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Fire merger talks blaze into home stretch, possible settlement nears

BY JOHN HORN

Finally, a light at the end of the fire merger tunnel.

Plymouth and Plymouth Township governmental bodies have been negotiating with fire unions since the proposed merging of city and township fire departments came about in March.

City Manager Steven Walters said Monday both sides appear closer than ever.

"Some economic and other contract issues have been resolved," Walters said. "I am expecting it to be resolved in a few days."

Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen-McCarthy also said there are some issues to resolve. She agreed the two sides are closer.

"All I know is we're close," she said.

Fire Union President Charles Russo declined comment. One of the more important contract issues has been Public

Act 78.

According to Keen-McCarthy, that act was designed to ensure fair hiring practices for all civil employes.

She said for the merger to be complete, that act would need to be temporarily waived to make city firefighters township employes.

McCarthy said the union must provide a letter of understanding for waiving the act, by Aug. 30.

If not, the question will go on the Nov. 8 general election ballot.

She said Tuesday she will ask the board to put the decision on the ballot.

"We have until the end of August to tell the County to take it off," she said.

She said if the letter comes through, final details of the merger can be dealt with. "Once we get the letter of understanding, we can work out the details," she said.

"We can, at the same time, work on what will ultimately be the labor contract of the merged department."

Walters remains confident that the City Commission could be able to take action from its end by September.

"We could have a formal action by Sept. 1," Walters said.

Another negotiating point included staffing levels and how many firefighters would be needed for the new, merged department. Keen-McCarthy earlier stated that the department would need 21 firefighters to be sufficiently staffed.

Fire Union President Charles Russo previously said his side feels 24 would be more of an adequate figure.

According to Keen-McCarthy, the two sides reached an agreement, compromising on 22 firefighters to service the community.

"One of those positions will be a full-time fire inspector," she said.

Bennett denies campaign finance act accusations in 8th Senate race

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

No more than a week and a half since the statewide primary election, the race for the 8th District Senate seat has kicked into high gear with accusations of campaign finance violations.

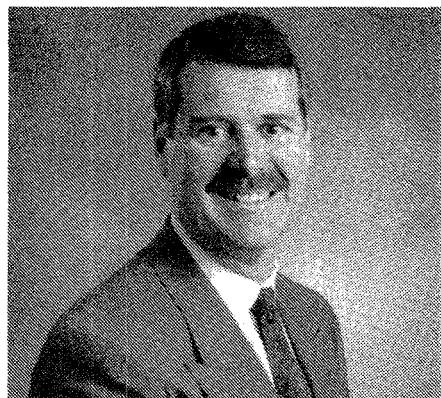
In a letter to the Michigan Office of Hearings and Legislation, Compliance and Rules division, Chairman of the 13th District Democratic Party Organization Richard McKnight accused Canton Township Clerk and Republican candidate for the 8th Senate District Loren Bennett of three violations of the Campaign Finance Act.

In particular, McKnight accuses Bennett of: 1) accepting and failing to return corporate contributions, 2) accepting and failing to report in-kind contributions in excess of \$7,000, and 3) accepting contributions drawn on partnership accounts that failed to attribute the contributions to the particular partners.

According to Bennett, he did get contributions from the GGC Development Company, but did not know that the partnership that GGC is was one of corporations.

"I was given the contributions by a partnership, which was legal," Bennett said.

"What I didn't know is that the partners were corporations, which I cannot



Loren Bennett

accept. Those contributions have been returned."

In the second case, failure to report in-kind campaign contributions in excess of \$7,000, the focus is Bennett's column in the Canton Eagle newspaper.

Namely that the column was a form of free advertising for Bennett.

According to Associated Newspapers' Publisher Sue Willett, McKnight's accusation runs against the freedom of the press.

"It seems that Mr. McKnight has forgotten a little thing called the First Amendment," Willett said.

"No one, not the Democrats, the Republicans, the UAW or anyone else controls the content of my newspaper."

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Election results: Gerou third, Woodside fourth

The official results of the primary election are in from the State Board of Elections.

In the 35th District Court Judges race, the candidates who took third and fourth place changed from earlier Crier results.

Mike Gerou edged out Karen Woodside for third. Boak was the winner with 2,977 votes. Lowe took second with 2,912. Lowe was followed by Gerou with 2,299, Woodside with 2,287, Dennis Shrewsbury with 1,379, Edward Zelmanski with 1,070, Jacqueline George with 705, Victoria Hariri with 605, Carol Levitte with 566, Maria Petito with 546 and Kevin Simowski with 425.

In the 13th U.S. Congressional District Democrat race, the official results are: Lynn Rivers - 23,726, David Geiss - 14,153, and Fulton Eaglin - 4,353. In the 13th U.S. Congressional District Republican race, the official results are: John Schall - 11,793, Cynthia Wilbanks - 11,584, Glen Kassel - 1,991, and Dennis Fassett - 1,991.

The official results of the 8th State Senate race are as follows: Trav Griffin - 8,979, and David Jacokes - 6,801.

In the 20th State House primary, the official results are: Gerry Law - 5,772 and Jerry Vorva - 5,524.

Agenda

THIS WEEK

- Chautauqua Express, a vibrant children's show, performs today from noon to 1 p.m. in Kellogg Park. The show is part of the Plymouth Community Arts Council's Music in the Park series.
- The Canton Township Parks and Recreation Outdoor Concert Series continues Thursday as the Shirelles perform in Heritage Park beginning at 7:30 p.m.
- Registration for Plymouth Parks and Recreation Services leagues is this week. Fall programs include men's softball and touch football. For more information, see page 18.

THE WEEKEND

- There are only four more weeks before the 39th Annual Plymouth Fall Festival Sept. 9, 10 and 11. Mark your calendars and keep your eyes peeled for The Crier's annual Fall Festival special edition guide to the festivities.

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Don't Miss the Exciting 16th Annual Ypsilanti Heritage Festival Aug. 19, 20, & 21

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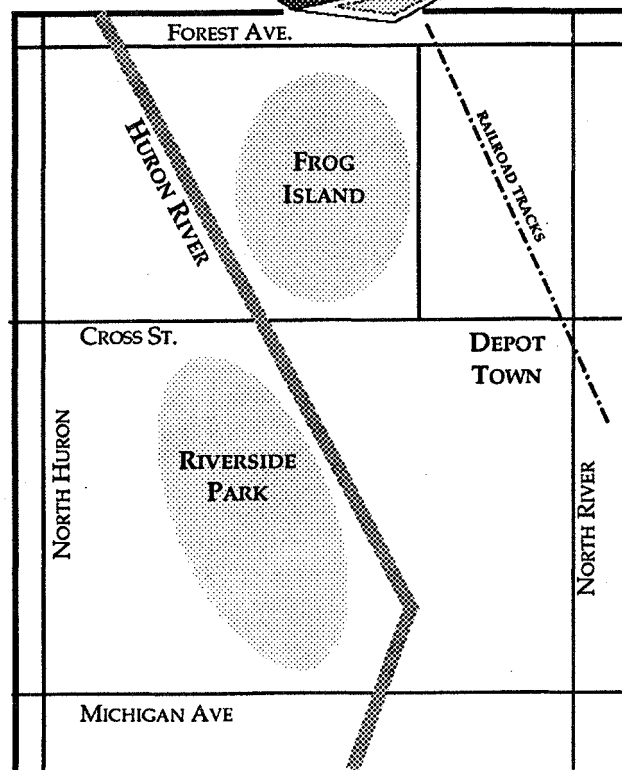
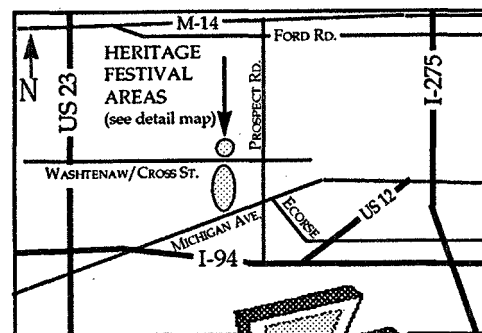
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9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.-Saturday, August 20th
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marching bands, floats, antique vehicles & more!
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- Continuous music including a Jazz & Blues Stage
- Lots of Entertainment & Activities for the kids:
Ronald McDonald show, puppets, fire safety
house & much more!



Canton board approves tentative millage hikes

Millage raises for police and fire operating funds to be decided Sept. 27

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

Last Tuesday, the Canton Township Board of Trustees voted to approve tentative millage hikes for police and fire operating funds.

According to Canton's Chief Financial Officer, John Spencer, the millage increases will fill the lack of operating funds that the services will experience next year.

"Every year, the board sets a millage for the police and fire services," Spencer said. "There has been no change in those millages for four and five years."

Spencer said that, in an effort to hold

the line on millage increases, the township has held back on raising the millage rate on both services.

The board will hold a public meeting on the millage increases on Sept. 13 at 7 p.m., a budget workshop on Sept. 20 and a vote on the issue Sept. 27.

According to Spencer, neither service can be held off any longer.

"There is no fund balance or savings for either service," Spencer said. "If there aren't increases they will either have to cut their budget or find other sources of revenue."

Spencer explained that there are three

reasons why the funds of the two sections of Canton Public Safety have such depleted resources. First was the assessment freeze of 1992, where the fund balances of the services were used to cover revenue losses.

Second was the labor arbitration award given to the fire fighters. Spencer said that the award was higher than the township expected and a double hit, because the police and fire services are at parity in terms of pay and benefits.

The third drain on funds was the litigation costs of the police department. Spencer said that between legal fees and settlements the budget was drained.

According to Spencer, without the millage increases, the fire department will be running \$172,000 short of their \$3.6 million budget and the police will

run \$216,000 short of their \$6 million budget.

"The police budget is mostly for personnel, they have more people," Spencer said. "85 per cent of their budget is for staff and fringes."

Overall, if the millages are passed, the effect on the owners of a \$120,000 house (State Equalized Value of \$60,000) will be a total tax hike of \$20.54. That's \$11.54 per year for police and \$9 per year for fire services.

According to Spencer, he doubts that there will be profound public complaint about the raises.

"Some people will be upset, some people always are," Spencer said.

"In my experience, most residents don't mind paying more for police and fire services."

Commission blesses Highland acquisition

BY JOHN HORN

First blessing of Action Distributing's acquiring the former Highland Appliance headquarters on Sheldon Road was given by Plymouth's City Commission Monday night.

The commission unanimously approved the establishment of a Plant Rehabilitation District at the location. That resolution is the first step in Action's request for a tax abatement on the projected \$1 to \$1.5 million it estimates rehabilitating the plant would cost.

The process required calling a public hearing, which the commission set for Tuesday, Sept. 6 at 7 p.m. in Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Action Distributing is a Livonia-based beer distributor looking to relocate to the Sheldon Road building.

City Manager Steve Walters detailed some terms of Monday's action, giving a specific definition to Action's request.

"This is an abatement of investments made to existing bids for renovation," he said. "It will be abating what's added to the facility."

According to Mayor Douglas Miller,

the next step in the process has Action thoroughly evaluating the premises.

He said the Sept. 6 hearing gives Action the opportunity to present its findings and making sure the facility suits its needs.

"In the process of a due diligence review, they will be making sure the building is purchasable," Miller said.

Action was represented Monday by Comptroller Bill Crilley and Attorney Edward Draugelis. Both gave indications as to Action's plans for the building, including warehouse, office use and an approximation of how much Action will put toward renovations.

Draugelis said Action's changes to the building could reach more than \$1 million.

"It could be as much as \$1.5 million added to the building," Draugelis said.

Draugelis said Action anticipates using 230,000 of the approximately 530,000 square feet available. He said the rest of the space will be leased to other businesses.

"For modern warehousing, there is little market for single-tenant use,"

Draugelis said.

Crilley said of that, only 40,000 will be used for office space. The rest will be devoted to warehousing.

"Beer takes up a lot of room," Crilley said.

He said in leasing the rest of the building, Action will be considering the needs of future tenants. He said incoming tenants will not be of a manufacturing nature, but will be "clean users."

"We will not mix manufacturing and our clean product," Crilley said. "It will be a clean-type, warehousing situation."

Crilley said Monday that Action and tenants could bring upward of 500 employees to the site.

"Action employs 150 to 180, maybe even 190 people at peak summer time," Crilley said. "With tenants, that's another 200 to 300."

After the public hearing, Action must then apply for a tax abatement certificate.

Draugelis said if the commission approves, Action would close on the deal in good faith.

"Action Distributing fully intended to close on the transaction," Draugelis said.

Addenda & errata

In the June 1, 1994 issue of The Crier, 44 year-old Earl Markby died at the hospital and not at the scene of the accident as was previously reported.

In a column about 35th District Court candidates, Kevin Simowski's name was spelled incorrectly.

Kevin was identified as Dennis Simowski. Any resemblance to persons dead or alive is purely coincidental.

We think he's a pretty swell guy.

In stories concerning the Mayflower Hotel, the Mayflower Meeting House was mentioned. The Mayflower Meeting House is a separate entity and not connected to the hotel in any way.

Five-finger discount shopping

Plymouth retailers not immune to shoplifting, but better off than others

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Shoplifting is often associated with malls and big cities. Few people realize downtown Plymouth is not immune to the crime.

Nancy Ball, owner of Hands-On Leather on Forrest Ave. is all too familiar with the problem.

Ball said there has been a noticeable jump in shoplifting crimes in her store.

"There really aren't a lot of problems," she said, "but there have been more (shoplifting incidents) right now than there has been. We've had three in the last three weeks."

Fran Toney, executive director of the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce said the incidents usually come in waves.

"The last couple of weeks, we've had

some action," she said.

Toney said that although there are shoplifting incidents in Plymouth, the community has a relatively low crime rate in comparison to other areas.

"We have had very good fortune," she said. "If we're having a problem, others have it worse."

"I don't think it's a major problem."

But don't tell that to Susan Fitzmaurice, the owner of Curious Child in Old Village that there is not a shoplifting problem.

Fitzmaurice said she caught two young girls with \$700 worth of merchandise in their possession.

Shoplifting cuts across age and gender. There is no "average" shoplifter profile.

"Some of them are not the kind of people you'd expect to catch shoplifting," Ball said. "In the past, we've even had some repeat (shoplifters). But we make sure we get the word out to other merchants."

Ball and the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce came up with a unique way to let other shop owners know about the shoplifting incidents.

The program, developed several years ago, is called the Merchant Alert System.

Calls about shoplifting problems go to Ball, the coordinator of the program. When she receives a call, she contacts three other merchants, who in turn call three merchants. The calls continue to go out until all the business owners are alerted to the problem.

The Merchant Alert System is also used to catch people trying to write bad checks, pass counterfeit money and use bad credit cards.

Toney said the chamber of commerce sponsors programs to help business owners recognize shoplifting signs.

"One of the best ways we have to get the problem on the table is through our monthly business owners' meetings," she said. "It's a real good time to address these types of issues."

Ball said shoplifting hurts everyone. "It increases prices for all consumers," she said. "We have to increase the number of people working for us, keep all the stock behind the counter and some of the larger stores have to install those big metal detectors at the door."

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Bennett denies campaign finance act accusations in 8th Senate race

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Willett said that she was flattered that someone thought her newspaper was so important.

According to McKnight, the fact that the paper was running Bennett's column at all was improper.

"I contacted the paper, as did Bill Faust and others saying that we thought that the column was not proper," McKnight said.

McKnight said that she (Willett) may feel that it is a First Amendment issue but the candidate should abide by the campaign finance laws and that the column was an in kind donation.

"Even if it is not in violation (of finance laws) it is not proper," McKnight said.

"If this is not a legal issue it is a fairness issue."

McKnight said that his letter to the Michigan Department of State was not a move against the Canton Eagle and had no connection to the Democratic candidate for the 8th Senate, Charles 'Trav' Griffin.

"I know Trav very well," McKnight said, "but he had nothing to do with the letter."

In the case of the accusation of accepting the contributions of a partnership

account without naming the specific partner making the contribution, Bennett said that he has already sent the correction to the state.

"The contribution was legal, it was just a technical mistake," Bennett said.

"I was supposed to name the partner that made the contribution."

Bennett said that, even if he had not already sent the correction to state election authorities that there were no legal issues at hand.

"The most severe ruling that they would give is to tell me to fix the problem," Bennett said.

For his part, Bennett said that he enjoying the attention that he is receiving as a result of the accusations.


A flyer that is being circulated about him by the 11th District Democrats has also garnered him some support.

"I'm having a lot of fun," Bennett said.

