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## Coloring champ

## Boiling mad

### *Handling of water problem angers Twp. officials*

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

The problems surrounding Plymouth Township's Nov. 14 implementation of the "boil water notice" will be resolved, according to township officials.

Public Services Director James Anulewicz and Public Works Manager Tom Hollis were at the Nov. 28 township board of trustees meeting to report on the Nov. 14 water incident.

The City of Detroit experienced a pump failure at its Joy Road (and Rocker) pump, causing low or no water pressure in western Plymouth Township, according to Hollis.

"Even though the outage in Plymouth Township probably lasted only a half hour or 45 minutes, working with the state and Wayne County we were required to implement this plan (boil water notice)," said Hollis. "With this procedure being brand new, there's no doubt it was a very difficult thing to deal with.

"Residents were very concerned, which they should have been, about what was going on."

The residents were not the only people concerned with the situation. Township officials are upset about the way the entire incident was handled, said Hollis.

"Promises were made by Detroit (Detroit Water and Sewer Department and Wayne County) that if such an event (shortage/outage) occurred, samples in the affected areas would be taken to make sure its safe," said Hollis. "They promised us an immediate response. We didn't get that response.

"A situation that could've been cleared up within 24 hours took over two days to resolve."

Hollis said that the township will solve the testing problem itself.

"We're going to get certified by the state so we can utilize a local laboratory to exclude them (DWSD and Wayne County) from the process if it ever happens again," Hollis said.

"That was a real problem."

The lack of communication between

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Kyle Zink, whose picture is shown above, was just one of the winners in this year's Community Crier Coloring Contest. Kelsey Bailey, Janine Koroveis and Sarah Baumann were also picked as this year's winners. In addition to the fantastic coloring entries received by The Crier, the mail bag is full of letters to Santa, found on pages 11-28.



# Remember

## Arbor Hospice tree in Westchester Square Mall pays tribute to lost loved ones

(left to right) Joan Rucker, Kathy Quinn, Mary Reilly, Ruth Maul, Marian Martin and Pat Eddy are accepting donations to Arbor Hospice at the "Tree of Remembrance," located in the lobby of Westchester Square Mall in downtown Plymouth. For a donation, which goes to support the group, a handmade, heart-shaped lace ornament will be placed on the tree in memory of a loved one who died.

This is the first year Arbor Hospice has put up a tree in Plymouth. Last year, however, more than 1,500 ornaments were placed on the trees in Ann Arbor and Allen Park.

The tree in Plymouth will be dedicated next Sunday at 4 p.m. by Father John Sullivan of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church.

Volunteers are needed to help with the tree and Arbor Hospice will hold a patient volunteer training class in Plymouth in March. For information on the class, tree or other services provided by Arbor Hospice, call 677-0500.

# Twp. officials boiling mad over water problem

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DWSD and the township was another problem, according to Hollis.

"We initially found out about the problem through residents calling the dispatcher," said Hollis. "We had to call them (DWSD) to find out about the problem. And even then, it was just the vague details."

Hollis said that much of the confusion that township residents felt was because of errors made by the media reporting on the incident.

"It got to the point where people thought it was a sewage pumping station that had gone bad," said Hollis. "That was totally erroneous. There was never a problem with that. Everyone thought their water was contaminated."

"I never, ever, felt there was a contamination problem in Plymouth."

The "boil water notice" procedure was developed following a similar incident with the DWSD in 1993, said Anulewicz.

"We have a meeting with the City of Detroit and Wayne County Dec. 6," said Anulewicz. "We will not try, we will get answers from the City of Detroit. They will give us guarantees that this will not occur again or we will seek other measures to ensure that our public and our businesses are not impacted in this negative way."

"We talked one time. The time for talk is no longer, it's time for action."

Both Hollis and Anulewicz stressed that if ever there is any type of emergency in Plymouth Township, residents should watch the township's cable channel, channel 10, for important information.

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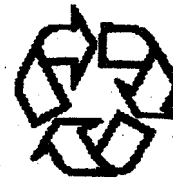
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# Creatures from outerspace!



This photograph by Linda Brandt-Teepie of Plymouth is one of 100 winners in the "Party Time" photography contest, sponsored by PARADE magazine and the Eastman-Kodak Company. The photo was shot at her daughter's eighth birthday party. The girls are Kellie Brandt, Susan Patrick, Jenna Stamper, Ellen Fritz, Emma Leigh Cox, Elizabeth Georgoff, Aubrey Bruner, Carmen Meier, Megan Murray and Chelsea Ost. Brandt-Teepie's photo will be included in a national exhibit that opens Friday in the Innoventions East pavilion at Epcot '95 at the Walt Disney World Resort.

## Ward appears before Supreme Court

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Plymouth resident George Ward has had his 15 minutes of fame.

Last week, Ward, who is chief assistant prosecutor for Wayne County, appeared before the United States Supreme Court.

"I think were in pretty good shape," Ward said. "This was a lot of fun."

Ward was arguing a forfeiture property case that Wayne County uses to deter vice crimes. The case in question began in 1988 when a man was arrested for soliciting a prostitute, and his car was impounded. The man's wife has since sued for the interest of the car, claiming she was not responsible for his actions. Wayne County law, says the woman, is held accountable because she is listed as an owner of the car with her husband.

Ward has argued the case in Wayne County Circuit Court, Michigan Court of Appeals and the Michigan Supreme Court, where the law was upheld.

Ward appeared in the Supreme Court with Assistant Prosecutor Larry Roberts on Wednesday; they were one of two cases to be heard that day. "They (the Supreme Court Justices) were all very active in the questioning," Ward said, whose wife and daughter watched in the courtroom audience. "With the exception of Clarence Thomas, he did not ask any questions in either session."

Ward said the Supreme Court will not render a decision for another six months. "It'll be close to summer before we get an answer," he said.

Ward also listened to the other case in court that day, a prisoners' rights case

from Arizona.

After that, he left and walked down the steps of the Supreme Court where he was met by a gallery of national television media. The case received coverage on ABC World News Tonight and the New York Times, just to name a few. On Thursday morning, Ward appeared on CNN to discuss the case.

But all of the media attention and the intense preparation for the Supreme Court still did not fluster this legal veteran. "Not really," Ward said. "I've been at this business long enough."

## Canton trustees approve Mission Health land deal

*14 acres sold for 70,000 square-foot facility*

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

The Canton Board of Trustees approved the sale of a 14-acre, township-owned parcel to Mission Health for the construction of a 70,000 square-foot medical facility.

Canton sold the property, located at the northwest corner of Canton Center Road and Summit Parkway for \$55,000 or \$770,000 for the total parcel.

## Agenda

### THIS WEEK

- Veterans from The Plymouth-Canton Community will be honored Thursday at a special meeting of the Plymouth Republican Club. The tribute will be held at the Water Club Seafood Grill on Ann Arbor Road at 6 p.m. The public is invited and dinner is optional.

### THE WEEKEND

- On Friday, State Sen. Loren Bennett will be holding office hours at the Canton Public Library in the large meeting room. Area residents with problems, questions and/or concerns with state government, or people who just want to introduce themselves to their state Senator are welcome to stop by between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.
- The Trailwood Garden Club, along with the Plymouth Symphony League will be selling luminaria kits from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday at Westchester Mall, Kroger on Ann Arbor Road, Danny's on Main Street and the Plymouth Marketplace on Ann Arbor Road.

### NEXT WEEK

- The Canton Board of Trustees meets 7 p.m. Tuesday at township hall.

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## Canton police investigate drive-by shooting

The sound of gun fire could be heard coming from the 7700 block of Chichester in Canton last Wednesday night, according to Canton Police.

An 18-year-old Canton resident was at home with his 10-year-old sister when someone from outside the home opened fire on the residence with a 9 mm handgun at approximately 9:30 p.m., according to Lew Stevens of the Canton Police.

"Someone outside fired nine shots into the house. Some of the bullets penetrated the house and were found inside," said Stevens.

According to Stevens no one in the house was injured.

"We have some possible leads in the case. It is being investigated," he said.

# Architect hired for new Canton fire station

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

The new Canton Fire Station and Fire Headquarters is one step closer to reality.

The Canton Board of Trustees voted to sign a contract with the architectural firm of Coquillard, Dundon, Peterson & Argenta to design the new fire station and headquarters to be built north of Canton Township Hall on Canton Center Road.

Canton will pay the architectural firm not more than \$160,000 for the design. The amount is based on an esti-

mated construction cost of \$2.2 million.

Coquillard, Dundon, Peterson & Argenta was the Fire Headquarters Study Committee, which was formed to address the feasibility of building a new fire headquarters and to determine the best site for the project.

The committee presented the Canton Board of Trustees with several options to consider on June 6, including: Renovation of Fire Station No. 1, located at the corner of Canton Center and Cherry Hill roads; construction of a new facility on the existing site; and con-

struction of a replacement facility on a new site.

At that time, the board endorsed the construction of a new fire headquarters building on the property north of the Public Safety Building, with an addition to the second floor of the existing Public Safety Building to accommodate fire administration. It is proposed that the project costs be funded through a building authority bond issue.

A representative from the architectural firm said they expect to seek bids for construction of the project in June or July.



## Public notices

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES - REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1995

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. and led in the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. All members were present.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the minutes as submitted for the October 24, 1995 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Supported by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the minutes as submitted for the November 14, 1995 Work Session Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Supported by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill amended the agenda by adding Item 1.8 Hilltop Golf Course Maintenance. Mrs. Massengill then moved to approve the amended agenda for the November 28, 1995 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Supported by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all with Mrs. Mueller and Mr. Curmi voting no.

Mr. Anulewicz and Mr. Hollis reported on the failure of Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) Joy Road water pumping station on November 14, 1995.

DPW was notified at approximately 7:30 p.m. by Dispatch that citizens were reporting they had no or lower water pressure. Mr. Hollis contacted DWSD and was informed that the Joy Road Station was down and that a crew had been dispatched to the site. The problem was compounded by DWSD lack of immediate notification of the problem to Plymouth Township. The situation lasted 30 to 45 minutes. Mr. Hollis stated that at no time did he feel there was a contaminated water situation, however, the State and County Health Department require a "boiled water" notice be issued when there is no water pressure. A meeting is scheduled with DWSD, Michigan Department of Health, Wayne County Health Department, Plymouth, Township, Canton Township and Northville Township to discuss the problems and notification procedures should this situation happen again.

Mr. Cliff Dawson, Ford Motor Company and Chamber of Commerce representative, spoke of his concerns of public notification and how the loss of water at the Ford Motor Plant on Sheldon Road affected business.

Mrs. Mueller moved to grant the transfer of Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate No. 86-040. Resolution NO. 95-11-28-49, to Special Projects, Inc., from Rowe Thomas Displays. Supported by Ms. Arnold. The entire resolution is on file in the Clerk's Office.

