising the public that Barton-Malow, the contractor, thanks us for their part in the construction work of updating physical aspects of our school system and also for the \$69 million or so bond issue that made their contract possible. (I have not read the fine print).

My question: Who paid the several thousand dollars to have these made and put up? Whether or not Barton-Malow signed the check, rest assured, the cost came out of bond money we voted. Should the school system be paying for the contractor's advertising? All I can read as one drive by is "Barton Malow thanks, etc."

Will someone explain what is the reasoning behind this?

FRANK MILLINGTON

Unabridged . . .

By Robert Parker



City of Plymouth officials realized last week that without some type of specific policy, it was having a difficult time defining the proper use of city-supplied vehicles.

With 11 vehicles in its fleet -- not including police cars -- there is a significant expense in maintaining and fueling them.

Especially when employees use them for personal business as well.

As a part of the budget review and goal-setting process last spring, the city commission requested that the use of city vehicles by employees be reviewed, and that a policy be developed related to it.

That's code for "we're spending too much money on vehicles and maintenance."

According to a report to the city commission from City Manager Steven Walters, the eleven vehicles currently assigned were "given either as a condition of employment at the time the employee was hired or promoted."

Currently driving city-supplied vehicles are the public works director, assistant DPW director, DPW foreman, recreation director, assistant recreation director, police chief, fire chief, city engineer, engineering aide, finance

director and city assessor.

Before the policy was passed by the commission -- which is scheduled to take effect in October -- it wasn't clear how these vehicles could be personally used.

So, according to Walters, the result of this, was widely varied use among employees.

The new policy requires employees to keep a log of business mileage, defines which vehicles are required by the city to be taken home at night and requires reimbursement by the employees for personal use in excess of the amount allowed in the policy.

Why wasn't this being done in the first place?

It's understandable that certain city officials have to extensively use a vehicle as part of their job duties, but it's amazing that the city wasn't requiring separate mileage logs for business and personal use from the beginning.

There is no argument against the fact that certain employees with city-supplied vehicles have to use them for personal business as well.

But when there is no way to regulate how much personal business, that leaves room for abuse.

The new policy was a smart move, and anyway, a little late is better than never.

Pigeons continue to irritate

EDITOR:

What's the deal? The City of Plymouth won't take responsibility for its domain?

The pigeons residing in the parking deck are a menace to the public; to those who visit, work, or reside near the deck.

The birds aren't bad, they just need to be coerced to find a more "natural" home.

City of Plymouth -- put up nets prohibiting the birds to nest, clean up the debris and smell, and invite me to park in the parking structure.

BARB VANDEL



Community opinions

During '92 Fall Festival Food, weather make memorable event

Now that the 1992 Fall Festival in Plymouth is over it's time to step back, reflect and take a close look at all of the good, the bad and the somewhere in between.

Right off the top, the weather was great. Of course, that's nothing folks around here control, but sometimes they must wish they do.

And wow, what a great weekend for eating, eating and more eating.

There was plenty of it going on throughout the festival grounds in downtown. Most of the food booths this year experienced excellent sales despite the festival being only three days long. Mainly, no doubt, because the food seemed above average this year.

The Rotarians sold nearly all of the chicken dinners they prepared Sunday. Other groups -- most of which expressed satisfaction with sales -- were restocking soda pop and food by Saturday.

The set-up and arrangement of the festival went smoothly; garbage pickup and disposal was also better handled and seemed less obtrusive.

Much of this year's festival had a student flavor -- the schools were more involved despite a fewer number of booths. There were Salem and Canton athletes, Close-Up kids and others helping out.

The entertainment appeared to be well orchestrated and pleased the daily crowds, including the new karaoke contest; a Friday night performance brought the teens to their feet.

But there were also the usual gripes -- you know, the bad -- that go along with any annual event.

First of all, bring back the senior citizens day, whether its on a Thursday or Friday. Consider a "teen night" on Friday or Saturday. In conjunction with that the school district should shut down all day Friday and allow its student organizations a chance to work the festival, possibly even for some kind of credit.

Along those lines, the Centennial Educational Park (CEP) football game at home on festival Friday could be played at Central Middle School, adding a new and interesting aspect to the festival and helping link the events at the Cultural Center, Central Middle School and the main downtown area.

A Saturday night meal should also be re-established for the festival. While the food booths do better without such a meal, bringing back a Saturday feast makes sense.

Possibly the festival folks should consider "a taste of Plymouth" type food set-up Saturday and allow local restaurants to showoff their best eats. The proceeds could be used to support the United Way, which kicks off its campaign at the beginning of September each year.

Something also needs to be done to end the noise battle between bingo goers and the Friday entertainment. A tarp might reduce the sound conflict for both sides.

Fall Festival Survey

If you attended the 1992 Fall Festival, please share your comments with us on those items you experienced:

	Excellent	Good	Poor
Main Meals	_____	_____	_____
Booth Food	_____	_____	_____
Entertainment	_____	_____	_____
Other Booths	_____	_____	_____
Antique Show	_____	_____	_____
Arts / Crafts Show	_____	_____	_____
Kid's Rides	_____	_____	_____
Bingo Game	_____	_____	_____

In addition, please give further opinions and suggestions:

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Other competitions should be established -- a computer spelling bee might be interesting using the I-CARE computers.

Also, bring back the antique cars and the firefighters' competition.

The theme of the festival this year was "America's Small Town Fair," but how many visitors knew this? If there is going to be a fest theme, make something of it.

It might also help if businesses in downtown Plymouth tried to stay open throughout the festival. Some did so, but many turned out their lights and went home when it would have been a good opportunity to show off for newcomers in town.

Police patrols should be strengthened outside of the main festival area where fights broke out this year and teenagers gathered.

Along similar lines, a better job needs to be done keeping the festival clean of broken bottles and other trash (especially around the perimeter of the main festival area in the Central Parking Deck). And why not spruce up the town more before the event starts?

Other ideas include using the Masonic Temple and Mayflower Meeting House in some way (maybe even the vacant Farmer Jack's); holding a youth fitness meet or rally at Central; opening up the Central pool for open swim during festival; getting other downtown Plymouth churches involved; and bringing back the Grange (housing them in the Temple or Mayflower) and that wonderfully all-American food, the kind one associates with fall.

All in all this year's festival was one of the best. But now it's time to think of 1993 and the 38th Fall Festival. See you then.

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