"The flyers have generated volunteers who didn't know who I was or that I was running."

Bennett said, "What people want is an airing of the issues. They are afraid of me on the issues so they're trying to attack my character."

"I'll talk about the issues anywhere, anytime."



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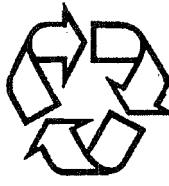
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Canton EMS charges to go up for non-residents

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

Last Tuesday, the Canton Township Board of Trustees voted to increase the fee for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) for non-residents.

The fee, which was \$100 for non-residents, will be raised to \$300 per EMS use.

According to Canton Fire Chief Mike Rorabacher, the charges don't extend to all non-residents that use the EMS service.

"Township residents, township business owners, employees of township businesses and non-resident township employees are exempted from the charges," Rorabacher said.

"The raise in the fee will help cover some of the charges that we incur."

Chief Rorabacher said that a study done by the township showed that other fire departments and private EMS services charge between \$150 and \$400 per EMS pickup.

According to Rorabacher, those other services come to those charges in different ways.

"Some charge for the mileage, others by the equipment (oxygen, cold packs, bandages etc.)," Rorabacher said.

Misprogrammed machines at township held up election results

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

Election night can be a tension-filled time for some people, especially for the candidates running.

Waiting for returns, biting fingernails and worrying about the outcome.

That said, when it took until 2 a.m. on Aug. 3 for Canton to produce election numbers from their 24 precincts and three absentee ballots, some candidates must have been on the verge of heart attacks.

According to Canton Township Clerk Loren Bennett, the problem was in the ballots, the way that the counters were programmed and the card counters that came into his offices.

"All of the first 24 precincts came in fine," Bennett said.

"But we misprogrammed the computer for the absentee ballots and the numbers started to come out wrong."

The error, spotted by former Crier Editor Craig Farrand, was simply one of not telling the computer which numbers corresponded with which candidates.

Both earlier and later in the process, the machines doing the actual counting started to run into problems.

"On Monday morning we ran a check of the card counters and they didn't sound right," Bennett said.

"The company sent a new machine on Tuesday morning, and it didn't work."

After calling the company to consult with a technician, they delivered another counter to Canton.

"We decided that it would be easier to charge a flat rate, for our paperwork as well as for the patient."

Rorabacher, who has been with the Canton Fire Department since 1974, said that the EMS fee has been in place since 1971.

Back then, the fee for an EMS run was \$25.

Even with the raise in the fee, Rorabacher said that the raise won't cover all of the Fire Department's charges.

"An EMS truck costs \$65,000, and that's not counting in the cost of the team that runs it," Rorabacher said.

"When you consider that an EMS truck will often go out with a fire truck to an accident or fire, \$300 is still not really sufficient."

That said, Rorabacher said that the raise in the fee will help the fire department keep up the level of service that they have been.

"It will help," Rorabacher said. "Like any business we've got to have what the customers want or we'd be out of business."

Rorabacher said that the fee will take effect after the publishing of the ordinance and its second reading on Aug. 23.

The new machine worked fine, but when it came time to count the three absentee ballots there were problems.

"I was on the phone with a technician in Dallas trying to get an explanation," Bennett said.

"Another machine was sent to the township."

Later that night, Bennett and his staff found out that there was an unforeseen problem with the punch-card ballots themselves.

"Some of the cards had timing holes through their center," Bennett explained. "Because the machine uses a vacuum to pull the cards ahead, it sometimes grabbed more than one card at once."

"I never heard of that happening before," Bennett said.

While the problem with the punch cards did slow the process, it was an easily corrected one. Bennett and his staff merely separated the cards into two piles, one with holes and one without. The machine then ran correctly.

Bennett said that, despite the wait, the numbers that came out of his office were accurate and correct.

"Every election has a unique set of circumstances," Bennett said.

"I got calls from other clerks saying that it was my turn to have an election night like this one."

"But my responsibility is to make sure that everything turns out correctly," Bennett said.

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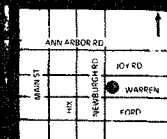


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Friends & neighbors

Neighbors in the news

Christopher D. Johnson was named to the Founder's Day List at Indiana University during the second semester of the 1993-94 school year.

The students named to the list will be honored at a founders day celebration in March, 1995. The Founder's Day List was formerly called the Dean's List.

Navy Seaman Recruit Craig S. Eichner, of Canton, has completed basic training at the Navy's Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes II.

During the training, Eichner learned general military subjects in preparation for one of the Navy's 85 occupational fields.

Eichner is the son of Henry and Wanda Eichner of Canton.

Marine Lance Cpl. Johnathan M. Molnar, of Canton recently reported for duty with the 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines, 1st Marine Division at Camp Pendleton, Ca.

Marine Pfc. Dennis P. Roose, also of Canton, also reported for duty with the 8th Engineer Support Battalion, 2nd Force Service Support Group, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune NC.

The Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees recently awarded 66 Trustee Scholarships to graduating seniors of the 1994-95 school year. The board has granted these scholarships since 1974 and have given out funds to more than 1,000 students.

Plymouth-Canton seniors receiving \$1,000 scholarships are Kelly Kirk, Laura Krause and Nicole Venables. Seniors receiving \$800 scholarships are Julie Bak, Christopher Danowski, Nichole Hahn, Amanda Salin, Terri Sculthorpe, Jaime Sikora and Marlena White.

With a little help from friends

Canton's Travis House will get an interior renovation from the Wayne-Westland Vocational Technical Center

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

With a little help from some handy friends, Canton's Historic Travis House will be getting the interior facelift that it desperately needs.

With the nod from the Canton Board of Trustees, the Canton Historic District Commission will be getting a helping hand from the Wayne-Westland Schools Vocational Technical Center in the form of labor of the house's interior renovation.

According to Historical District Chair Melissa McLaughlin, the commission is happy for the help.

"We're thrilled that they will be doing the work," McLaughlin said. "It really helps us out a lot."

McLaughlin said that the students that will be doing the work, adults taking night classes at Wayne-Westland, will be taking care of the structural, wiring, heating, plumbing and other work necessary to bring the house up to snuff.

According to McLaughlin, the work is ready to begin.

"We've talked to the teacher and the school's superintendent and work will begin in September," McLaughlin said. "The structural work should be done by June of next year."

With the labor already taken care of, \$50,000 to \$60,000 of the \$120,000 total bill, it is up to the historical commission to come up with the materials for the

workers.

According to Canton Resource Development Manager Mike Ager, the union between Wayne-Westland Vocational Education and the Historical Commission is mutually beneficial.

"The historical commission was looking for some free labor and voc-ed programs have been interested in such programs in the past," Ager said. "The Travis renovation project is educational in a way that a normal renovation isn't."

Ager said that the Travis house was different because it was more of a problem solving renovation than a normal house. There are different factors to consider.

"Some of the students are retired and looking to learn how to fix their own houses, others are learning a new career and the Travis House is a good study tool," Ager said.

"It just came together well."

According to McLaughlin, there are plans in the works to take care of that expense as well. "We're hoping to launch a massive campaign to go to the builders, lumberyards and vendors in the township to donate in-kind materials," McLaughlin said. "There is such a building boom in the township right now that we hope that they can add on some of the things that we need to their regular orders."

She said that they are looking for things like plumbing supplies, furnaces

and other materials that the builders are already buying for themselves in mass.

According to McLaughlin, the commission has also gone to the township for some monetary help.

"We're asking the township for \$25,000 for the 1995 commission budget," McLaughlin said. "That will go to cover those things that we can't get donated, like a well and other site work."

Right now, the commission is also working to find out exactly what they want to use the house for once it is ready for use.

"There is a concept of how the house will be used as well as the area that it will be in," McLaughlin said. "We're still looking to come up with a viable plan for both."

McLaughlin said that having a static display of farm equipment isn't enough to keep people coming to the district. She said that there needs to be some kind of ongoing events to keep the public's interest in the district alive.

"We're trying to give the house a more active use somewhere people can go for recreation or for a picnic," McLaughlin said. "We're also looking into having historical guilds (rugmaking, basket weaving) come in to display their work."

She said that it was important to have activities that people could observe and participate in at the House.

Canton filling three officer's positions

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

Good help is hard to find.

It's an axiom in the business world, but in the case of the Canton Police, it's a little harder.

The Canton Department of Public Safety is currently reviewing candidates for three positions on the force. Two positions were created by the force, one will replace Ofc. Larry Stewart who retired earlier this year.

According to Canton Officer Tammi Colling, the two new positions will not be assigned to the Canton Commons project.

"The new officers will be added to the patrol division," Colling said. "The Canton Commons project will be staffed by a veteran officer."

According to Canton Manager of Personnel Services Dave Medley, the field of applicants for the positions was large.

"This is truly an employer's market," Medley said. "Canton Public Safety has a good reputation and we can pick and choose from applicants."

Medley said that every year the number of graduates from police academies rises.

On top of that, Canton's reputation among police agencies draws a lot of applicants from other forces.

According to Medley, officers from other forces don't necessarily have a better chance of making the cut.

"We have requirements that other forces don't have, because someone was good at another force doesn't mean that they will be well suited to Canton," Medley said. "Also, no matter what rank they had before they would start out at the bottom here."

According to Medley, his office received more than 300 inquiries which was boiled down to 187 written applications. From there, the weeding process began.

"We had 60 applicants take the written test, and from there only 47 took the physical tests," Medley said. "After that, 25 went on to screening interviews and then 10 went on to the psychiatric and oral boards."

"The process is lengthy," Medley said. "But the goal is to find the best possible candidates."


Along with the other tests, potential candidates are put through drug screening, situational testing and extensive background checks.

After going through the weeding process and getting the job, the candidates aren't through with their qualifications.

"Once the officers are on board they have to take a 16-week field training officer's program," Medley said.

"After that they go through a one-year probationary period then they are full officers."

Medley said that the process of choosing the candidates should be over in a few weeks.



Community births



Paul and Karen Roberts of Canton announce the birth of their triplets on May 17, 1994. William Joseph was born at 9:01 a.m. and weighed 3 pounds, 14 1/2 ounces. Janie Louise arrived at 9:02 a.m. She weighed 4 pounds, 2 7/10 ounces. Sophie Pauline debuted at 9:04 a.m. at 3 pounds, 1 ounce. They are the Roberts' first children.

Grandparents are Joseph and Bertha Eszenyi of Canton and Jane and Steve Roberts of Dearborn.

Tom and Gwenn Marchesano of Plymouth announce the birth of their daughter, Ann Rose. She

was born July 1, 1994 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Grandparents are Thomas Marchesano of Glenolden, PA and Roger and Joyce Rhexfeld of Guntersville, AL.

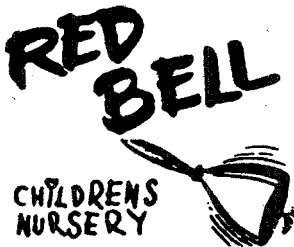
Great grandparents are Rose Marchesano of Philadelphia, PA, Helen Wells of Aldan, PA, Geraldine Rehfeld of Friendship, WI, and Oscar and Dorothy Liston of Albertville, AL.



Jennifer Barnes of Plymouth and Vernon Morse of Irish Hills announce the birth of their daughter, Megan Leigh Barnes on Feb. 7, 1994.

Grandparents are Donna Barnes of Plymouth, Joel and Taresa Barnes of Niles and Donna and Vernon Morse of Westerville, Ohio.

Great grandparents are Walter and Harriet Ash of Plymouth.



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Neighbors in business



DONALD P. POTTER

The Southeastern Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross has elected **Donald P. Potter** as vice-chairman of its board of directors. Potter, president of the Southeast Michigan Hospital Council, has been active with the local Red Cross since 1987. He served on the Executive Committee of the Southeastern Michigan Chapter and as vice chairman of the Southeastern Michigan Blood Services Region Operations Committee.

Advanced Satellite is having an open house on Aug. 19 from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. and on Aug. 20 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. to celebrate their grand opening at their new location.

Advanced Satellite is moving to 746 N. Mill Street from their old location at 400 Starkweather. Their open house will include exciting new product demonstrations and specials.

The **R.A. DeMattia Company**, a Plymouth-based design, construction and land development firm, announced ten significant design build construction projects for summer of 1994 ground breaking. These projects include new facilities for Prosys Industries, Pfeister Incorporated and Rowe Thomas Displays in Plymouth Township, ACCU BRITE Dental Supply in Williamston, the Memorial Church of Christ in Livonia, the Engineered Plastic Products Manufacturing building in Ypsilanti, the Gilreath Manufacturing Building in Howell, a T.G.I. Friday's restaurant in Novi, a new BFI Cogeneration facility in Marshall and a steel processing center for Gibraltar Steel Corporation in Woodhaven.

Unique clothing

Maggie and Me in Plymouth is not the average clothing store

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Unique clothing. Those are the two words that best describe Maggie and Me in downtown Plymouth.

Located at 924 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Maggie and Me's owner, Maggie LaForrest calls the fashions in the clothing store "updated contemporary women's clothing".

"Our clothing still has the feminine touches," she said. "There is a lot of softness in the clothes and a lot of individuality."

Catering to the individual is how Maggie and Me has stayed in business and expanded over the past 16 years. The business has six employees.

LaForrest said the reason the clothing she carries is so unique is that there is a limited number of pieces of particular clothing made.

"There is never more than 18 of the same piece of clothing made," she said, "so you won't see yourself coming and going."

Another key to LaForrest's success is selling quality clothing.

"Everything we sell is made in America," she said. "The clothing is quality. It wears very well."

Maggie and Me's loyal group of customers understands this quality and service and returns to the store often.

"Almost all of my customers are repeat customers," LaForrest said. "We know most of them by their first name."

"Over the years, they have gotten used to our clothing and the quality we carry."

"That's how we remain successful - by building the business one customer at



Maggie and Me caters to customers with a taste for fashionable, unique clothing. Maggie LaForrest has two other stores in addition to Plymouth — one in Royal Oak and one in Harbor Springs. (Crier photo by George Gentry)

a time. There are peaks and valleys in the business world, but our's remains constant.

"Our business is founded on the personal touches that keep the customer coming back."

Although LaForrest added stores in Royal Oak and Harbor Springs, she still calls Plymouth "home".

"I always loved Plymouth," she said. "It's got that small town setting and a bunch of unique stores - it's not like a mall."

LaForrest said the entrepreneurial

spirit in Plymouth keeps her in the town.

"There is a lot of pride in the homes and businesses in Plymouth," she said. "Plymouth embraces the individual business person. It's a warm, wonderful city."

LaForrest said she is content with the growth of the business and does not plan any more expansion.

"I am really happy with what I've got going now," she said. "We are still small enough to do the special things for our customers."

A stroll down Memory Lane



Memory Lane Antiques on Main Street in Plymouth recently expanded. The store has an additional 1,000 square feet of space. Deborah Eaves, the owner of the store, said Memory Lane specializes in estate jewelry and making the customer happy. "We are unique because we allow for returns on all our merchandise," she said. "Our emphasis is on making people happy." (Crier photo by Rob Kirkbride)



Community deaths

Obituaries

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

Lewis Wells

Lewis Wells of Plymouth, died Aug. 8, 1994, at the age of 73. Mr. Wells came to The Plymouth Community in 1953 from Livonia.

He previously handled maintenance responsibilities at West Middle School. He retired in 1981, after having worked 15 years at Daisy Air Rifle.

Wells was a member of Plymouth Church of the Nazarene. He also enjoyed outdoor activities in the forms of hunting, fishing, baseball and golf.

He was also a veteran of World War II and the United States Army.

Memorial services were

Friday, Aug. 12, at 2 p.m. at the Plymouth Church of the Nazarene. Rev. J. Mark Barnes officiated.

Memorials can be directed to Plymouth Church of the Nazarene or Hospice Services of Western Wayne County. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home.

He is survived by his wife, Lorraine Wells; sons, Harvey L. (Carol) of Carbon Hill, AL, Lawrence S. of Walled Lake and Kenneth A. of La Chine, MI; brother, Donald of Canton; sister, Louise Warford of Farmington Hills; 13 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

William Nicholson, 98, millwright

William Nicholson of Plymouth, died Aug. 9, 1994, at the age of 98. He is survived by his wife, Claire; daughter, Sharon (Walter); sisters, Catherine and Josephine; grandchildren, Brian, Kevin and Kyle. Services were Friday and were arranged by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home.