Roll call:

Ayes: Arnold, Brooks, Curmi, Griffith, Massengill, Mueller, Keen-McCarthy  
Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve Resolution No. 95-11-28-50 which amends the 1995 General Fund Budget. Supported by Mr. Griffith. The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the Township Supervisor has presented the proposed, Amended, General Fund budget for 1995, and;

WHEREAS, the board has been advised of the content of said budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the aforementioned budget be adopted as presented:

|                       |                    |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Property Taxes        | \$2,985,043        |
| State Shared Revenue  | 1,687,190          |
| Licenses & Permits    | 1,035,000          |
| Federal Grants        | 165,000            |
| Charges for Services  | 50,000             |
| Fines/Forfeits        | 300,000            |
| Interest/Rent         | 460,000            |
| Other                 | 596,144            |
| <b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>  | <b>\$7,278,377</b> |
| General Government    | \$2,319,133        |
| Public Safety         | 4,439,695          |
| Building              | 581,287            |
| Public Services       | 189,253            |
| Parks                 | 470,327            |
| Health & Welfare      | 130,000            |
| Debt Service          | 45,000             |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b> | <b>\$8,174,695</b> |

Roll call:

Ayes: Arnold, Brooks, Curmi, Griffith, Massengill, Keen-McCarthy  
Nays: Mueller

Resolution declared adopted

Mr. Griffith moved to approve Change Order No. 1 for the Plymouth Township Park Sled Hill Improvements Project in the amount of \$5,707.05, to adjust the total contact price to \$148,856.45, and to authorize the Clerk and Supervisor to execute same. Supported by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all.

Mr. Curmi moved to approve Change Order No. 1 for the Beck Road Water Main Project, extending the contract time by 30 days making the completion date November 30, 1995 and authorize the Clerk and Supervisor to sign same. Supported by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mr. Curmi moved to appoint John W. Pierangelino, Democrat, and Evelyn W. LeFever, Republican, to a four (4) year term commencing January 1, 1996, and ending December 31, 1999, to the Plymouth Charter Township Board of Canvassers. Supported by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mrs. Brooks moved to award contract in the amount of \$13,809.50 to Pickering Environmental for removal of one (1) Underground Storage Tank (UST) and to approve submitted rate schedule for additional services and authorize Supervisor to give notice to proceed with remediation activities should a release be detected during the UST removal. Supported by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Ms. Arnold moved to authorize the Township Supervisor to enter into a purchase agreement with IBM to upgrade the Township's AS400 at a cost of \$7,300 per year, including 4.9% interest, for three (3) years with the Township taking title immediately. Supported by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all.

Mr. Curmi moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign a Purchase Order in the amount of seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500) for custom coats and bunker pants (turnout gear) with Apollo Fire Equipment Company. Supported by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mrs. Brooks moved to approve a limited time Open Window Retirement Program for IAFF Union (Fire) employees. Supported by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mr. Griffith moved to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to spend up to the amount of \$7,000 for any winterization that is needed for the greens at the Hilltop Golf Course during the month of December 1995. Supported by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all with Mr. Curmi and Mrs. Mueller voting no.

Ms. Arnold moved to authorize payment to current Lessee, Mr. John Jawor, the sum of \$62,500 for the Township's half of the Club House and \$500 in consideration of transfer of the Liquor License. Supported by Mrs. Mueller. Ayes all with Mr. Curmi voting no.

Ms. Arnold moved to authorize the Supervisor to return the security deposit to Mr. John Jawor for the Club House after an investigation, if applicable. Supported by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all with Mr. Curmi and Mrs. Mueller voting no.

Mrs. Mueller requested that re-appointments and/or new appointments be made for all expired Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals members.

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

It was moved by Mrs. Brooks and supported by Ms. Massengill to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 p.m.

The foregoing is a synopsis of the minutes of the Board of Trustees held on November 28, 1995. The full text is available in the Clerks Office for perusal. They will be submitted for Board approval at the next regular meeting on December 19, 1995.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at all Township Meetings, to individuals with disabilities at the Meetings/Hearings upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the following: Supervisor's Office, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Phone number: (313)453-3840 X 200. TDD users: 1-800-649-3777. (Michigan Relay Service)

Marilyn Massengill, CMC  
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

Kathleen Keen-McCarthy, Supervisor  
Charter Township of Plymouth

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# Healthy kids

## Pioneer teachers awarded for innovative physical education class

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Two Pioneer Middle School teachers are trying to change the fact that Michigan children are among the unhealthiest in the nation.

Dan Young and Leann Gross' are accomplishing this by involving all their students in activities all the time during a period when class size is a continuous problem. "When you have a class of 30, and you combine the two, you have 60 students," said Gross. "And when you're playing hockey there are six kids (on each team) out there at a time, and the rest are sitting."

Young and Gross wanted to change that, but they needed more space. So they put up shelves to save space for equipment and cleared out a storage room, which was transformed into a fitness room complete with Nordic Tracks, stair steppers and rowing

machines. It is one of four areas of activity during physical education class at Pioneer. Currently, when Young and Gross' students are not in the fitness room they are playing either hockey, badmitten or ping-pong. When the class is outside, there are two activities to chose from such as, softball and frisbee golf. "Now, nobody is sitting around," said Gross.

The class also teaches life skills such as self-esteem, leadership, problem-solving and good sportsmanship. "We are very into working on self-esteem, which means treating other people better," Young said.

Young believes it has benefited everyone. "I think we're doing a pretty good job with the space we have," Young said, "that's what makes it unique."

Gov. John Engler's Council on Physical Fitness thinks the class is special too; it recently awarded Gross and Young the Silver Award for their top-notch fitness program. "We were just ecstatic," said Young, "because if they're going to pull something from the schools it's going to be physical education, music or the specials. We're trying to convince people physical education is an important part of school. We're trying to really stress fitness for life, that's our whole goal."

"Congratulations to (Young and Gross) and (Pioneer) school for caring enough about their students to take the time and effort needed to improve their children's health and physical fitness," said Scott Chapman, executive director of the Michigan Fitness Foundation.

It was the second award Young and Gross have received for their class — winning the Bronze Award last year — and the two are in the process of applying for the Gold Award.

The rest of the school district has taken notice of Young and Gross' new approach. Lowell Middle School and the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park have watched a video tape Young and Gross made of the class, and may be interested in implementing a similar class. Also, Texas A & M recently requested some information on the class. Gross, who developed the class with former teacher Dave Thomann who died in 1993, and Young, who replaced Thomann, said they would like to continue to share their ideas with others through presentations such as the one they made to Michigan Association of Middle School Educators.



## Public notices

NOTICE 1995 DECEMBER BOARD OF REVIEW  
CITY OF PLYMOUTH  
201 S. MAIN ST.  
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(313)453-1234—X 222  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1995

Thee December Board of Review will convene in the Conference Room located on the 2nd Floor of City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, on Tuesday, December 12, 1995 at 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Board will review any Homestead or Poverty Appeals from local taxpayers.

No appointments are necessary.

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

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### LEGAL NOTICE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

#### "TAXES DUE"

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT 1995 Winter Taxes for Plymouth Township are DUE December 1, 1995 and are payable without penalty through February 14, 1996.

Payment is to be made to Plymouth Township Treasurer Mary A. Brooks at the Township Hall 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. Hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Telephone (313)453-3840.

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Mary A. Brooks, Treasurer

### LEGAL NOTICE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

#### HOLIDAY HOURS

##### Collection of Taxes

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT the Plymouth Township Treasurer's Office, in the Township Hall at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, will be open during the following schedule of hours to collect winter taxes during the Christmas and New Year's Holidays.

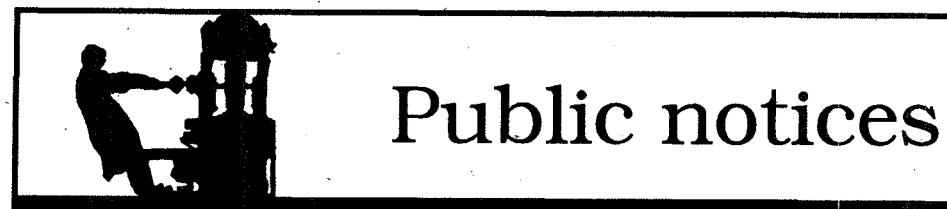
Taxpayers with summer deferments need separate checks for summer and winter tax payments.

The Township will be open for regular, daily business on Monday, December 18, Tuesday, December 19, Wednesday, December 20, Thursday, December 21 as well as Tuesday, December 26, Wednesday, December 27 and Thursday, December 28.

The offices will be CLOSED on Friday, December 22, Monday, December 25, Friday, December 29 and Monday, January 1.

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Mary A. Brooks, Treasurer



## Public notices

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its regular monthly meeting Tuesday, December 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Chambers upstairs at City Hall located at 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170.

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

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Winter taxes are due December 1, 1995 payable through February 29, 1996 without penalty. Additional information appears on the reverse side of your tax statement. MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CITY OF PLYMOUTH. Payments for tax bills and water bills can be made at City Hall-Treasurer's Office during regular working hours, Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m. Residents may also use the DROP BOX located in the lobby of City Hall, next to the Treasurer's Office window, after hours. For your added convenience, payments for tax bills we be accepted at the Plymouth office of First of America Bank until February 29, 1996.

CITY HALL offices will be closed during the Christmas Holidays from Friday, December 22nd through Monday, January 1, 1996. The Treasurer's Office WILL BE OPEN to accept tax payments and other payments on Thursday, December 28th and Friday, December 29th, 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Teresa Cischke, Treasurer

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# Friends & neighbors

## Neighbors in the news

Several local students will be participating in the Livonia Youth Philharmonic of Michigan Philharmonic and Concert Orchestras Monday at Laurel Manor in Livonia. The concert begins at 6:15 p.m. Admission at the door is \$7.

Students participating from Plymouth are: Lauren Bealafeld, Sarah Carson, Christine Chau, Andrew Mikola, Geoffrey Rahie, Adam Thurtell and Jessica Wheelock. From Canton: Susannah Bryant, Teresa Chambors, Nicholas Conti, Daniel Leung, Carol Liu, Faith Scholfield and Benjamin Wu.

Jeremy L. Hill, the son of Suzanne Johnson of Plymouth, has enlisted in the Air Force. Hill will complete the six-week basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, TX.

Hill is a 1994 graduate of Canton High School.

Meredith Whalen, a senior at Salem High School, finished in third place in Ford Motor Company's Essay Contest on Credit.

Emily Kemnitz, a Miller Elementary School volunteer, was honored as District Volunteer in Public Schools (VIP) by the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education at their Nov. 27 meeting.

St. John Neumann Catholic Church, located at 44800 Warren Rd. in Canton, is hosting a Christmas sing-a-long Sunday from 7-8 p.m. Children are encouraged to bring jingle bells, triangles, Fischer Price band instruments and play along with the singing. For more information call Sharlene Borke at 459-5515.

Jon-Paul Patete, the son of Fred and Jane Patete of Canton, enlisted in the Air Force. Patete will attend the six-week basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, TX.

Patete is a 1990 graduate of Salem High School.

William Von Glahn, of Plymouth, has been nominated for the Citizens Insurance Seniors Award for his work as a volunteer. A panel of judges will choose 10 finalists to receive the 10 prizes of \$500 each (with an additional \$500 going to the charity of their choice).

## Christmas Eve with the Pope

*OLGC student heads to Rome to receive her First Communion from Pope John Paul II*

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

Second-grader Olivia Wofford will be spending her Christmas school break half way around the world.

Spending the holidays away from home is nothing new. People have been going to warm climates and visiting relatives around the world for as long as there have been holiday breaks.

What is different about Wofford's travels is that she will be spending Christmas Eve receiving her First Communion — from Pope John Paul II in Rome.

The seven-year-old, Our Lady of Good Council student was one of 100 Catholics chosen throughout the world to receive their First Communion from the Pope.

"I've been planning this since she



Olivia Wofford of Plymouth is traveling to Rome with her family, where she will receive her First Communion from Pope John Paul II during midnight mass at the Vatican on Christmas Eve. Wofford was one of 100 picked for the honor.