Nina Blunk, 99, homemaker

Nina Blunk, formerly of Plymouth, died Aug. 4, 1994, at the age of 99. She is survived by her daughter, Madelyn (Donald); granddaughters, Jacquelyn and great granddaughter, Jeannine. Services were last Wednesday with arrangements by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Gean Jones, 59, former Crier driver

Gean Jones, formerly of Plymouth, died July 27, 1994, at the age of 59. She is survived by her husband, Robert; sons, Curt and Keith; sisters, Janet and Etta. A memorial service will be held 7 p.m. Friday at Geneva Presbyterian Church.

Joanie Stafford, 37, homemaker

Joanie Stafford of Canton Township, died Aug. 8, 1994, at the age of 37. She is survived by her sons, Scott, Jacob and Michael; daughter, Laura; parents, Arlene and Eldon; and sister, Gina. Services were Friday with arrangements by McCabe Funeral Home.

John Walton, 56, auto repair technician

John Walton of Canton, died Aug. 13, 1994, at the age of 56. He is survived by his wife, Velinda; sons, Yancy (Jackie), Brandon and Jerrad; daughters, Stephanie (Robert), Ronda (Michael) and Brianna; brother, Ronald; sister, Wanda; father, Noble; and five grandchildren. Services were Tuesday with arrangements by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home.

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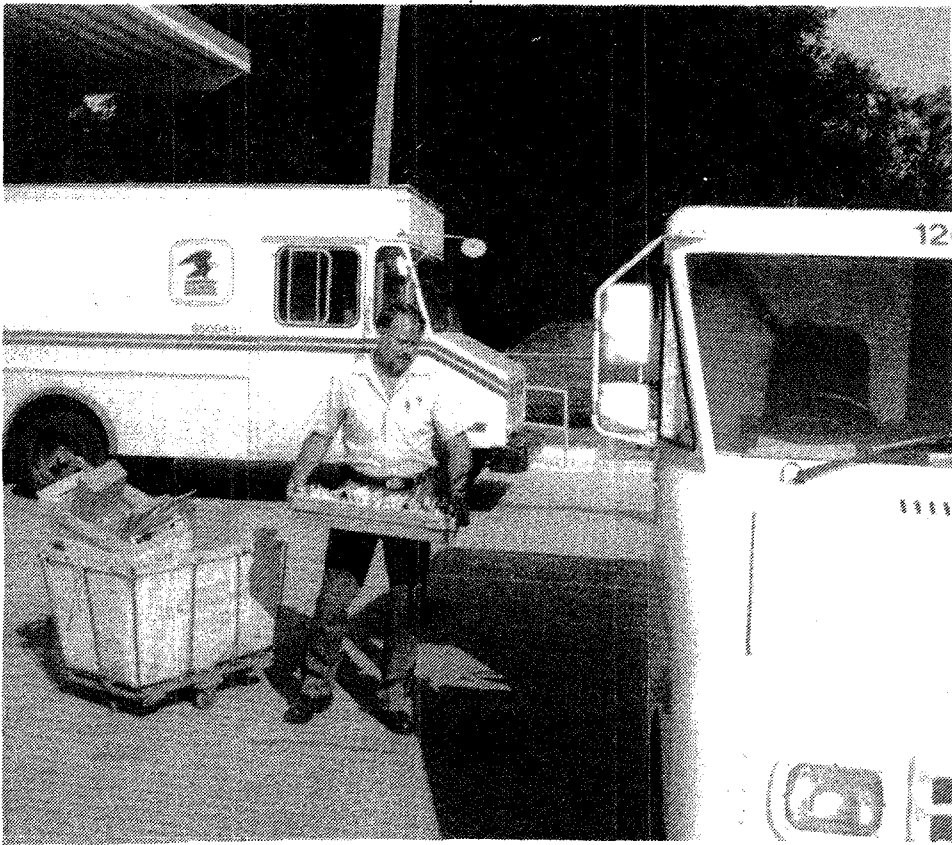
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deliver for the Plymouth community



The Plymouth Post Office is back in business on Penniman Ave.
This progression of photos shows the workings of the post office — beginning with the unloading of the trucks to the mail being placed in the delivery trucks, ready to hit Plymouth's mailboxes.

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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.

FIREARMS CLASSES

The Board of Directors of Western Wayne County Conservation Association have announced a series of N.R.A. basic firearms classes. Basic muzzleloading classes, Aug. 17, 20, 24, 27 and 31. All classes will be held on the grounds of Western Wayne County Conservation Association in Plymouth Twp. For further information call Bill Scherer at 535-0436.

SMOKE STOPPERS

The McAuley Health Center will be holding a Smoke Stopper course for those wishing to kick cigarettes throughout the summer by appointment. There is no charge for the assessment. For more information, call Pat Harris at 712-4141.

ROCK AND BOWL

The Canton Police Department is sponsoring and supporting the Super Bowl in a "For Kids only-Rock-N-Bowl," at the Superbowl off of Ford Rd. The bowling will continue throughout the summer from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Admission is \$5 and all children ages 9-15 are welcome.

TINY TOT PRE-SCHOOL REGISTRATION

The Plymouth Salvation Army Tiny Tots Program is now accepting registrations for the Fall Pre-school classes. There are openings for the Mon./Wed. morning 3-year old class, and for the Tues./Thurs. 4-year-old class. Call 453-5464 for more information.

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY AUDITIONS

The Plymouth Symphony will hold auditions for their 49th season at 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 12 at Plymouth Salem High School. Looking especially for string and bassoon positions. For more information, call William Hulsker at 925-8143.

HEAD START PRE-SCHOOL OPENINGS FOR 1994-1995

The Head Start program has announced several openings for 3- and 4-year olds for the 1994-1995 school year. The program will run out of Central Middle School. For more information on the program or registration, call 416-6190.

BLACKHAWK DIVISION ASSOCIATION

The 86th Blackhawk Division Association is looking for veterans of the 86th Infantry Division that served during WWII. The next reunion will be held in September. For more information about the association, contact Alyn Dull, membership chairman at 1226 Kilian Blvd., St. Cloud, MN 56304.

OPTIMIST CLUB PET SHOW

The Plymouth Optimist's Club will hold their annual pet show at the Plymouth Fall Festival on Sept. 3. There will be three different divisions and 13 categories. For more information, call Felix Rotter at 453-2375.

RUMMAGE SALE

Plymouth Township's Beasley-Zalensky Post 112 of the American Legion will hold a rummage sale on Aug. 26 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Aug. 27 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the I.O.O.F. Hall at 344 Elizabeth. For more information, call 451-3574.

PLYMOUTH NEWCOMERS

The Plymouth Newcomers will hold their first general meeting and dinner on Sept. 1 at 7 p.m. with a hospitality at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$16 and reservations should be made by Aug. 29. For more information, call Bev at 454-3663 or Kathy at 455-8336.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Plymouth Community Family YMCA is looking for volunteers for their booths at the Plymouth Fall Festival Sept. 9-11. For more information, call the YMCA at 453-2904.

FLEA MARKET

The Ladie's Auxillary to V.F.W. Post 6695 will be holding a flea market from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 28 at the V.F.W. Hall in Plymouth. Booth costs are \$10 for a large table, \$5 for a small. For more information, call Alice at 728-7619.

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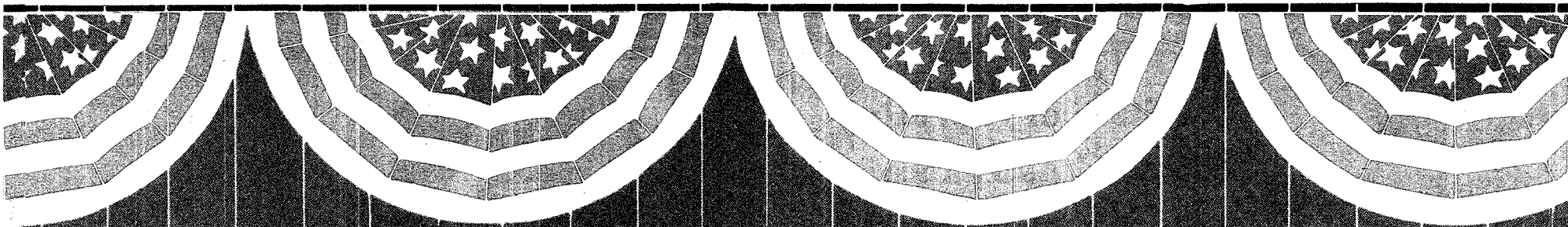
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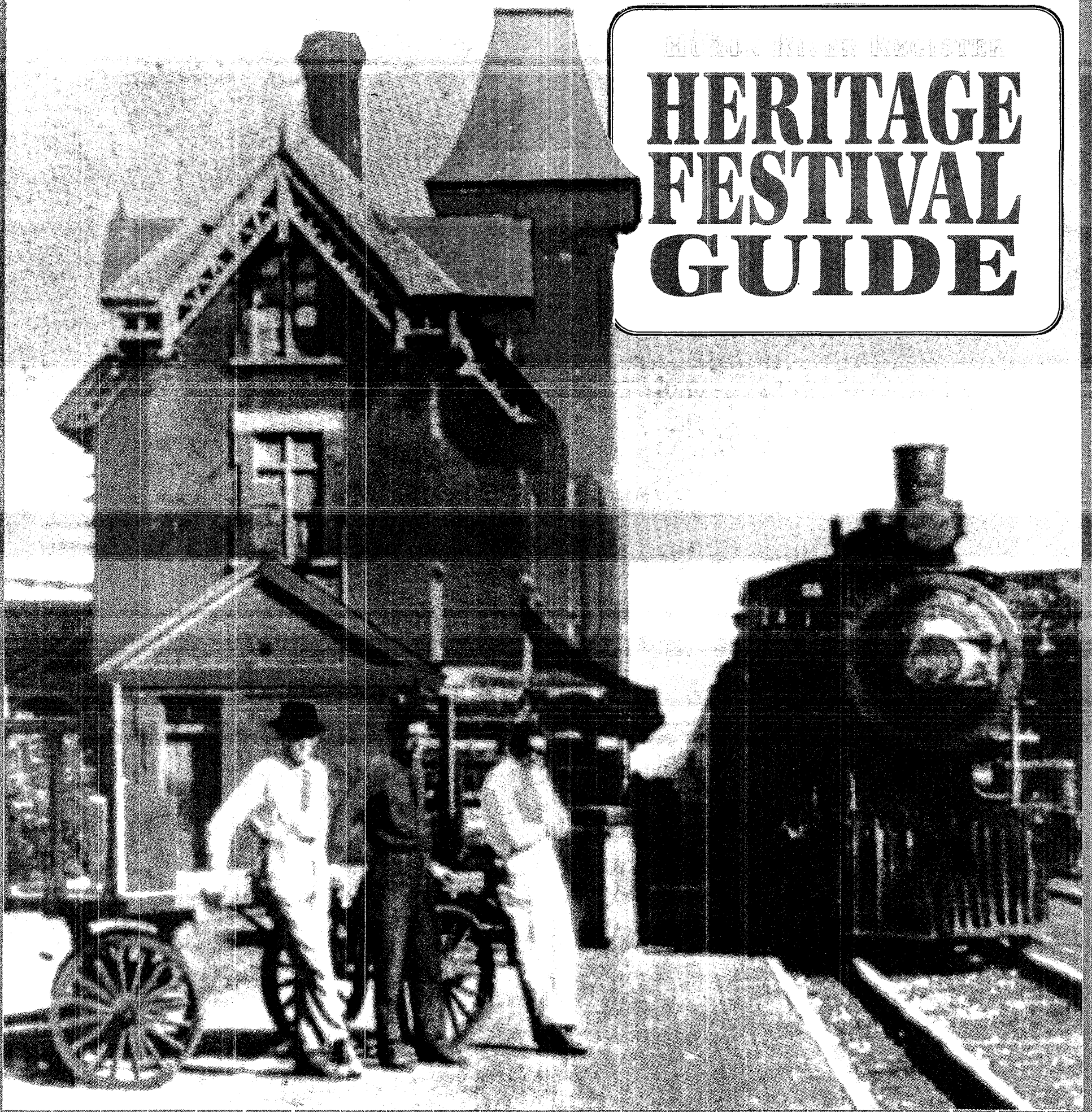
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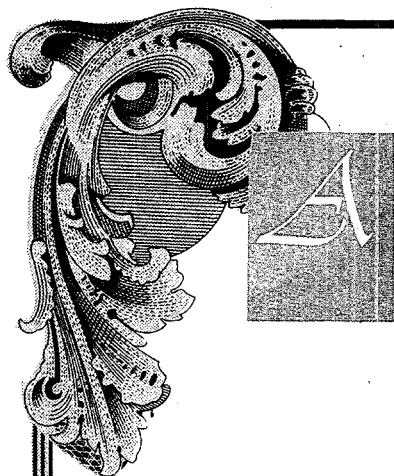
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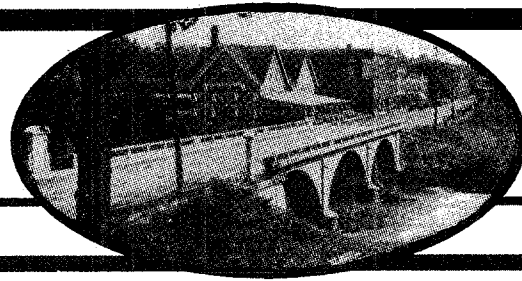
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Heritage Festival boasts activities for all

BY JUANITA C. SMITH

There are several events throughout the year in which the Ypsilanti area shines — from the Festival of Lights to the Drum Corps International tournament — but possibly the single most anticipated event in the area is the annual Heritage Festival.

Each year 300,000 people make their way to Ypsilanti's Riverside Park, Frog Island Park and Depot Town for the Heritage Festival. The 16th Annual Ypsilanti Heritage Festival begins at noon Friday and ends at 6 p.m. Sunday.

The Heritage Festival Committee, a group of local residents and business people that organizes the festival each year, is asking residents and business owners to get involved in festival preparation by displaying quilts in their windows to reflect the festival's theme: "Ypsilanti's Heritage ... A Patchwork of Unity and Diversity."

A quilt show at the Ypsilanti Historical Museum, 220 N. Huron St., coincides with the festival. Quilting demonstrations will be held by members of the Western Wayne County Quilting Guild. Museum hours during the festival



Heritage Festival draws 300,000 people to the Ypsilanti area each year. From bands to booths, the festival is the community's way of getting together and celebrating the old with the new.

are 1-4 p.m. Friday, noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. In addition, businesses and area residents and families are contributing quilt patches to the first-ever heritage quilt, which will be on display during the festival.

The Heritage Festival, like the name reflects, is a time of traditions — both old and new. Among the returning traditions are the living history encampment area, the Central Business Community's Millionaire's Party, the Bingo Tent, the Family Village

and the jazz and blues party.

Heritage Festival veterans will be pleased with some of the changes made for the 1994 celebration. The living history encampment on Riverside Park takes visitors back to what life on the Huron River was like more than a century ago as families set up tents and teepees and actually live on the park grounds for the duration of the festival.

Visitors this year will be better able to experience the encampment area with the addition of storytellers, musicians, puppeteers and, as always, artisans will be on hand to explain their crafts. The CBC's Millionaire's Party, always a popular spot at the festival, is moving to Frog Island Park this year making it just a hop away from the Heritage Jazz and Blues Party in Depot Town next to the freight house. Sponsored by WEMU (89.1 FM) and the Depot Town Association, the Heritage Jazz and Blues Party runs 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday.

For the country music fan, the country and western stage situated near the Millionaire's Party Tent will be just what you're looking for.