(Olivia) was born," said Christine Jonasz-Wofford, Olivia's mother. "I have a friend (a priest) who made the recommendation to Rome."

The Woffords — Olivia, Christine, her father, Gary and her brother John, will leave for Rome Dec. 21 and will stay in Italy for seven days.

"I don't think she really understands the significance of receiving her First Communion from the Pope," said Christine.

According to Jonasz-Wofford, even if the second grader may not understand just how important it is to be receiving her First Communion from the Pope, she is excited about the trip itself.

"She's been studying about Italy," said Jonasz-Wofford. "We've been watching travel tapes and she takes notes from the

Italian language tapes."

Jonasz-Wofford said that the family will spend a lot of their trip seeing the country.

"We're going to do a lot of sight seeing," she said. "We'll go to the Roman Forum, Colosseum, museums, churches and the catacombs."

The Christmas Eve, midnight mass will be broadcast Dec. 24 from 11:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Channel 4, WDIV.

Christine added that there was one concern that Olivia had regarding the trip, but it wasn't being nervous about meeting the Pope.

"She left a note taped to the fireplace to let Santa know that we were going to be in Italy for Christmas, but he could leave our presents for us when we got back," said Christine.

## Salvation Army kicks off kettle drive

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

One of the sure signs that the holiday season is upon us is the sound of Salvation Army bells ringing in the distance.

The Plymouth Salvation Army kicked off their Christmas Kettle Drive Nov. 23 with Christmas carols from the West Middle School eighth grade chorus and the lighting of their Christmas tree.

The kettle drive is used by the Salvation Army to provide needy families in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community with food, clothing, toys and gifts during the holidays and emergency needs throughout the year, according to Lt. Randall Van Landingham, the commander of the Salvation Army Corps Center in Plymouth.

"Our goal for the season is \$120,000," said Van Landingham. "As of last Wednesday, we have \$20,560.60.

"That's just the kettle totals. It doesn't include the mail appeals."

The Salvation Army counts on the kettle drive money to fund their budget for the entire year, said Van Landingham.

According to Van Landingham, the Salvation Army needs more than just money this holiday season.

"We need more and more volunteers. You can never have enough," he said.

Volunteering, said Van Landingham, can put the spirit of Christmas into your heart.

"It's an investment that you can't measure with money or anything else," he said. "It's an investment in people."

In Canton, kettles can be found at: K-Mart, Kroger, Target, Farmer Jack, Builders Square and Richardson's Super Drugs.

In Plymouth and Plymouth Township, they are located at: K-Mart, Kroger, The Soda Jerk, Danny's Market, Plymouth Post Office (Penniman Ave.), Plymouth Marketplace, Little Professor Bookstore, First of America Bank, Plymouth Cultural Center and the Community Federal Credit Union.

Van Landingham said, they (the Salvation Army) have a long way to go to reach their goal, but hope that with the generosity of the community and their volunteers, this will indeed be a merry Christmas.



# Community deaths

## Obituaries

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

### MARIE A. SCHAUFELE

Marie A. Schaufele, a Plymouth resident, died Dec. 2, 1995, at the age of 91.

Mrs. Schaufele came to Michigan from Bowling Green as a child. She spent most of her life on farms in the Plymouth community. Mrs. Schaufele married her husband, John, at the age of 22. After John died, Mrs. Schaufele attended Cleary College to study bookkeeping and then moved on to nursing school at old St. Joe's. She also worked as a nurse at Maybury Hospital. Mrs. Schaufele kept busy in retirement, spending time with her many friends.

Mrs. Schaufele is survived by her children, Carol Barrett; Jack (Phyllis); Robert (Barbara); Donald (Jessie); and Kenneth; 11 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; and one great great grandchild.

Services for Mrs. Schaufele were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with Dr. James Skimins officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be given to Community Hospice Services.

### WILLIAM EDWARD WALLACE

William Edward Wallace, Westland resident, died Nov. 26, 1995, at the age of 71.

Mr. Wallace was a Plymouth resident for 40 years ago. Mr. Wallace retired from Ford Motor Company in 1982 after 31 years of service at the Livonia transmission plant. He was a member of the U.A.W. Local 182. Mr. Wallace was life member of the D.A.V. Mr. Wallace served in the U.S. Army during W.W. II in the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater.

Mr. Wallace is survived by his wife, Bessie Lee; children, John Edward (Joni), Steven Michael, Pamela Lee (John) Chaney; grandchildren, John Michael, Jeremiah David, Jason Randall, Amy Catherine, Angela Leigh and John William Chaney; sisters, Bernice Cruce, Lorraine Williams, Harriet Cronkite and Sylvia Clark; brothers, Dan and James; and mother, Lexie.

Services for Mr. Wallace were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with Rev. James Roberts officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery. Memorials to the American Lung Association are appreciated.

### STELLA H. VICARS

Stella H. Vicars, a Farmington Hills resident, died Nov. 29, 1995, at the age of 86.

Mrs. Vicars was a homemaker. She attended Lincoln Memorial University in Harrogate, TN. Mrs. Vicars was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church.

Mrs. Vicars is survived by her husband, Buford; daughter, Nancy (Christopher) Higgins; sons, David (Barbara) and Gene (Peggy); three sisters; eight grandchildren; and 10 great grandchildren.

Services were held at the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home with Rev. Donald Gregory officiating. Burial was at Michigan Memorial Park. Memorial tributes to the American Cancer Society, Southeast Michigan, 29350 Southfield Rd., Suite 110, Southfield, MI 48076.

### Jean Macks, 86

Jean Macks, a Margate, FL, resident, died Nov. 21, 1995.

She is survived by two brothers; sister, Genevieve (Gene) Kowalski; and 18 nieces and nephews.

Services were held at the St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church with Fr. Chris Maus officiating. Local arrangements were made by the McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel. Burial was at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

### Jason Alan Smith, 21, student

Jason Alan Smith, a Plymouth resident, died Nov. 21, 1995.

He is survived by his parents, Danny and Nancy; brother, James; and one grandmother. Services were held at the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home with Rev. Drex Morton officiating. Burial was at Oak Grove Cemetery.

### Stuart H. Elliot, 76, custodian

Stuart H. Elliot, a Canton resident, died Nov. 22, 1995.

He is survived by one niece and one nephew.

Services were held at the Vermeulen Memorial Funeral Home with Rev. Drexel Morton officiating. There will be a private burial in Pennsylvania.

### Milan Joseph Finateri, 34, owner

Milan Joseph Finateri, a Dearborn Heights resident, died Nov. 24, 1995.

He is survived by his wife; one daughter; father; and mother, Marcia.

Services were held at the Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with Fr. Jim Livingston officiating. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home. Burial was at St. Hedwig Cemetery.

### Mary C. McIlhargie, 85, homemaker

Mary C. McIlhargie, a Plymouth resident, died Dec. 3, 1995.

She is survived by her husband, Edward; six sisters; and many nieces and nephews. Local arrangements were made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

### Mary Ann Sammut, 47, homemaker

Mary Ann Sammut, a Stockbridge, MI, died Nov. 27, 1995.

She is survived by her husband; mother, Goldie A. Knott; one sister; and brother, Edward R. (Jill) Knott.

Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

### Anne G. Gareau, 85, secretary

Anne G. Gareau, a Plymouth resident, died Nov. 30, 1995.

She is survived by many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, sister-in-law and many friends.


Services were held at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with Rev. James Livingston officiating. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

### Margaret M. McEwen, 85

Margaret M. McEwen, a Plymouth resident, died Nov. 29, 1995.

She is survived by her daughter; one son; two grandchildren; and two sisters;


Services were held at the Our Lady of Good Counsel Church with Fr. John Sullivan officiating. Local arrangements were made the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home. Burial was at Grandlawn Cemetery.



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A Salem High School class learned the art of interior design from Lisa Wolfe and Eric Buzenberg at Walker & Buzenberg in Plymouth. (left to right) Neha Sahah, Patty Feria, Nausheen Khan, Leslie Smith, Megan Fritts and teacher Karen Willard discuss the style of furniture. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

## Learning from the pros

Salem High School interior design class learned the elements of style from Walker & Buzenberg

BY BRIAN CORBETT

For 62 years Walker & Buzenberg Furniture Sales, 240 N. Main St, has had people like Interior Designer Lisa Wolfe assembling its window displays.

She had a little help last week.

Students from Salem High School teacher Karen Willard's interior design class participated in an extra credit

assignment to develop a setting to display the store's furniture. "We got a call in regards to if we wanted to help educate some of the interior design students at the high school," said Eric Buzenberg, one of the store's owners. "One of our interior designers, Lisa Wolfe, made a presentation to the class. Now a group of those students will put together one of the window displays."

Students had to submit resumes and suggest two different bedroom styles to be eligible to work on the project.

According to Buzenberg, Wolfe and Willard, students can do nothing but benefit from a chance to actually put a room together after studying furniture styles and constructions this semester. "The purpose is first to get a hands-on idea of what in the world it's like to be an interior designer," said Willard, who initiated the project with Plymouth-Canton Schools Director for Business Partnerships Betty Bloch.

Students learned to arrange furniture pieces, mix colors and fabrics. They also learned other facets of the business people might not recognize, such as being a good salesperson.

The reaction from the class has been fabulous, Willard said. "They've been very enthusiastic. They've been excited about it," she said. "They're actually

doing the design. They're actually putting together rooms, coordinating colors and furniture."

It has never been too late to learn, Walker & Buzenberg gained something from the experience too.

"I enjoyed getting ready for it," said Buzenberg. "I think we have a lot to offer the design students. We took it on as a challenge. We've never done it before. I think I've enjoyed it more than I thought I

“The purpose is first to get a hands-on idea of what in the world it's like to be an interior designer.”

—KAREN WILLARD

would.”

Wolfe has enjoyed her experience too, which included advising the students during their two-day visit.

In that time students will be able to chose from a wide selection items. Walker & Buzenberg is a full service furniture store, complete with recliners, dining room sets, mattresses and bed sets. "I think our products serve the community very well," said Buzenberg, "and our service does too. This is a perfect example.

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# Groups...

### M.O.M. GROUP MEETING

Meet Other Mothers at First Presbyterian Church, 201 Church St., on Friday from 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Topic is a cookie exchange. Call 420-4380.

### AMERICAN LEGION PLYMOUTH PASSAGE POST 391

Will meet at the Legion Post, 173 N. Main St., on Dec. 14, at 8 p.m.

### AMERICAN LEGION/BEASLEY-ZALESNY POST 112

A general meeting will be held on Sunday at noon at the Oddfellows Hall, 344 Elizabeth. All veterans welcome to attend. The Beasley/Zalesny Post is also accepting registrations from students who desire to compete in this year's American Legion National Oratorical Contest. The competition will be held Jan. 14. Call 451-3574 for more information on Beasley/Zalesny.

### PLYMOUTH KIWANIS BREAKFAST CLUB

The Club is holding its third annual \$1,000 a month raffle. Tickets are \$100, and entitle the holder to a chance for \$1,000 each month of 1996. Winning tickets are placed back in drawings. Call 453-7091.

### STU ROCKAFELLOW AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

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

### 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. The Optimist Club will sell entertainment books for \$40 starting Sept. 7 and ending Jan. 15. Call 453-8253 or 728-7619 for more information.

### PLYMOUTH REPUBLICAN CLUB

The Plymouth Republican Club hold their regular meetings on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Water Club Grill at 6 p.m. For more information, call Tom Hickey at 455-7110.