The Family Village and Children's Tent are in Riverside Park this year. New to that area is

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Juanita C. Smith, editor

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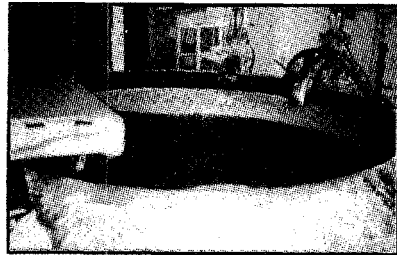
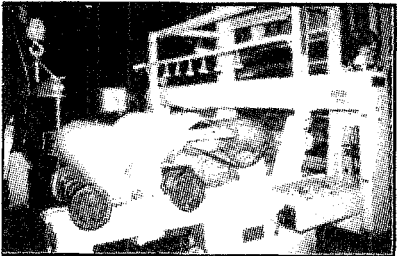
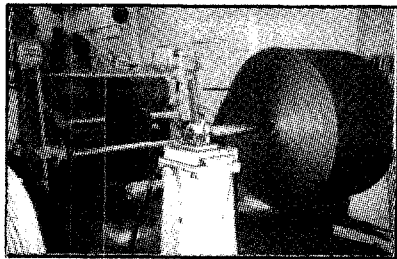
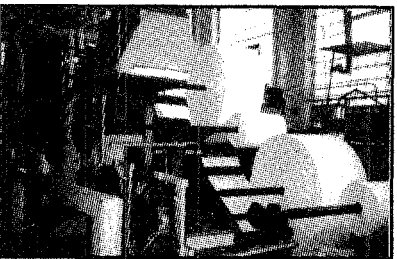
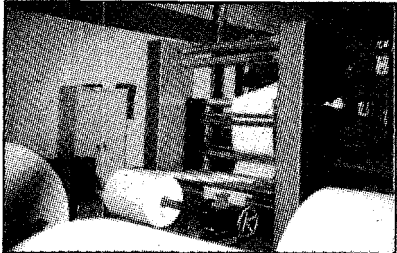
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**Heritage co-chairs are a team once again****Cris Vogelsberg****Dave Bogarin**

BY JUANITA C. SMITH

After teaming up for two years as co-chairs of the Ypsilanti Heritage Festival operations committee, Dave Bogarin and Cris Vogelsberg are working together again this year. This time their efforts are all-encompassing.

Bogarin and Vogelsberg are co-chairs of the 1994 festival — a job they sort of fell into.

Shortly after the 1993 festival ended, the Heritage Festival Committee — which meets year round to plan the three-day event — began searching for someone to chair the festival.

John Gawlas, still recuperating from his stint as chair of the 1993 festival, was not ready to plunge into the job again.

Bogarin and Vogelsberg were approached separately by various committee members and both refused.

They were approached a second time and both said they would do it if the other would co-chair and *Voila!* the 1994 Heritage Festival had a leader, or two leaders to be exact.

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Activities abound at Heritage Festival

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a multicultural theme evident in the activities offered for kids. The Ann Arbor Art Association, with the help of a grant from Ford Motor Co., is sponsoring Artventures — a tent in which children can try their hands at different crafts: corn husk dolls, Native American dreamcatcher or quill works. "These kinds of crafts have a lot more to do with history," said Heritage Festival co-chair Cris Vogelsberg.

Family Village will again host the Ronald McDonald Show at 2 p.m. Saturday. Following the show will be the children's talent show at 2:30 p.m. with prizes awarded in three age groups: 6 and under, 7-12 and 13-18. Register for the talent show from 1 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. Saturday in the Children's Tent. As if that wasn't enough to keep the average person busy, the list of things to do goes on including a tour of Artrain at North River and East Cross Streets in Depot Town from noon until 8 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The train consists of three gallery cars, an audio-visual car featuring a five-minute video introducing the featured exhibit "The Romance of Transportation: Vehicle and Voyage in North America," a museum shop and a studio car where staff and local artists demonstrate their talents. Admission to Artrain is free.

Exhibitors and events in Depot Town will follow a "Made in Michigan" theme. Ypsilanti loves a parade and the annual Heritage Festival parade is the biggest of its kind in the area. Featuring 100 different floats and participating groups, the parade begins at 10 a.m. Saturday at Michigan Avenue and Huron Street.

The 16th Annual Ypsilanti Heritage Festival runs from noon to 1 a.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Parking is available for \$3 at the north and south ends of the festival or park in any City lot and look for the Heritage Shuttle Bus running every 15 minutes. For other information on the festival, call the Events Hotline (313) 930-6300.

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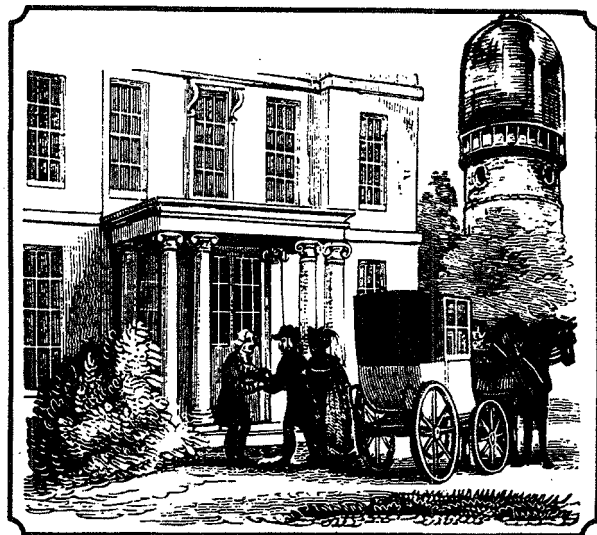
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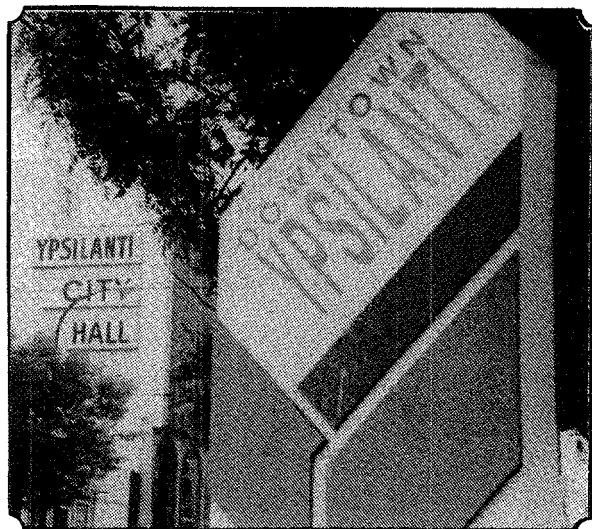
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Festival succeeds with volunteers

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"We pretty much have immersed ourselves in the festival for so many years it was a natural choice," said Bogarin. "It would have been too much for me to do by myself and Cris felt the same way."

The concept of having two co-chairs rather than one chair is new to the Heritage Festival Committee. It's also something Vogelsberg sees sticking in years to come.

"The festival has really doubled in size," she said.

"I don't see how it's a job one person could handle. I think we've really hit on something."

"John Gawlas — bless his heart — I don't know how he did it by himself. It's wonderful to know you are not in it alone."

Both Bogarin and Vogelsberg have roots in the Ypsilanti community, both are graduates of Ypsilanti High School.

Bogarin, 35, lives in Ypsilanti Township with his 15-month old daughter Taylor and his wife of two years, Tracy, who is expecting their second child. He has been a salesman with Ann Arbor Toyota for seven years.

Vogelsberg, 38, also lives in Ypsilanti Township with her husband Peter and their three sons: Pete, 17; Adam, 11 and Paul, 8. Her work in the teaching community gives her summers off and more time to devote to the festival.

Each has been involved with the festival for several years with Bogarin tracing his participation back to the first years of the festival now celebrating its 16th year. As a five-year veteran, Vogelsberg is newer to the Heritage family.

"I have friends who are involved and it looked like it was fun," said Vogelsberg.

"I was looking for something to get myself involved in the community ... I was hooked the first year."

"It was an amazing event. You invest so much of your time then you get to see this thing unfold in front of you."

Her fellow co-chair was sort of thrust into the festival 15 years ago when it was still, in his words, "this itty bitty little festival."

Al Shelton, one of the first Heritage volunteers, worked at Detroit Edison and helped keep the electricity flowing throughout the parks.

It was Shelton who enlisted the help of his sons and their friend — Dave Bogarin.

"When Al needed to help (organizers) with power, we got volunteered to help with menial labor," said Bogarin.

Both Riverside Park and Frog Island Park now have sophisticated electrical systems thanks to the efforts of the Heritage Festival Committee, Bogarin said.

Working on the operations committee helped prepare Bogarin and Vogelsberg for their roles as co-chairs of the festival.

"I've always been involved with operations," said Bogarin. "Operations runs the event once it starts. It puts it up and tears it down."

With two years of working as a team under their belts when they were drafted into the present job, Bogarin and Vogelsberg find they work well together.

"We compliment each other," Bogarin said. "She's good with making contacts with people in the community. She's also paper-oriented. I'm more of a get-out-there-and-do-it kind of guy," he said.

Vogelsberg echoes Bogarin's thoughts on their working relationship.

"There is no way I would be co-chair of the whole festival if I didn't have the utmost faith in Dave," she said. "When Dave says no problem, he'll handle it, he means that."

The two look out for one another, Vogelsberg said.

"If I should ever have a problem that I don't completely understand or I'm being bullied into something, Dave steps in," she said. "It's almost like we don't have to say, 'You do this and I'll do that' — it just happens."

The Heritage Festival, by all rights, is a long-standing Ypsilanti tradition that, for one weekend, unites several groups throughout the community for one cause.

"Everybody is involved whether they know it or not," said Vogelsberg. "Whether it's dealing cards in a tent or just going to the festival. Everybody is aware of it ... For my kids, it marks the end of the summer. It's a celebration."

Despite the frantic work it takes to get the festival running smoothly, Bogarin maintains a clear understanding of the purpose of the festival: FUN.

"There are a lot of things to do," he said.

"There's good food and lots of music. There are a lot of reasons for people to come to our Heritage Festival but basically fun is the number one reason."

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Music, storytellers, puppet shows entertain festival-goers this year

BY JUANITA C. SMITH

Whether your preference is jazz, rhythm and blues, country or folk music, you are sure to find a musical act you will enjoy on the 16th Annual Ypsilanti Heritage Festival entertainment line-up.

"I think the line-up is going to be great," said festival co-chair Dave Bogarin. "We have almost 30 different acts on four different stages."

The entertainment gets started when the festival opens at noon Friday and continues down to the waning minutes at the 6 p.m. Sunday closing.

"From noon on it's non-stop," said Bogarin.

The acts include barber shop quartets, featuring men and women, as well as country and western bands. "We've got a good mix," Bogarin said.

The festival features four main entertainment stages plus a children's stage in Riverside Park's Family Village.



Entertainment is everywhere at the Heritage Festival. There are four main stages, plus a children's stage at the festival, along with all the entertainment and demonstrations in between.

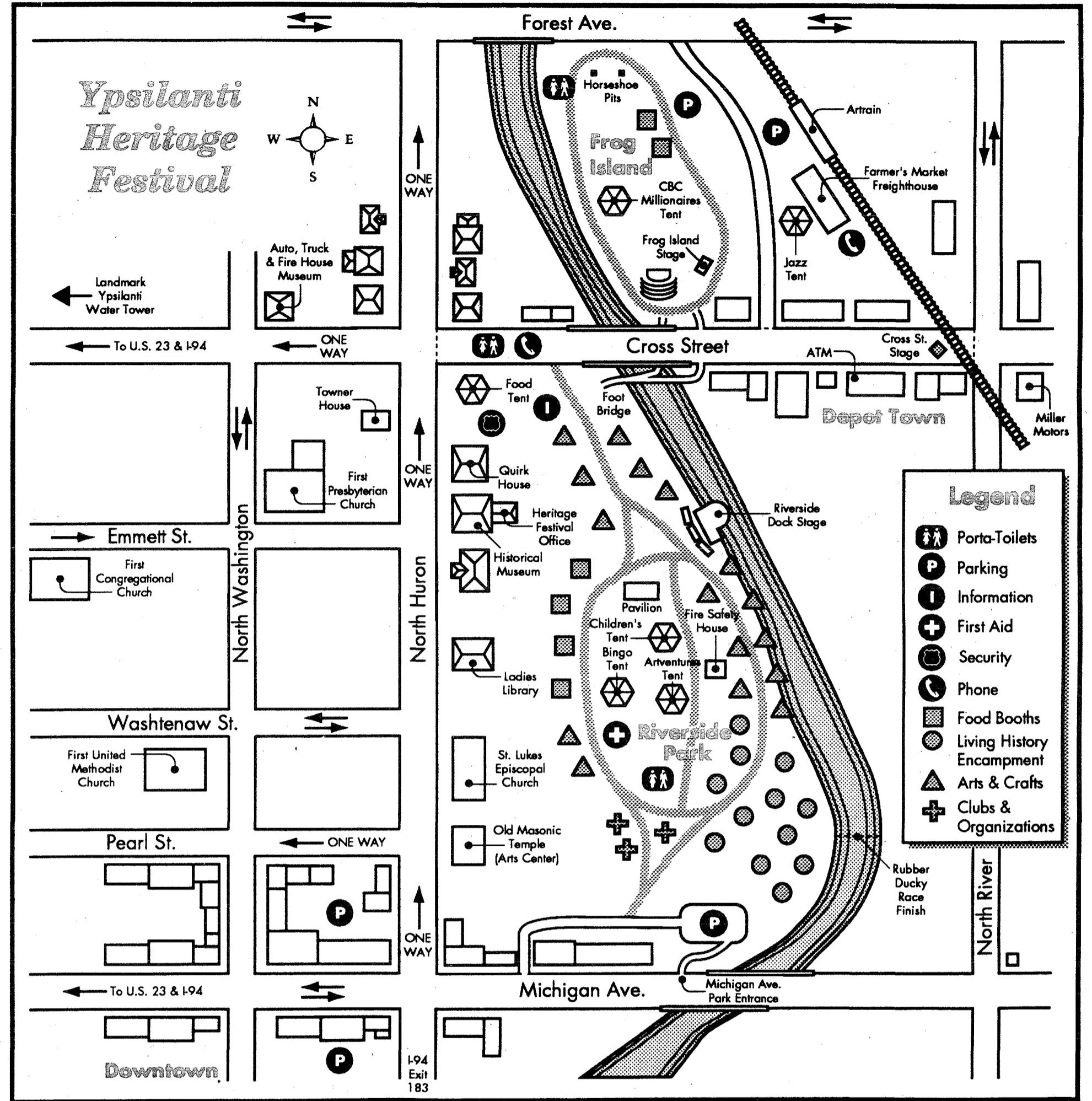
The Frog Island stage will host country and western bands.

A variety of entertainment is offered on the Cross Street stage including country karaoke Friday.

The Freighthouse stage, sponsored by WEMU (89.1 FM) and the Depot Town Association, highlights rhythm and blues.

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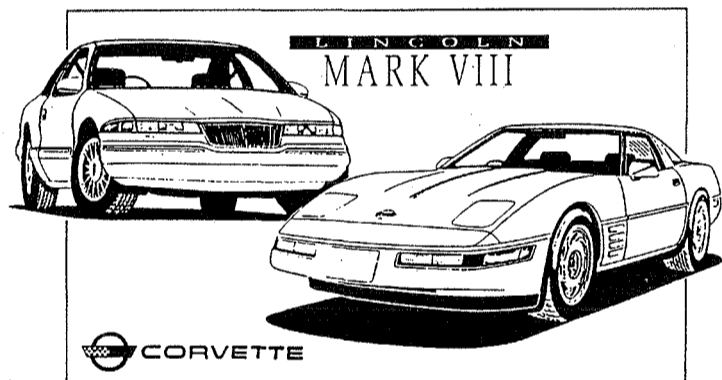


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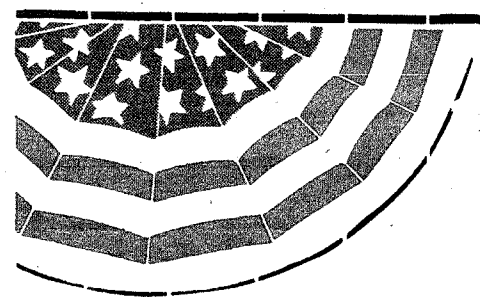
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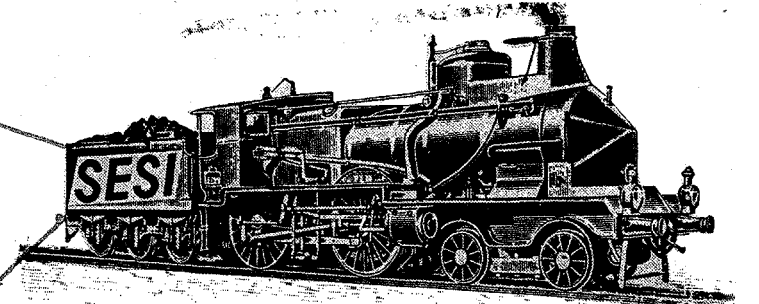
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EXHIBITOR HOURS:

Friday Noon to 8:00 PM
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DAILY: AUG. 19 - AUG. 21

- Over 200 Arts and Crafts Booths
- Food Booths and Tents
- Artrain
- Bingo Tent
- Millionaires Party and Beer Garden
- Living History Encampment
- Childrens Activity Tent - Art Workshop
- Frog Island Riverside Park - Family Village
- Continuous Music Performances at Riverside Park and Frog Island
- African American Museum Exhibit
- Ypsilanti Historical Museum open daily (Quilt Show Demonstration)
- Childrens Entertainment Tent - clowns, games, storytelling and more
- More than 60 clubs, organizations and non-profit corporations, providing information and services
- Depot Town Attractions: Made in Michigan Exhibition, Cross St. Stage (street musicians, antique clothing contest, Karaoke and more) and Hudson - Essex - Terraplane Dealer
- Jazz and Blues - various performances daily

THURSDAY, AUG. 18

Noon - 8 p.m. Artrain - The Romance of Transportation

FRIDAY, AUG. 19
4:30 - 9 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by 1st United Methodist Church
6:30 - Midnight Jazz & Blues at Freighthouse Stage

SATURDAY, AUG. 20

10 a.m. Heritage Festival Parade - Michigan Avenue and Huron Street

11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Chicken Barbecue sponsored by Ypsilanti Kiwanis Club

Noon - 4 p.m. Whizzer Club of America - Bicycles from Days Gone By

Noon - 6 p.m. Chess & Checkers Exhibition - Riverside Park

1 - 5 p.m. Water Tower Open House and Tour

1 - 5 p.m. Historic District Churches & Chapels Open House and Tour

2 p.m. & 10 p.m. Cannon Firing Exhibition - South end of Riverside Park

4 - 6 p.m. Pedal Tractor Pull Contest - Cross Street

6:30 - Midnight Jazz & Blues Party at Freighthouse Stage

SUNDAY AUG. 21

8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Pancake Breakfast & Silent Auction sponsored by Ypsilanti Rotary Club

8 - 9:30 a.m. Great Train Race, 5k and 10k Run - Farmers Market/Freighthouse

11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Antique Auto Truck & Fire Museum Open

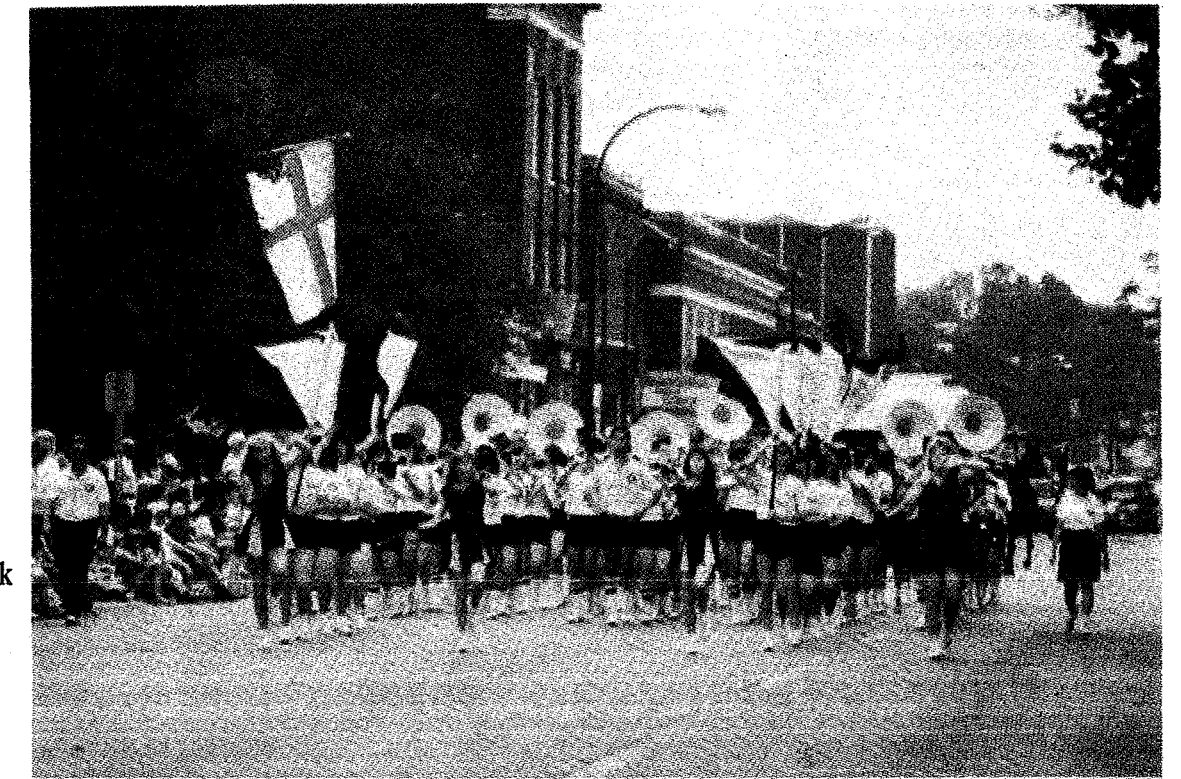
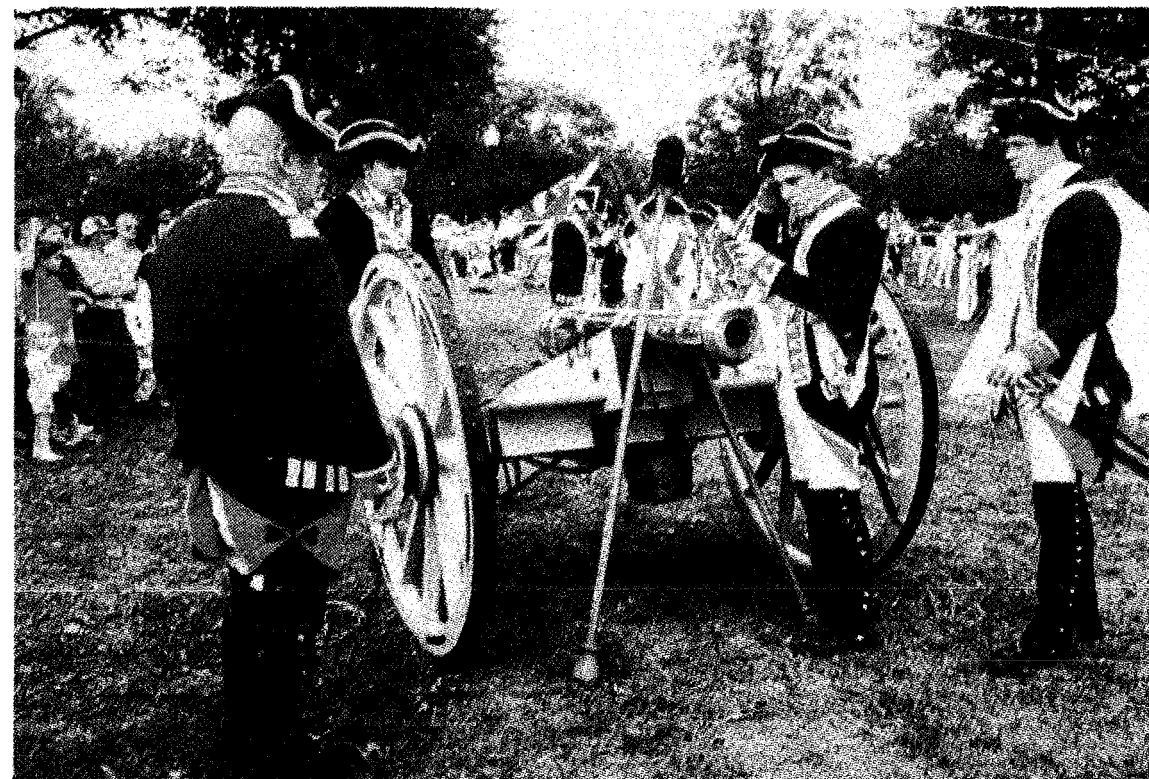
Noon - 5 p.m. 17th annual Historic Homes Tour

Noon - 6 p.m. Chess and Checkers Exhibition continues

1 - 6 p.m. Horseshoe Pitching Contest - Frog Island Park

3 p.m. Cannon Firing Demonstration

4:30 p.m. Rubber Ducky Race - Huron River (\$5 entry for chance at major prizes)



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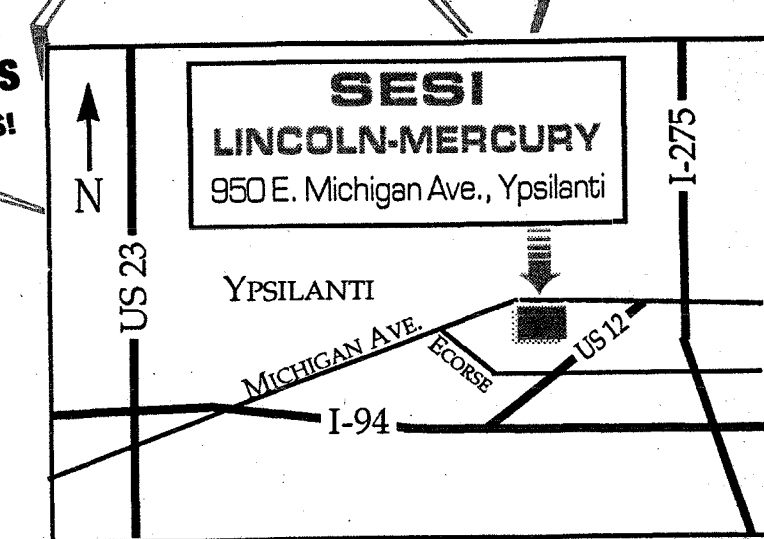
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Entertainment is what Heritage Festival is all about

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The line-up includes a 6 p.m. Friday performance by the 19-piece swing band The Ambassadors, followed by a 9:15 p.m. performance by The Howling Diablos.

The II-V-I Orchestra led by Ann Arbor saxophonist David Swain hits the stage at 6 p.m. Saturday followed by Ypsilanti's own Steve Somers Band with Lady Sunshine at 9:15 p.m.

The Riverside Park dock stage will offer a variety of sounds from rock 'n roll to the Ypsilanti Community Choir.

Children are not left out when it comes to planning the Heritage Festival.

The children's tent in Riverside Park's Family Village features a different act every hour on the hour from early afternoon until evening.

Magicians, storytellers, puppet shows, plays — every children's entertainment option imaginable has a place reserved in the children's tent sponsored by Beyer Hospital, McDonald's, M-Care, Miles and Detroit Edison.

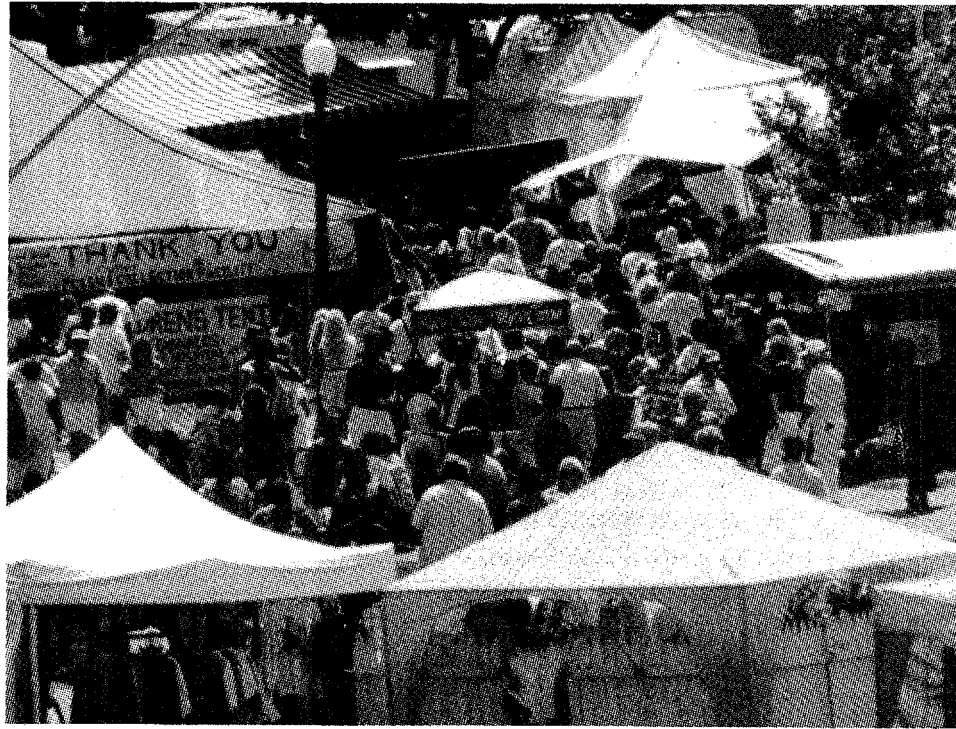
Coordinator Nancy McGuire of Beyer Hospital said many of the acts are returning from previous years.

"A lot of the people we've had are people we've had for years because they're so good," said McGuire.

"We've been doing this for seven or eight years, we have a list of people we've used plus we've gone to different Michigan festivals to get leads," said McGuire.

Following each act, a children's raffle will be held in which kids can win prizes donated by the sponsors. The raffles are free as are all the children's activities.

Some of the popular performers that kids seem to look forward to each year include the all-new Ronald McDonald show at 2 p.m. Saturday followed by the children's talent show and Splash the Clown, who performs at 5 p.m. Saturday.



Many booths and activities await festival-goers. This year's Heritage Festival will attract some of the area's top musicians and entertainers, who will perform on one of the festival's many stages.

"The (kids) do like Splash the Clown," said McGuire. "She's a big hit ... a very colorful person. She really gets the children involved."

Registration for the talent show begins at 1 p.m. Saturday in the children's tent. Prizes are awarded in three age groups — 6 and under, 7-12 and 13-18. The show begins at 2:30 p.m. and is emceed by Ronald McDonald.



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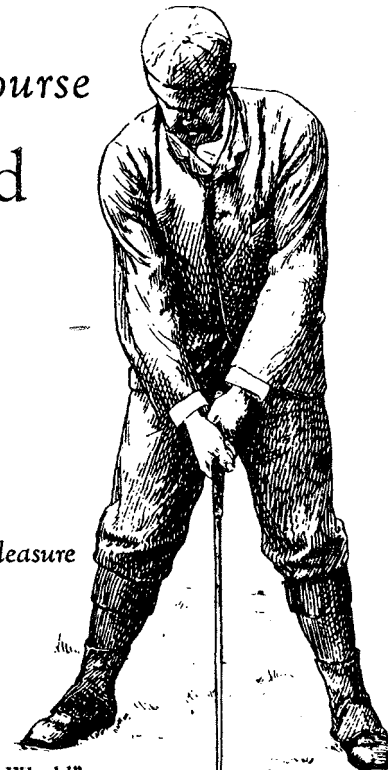
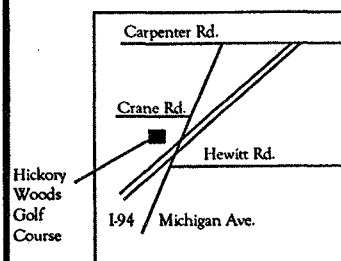
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BY JUANITA C. SMITH

Perhaps Jim Carrey said it best in the summer hit movie "The Mask" — "You've got to ask yourself one question, 'Do I feel lucky?'"

If you do, the place for you is the 16th Annual Ypsilanti Heritage Festival Friday through Sunday where prizes up for grabs run the gamut from everyone's favorite — cash — to a 1994 Corvette.

Several Ypsilanti area groups hold raffles or use other fund-raising outlets to raise money during the Heritage Festival.

The fund-raising efforts encompass raffles, lotteries, gambling tents and even the popular Rubber Ducky race sponsored by the Spirit of Ypsilanti.

The lucky person could turn \$1 into \$50 or win a great prize. The following is a rundown on some of the options open to festival-goers:

- **Central Business Community Millionaire's Party Tent:** A definite must see and do for those 18 and older. The Millionaire's Tent is one of, if not the, most popular activities during the festival.

Located this year on Frog Island Park, the tent provides the Las Vegas/Atlantic City/Windsor fan with an opportunity to tackle black jack, craps, a wheel of fortune and other games of chance without have to cross the border to do so.

The adjacent beer tent is also a popular place for festival-goers.

"It takes hundreds of volunteers to run this event and it generates monies used by the CBC for the rest of the year to do good in downtown," said the CBC's Cheryl Farmer.

The CBC purchases the Christmas decorations that adorn the city during the holidays, subsidizes business owners purchases of Halloween candy and with the Downtown Development Authority buys the flowers placed along Michigan Avenue in the spring.

"Every cent we make, we spend on improving the downtown area," said Farmer. "So (in the Millionaire's Tent) whether you win or lose — you win because everybody benefits from a pretty city."