### V.F.W. FISH FRY

Every Friday, 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the V.F.W. Post #6695, 1426 S. Mill St. Call 459-6700 or 459-2394 for more information.

### PLYMOUTH-CANTON SKI CLUB

Travels to Mt. Brighton every Friday and Saturday evenings (except holidays). Register Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. at the Canton High School cafeteria. Fee is \$97, which includes transportation, chaperones, tow tickets and lessons. Information is available by calling 416-2937.

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### SALVATION ARMY

The Salvation Army is taking reservations for Saturday Kids Club, which runs Sept. 16 to May 18, 1996. Games, field trips, and arts and crafts. Call 453-5464 for more information. The Salvation Army's Tiny Tots preschool program is currently taking applications for the 1995-96 school year. Children who will be four by Dec. 1, 1995 or three by Sept. 1, 1995 are eligible for the classes. For more information, call Peggy at 453-5464.

### PCC FUNDRAISER

The Plymouth Community Chorus is selling Entertainment books to help the chorus' charitable and educational activities. The \$40 books offer a wide variety of savings. Call Stan at 459-6829.

### PLYMOUTH LIBRARY STORYTIMES

The Plymouth District Library offers storytime for ages 2 to 3 1/2 and 3 1/2 to 5. There are daytime and evening sessions and other family members are welcome. Call 453-0750 for more information.

### MEALS ON WHEELS

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

### HORIZON COUNSELING

Horizon Counseling Centre and Associates will be hosting a series of free seminars on the second Tuesday of every month. For more information about the series, call the Horizon Counseling at 451-7577.

### CLOTHING BANK

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

### CANTON REPUBLICAN CLUB

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

### PLYMOUTH-CANTON JAYCEES

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

### PLYMOUTH-CANTON CIVITAN MEETING

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

### GOD'S GOLDEN GIRLS

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

### SMOKERS' RIGHTS MEETING

People supportive of smokers' rights can meet on the third Monday of every month at 7 p.m. at Denny's. For more information, call Marc at 455-1635.

### U-W ALUMNI CLUB FUNDRAISER

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Well-known Canton farmer Roy Schultz, pictured with his wife, Tillie, was the single inductee into the Canton Hall of Fame this year. A reception was held for Schultz and other Canton achievers Sunday. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

# Top notch

## Canton honors best at "A Salute to Canton's Celebrated" event at Summit on the Park

The 1995 Canton Hall of Fame Committee recently selected Roy Schultz as the single inductee into the Canton Hall of Fame this year.

The committee also selected 10 individuals and/or groups as Community Achievers. The honors are presented by Canton annually to deserving residents, community leaders and members of the business community.

All those selected were honored during a special reception, "A Salute to Canton's Celebrated" on Sunday at the new Summit on the Park community center. The awards ceremony included refreshments and a performance by members of the Plymouth Symphony.

A well-known farmer, Schultz is among Canton's dwindling group of distinguished land owners. Besides writing a book about the farming community in Canton when it was known as the sweet corn capital of Michigan, Schultz is a charter member of the Canton Rotary Club, a founder of the Canton Historical Society and a former president of the Wayne County Farm Bureau. He has organized sweet corn husking for the Plymouth Fall Festival, worked with the Canton Public Library and volunteered for numerous projects in Canton.

The committee selected six other individuals, one business and three groups to receive Community Achiever awards for their deeds and actions during 1994-95.

The individuals are: local businessman Bob Boyer; seven-year-old Mike Potter, who saved his mother's life using 911; businessman Bruce Guastella; local historian Virginia Parker; senior volunteer Edna McLaughlin; and student Leonidas Addimando, who won the national Citizens Bee in 1994.

The groups being honored are: the Canton Playscape

Core Committee, led by Christine Donaldson; the Canton boys soccer team of 1994; and the Salem boys soccer team of 1995. The other Community Achiever, the Dependable Transportation Company of Canton, is being honored for its volunteer efforts following the bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma City this year.

Hall of Fame inductees are honored for long-lasting contributions to the community, while Community Achievers are recognized for achievements during a specific time frame, in this case 1994 and 1995.

## Morton Taylor safer for students to cross

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Children crossing Morton Taylor Road to attend Hulsing Elementary School should be a little bit safer thanks to the installation of two safety devices.

The Canton Board of Trustees voted Tuesday to install and maintain lettering on the road alerting motorists that the area is a school zone.

It is hoped that the lettering, along with the Speed Monitoring Awareness Radar Trailer (SMART) purchased by the Plymouth-Canton Schools, will slow down motorists on Morton Taylor. P-C School and Canton officials unveiled the SMART device last week.

The push to increase safety on the road began when Wayne County increased the speed limit from 35 to 40 mph on Morton Taylor — a road crossed by many students on their way to school.





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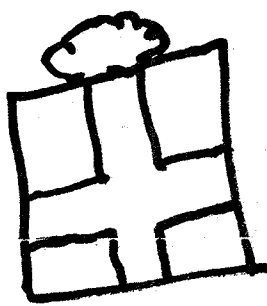
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I want toys, please. Books and deer too. I call you ho ho ho. Two toys for outside, please.  
Glen

I would like if you could bring me and my bother Sega Please! and I am 7!!!  
Kayla B.

I would like a pog maker, games and a big stuffed teddybear. I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.  
David

How are your reindeer? Do you have enough presents for Cristmas? For Cristmas I would like some Z Bots.  
Jesse Varga

Thank you for the presents. Please bring me Pocahontas River Boat Doll and a bone for my dog.  
Sarah Baumann

my Christmas wish is forworld peace, no more wars. no more homeless people. may we all help one another.  
Catherine Furman

My dog Tasha died. I now you can't bring her back to life but can you get me a new brittany spaniel just like Tasha.  
Daniel Wong

I've been good this year. I would like a Suzy Stretch doll, a big giant dollhouse, a big Barbie doll, a Butterfly Barbie, and arts and crafts things, and a Princess Bride doll.  
Tara

I really love Christmas. i would like the hispanic bitty Baby Starter Set. I also would like Samantha's bed. I love you. Merry Christmas.  
Sara Fry

I want Sonic & Nuckels. My brother wants NHL 96 Hockey game. Bring Lauren a doll. Miranda is ten months old and needs a little toy. Don't forget Mom and Dad. Merry Christmas.  
Joshua Little

I want a pretend— school set. I hope— there's snow on Christmas Eve. I love— the Reindeer. I hope you feed the Reindeer.  
Leah Varga

I love you  
Carolyn Benages

Is it true that you bring Christmas everywhere you go What do you do on a rainy day? I wish Jesus a Happy Birthday. Have you ever brought anyone coal?  
Jessica Sava

my mom is going to have a baby in the spring. All I want is for him to be healthy.  
Kelly Owens  
P.S. I would also like a puppy.

I am going to leve cote and a carrit to for Rodof too.  
Katie Shepherd

For Christmas I want the Dangerous Minds CD, some string to make bracelets with, or a Michigan sweat shirt. I hope you're having a great time at the North Pole. Have a great Christmas!  
Nicole Marrone

Happy Merry Christmas Santa Claus. Thank you for giving me presents. Santa Claus, happy snow, honey. I need some cookies. I'm not going to give Santa Claus any cookies.  
Morgan Michael Byrd  
p.s. Happy Halloween, Santa Claus

I wish I could have a tea pot from the Velvet plum. I wish everone has a good Christmas.  
Marissa Malcolm

I've been a good boy. I'm asking for some trains: Duncan, Duke, PeterSam, and Sir Handle. My brother asks for the Diesel. Thank you.  
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p.s. We've finished your cookies,  
Santa

Bring me a lots of fun fun toys to play with on Crismis  
Kelsey Bailey

I would like my favorite movie Casper.  
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I have been good this year! I still believe in you but my friends don't. I will leave you cookies & carrots for your reindeer I hope I'll see you  
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I like you! How do you get into our house? Can I have the White Power Ranger and Kimberly and Zack Power Rangers for Christams? Oh! And "Blades" Street Shark, too?  
Andrew Coletta

Mare sher you are carefull Don't freezs P.S. bring My dog some treats  
Alexander Clark

Be careful and have a safe trip. Remember to drop off some moon shoes at my house.  
Natalie Clark

All I want for Christmas is a guiter, and a mouse. The reason I want a mouse is because one of my mice died.  
Alex Enright

please bring ice skates, a sweater and a digger thing and a construction worker thing and a fire thing. We'll put cookies and milk out for you and the reindeer.  
Harrison Michels

THank you for the toys thank you for the presents did you ever fall off a roof I love you  
Samanatha Bucher

I would like a Howling Wolf, and a Princess Bride, and a Baby All- Gone, and a Baby Check- up, and a Newborn Nancy.  
Lindsey Stevens

How do you make the toys? How do your reindeer fly? Say Hi to Rudolph.  
Matthew Rowley

This year I am wishing for a dirtbike because I get tired trying to peddle that fast. Happy Holidays to you and Mrs. Claus  
Bryan Bolger

It would be great if you could get me grant Hill shoes, or a Hornets starter jacket.  
Andrea Kendra

I keep trying my best to be good! I'm hoping a K-Nex Roller Coaster, Moon Shoes and Genesis NHL 96- the game! I will have milk and cookies waiting for you.  
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I wish I could see the real Santa Claus and his reindeer.  
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I would like a football suit, Dragon zord, New Batmobile and all the Batman Stuff.  
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## Dream of holidays past, present and future in historic Old Village

*Old Village has survived countless changes over the years. The neighborhood nestled to the north of downtown Plymouth is turning some heads with its recent economic upturn. This time, advocates of the community say the economic improvements are for real and will last. Is this the peak of yet another Old Village economic cycle or are "happy days here again" for Old Village?*

Community Crier artist Amanda Humphrey's rendition of the gazebo and cannon in Old Village — possibly the neighborhood's two most recognizable fixtures encased within a snow globe takes us from Christmas past to Christmas future. Come along as The Community Crier looks back and looks into the future, attempting to capture the spirit of Old Village past, present and future. What draws people to Old Village? What makes the neighborhood so attractive for the business community and residents? Look inside volume one, number one of The Old Village Crier.

*Amanda Humphrey*

# The story of Santa and Mrs. Claus

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

A love story so romantic that it even tries the imagination of the most faithful, that is the story I bring to you today. A story about love.

As the plump, gray-haired lady started to recount the story, a smile grew on her lips. "Many years ago (too many to count) a shy young man was struggling to tie down his mule outside a small inn, in a little village located in the middle of Sweden, when a young lady appeared through the doors of the inn.

The young man was so taken with her beauty, that he suddenly lost interest in the stubborn mule and stared at the angelic face of the beautiful stranger. The mule, sensing his chance to bolt, began to kick in an effort to make his getaway.

Unfortunately for the young man, one of his donkey's kicks found its way to his chin, which promptly knocked the poor man not only to the ground, but unconscious as well..."

"Now, now, mother that's not how I recall the incident," said the jolly old fellow with a great white beard.

"Really dear, are you sure?" asked the lovely story teller.

"I think I would remember it, if I did something that clumsy," he answered.

"Perhaps you would like to share with everyone the real story behind that beard of yours," she said with a smile.

"Ah, well let me see...Oh just finish your story mother," he said, defeated.

"Well, let me see where was I, oh yes I know..."

"So there lay the poor man, with quite a gash on his chin (by the way that's why he grew the beard). When the handsome young man finally opened his eyes he was staring back into the eyes of the young lady.