The CBC Millionaire's Party Tent is open 6 p.m. to midnight Friday, noon to midnight Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday.

- **Bingo Tent:** If you're in the mood to gamble but don't want to play blackjack, head over to the bingo tent.

Games are 25 cents and 50 cents. Look for the posted schedule for the card price that's right for you.

The tent is also located in Riverside Park. Sponsored by the Transfiguration Catholic Parish, the tent is open 1 p.m. to midnight Friday, noon to midnight Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Refreshments are available.

- **Rubber Ducky River Race:** You haven't experienced the Heritage Festival until you've seen nearly 5,000 rubber ducks making their way down the Huron River.

The Spirit of Ypsilanti, a group of tavern and restaurant owners, heads up the ducky race that benefits the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department Police Athletic League.

The idea is simple: For \$5 individuals buy a ticket entitling them to a duck. The number on the ticket is also placed on a duck. The ducks are put inside a tank on the Cross Street bridge. The tank is emptied into the river just after 4 p.m. Sunday. The ducks make their way down the river toward a chute. The first 19 through the chute win.

Prizes, donated by local businesses, include travel packages, tickets to sporting events, a VCR, a TV and many others. The grand prize is a \$10,000 savings bond.

Cerene Tangalakis of TheoDoor's explains the appeal of the ducky race: "Everybody is a kid at heart. It's a real highlight at the end of the festival because people cannot believe what they see going down the river.

"There have been times when ducks have been so close to going into the chute and out of nowhere another duck will come in," said Tangalakis.

Tickets can be purchased at any of the Spirit of Ypsilanti locations or during the festival at the group's booths in Riverside Park and on the Cross Street bridge.

Members of the Spirit of Ypsilanti are: Aubree's Saloon, TC's

Speakeasy, Mainstreet Restaurant, Louis' Cafe, Tower Inn, Haab's, Fairways at the Radisson, Max's Deli and TheoDoor's.

"Look for that yellow rubber ducky T-shirt and they'll know where to buy them," Tangalakis said.

- **Ypsilanti Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Auto Raffle:** Not for everyone simply because of the \$100 price tag attached to the ticket but an exciting option for those willing and able to dole out the cash or charge it through MasterCard or Visa.

The grand prize winner can choose from a 1994 Corvette from Jack Webb Chevrolet, Inc., a 1994 Lincoln Mark VIII from Sesi Lincoln Mercury, Inc. or \$25,000 cash.

Tickets are available before the festival at the Chamber of Commerce offices, 301 W. Michigan Ave., or during the festival at the Chamber booth on the Cross Street bridge in Depot Town.

"This is the largest fundraiser the Chamber does," said Bob Kilpatrick of the Chamber. "The money goes to fund the various programs and services offered by the Chamber.

"Last year we sold out so I would encourage people to buy early and often," Kilpatrick said. "Sales are right on target from last year when we sold out before 1 p.m. Sunday."

Only 900 tickets are sold for the auto raffle. Winner need not be present to win. The drawing is held at 6 p.m. Sunday on the dock in Riverside Park.

Fifteen additional cash prizes are awarded ranging from a first place runner-up to 11 \$100 prizes.

- **Ypsilanti Food Co-Op Quilt Raffle:** Members of the co-op work year round to prepare the hand-made quilt offered in this raffle.

"We generally have one night a week that we work on it," said Laura Kehn, a member of the co-op.

It's the seventh year the group has held a raffle in conjunction with the Heritage Festival.

"Because we are a cooperative, this money affords us the luxuries we normally don't have," said Kehn.

In previous years, funds have gone toward the purchase of an air conditioner and a coffee grinder for the co-op store. "These are things we couldn't afford to just buy," said Kehn. "We are usually pretty tight to our profit margin."

Tickets are \$1 or seven for \$5 and can be purchased in advance at the co-op, 312 N. River St., or at the group's booth during the festival. For information, call 483-1520.

Decision making



The Heritage Festival Committee makes the decisions that bring the fun and entertainment to the Ypsilanti area every year.

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Oct.	1	MIAMI*	4:00 p.m.
	8	at Kent*	1:00 p.m.
	22	at Western Michigan*	1:00 p.m.
	29	at Ball State*	1:30 p.m.
Nov.	5	AKRON*	12:30 p.m.
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Festival happenings

The Heritage Festival Committee utilizes an entire year to bring the festival to life.

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The previous pages offer ideas on some of the more popular events and activities.

The following is a compilation of activities you can take in throughout the weekend individually or as a family offered by the Ypsilanti Area Conventions and Visitors Bureau:

Special Events

- **Great Train Race:** Runners and walkers alike can take part in this annual event. Choose from a 5K monitored race/walk, a 5K open race/walk or a 10K run.

Registration begins at 7 a.m. Sunday at the Freighthouse in Depot Town. The race begins at 8 a.m. The \$15 registration fee includes a commemorative T-shirt.

- **Fire Safety House:** The Ypsilanti Township Fire Department stresses fire safety and prevention as well as important lifesaving lessons with the smoke filled house simulation.

Coloring books are available for children while supplies last. The fire safety house is located in Riverside Park's Family Village.

Living History Encampment

History comes life as hundreds of early settlers and pioneers return to the banks of the Huron River Friday.

Men, women and children in an authentic depiction of early camp life, including demonstrations of weaponry and military units. Period music and entertainment provided.

The encampment is open 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

- **Cannon firing:** Demonstrations of replica Revolutionary War era cannon by the 4th Artillery, Forter's Co. (American) and the 4th Royal Artillery (British). Firings at 2 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday. Weather permitting.

- **Encampment merchant area:** Rare and unusual items for sale including trade beads, cutlery, clothing and jewelry. Snack on the 18th and 19th century foods offered by vendors. Hours are noon to 10 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Ypsilanti History

- **Ypsilanti Historical Museum:** Quilting demonstrations by the
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Depot Town Attractions

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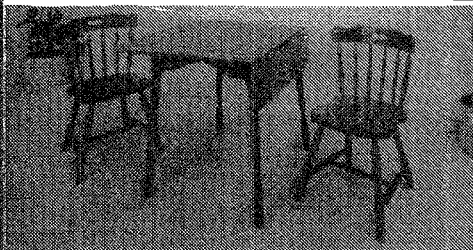
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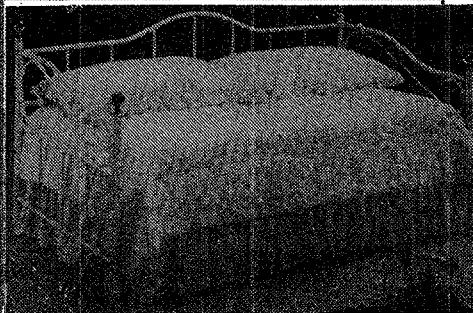
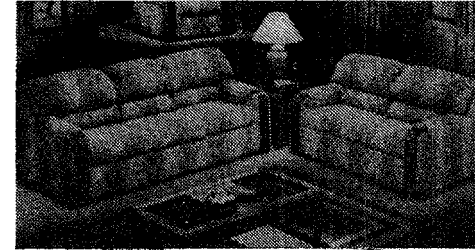
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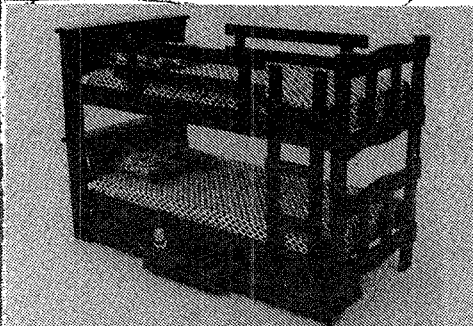
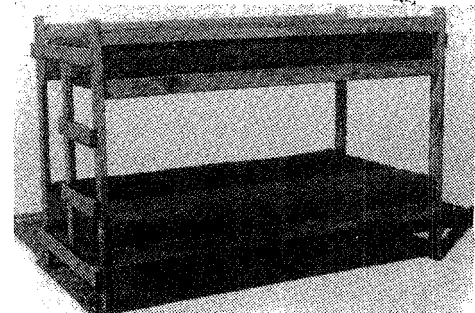
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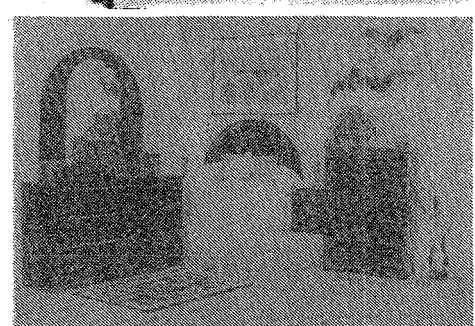
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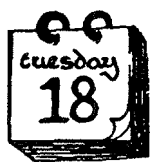
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OLD TIMERS PICNIC

The Plymouth Old Timers Picnic will be at noon on Aug. 25, at the Plymouth Township Park. The picnic is an annual event put on by the Plymouth Old Timers Breakfast Group. For more information call John "Packy" McAllister at 453-3366.

KIWANIS B.A.B.Y. DRIVE

The Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth will be holding their annual Basic Aid for Babies and Youth drive through the end of this month. The drive is looking for food and clothing items for needy families with small and infant children. For more information and deposit places, call 459-4410.

AMUSEMENT PARK TICKETS

Canton Parks and Rec will be offering discount tickets to Canada's Wonderland, Cedar Point, Crossroads Village, the Detroit Zoo, King's Island, the Michigan State Fair, Sea World and Great America. Cash only, no refunds, purchase tickets at the Canton Administration building. For more information, call Canton Parks and Rec at 397-5110.

MICHIGAN CANCER FOUNDATION

The Plymouth office of the Michigan Cancer Foundation is recruiting volunteers for the Breast Cancer Speaker's Program. Volunteers need an outgoing personality and a willingness to learn. Training is scheduled for this month. For more information call 453-3010.

WAYNE COUNTY SUMMER FOOD SERVICE

The Wayne County Health Department announced that the Summer Food Service Program for children will be held at Canton Commons through Aug. 26. For more information, call 453-5464.

FARMER'S MARKET

The Plymouth Chamber of Commerce will once again present the annual Farmer's Market every Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. through Oct. 15, with the exception of the Fall Festival. For more information contact the Chamber at 453-1540.

CH.A.D.D MEETING

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

CANTON FREE CONCERT SERIES

The Canton Parks and Rec department will hold a free summer concert series 7:30 p.m. on every Thursday night in Heritage Park. Concessions will be available. For more information, call Canton Parks and Rec at 397-5110.

CANTON REPUBLICAN CLUB

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

PREMARITAL HEALTH EDUCATION CERTIFICATE CLASSES

The Wedding Chapel on Main Street will be offering counseling on transmission and prevention of AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases. For information about the classes and dates and times, call the Wedding Chapel at 455-4800.

GOD'S GOLDEN GIRLS

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

PLYMOUTH-CANTON CIVITAN MEETING

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

SINGERS WANTED

The Plymouth Community Chorus is looking for new singers, especially tenors, baritones and basses for its 21st season of play. Auditions will be held at the First United Methodist Church on Aug. 29 at 7:30 p.m. and Sept. 6, 13 and 20 and 7 p.m. For more information, call 455-4080.



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Curiosities

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"Jack & Mike shouldn't work weekends" Lisa

Debbie wins hands down. P.S. of course Amy took the day off

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Who was that lady in Production? Oh, it's Donna without a hat.

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Janet does Football Games in Tokyo, Japan.

Ginger finally found her clubs. At least a few of them.

This past weekend working on Fall Fest was not bad- Maybe it was because Ed was in a tent at Woodstock

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Maybe Karen S. can come up with a Belleville Festival paper- it would keep her busy.

"Can I help" Mom!

"SO YOU WERE IN THE CHOIR with Bill Joyner?" (Ask Marilyn Merideth)

"I CAN'T GET THAT DRINK ANYMORE."--Lisa Filar, 1994, on rejecting the Toledo Chamber of Commerce job.

Karen, in the choice of a horse and a husband, a woman must please herself, ignoring the opinion and advice of friends. (With apologies to Whyte- Melville)

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MATT G.- A haircut? You'll be wearing a gray flannel suit next! Very handsome!

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Mr. & Mrs. Leroy Hoffert (the former Dee Morgan) and a guest were entertained and fed royally by Innkeeper Creon Smith Saturday last. A lovely time was had by all and especially by the guest to whom Creon gave a wonderful gift. The gift was so wonderful in fact that the guest was unable to thank him properly so touched and tearful was she. Thank you, dear Creon!

JUNE HADLEY is at home and would enjoy hearing from you.

EMMA ROSE- Happy birthday August 18th on your third year. You can't be thou, going on twenty-nine is more like it.

If you have a sister named Alice and you didn't call her on her birthday, which was August 12-then you had better call her right this minute and it would be nice if you had a gift for her in your hot little hand. She is special, and don't you forget it!

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Curiosities

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I found the fresh Rhodora in the woods."

DUNBAR-This is one of my favorite poems but I'm afraid only people who have gone to a girls school are familiar with it. Isn't it beautiful?

"BEAUTY IS ITS OWN EXCUSE FOR BEING."

Middletown, Peekskill, Ithaca, & Bethel: good to see all you folks again.

Beauregard eats Aunt Jeanne's blueberry muffins



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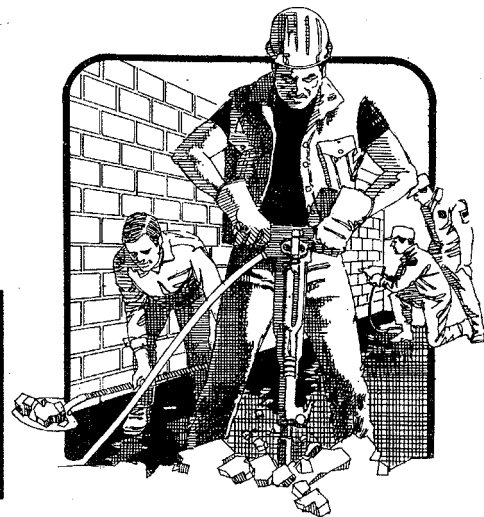


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Garden club making early Fall Fest preparations

BY JOHN HORN

As the 39th Fall Festival approaches, several groups and organizations are busying themselves for final preparations.

Enter the Trailwood Garden Club and Georgia Randinitis.

Randinitis has been working with others to get the garden ball rolling for Plymouth's most famous outing.

The Trailwood Garden Club traditionally offers produce contests and the garden face competition each year.

She said interested participants bring in their gardening goods for display and competition.

However, as she and the other

Schools seek residents for goals committee

BY PETER BRODERICK

The Plymouth-Canton School Board recently announced a plan to form a "Goals Committee" made up of citizens from around the district, as well as others directly involved with the schools.

The committee will identify the goals and objectives of the district, and then report their conclusions to the board of education.

The base of the 47-member group will be made up of people directly involved in the schools, including teachers, administrators, various district employees and members of various parent organizations — and the newest addition of eight members of the community not directly affiliated with the district.

The board is currently accepting applications for the eight new spots in the following categories: Two parents of elementary school students, two parents of middle school students, two parents of high school students, and two citizens from the community at large, with no children in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

All applicant's names will be selected at random from within their respective categories. The eight names selected will serve as representatives on the goals committee. Applications are due by Aug. 31 at 4 p.m. The selection of names will be held on Sept. 1 at 4 p.m.

The first meeting of the goals committee will be Sept. 7, in the Board Room at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center. The meeting is scheduled to run from 5:30 - 9:30 p.m.

The committee has not yet set dates, but will hold at least three meetings before it reports to the school board in October. The committee will be directed by a professional facilitator.

"This committee will be a vital force as we move the District through the 1994-95 school year, and beyond," said David Artley, school board president. "We encourage anyone who is interested to consider serving."

members of the group prepare, she wishes to remind others to get ready also.

"There always seems to be a lot of interest," she said. "But we need more of a boost in reminding people."

The garden face competition is open to the public with no charge for entering. She said the idea behind the contest is for people to create their own face using fruits, vegetable, flowers, foliage and herbs.

However, she said there are some rules.

Each design must be created by one designer, be named and titles and include a list of materials used.

Only fresh fruits, vegetables or plant materials can be used. Cut and sliced material is permitted.

Attachments should not show and no artificial flowers, fruits or foliage can be used.

Randinitis said the entries are unlimited.

"There is no limit on the amount of categories and no charge to enter," she said.

She said registration will begin at 9 a.m. on Sept. 12. Participants can register right up until noon, with judging beginning at 1 p.m.