"She was quite ..."

"Shh, quit interrupting," said mother. "I'll never finish the story if you

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A good marriage isn't like the magic  
dust that enables my boys (the  
reindeer) to fly. It's something that you  
work on every day.  
—SANTA CLAUS

don't hush.”

When he opened his eyes he was staring back into the eyes of the young lady.

"And I asked her to marry me. The first words ever spoken between us were 'Will you marry me?'"

"Hush father, you're embarrassing me," she scolded, her cheeks red with a blush.

"And she said, 'yes.' She's been my Mrs. Claus ever since," said Santa Claus, his chest puffed with pride.

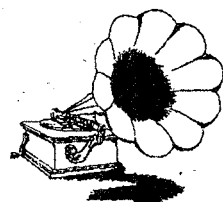
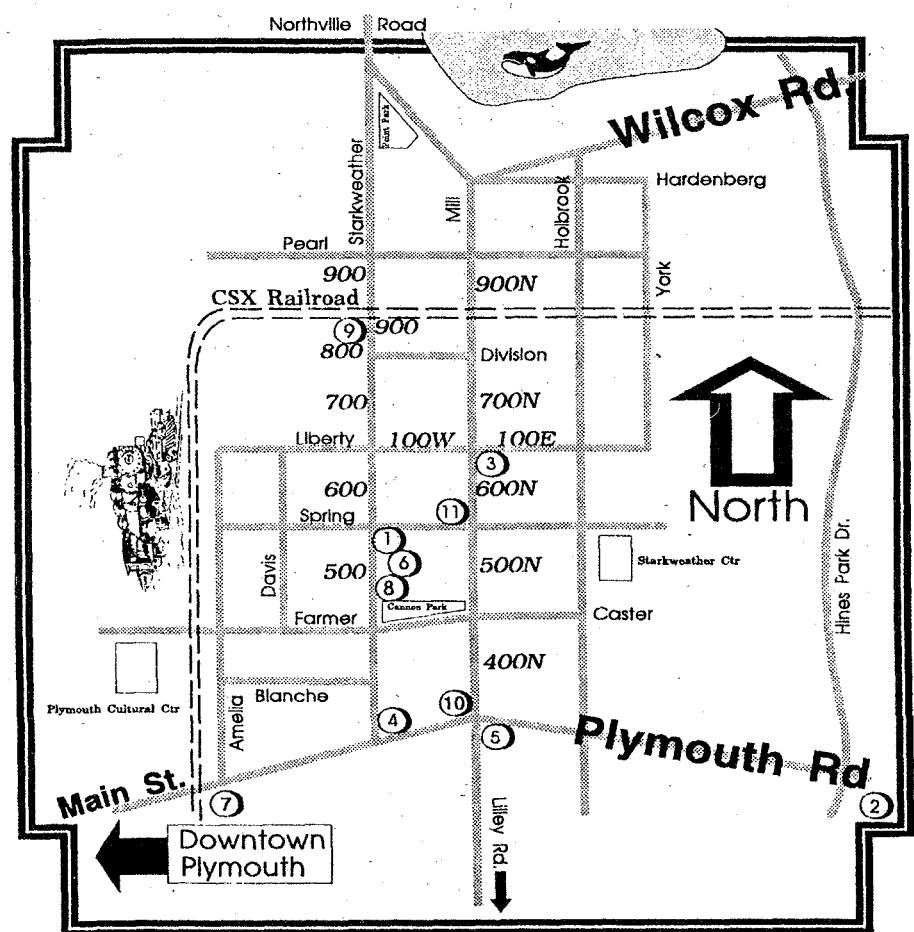
Santa and Mrs. Claus agreed to speak with me recently, in an exclusive interview about their marriage, family and Saturday's renewal of their vows.

"A good marriage isn't like the magic dust that enables my boys (the reindeer) to fly," said Santa. "It's something that you work on every day."

Santa and Mrs. Claus are quick to correct anyone with the misconception that theirs is a perfect marriage.

"We have our moments," said Mrs. Claus. "Why, just last century father and I had such a disagreement."

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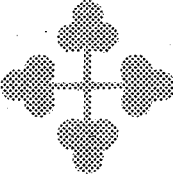

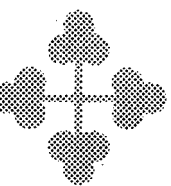
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# Holidays in Old Village — past, present, future

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The ghosts of Christmas are walking the streets of Old Village, and they have a lot to say about the past, present and future.

"We were always happy about Christmas," said the Old Village Ghost of Christmas Past Wayne Glass, who lived in the area at various locations starting in the late 1920s, and now calls Livonia home. "It was a good feeling because everybody's kids were everybody's."

It was not like Glass' family needed any more. He was one of 10 children, which made for some interesting times. "We used to build forts out in the backyard," Glass said. "You get 15, 20 kids together, it doesn't take too long to roll some snowballs together to make a fort. We used to make some big ones back there."

Of course, having a lot of snow helped. Glass recalled a massive blizzard that struck Old Village just after holiday vacation in 1937. Living just three houses away from Starkweather School, Glass and his siblings figured the snowfall was not enough to keep them from attending. "We tunneled all the way over to Starkweather School because the snow was so deep," Glass said. "Then, we got there and nobody was there."

However, there was always plenty of Old Village kids on Wilcox Lake during the holidays skating and playing hockey, or sledding down the hill Glass and his friends built at Starkweather. "They needed to bank a hill up anyway. They were putting bleachers in,"

Glass said. "The hill in the winter time was great. The whole neighborhood was there."

Time flies when you are having fun, but Glass had to make sure time did not fly too fast or else he would miss dinner. "A train always came through at 5:45(p.m.)," said Glass. "It was our sign to go to dinner. There was no heating up, no seconds."

As well as acting as a dinner bell for Glass, those trains also carried a lot of Christmas shoppers to their destinations in Detroit. "The day after Thanksgiving they had to put more cars on because everyone was going to J.L. Hudsons," said Glass, who said he did most of his shopping in Plymouth, except for the occasional trip to Sears at Grand River and Oakman in Detroit.

"There were no freeways to take you there. I guess if you got there without a flat tire, you were lucky, because before (W.W. II) it was rough," said Glass, who often opted to buy a 15 cent bus ticket.

Holiday routines were just as rough as the roads during W.W. II. "I'd say (times) were skimpy because some of the boys weren't here," Glass said. "I suppose it carried on the same way, but for a lot of families it was different."

For a lot of families it was tough too, Glass remembered. He used to carry groceries home for families and collect ice blocks with his friends from Wilcox Lake for houses that still had iceboxes instead of refrigerators to keep the holiday foods preserved for Christmas Day.

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# Holiday spirit found in historic Old Village

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Even light displays suffered, Glass said. "They didn't decorate homes like they do now," he said. "You were forcing it to put lights on the tree because people didn't have a lot of money."

Putting up Christmas lights was an activity current Old Village resident and Ghost of Christmas Present Jeff Vusich had on his list of chores for last weekend. "It's definitely a small town atmosphere here," said Vusich, who grew up in Redford. "I've always loved this area."

Glass said the feeling was mutual. "You can talk to people from all over, and they'll tell you it's one of the nicest towns you've been in," Glass said.

And it could be even better, according to the Ghost of Christmas Present, if the inequality between downtown and Old Village stops. "They do a lot downtown," Vusich said, "but they need to do more in Old Village. They spend \$3 million downtown. And what do we see here? New streetlights."

The neglect is a problem the Ghost of Christmas Future, Gerry Sindici, owner of Robin's Nest and chairman of the Old Village Downtown Development Authority Retail Committee, hopes to correct. He believes the answer to the future is in the past, when there was time to stop and pass the Christmas spirit on to a complete

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**—GERRY SINDICI**”

stranger, or a good friend – and not be so interested in making a buck from the holiday shopper. "I think that's what were looking into," Sindici said. "Adopt the three traits: kindness, giving and willing to help. It's good to make a money. It's good to survive. But it's good to help fellow people, so it's Christmas everyday. We have to get back to that, and it's time. If the City of Plymouth and Old Village are willing to develop that attitude: It's Christmas everyday. We'll be one heck of a community."

Despite the financial problems and the commercialization of a religious holiday, Christmas was, is and always will be something special in Old Village.

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# Old Village growth built on strong foundation

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

This time, it's different.

That's how Old Village supporters and business owners describe the difference between past economic upturns and the latest, which seems to have begun approximately one year ago.

In fact, Plymouth Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Director Steve Guile said the difference between the past and present is that Old Village finally has the political clout the neighborhood needs to succeed.

That clout came in the form of the Old Village Development Authority (OVDA), which was organized in August of last year.

Although much has been accomplished since its origin, the group began with a small goal — to acquire playground equipment for the Knights of Columbus Park at the corner of Starkweather and Mill streets.

Susan Clark and Terri Kariniemi, who is now chairperson of the OVDA, went to the City looking for help with the playground project. That's when Kariniemi said Mayor Doug Miller formed the OVDA, effectively giving the group the City backing — and more importantly, a source of funding.

According to Kariniemi, the revitalization of Old Village is different from the booms and busts of the past. "This time," she said, "we have the backing of the Plymouth City Commission and

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This time, we have the backing of the Plymouth City Commission and the Mayor. By forming the OVDA, we have the authority other groups organized in the past did not.”

—TERRI KARINIEMI  
OVDA CHAIRPERSON

the Mayor.

“By forming the OVDA, we have the authority other groups organized in the past did not.”

Guile said the group has been active since forming last summer, especially in the past six months. In addition to achieving their goal of acquiring playground equipment, the OVDA has also purchased new street lights and has ordered new signs for the neighborhood.

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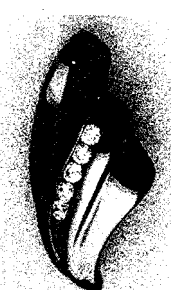
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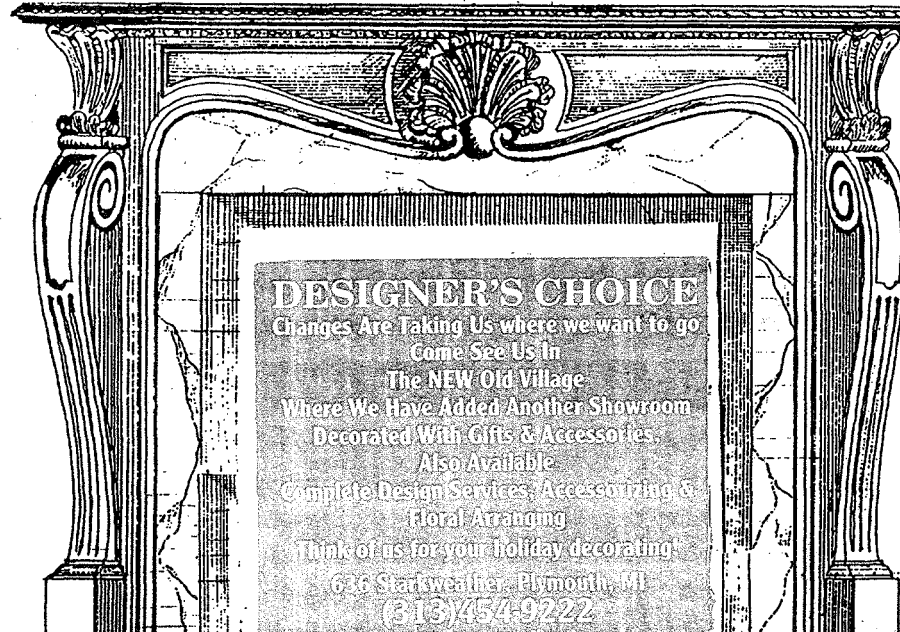




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# Santa, Mrs. Claus renew vows in Old Village

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"Funny, I can't even remember what it was about," said a sheepish Santa.