Judging will be based on originality, creative use of materials and neatness.

According to Randinitis, the 39th Fall Festival will see a new twist from Trailwood.

She said there will also be a perennial exchange.

People can come in with a perennial and trade with someone for a different one.

"The only thing we ask is that each one be identified," she said.

Randinitis said turnout over recent years has been declining. She said she is hoping to attract more interest to the tent.

"People have just been so busy," she said. But when you think of the Fall Festival, this is what it is all about."

Trailwood is a 12-member group engaging in a host of community service.

Each year they help sponsor the Christmas Luminary Sale, donate Christmas trees to the Historical Museum and participate in the Festival of Trees at Cobo Hall.



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Sports

Sports shorts

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The five-week league includes a \$200 fee. Each team play a double-header once a week for a total of 10 games.

For more information, call Canton Parks and Recreation at 397-5110.

Registration for Canton Parks and Recreation's men's racquetball league begins Monday. The \$105 fee includes all league court time, awards and t-shirt.

The league lasts 15 weeks starting Sept. 14. There are no residency requirements. For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Dept. at 397-5110.

The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department will be offering a Men's Touch Football League this Fall.

Registration began this week. The fee is \$325 per team, plus \$10 for each non-resident player.

There is an eight team limit on the league, and each team is guaranteed to play seven games. Games will be played on Tuesday and Thursday nights starting Sept. 13.

For more information, contact the Department of Parks and Recreation at 455-6620.

The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department will be offering a Men's Slow-Pitch Softball League this Fall.

The team entry fee is \$350, plus umpire and non-resident fees. Each team will play a 14 game schedule, beginning after Labor Day.

For more information, call the Department of Parks and Recreation at 455-6620.

The Plymouth-Canton Hockey Association (PCHA) will be accepting applications for registration for Plymouth and Canton Residents on Aug. 27 from 8:30 to 10 a.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Non residents may register on Aug. 28 from 10 a.m. to Noon.

Due to a reduction in the PCHA's ice time, spots are very limited. Most who register will have to be put on waiting lists.

For more information, call the PCHA at 454-9979.

Junior Olympics:

Canton Township sisters excel in annual games

BY JOHN HORN

There is nothing like keeping it in the family. Especially winning.

Angela and Kendra McKinney of Canton came away winners in the July 28 Junior Olympics at Kensington Metro Park.

Kendra, holder of the Class D chinning record (13), took first place honors this with 12.

Her sister Angela finished second in the standing long jump with a leap of six feet, eight inches.

The two nailed down winning performances in a field of over 1,500 boys and girls ranging in age from 7 to 14.

According to Canton Parks and Recreation Playground Supervisor Gene Smith, the competition is beneficial.

"In this day and age, where a lot is done in front of the television, this gets them out to enjoy themselves and develop a healthy attitude," he said.

Kendra, 9, is a student at Hulsing Elementary. She said her interest in the chinning event stems from doing plenty of them during gymnastic practices.

"I practiced and did a lot of them," she said. "I decided to go for that event."

This was Kendra's third year in the chinning event. She placed third in 1991 and first in 1992 on her way to the record-setting performance in 1993.

Angela is an 11-year-old student at Central Middle School. She used to be a chinner also, but switched to jump last year.



Angela McKinney, left, receives her second place Junior Olympic medal. Her sister, Kendra, shows off her record-setting chinning form. She took first this year.

"I wasn't doing well in chinning that year," she said. "But I beat everyone in my park (in the jump), so I decided to go for that."

The girls' award-winning performances came from within a packed field.

Smith said 36 communities (including three districts from the city of Detroit) were represented in the finals.

Those 1,500 participants are divided into four age classifications: Class A (13-14), Class B (11-12), Class C (9-10) and Class D (7-8).

Kendra's win came in Class C and Angela's in Class B.

The Junior Olympic finals culminates



a seven-week supervised playground program sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department.

Boys and girls compete in events like chinning and standing long jumps. The youths also can compete in softball throws, running long jumps, shuttle relays and agility runs.

There are also dashes of 50, 60 and 75 yards.

Smith said he feels the program is important and beneficial to the young people who take part.

"It affords boys and girls an opportunity to get involved mentally, emotionally and socially."

Porterhouse Meats hosts benefit BBQ

BY PETER BRODERICK

Plymouth's Porterhouse Meats and Word of Mouth Foods has added yet another organization to its already long list of groups they help each year.

The Porterhouse will be holding a Benefit Barbecue in their parking lot at 1058 South Main Street for the Institute for Preventative Sports Medicine (IPSM) on Aug. 27, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Jack and Kristin Trabue, owners of Porterhouse Meats and Word of Mouth Foods, are both from The Plymouth-Canton Community, and both attended Salem high school. They hold several community-focussed benefits throughout the year, including one for the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and SCAMP, an organization that provides a summer camp for special education children.

The IPSM barbecue will be free to the public, and will feature free samples of food from the Porterhouse, as well as Word of Mouth Foods. Free will donations may be made, with 100 per cent going to the IPSM.

At the benefit, there will be a raffle to

win sports memorabilia, including a football autographed by Walter Payton, autographed Tiger baseballs and hats, a baseball autographed by Willie McCovey, a bat autographed by Jose Canseco and a basketball autographed by Oscar Robertson. Raffle tickets are on sale now until the day of the barbecue at Porterhouse Meats. A set of collector baseball cards will be given with each raffle ticket purchased.

"(The Trabues) deserve all the credit in the world," said Dr. David Janda, Director of the IPSM. "They came to us and offered to do this fundraiser, which is really unusual."



Jack Trabue (left) and Dr. David Janda stand with one of IPSM's test dummies outside the Porterhouse in Plymouth. The benefit barbecue will be held on Aug. 27 at the Porterhouse.

"The purpose in sports medicine is to treat the injured person," said Janda, "but the step beyond is to prevent the injury from happening in the first place."

The IPSM is an organization unique in its field of concentration. "There are thousands of sports medicine clinics

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BBQ to benefit IPSM, public

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 around," said Janda. "But we are the only one that focuses on prevention."

Janda says that the IPSM "fills a void. The most significant way to reduce health care expenditures is prevention."

The IPSM has developed such things as breakaway bases to prevent sliding injuries, and some research was even used by General Motors in their efforts to make airbags more safe and effective.

The IPSM is primarily a research and development organization.

They accept no donations from sports

equipment manufacturers, to "prevent the appearance of a conflict of interests," said Janda. By not accepting commercial funding, the IPSM remains independent and unbiased toward certain manufacturers.

"This benefit will serve a dual purpose," said Janda.

Not only will it raise funds for the IPSM, but it will also raise public awareness, which Janda says is the most important aspect.

Janda says that without fundraisers like this one, both the IPSM and the pub-

lic loose.

"With this benefit, we educate the public, and bring some revenue to the institute," said Janda.

According to Jack Trabue, the fundraiser is a lot of hard work, but it's worth it.

"We try to operate so that we are a member of the community," he said. "The important factor is awareness. It's not really about the money."

"Caring is the first step," said Janda, "But action must follow. That's why Jack and Kristin are so important."

On deck

The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department is now selling tickets to most major amusement parks in Michigan and Ohio.

The tickets purchased through the parks and recreation department will be up to \$5 off the ticket prices at the gate.

For more information, contact the parks and recreation department at 455-6623.

The Third Corporate Golf Classic has been scheduled for Monday at Meadowbrook Golf & Country Club in Northville.

The Corporate Golf Classic provides an opportunity for businesses to network with current and potential clients on the links while supporting Our Lady of Providence Center, which provides residential, educational and vocational opportunities for mentally impaired children and young adults.

The Canton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring a community trip to Cedar Point in Sandusky, OH. Canton residents can enjoy a day at the amusement park without having to worry about driving or parking.

The cost is \$27, which includes the price of admission, as well as bus transportation. The bus will depart from the Canton Township Administration building lot at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, and leave Cedar Point at 8 p.m. the same day.

Registration is limited, and open only to Canton residents. You may register in person at Canton Parks and Recreation Services, inside the Canton Administration Building at 1150 South Canton Center Road.

On Oct. 1, bicycle riders can take part in the third annual "PedalFest," taking place along Hines Drive on the banks of the Rouge River.

PedalFest is a major fundraising event for Friends of the Rouge, a non-profit organization dedicated to the revitalization of the Rouge River. Money raised from the PedalFest will help Friends of the Rouge in its efforts to make the river clean and enjoyable.

PedalFest participants are asked to collect pledges for the amount of miles they ride. Those collecting more than \$50 in pledges will be entered in a raffle, and receive a PedalFest '94 T-shirt.

To receive an application and pledge form, or for more information about PedalFest '94 or about Friends of the Rouge, call Jim Graham at 961-4050.

Practice, Practice, Practice!

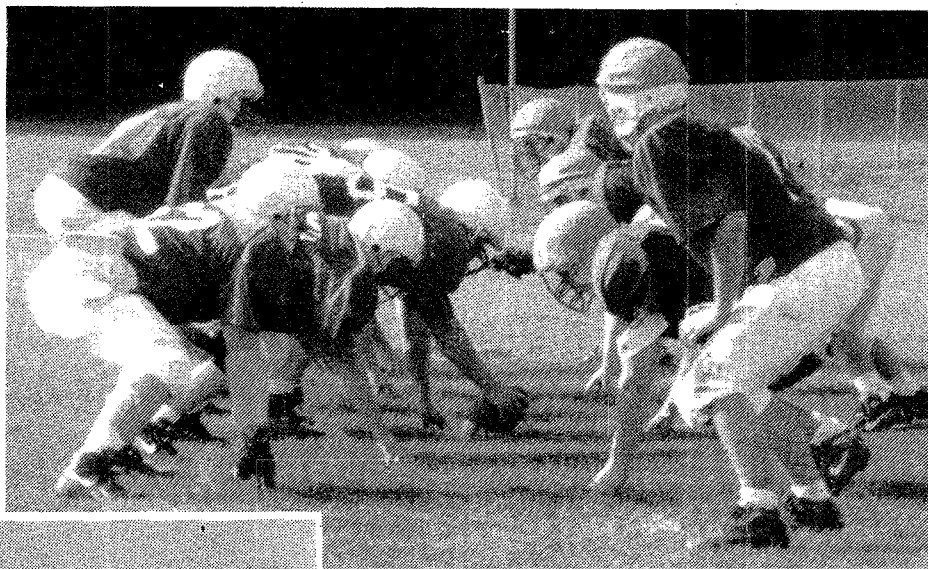
Fall sports underway in P-C, all over state

Fall sports started this week at high schools around the state, including the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Salem and Canton alike will field teams in cross country, golf, girls basketball, mens soccer, football and other sports for the 1994 fall season.

Most sports begin their seasons in early September, and play until mid November.

Good luck to Canton's Chiefs and Salem's Rocks, on their way to victory in the next few months. (Crier photos of Salem and Canton football and Canton Soccer by Peter Broderick)



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Community opinions

Playing=Paying

Jaycees try to build a playground, end up with orange fencing around equipment

It's sad to see new playground equipment sitting in a park with orange fencing circling the area, keeping kids from doing what they do best — play.

The fact that many people worked hard to raise the money for the equipment and spent their spare time erecting the playground makes the empty slides and swings even more disturbing.

The Plymouth-Canton Jaycees spent

No curves

By Rob Kirkbride



thousands of dollars to build equipment in Jaycee's Park on Wing Street in Plymouth — just to find out it wasn't

built with the proper wood.

It's not really anyone's fault. The Jaycees were told the equipment would

be fine for use on the playground, but later discovered the items were for backyard use.

So now the Jaycees are stuck with the playground equipment that can't be used in the park.

More importantly, the kids don't have any equipment — that's what makes the Jaycees so upset.

The Jaycees are trying to cut their losses and find the money to build the proper playground equipment.

One way they hope to recoup some of their losses is to sell the equipment that was in the park.

They are looking for offers on the Commander Tower, Twin Tower, Turbo Slide and all the other accessories — all of which would make any group of kids pretty happy.

The equipment would be an excellent addition to any private playground, such as a church, apartment complex or home.

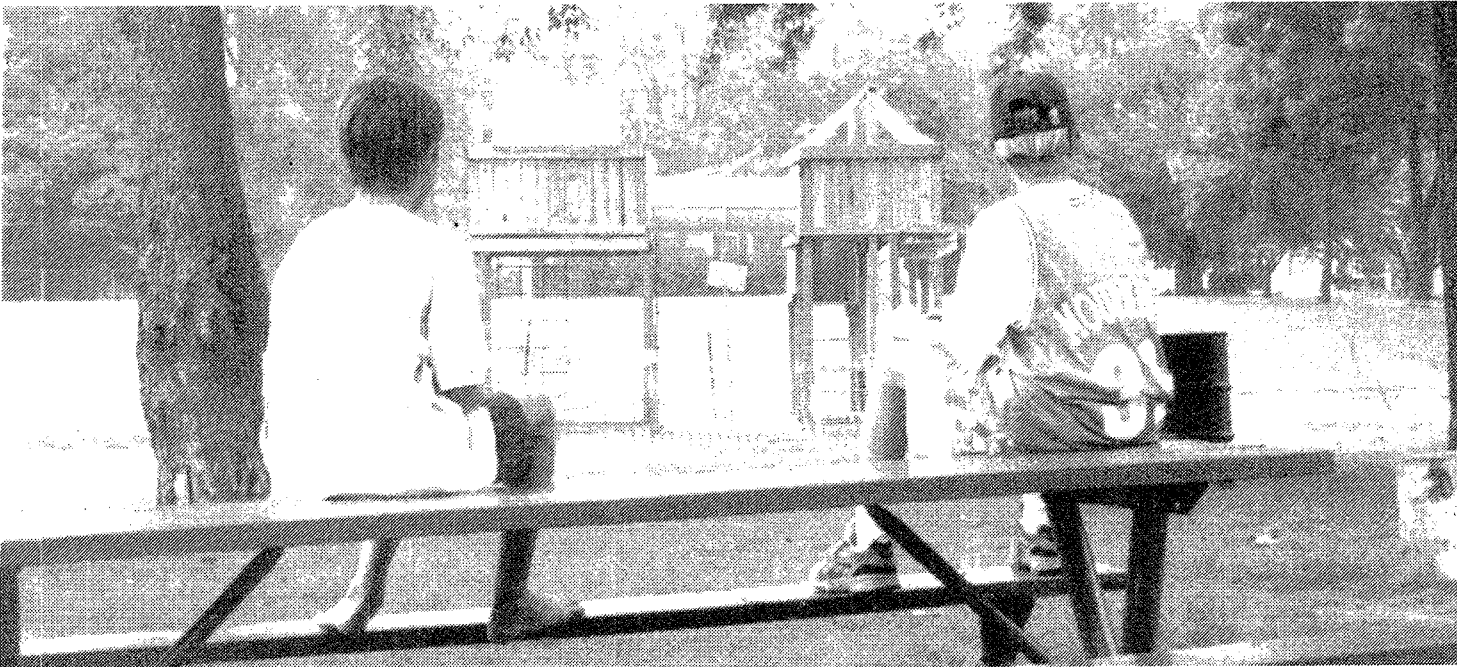
The new park equipment will cost the Jaycees three times the amount of the toys that were already purchased.

To collect some of the money needed, the Jaycees are also collecting items for a community garage sale.

Improving the community's playgrounds helps everyone, not just the kids.

Anyone who can help out is encouraged to contact the Jaycees by calling the Jaycee Hotline at 453-8407.

No one said doing a good deed is cheap or easy.



Two kids sit in front of the Jaycees' playground equipment that cannot be used because they used the wrong type of wood for a public playground. Not only are the Jaycees out thousands of dollars, the kids are out of a playground. The Jaycees are trying to sell the equipment and buy new equipment for the Jaycees Park on Wing Street in Plymouth.

City residents won't save much with fire department merger

I have been following the proposed City/Township fire department merger for some time now.

My feeling is that the city will be "selling out" its fire service if the merger passes. It seems to be an issue of saving money, not lives. As a resident of the city, this angers me greatly.

As it stands, the city will save an average of \$33,000 per year. This, however, with no fire equipment within city limits. In an emergency situation, we are looking at a delay in fire equipment reaching city residences. In my book, no dollar amount is worth saving when people's lives are in danger.

I can remember when the township contracted the city for police service. You could not find a police officer anywhere in the city. And the same goes for fire service and equipment if the merger passes.

If the city manager wants to save money, he should look at similar-sized communities and what they have done. Take Northville City for instance, where an all-volunteer

system is used.