"Let me refresh your memory dear. You got home from work Christmas Eve and left you're dirty suit strewn all about," reminded a stern Mrs. Claus.

"Ah, it's all coming back to me now," said Santa, with a broad grin and a wink.

"He thinks he's so cute," said Mrs. Claus, not able to resist the urge to give her husband a kiss.

So if it's not magic dust, what is the secret to marriage?

"Don't ask us," said Mrs. Claus.

"Well, I'll tell you what I think," Santa stated, casting a glance at a sighing Mrs. Claus. "Do you know that thing?"

"What thing?" I asked, a bit confused.

"That thing..."

"You know the feeling people get when you do something nice for someone during the holidays?" Questioned Santa.

"Holiday spirit?"

"Yes, holiday spirit. Well, multiply that feeling by a thousand times and that's what it feels like to love Mrs. Claus," said Santa, brushing away a tear from the corner of his eye.

"You know, I hear people saying 'It's better to give than receive' a lot, especially during the holidays. That's kind of our philosophy on marriage," said Mrs. Claus, explaining. "I do things that make father happy and proud. Not because I'm his wife or because that's my job or even because he wants me to, but because he does the same for me..."

Santa, as most people know, has quite a stressful job, but that doesn't negatively impact the marriage, according to Hans J. Inky, the chief workshop elf.

"Santa and Mrs. Claus work side by side all year long. That might

adversely affect some married couples, but not them..." said Inky.

"I could never spend too much time with her," said Santa. "On Christmas Eve, I'll get through about half the world, flying over Japan or Russia, getting a little tired when I think of mother here at the North Pole... Suddenly I have the energy to keep going."

"Oh papa!"

After centuries of delivering a little bit of the holiday cheer around the world isn't it about time the Claus' retire and perhaps move to Florida?

"This is one of those jobs that's never done," said Santa. "And I'll never get tired of doing it."

Another reason behind their hard work, according to Mrs. Claus, is the children — their children.

"We have millions of them," said Santa. "And each is special to us in their own unique way."

"We could never have kids of our own," said Mrs. Claus. "So you might say we adopted the world."

It's for those members of their adopted family that Santa and Mrs. Claus have decided to renew their vows Saturday, said Santa Claus.

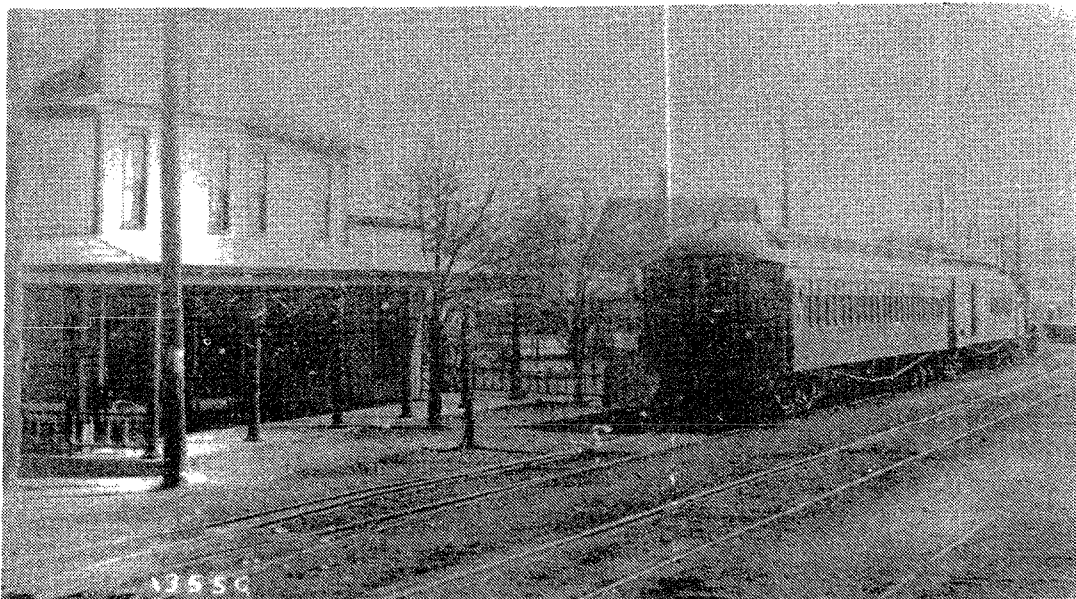
"I always felt kind of bad about not having anyone with us when we got married," said Santa. "Thanks to those folks at Old Village, mother will finally have the wedding she deserves."

"A wedding with our family all around us," added Mrs. Claus.

"Ho, ho, ho..."

**Don't miss Santa and Mrs. Claus renew their vows Saturday at 1:30 p.m. at the Old Village Gazebo on the corner of Farmer and Starkweather**

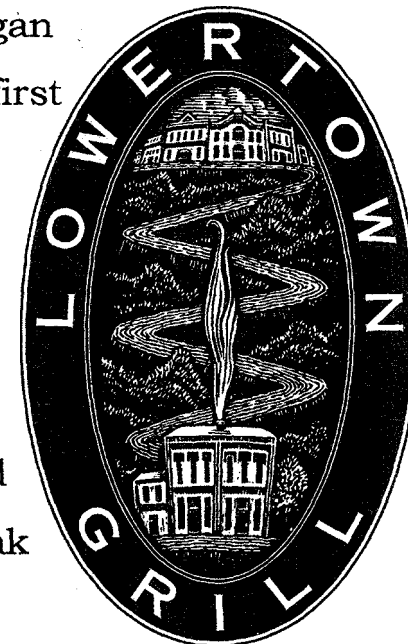
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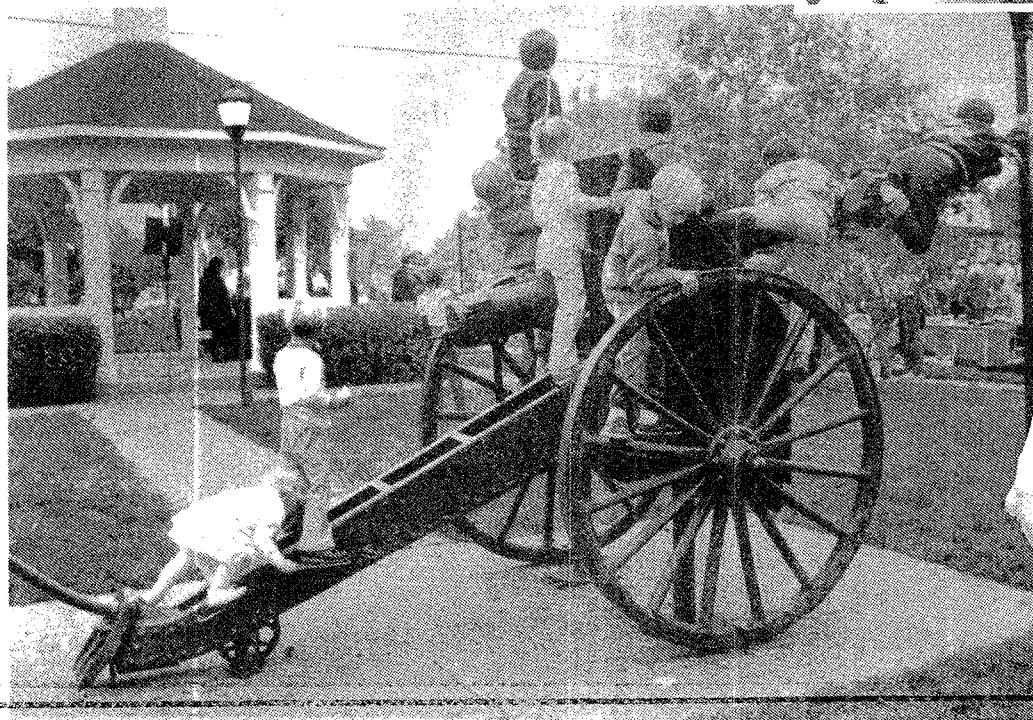
# Remembering Old Village

## Plymouth's Old Village takes pieces from past to mold bright future



*Through all the changes, Old Village seems to remain the same*

(above) Workers build the gazebo that has become one of the symbols of Old Village. (right) Nicky Coppola and Scott Brown raid the apple box during Old Village's Apple Fest. (below) Old Village has always attracted children of all ages. (Crier file photos)

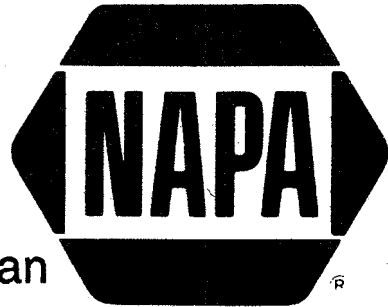


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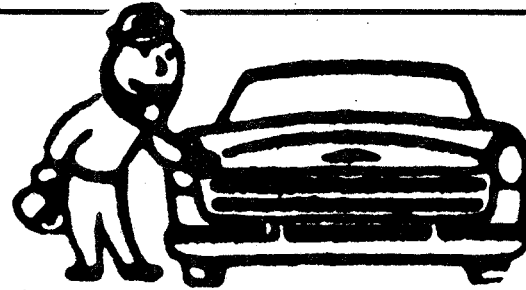
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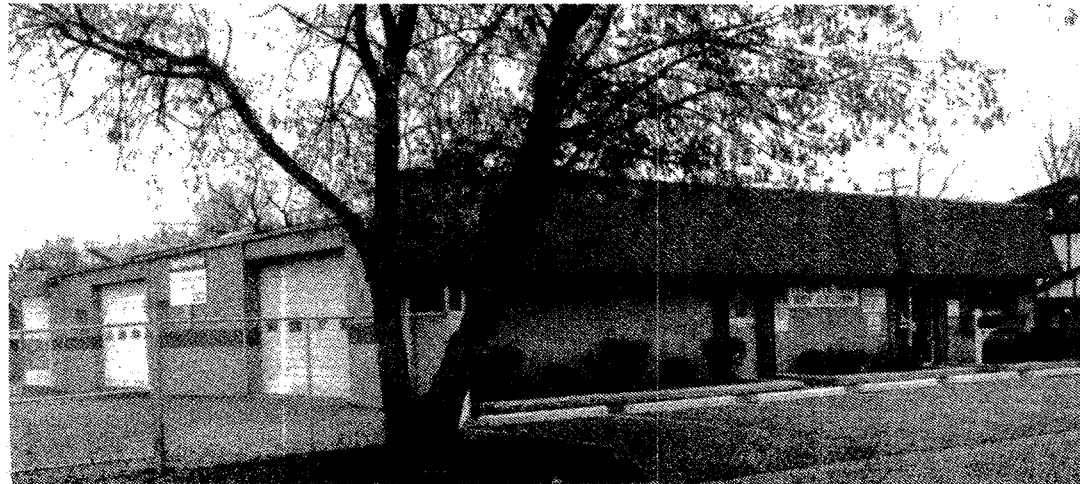
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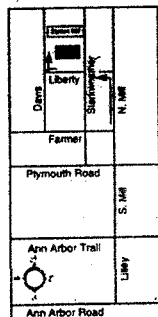
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# Economic outlook bright for Old Village

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"The people on this board have a spirit that was lacking in other boards," said Guile. "This spirit will add credibility to the OVDA."

Guile said Old Village is headed in the right direction, but it may be another year before the neighborhood reaches its peak.

"This year, programs are being put in place in Old Village," he said. "Next year, we can look at what worked and what didn't, and build on the programs."

Kariniemi said she hopes those programs will include longtime Plymouth events such as the Plymouth Ice Sculpture Spectacular and Fall Festival, which have traditionally been contained to the downtown area. Although Kariniemi said Old Village would be interested in participating in the "traditional" downtown Plymouth events, the OVDA does not want the neighborhood to lose its identity.

"The OVDA wants to see Old Village become its own, unique area, separate from downtown Plymouth — kind of a Greenwich Village-type community," she said. "Our goal is not necessarily to compete with downtown Plymouth, but to compliment it."

As downtown Plymouth continues to prosper, businesses in Old Village hope to succeed by offering unique products and services.

Stan Baldwin, manager of Big J's TV on Starkweather, said business has been good the past few years. "The people I've talked to around here seem to be doing pretty good," he said.

Guile and Kariniemi said Old Village is on the right track. "There are several new businesses opening in Old Village," Kariniemi said. "Business in Old Village looks better than it has in a while."

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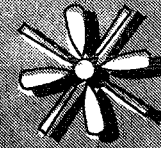
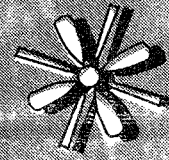
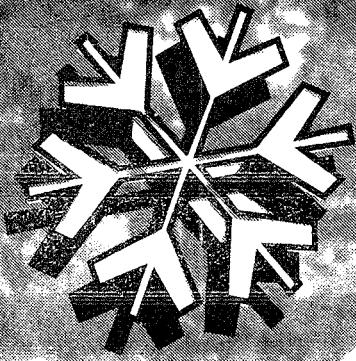
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# Dear Santa

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Pony. I've been very good.  
Shannon Powers

I'd like a football Helmet, and a pair of head phones, and a Tele phones, and a Xmen set good guys, and I'd like a bike I been good.  
Johnny Powers

I want Batman, Robin, Spiderman and Power Ranger Dolls Lots of them. I am a good boy.  
Jeremiah Powers

For Christmas, I would like to get "Moon Shoes," a game, and some toys, for me. I hope to win your contest, if I do, I shall spend the money wisely!!  
Erin VanDusen

I would like a pirateship and a fake rifle Thank you.  
Erik Wright

May this Christmas bring peace and love to all in the world? May it bring

food to the hungry and the healthiness to the sick? Thank you.  
Megan Newhouse

I Want a American gril Molly doll. please. I want Bailey Scholl Kids books I love to read them. I want some Art crafts I'm a really good drawer.  
Alyson Kropp

Please bring a Three-in-One Arcade Table and a computer game. My sister would really like some new clothes. In the spirit of the season please bring peace on earth.  
Kyle Zinc

I like you Santa! I want super nintendo, Quiz Wiz, Super Mario land 2(Gameboy), Webster calculator power rangers game for Gameboy.  
Jason Coletta

On Christmas this year I want to have peace in Bosnia so my brother does not have to go and risk his life.

Thank you.  
Katie Welch

This year on Christmas I hope that the poor people will have clothes, a shelter an a feast so noones's hungry or cold.  
Caroline Bodnar

I would like to have Rebekah, my best friend, come to Michigan for a week.  
Erin Anderson

I hope you like this picture of you and your reindeer. Merry Christmas.  
Kyla Suchy

Thank-you for giving me all the presents evry year.  
Kristin Reeves

I love Christmas. Christmas is my favorite holiday and my favorite season I wish Christmas was a week long.  
Julia Aldini

I love you! I hope you have a happy Christmas, and please be careful on the roads by downtown Plymouth because theres a lot of building stuff.  
Shannyn Hyland  
P.S. I like Barbies!

I hope that everybody in Plymouth has a happy christmas. I hope that it snows for christmas. I would like an American girl doll named Felicity.  
Kelsey Hyland

Thank you for my presents. I love you.  
Matthew Korovesis

I wis hyou a very merry Christmas. Say hello to Mrs. Claus for me too. How are you? Isn't the North Pole cold? I don't know how anyone could live up there. Love you. Bye.  
Janine Korovesis

If I win the prize I would buy toys and give some to children who don't

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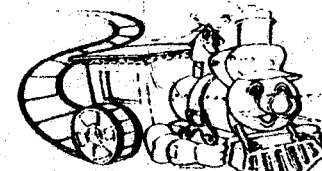
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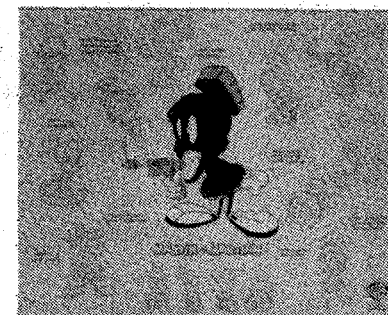
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# Dear Santa

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Erica Laurette

I want some batman guys, the batman motorcycle, some Gargoyles, the goofey movie, train set and a baseball glove.  
Steven Wells

I want a foot ball, a 6 in one pool table, a Dallas starter jacket, a Taz and Bugs Bunny necklace, and a road master moutain Bike.  
David Wells

Merry Christmas! I can't wait to see you. There will be a carrot on the table for Rudolph and cookies for you. Next year I'll have a baby brother!  
Matthew Szmytke

My Special wish is That ever kid has a present ubder Their tree  
Dayna Dunne

I have only one wish and that wish is

that the kids that aren't as lucky as me will have a great Christmas!  
Melanie Dunne

I want a horse, race track, and our own house for Christmas this year.  
Stephanie Kivell

I colored this picture for you. I think it looks nice. All I want for c Xmas is a cat a real one and Po go stick Plus some books You know what else  
Kate Calille

Fro Christmas I would like an American doll. The doodle bear, Sog logs littlest pet shop and dream phone if you can!  
Mary Magnusson

I want Ninjord, Megazord and a X-Men game. You are my best friend.  
Jacob Magnusson

Dear Santa if this is my only thing then that is fine with me, it is game gear. And if it's not to hard a stick

pen, battle vision and a ventriliquist doll. I love you Santa.  
Johnny Magnusson

I want my mom and dad to get a new car.  
Mary Baniowski

I wish for wold pace.  
Christina Rover

I wis for a power Weel for crims.  
Evan Anderson

I really want a puppy for chistmas my other dog died but now I have know one to play with please send me one.  
Meghan Williams

I want game boy and some games to go with it. Thanks.  
Matthew Barrera

I want a real baby puppy dog. dog food to go with it, and a Pocahontas game boy. and a real bunny. and all the bunny stuff to go with it.  
Sara Fifield

I would like a Game Gear and four games and a Game Boy and two games.  
Brian Leighton

I would like a pair of bunny slippers, two owl books, an American Girl doll, and a Pocahontas Game for Christmas.  
Marisa Mooridian

I wis hall people would have a Home.  
Jill Aman

I would rely like a baby turtle for Christmas, thanks.  
Heather Hicks

I want rolblads, candy puppy, dog, games, Seag.  
Meagen Waterson

Please can you give me Super NES games and a Super NES. I want a hand-held Jurassic Park game too. I

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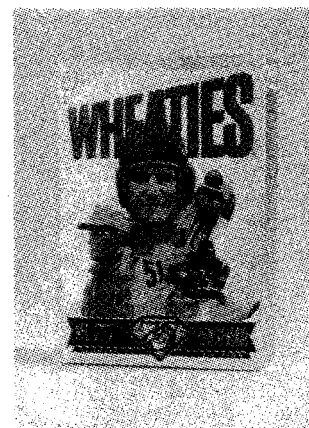
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# Dear Santa

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want a gameboy with 9 games and 1000 books.

Tommy Stukel

I would like 10 games, one snake, two Nerf guns, and I hope i have a good Christmas. Also, I want a Sega Genesis.

Andrew Piggot

I would like Sega with a pocahontas game. I would like a mighty max toy. I would like a red dragon power ranger Zord. I would like gamegear with Sonic 2 gamegear game.

Daniel Corliss

I would like a dog. my cat has flees. I want a plain water fish.

Wendy Hallenbeck

I want you to lose weight.

Anna Quinn

I would like Super Nintendo and Donkey Kong game. I would like 3 &

1 tournament table.

Patrick Hicks

I would like some Sega games, more books, tips for Sega and a surpise.

Johnny Stuke

I want to win this contest.

Amber Ross

This year I whould like a Sega game called NHL 96 and some game tips and code books, Please!

Scott Stokel

Dere Santa, Pleas let me win this contest.

Jennifer Overbeck

I would like a Big Wheel, V-tech games for my computer and \$ 1000.00, and a squirt gun.

Jeremy Cassell

I love u- Santa-

Brooke Graham

Tank-you for my toys. I love you.

Thank-you for my happy Christmas. please come down the chimney. I want Barbie and a baby and a little puppet.

Margaret Murphy

I want a little cucheenu doll. I will leev you some cookies and milk.

Annie Murphy

Dear Santa

I want a doll house and a boom box how is roudlof and the elves and how is Mrs. Clause?

Sarah Alexander

I would like a boom box and some books. I would also like a dog.

Elizabeth Alexander

I want a kitcjen and play food. A toy for Kashka.

Johanna Alexander

I wish I could have a puppy and for the world I wish peace.

Beth Atwell

I hope everyone has a happy Christmas, Everyone will be here, Everyone will get presents, Christmas love will last all through the year, and Everyone has a Christmas tree.

Tejaswi Paruchuri

That my cousins and famil y will be there on Christmas and nobody will be sick so we can spend time together.

Nicole Takach

I wish you don't get stuck in the snow and be carefull sliding down the chimneys, so you can make it in good health to my house on time.

Lydia Zimmer

How are you doing? I want Mortal Kombat 3. I want it because I have the outhter two games. And I know the codes.