Northville Township has two fire fighters on duty from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and all other times they depend on their volunteers.

The city could look into a cost recovery system where industries and homeowners pay a service fee when they use the fire service.

This will offset the cost to operate the fire department and will save more than the merger.

Also, the city could train their fire fighters and police officers to perform the same jobs. This is called a Public Safety Officer (PSO) in some communities. This would eliminate fire personnel and save even more money.

I feel the city could find alternative solutions to saving money than merging with the township. All of these options I have suggested would not impair the system or remove equipment from the city.

CALVIN L. FLETCHER

Northville has right idea to save fire department money

EDITOR:

Proposal: The City of Plymouth wants to save money by merging with Plymouth Township.

I am not in favor of this proposal because it will only save us \$1.2 million over the next ten years.

And, in order to save, we will have to lose our fire fighters and equipment to the township.

This will result in fire service delays.

If the city wants to save money without jeopardizing service, I suggest they go to a full-time volunteer system like our neighbor Northville. With approximately the same

size and budget constraints as the city, Northville seems to handle its fire service very well.

The city pays over \$306,000 to its full-time fire fighters who are all near retirement. By going to an all-volunteer department, the city would save over \$3 million as opposed to \$1.2 million over the next 10 years.

I am in favor of saving money, however, not when saving money comes before saving lives.

I would like to see the city keep its fire service within city limits and think of better ways of saving money.

RANDY LAWRENCE



Community opinions

Plymstock? Cantwood?

The P-C Community should look into expanding area festivals

The Plymouth-Canton Community is a great place for festivals.

Canton has gained national recognition hosting the annual soccer tournament that attracts 15 to 18,000 soccer players, parents and fans.

Plymouth's downtown is a popular site for the Fall Fest, the Ice Fest and Art in the Park. Old Village has been used for events — though it's clearly underutilized.

Now, the City Commission is grappling with policies related to "festivals" in other parts of the city — and Plymouth Township and Canton Township should weigh the idea too.

With an increasing awareness by businesses of their social responsibility to the community they serve, more and more businesses are taking on the role of fund-raiser/promoter of events for charities, agencies and non-profit endeavors.

One such business, Porterhouse Meats, is now planning to host its third "good cause" barbecue. In the past, the market at Main and Palmer has thrown benefits for S.C.A.M.P. and the Plymouth Symphony. A week from this Saturday, it throws a fundraiser for Institute for Preventative Sports Medicine.

As these benefits grew, The Porterhouse needed more room — it asked to block Palmer for the day a week from this coming Saturday. The City Commission agreed, but not before questioning the policies of the city for "outplaced" events and the impact they have on neighborhoods.

In Canton, requests to use Heritage Park don't necessarily go before the township board.

Churches, non-profit groups, schools and even businesses seek the use of The Plymouth-Canton Community's facilities for all manner of uses — and will do so even more it appears.

What if the promoters of Woodstock had asked to hold the event in Canton's Heritage Park as a benefit fundraiser for the Canton Historical Society or for the Canton Farmers' Tax Equity League? Supervisor Tom Yack says he would like to see the park used more.

When the original Woodstock event was held 25 years ago, had it been in Heritage, the music would only have bothered Don Korte (and he might have grabbed his saxophone and chimed in ala Bill Clinton).

But the 25th anniversary would have been something different. Now that Canton is encouraging the construction of \$300,000 homes around the

With malice toward none

By W. EDWARD WENDOVER



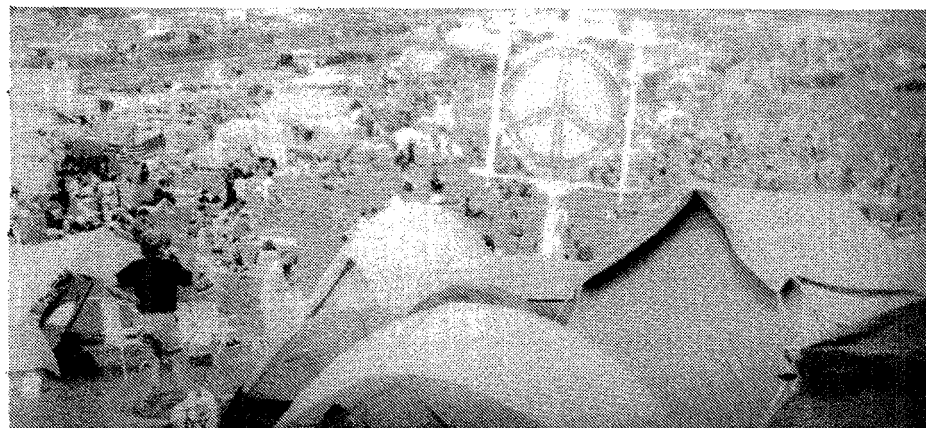
park and its new golf course — and would those folks want to hear Smashing Pumpkins or Arlo Guthrie at 2 a.m.?

As Canton develops its complex, it will have to face the "Jack Wilcox Dilemma" — the fact that a site used for performances affects neighboring residences. In Canton's case the further irony is that the stage was there first and the township encouraged the homes.

And if one of these events — or even a "non-event" like the 25th anniversary of Woodstock that drew 20,000 to the original site in Bethel last weekend — turns into a full-blown 250,000-attendees event? Would the local governments handle it?

As the residents of Bethel learned a quarter century ago and re-learned last weekend, playing the role of gracious host to crowds is a strain on the resources and the nerves. But the only way to do it, is to accommodate it as best possible and smile.

TO APPLY NOW FOR AN EVENTS PERMIT FOR YOUR 250,000-ATTENDEE EVENT in CANTON'S HERITAGE PARK CALL 397-5110. IN THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH CALL 453-7737.



Plymouth Art in the Park organizers who helped artist deserve a hand

EDITOR:

I'd like to thank the community of Plymouth and the organizers of Art in the Park for a wonderful show experience. As a participating artist, I was very impressed by the superb organization of the event.

The volunteers, those "handsome guys and gals in the yellow shirts and black hats"

Property tax dollars go to self-serving political advertising campaigns

EDITOR:

Last week I read that the Michigan Education Association is spending millions of dollars to defeat Governor Engler.

A few weeks ago, The Crier carried a full page ad costing a "bundle" paid for by "your firefighters."

Moderate pro-choice Republican will continue to cross party lines

EDITOR:

Wake up Republicans!

The Right-to-Lifers sent out mailings against pro-choice state representative Jerry Vorva, and also helped defeat Cynthia Wilbanks. But most voters are moderates, and while the Right-to-Lifers can win primaries for the candidates they support, They've been losing in the general elections.

were friendly, helpful, patient and professional. I am particularly grateful to the gentlemen who helped me put up my creaky canopy frame, and the young men who watched my booth on Saturday while I went to get my vehicle for loading.

What a nice community Plymouth is! Thank you all for your help and hard work.

SHARON M. DONOVAN

Think about it. Who is really paying for these ads? Why, you are; with your property tax dollars. They are spending your money to promote their own self interests. I would suggest that if they can afford to spend these vast sums of "your" money, then perhaps they are already overpaid.

HAROLD MONET

When will the Republicans learn that the moderate voters are the true core of their support?

When they get tired of losing?

I'm a pro-choice Republican who will continue to cross party lines as long as the Republican Party ignores moderates.

SHERYL KHOURY



Community opinions

Law supporter explains why she did not support Vorva

EDITOR:

Letter to Mr. Vorva:

I read with great interest your whining concession of defeat in The Community Crier, especially the statement that, "...voters need to get past the negative issues and campaigning," because it has seemed to me that ever since you took office, all you have been doing is negative campaigning. The entire thrust of your public appearances which I have attended or read about have been confrontational, egocentric, and self-serving. I am not a member of any union or special interest group; I voted for Gerry Law instead of for you because:

1) I feel that when Mr. Law was a state representative, he served the people of this district fairly and in a dignified manner.

2) I admired his decision to leave the state house to serve as Plymouth

Township Supervisor in order to devote more time to his family.

There are many of us who would have jumped at that opportunity if it had arisen. (I assume his decision meant a step down in political prestige and in income, so please don't keep throwing your pay raise donated to charity in our faces).

3) Apparently "negative politics and special interests still rule the day" indeed. We received Mr. Law's negative campaigning literature in our mail. But we received yours first. Neither of these leaflets swayed my vote, but

4) Mr. Vorva, I cannot in good conscience vote for anyone who would tell a public school teacher to "get to the back of the bus, because you are the new minority."

This kind of confrontational, demeaning attitude does not belong in

our legislature.

If we truly want reform, educational or otherwise, in our state, all interested parties must be represented. And they must be willing to listen to each others' concerns and ideas, to work together across party lines, instead of congregating in armed Neanderthal camps.

Mr. Law has demonstrated the ability to work with people instead of dividing them.

In the final analysis, I believe that this is what the voters of Michigan want from their elected officials, and that this will become apparent in the results of the coming November election. It has begun now in the primaries, sparse turnout or not. If any of us have "a lot of maturing to do," Mr. Vorva, you are a prime candidate.

KAREN J. CHAPIN

Crier photo editor off base on cruising photo essay

EDITOR:

My wife and I read with utter amazement the "Cruising in Plymouth 1994" essay written by Crier photo editor George Gentry and published in your newspaper on Aug. 10, 1994. I trust that Mr. Gentry is an overall super person and a competent photographer. However, to put it bluntly, the rosy scenario of well behaved, courteous, care-free, cruising youth described in his essay is an absolute crock.

Publishing the essay did a disservice to the entire community because anyone reading the article would certainly accept its content and description as fact. The parents of these kids and those residents of the community who don't spend much time in the downtown area during the late evening hours would naturally conclude that all is well in Plymouth.

Folks, all is not well with the cruising situation on summer nights in Plymouth. Weekends are particularly bad. My wife and I moved to Plymouth from another state several summers ago and purchased a home on a side street a scant stone's (bottle's) throw from Main Street. On numerous evenings since then, we have been subjected to kids urinating in our and neighboring yards, on the commercial building across the street, and in an adjoining alley. Although a sports enthusiast, I prefer to witness boxing matches on television rather than outside the back door. I also enjoy working in the yard, but picking up vodka bottles in the alleyway every weekend isn't my idea of fun. This month, I've twice picked up baggies with the remains of various seeds and rolling papers still inside. The one thing that really gets me is when piles of garbage and bottles are thrown into neighborhood yards before Junior and friends head home for the morning. Maybe I'm overly practical, but I have found that garbage cans and dumpsters make for wonderfully efficient means of refuse disposal. I encourage Plymouth kids to try them.

Forget about sleeping with bedroom windows open on occasional summer nights. We expected to hear the normal noises of small town traffic, distant train whistles, and occasional passers-by. Rather unexpected was to have our windows literally rattle every few minutes as a result of thumping car speakers passing 50 yards away on Main. Luckily, things do tend to quiet down around 2 a.m.

To be honest, most of the above encounters have been with males, but I'm obliged to include our experiences with the young females about town. They seem to favor greeting others from opposite sides of the street and in cars with a high pitched scream of "Hey, — you!". Strangely, because the shouts sound rather cheerful, it's hard to determine if these girls are greeting friends, disliked acquaintances, or if it's just a neutral expression of conveying one's regards.

Sounds rather annoying yet harmless so far, doesn't it? Well, I've never been the type of person that sits back and let's a bunch of kids trash our property. I don't stand outside waiting for trouble, but if I glance out the door while locking up for the evening and see someone unloading the contents of their van into my front yard, I'm going to return it to them. In the process of these encounters, I've been sworn at, spit upon and sucker punched. However, I am encouraged by the fact that the youngsters are obviously paying attention to their Civics lessons during the school year. Several of these intellectual titans have informed me that if I lay a finger on them, I'll be sued for assaulting a minor. Sadly for our society, this is true. Perhaps you think I'm exaggerating, referring to isolated instances or that just a few "bad eggs" are involved.

I would then encourage you to drive down Main on a weekend night at 11 p.m. and take note of the side streets that get blockaded by the Plymouth Police. Draw upon your analytical abilities and conclude the police are forced to blockade the street entrances for not so innocent reasons. The police have often blockaded Main Street itself on some truly trying occasions. Spend a good couple of hours on the strip and notice the patrol cars constantly issuing tickets, breaking up fights, and keeping things moving. Incidentally, I believe the cops are doing an outstanding job when and where they can. Unfortunately, they are completely overwhelmed by sheer numbers. Walk the length of Main Street with your wife, date or daughter and appreciate the carloads of future rocket scientists as they graphically shout out in four letter parlance what they would like to do to your escort.

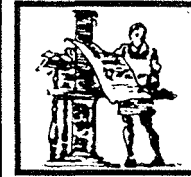
I did read with amusement Mr. Gentry's suggestion that "instead of spending tax dollars trying to keep the young people out of the city, spend the tax dollars and give them someplace safe they can get together."

I would love to see that one as a ballot proposal! Forget the newspaper business, someone has a future in Washington. Earth to George...it should not be the taxpayer's responsibility to baby sit these kids with our police force, and it definitely isn't our responsibility to "give" them a place to entertain themselves. What ever happened to going to the movies, the bowling alley, or simply a friend's home? Ever try reading a book? Television? What, not "safe" enough?

Community Crier, wake up! There are a million truthful, positive things that can be written about Plymouth. However, the problems associated with a bunch of kids running the downtown area during summer nights are not going to be resolved until you as a responsible media and we as a concerned citizenry stop whitewashing and spin-doctoring the issue.

MIKE ROGOWSKI

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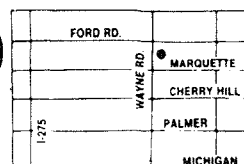
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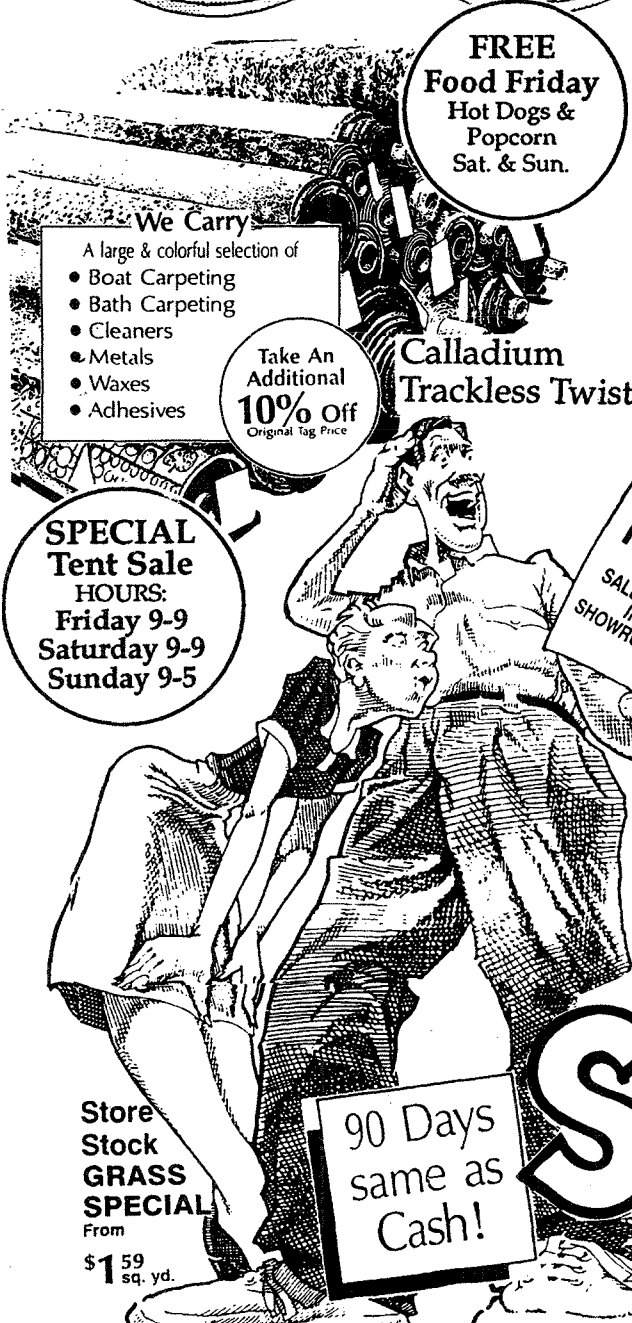
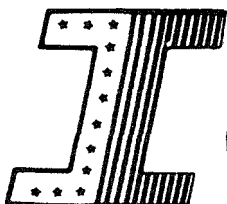
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