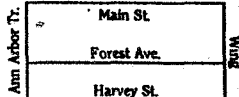
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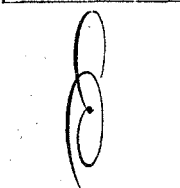
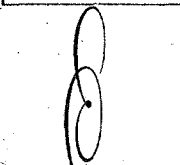
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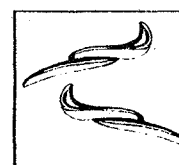


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# Dear Santa

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I want the people that are poor to have shelter, food, clothes and medicine. I want that because, I feel very sorry for them. I appreciate your very kind help.  
Breton Lewis

This Christmas I am hoping that nobody in my family gets hurt in an accident or gets very ill.  
Kristen Lillie

For Christmas I want a pair of rollerblades. I want the rollerblades color, purple and black. I want it to look good.  
Sanae Ogino

I wish that there will be peace on earth, have a mini backpack. Help the poor and handicapped people to have a great year.  
Paula Chamberlain

I wish each family would rake a few

minutes to reflect on what they have and try to think of things they can do to help others.  
Danielle Powers

This Christmas I hope everyone in the world has peace. I hope everyone gets their wish this year and has a merry Christmas. Have a nice trip Santa.  
Brian Barnes

I hope everyone is well and likes Dinner and their gifts, and I wish the world peace.  
Erica Smith

Please don't let me, friends, family, get hurt or sick. and let us have a merry Christmas.  
Namrata Kolachalam

I want the poor to have a great Christmas.  
Danielle Potter

Can't think of anybody better than you, wish I could give presents to you. You bring much joy to girls and boys. It's the love you bring not only toys.  
Sarah Shumaker

I would like to have that one Barbie that when you move her waste her arms move Oh! one more thing try not to wake me up love ya.  
Phylicia Newsom

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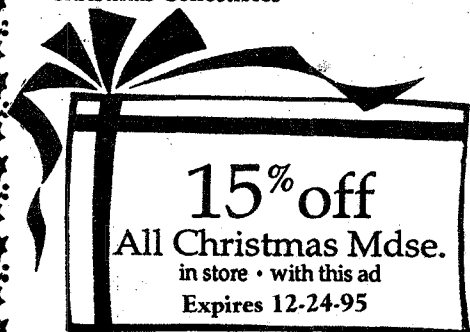
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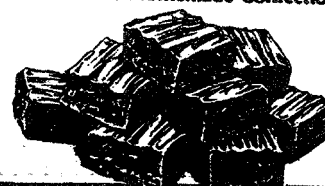
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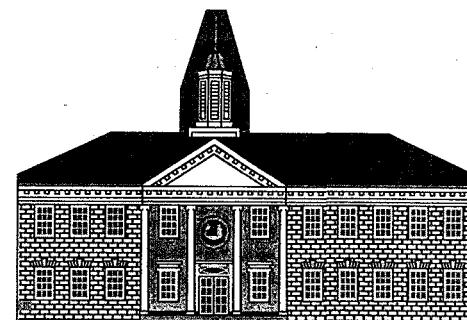
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YOU HAD A BIRTHDAY! I can't begin to tell you how glad I am. I went back. Your mother.

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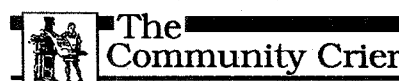
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Geneva and Alan, Thanks for making our office look so festive!

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Teri--Congrats on your new car...VROOOOOM It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

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VIDEO CLUB--Started your shopping?

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## Sports shorts

**Matt Watroba** — Canton High School teacher and host of the "Folks Like Us" program on WDET public radio for the past nine years — will perform a solo folk music concert at The Ark in Ann Arbor Saturday at 8 p.m. Tickets are available at the door.

The Salem and Canton wrestlers and Salem swimmers are having their 17th annual orange, grapefruit and tangelo sale. The fruit is from Florida (Indian River) and there are navel oranges, pink grapefruit and tangelos.

20-pound boxes are available for \$14 and 40-pound boxes are \$23.

Mixed boxes are also available with 20-pound boxes going for \$15 and 40-pound boxes going for \$24.

The fruit will be delivered the week of Dec. 17. Call Ron Krueger at 416-2876 or Dan Chrenko at 455-6991 to place an order by phone.

The Oasis Golf Dome is rocking to the latest alternative and top 40 hits on Friday and Saturday nights. Juniors receive special discounts between 7-9 p.m.

The Junior Golf League sign-up started on Nov. 1. The leagues begin the week of June 19. Because of overwhelming response it's suggested that children are signed up early this year. Tee-times are available Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings between 8-11 a.m.

The Ladies Golf League sign-up began Oct. 1. The ladies leagues will begin the week of April 29 and run for 15 weeks. Spaces are filling up quickly. Tee-times are available Monday through Thursday evening, 4-6:30 p.m. and Wednesday, 8-11 a.m.

Call 420-4653 to reserve a tee-time for any of the leagues.

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department is sponsoring a trip to The Gem Theater in Detroit for a performance of *Shear Madness*. Those who register will see the long-running, non-musical play on Dec. 20 at a cost of \$23.50 for very limited main floor seating. The trip will leave the Cultural Center at 6:15 p.m. for the 7:30 p.m. performance. For more information, call the City of Plymouth Recreation Department at 455-6623.

# A higher level

## Canton hoops hopes for repeat of record-breaking season

BY MATT HUCAL

Canton basketball is ready to kick-off their 1995-96 campaign.

Coming off a season in which they posted the most wins in Canton basketball history (19) with a new coach — Dan Young — the team has some high expectations for the upcoming season.

Young's squad has seven players returning after losing three starters to graduation. Add four players from last year's junior varsity team and Canton is surely looking to exceed their first round regional loss last year to powerhouse Detroit Pershing, 68-38.

"We have only two starters coming back, but the other guys played a great deal," Young said. "We're an experienced team."

Three seniors will be looked upon to provide the leadership needed to keep the team on their toes. 6' 3" Ron Hunter — last year's leading scorer with 16 points a game — will have the ball in his hands quite often this year. 6' 2" Mark Bray will be an added threat along with the size of 6' 5" Brandon Hartke.

The other returning starter — along with Hunter — is 6' 4" junior Rob Johnson. Johnson, Hartke and 6' 5" junior Matt Ammons should carry most of the

load under the basket for the Chiefs.

The rest of the team is composed of juniors who, Young said, "Will contribute one way or another."

They are 6' 1" Nick Hurley, 5' 10" Eric Sarrault, 6' 2" Donte Scott, 6' 2" Bronson Bell, 6' 3" Mike Elsner and 6' 7" Jason Meagrow.

The team has spent most of the off-season conditioning with plowmetric springing and slideboarding. Freshman coach Jeremy Rheault put the team through the training to take the team's quickness to a new level.

Young added that the strength of his team will be in three areas.

"We'll be a good defensive team, more experienced and overall improved and stronger," Young said.

"I learned last year that these are a great group of guys and that they work real hard. Every guy has got to play to their strengths and work on their weaknesses."

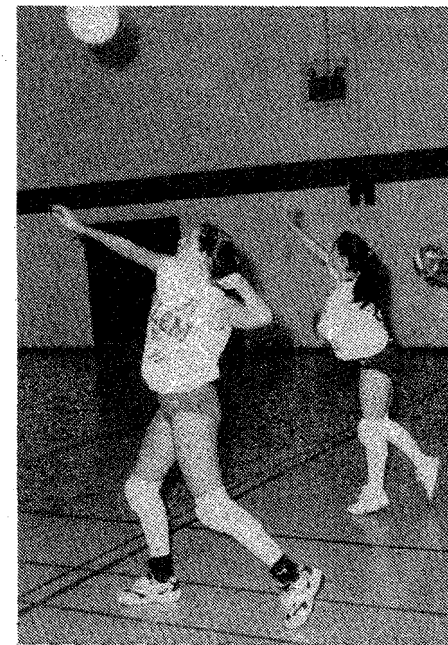
As for the goals for the season, Young said he will let his players decide their fate.

"The guys are the ones who make up the goals," Young said. "We'll play as good as we can every game."

The Chiefs played their first game yesterday at Wayne Memorial and play their first home game on Friday against Monroe.

# Sports

## Bump, set, spike!



The Salem volleyball team is preparing for the Madonna Invitational Sunday. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

# Canton gymnastics coach Cunningham, family rebuild after fire destroys home

It's impossible to prepare for tragedy. It happened at 2:30 a.m., the day after Easter and the family could not have foreseen the tragedy slowly building up around them — they could in no way be ready for what was in store.

The Cunningham family, with a house on the corner of Beck and Joy roads, were at home on April 17 when a fire erupted in the attic above their garage. John Cunningham's middle son, 18-year-old Adam, was in his room with three other friends watching a movie when they began to smell smoke. Adam's room is next to the attic, so he was able to discover the fire and warn everyone in the house before any smoke alarms went off.

John — a teacher at the P-C High Schools for 27 years and the girls gymnastics coach at Canton for 16 years — went to combat the fire with an extinguisher, but came a bit too late. Smoke had filled the house and the piercing sound of the alarms emphasized the need to leave.

The family could only find one of their four cats before exiting the house.

## Sure Shot

By Matt Hucal



Luckily, 20 minutes later, the volunteer fire department arrived and a firefighter was able to save the three remaining cats.

Then it sunk in. The fire had burned along the roof line and burned the roof off the house.

"The problem with an attic fire is that you can only get to it once it comes out of the roof. They had to strip everything down bare," John said. "We lost almost everything in the house."

Luckily, my family has never experienced something like this and I can only imagine what the feeling is after losing everything in a fire. What the family did recover was either too contaminated with smoke or would cost more to fix than buy new.

It seemed as though the only positive

moment for the family came when it was discovered that John's 1995 Corvette sitting in the garage during the whole ordeal only sustained about \$6,000 damage.

"With all the water and heat I was expecting the Corvette to be covered with a molten blob, but it wasn't all that bad," John said.

But that was the car. On the other hand, their house was destroyed. Now came the process of finding a place to live and sorting everything out.

The first month after the fire the family had two rooms at the Holidome at I-275 and Six Mile Road. Along with Adam was fellow Western Michigan University student and 21-year-old brother, Eric and 12-year-old brother, Ryan.

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Although the Rocks are a young and inexperienced team, they still hope to compete. Through coaching and leadership from the experienced players, Salem will attempt to make a run at the conference title. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

# Young guns

*Salem basketball expects immediate help from young players*

BY MATT HUCAL

Last year ended abruptly for the Salem boys basketball team.

The Rocks had a respectable record of 16-5 and most of their losses were close and down to the wire. They eventually lost to Novi in a district semi-final heart-breaker, 46-45, a game in which they committed 27 turnovers and lost in the final seconds because of a turnover.

That was last year. This year, the Rocks are starting fresh with a practically brand new squad that has only five players returning from last year. Of those five, only two received any valuable playing time.

Coach Bob Brodie also has the task of trying to get his players to gel since the

## Coach overcomes house fire

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"That kind of experience can cure you of motels for life. There was absolutely no privacy," John said. "With no kitchen or refrigerator, it was like going to the store, reaching for the milk, and realizing, 'Hey, I don't even need any'."

Joking aside, the fire was only the beginning of the hardship for the Cunninghams.

"Then came the real beginning of everything when we had to start dealing with insurance companies, deciding where we'd live and what we'd wear," John said.

Presently, they are living in a townhouse while their house is being repaired. Because the entire superstructure of the

12 team members were spread out on six different teams last year. Some are returning from varsity, some were on the junior varsity team, on the freshman team and one senior wasn't even involved in the Salem program last year. The two freshmen on the squad played on two different middle schools teams last season. Brodie has his work cut out trying to mold them into a squad.

"We're going to be a very inexperienced team. It will take time to gain the chemistry," Brodie said. "The entire team success will depend on how they come together."

Out of the five returners from last year's team, 6' 1" junior guard Nate Gray and 6' 3" junior forward Andres Lopez

roof was destroyed, construction workers have had to rebuild from the ground up.

Along with the reconstruction of the house the family is also trying to repair the mental scars caused by the fire. But John is dealing with it one day at a time. In the mean time, John began another year coaching the gymnastics team — something that helps keep the tragedy out of his mind.

The family was supposed to move back into the house in time for Christmas, but because of delays, they're now being told that it won't be ready until six weeks after the holidays.

But the Cunninghams realized they have the best Christmas present of all: Their health and strong family ties.

are the only two who received substantial playing time. They will have to carry over their experience and share what they learned with their teammates.

The other three returners are seniors. They are 6' 3" forward Kirk Kraggs, 6' 3" forward Ryan Hoffman and 6' guard Ryan Andrzejewski.

The other senior is first year Salem player Jared Biniacki. Coming off the junior varsity team is junior Phil Parker. The three sophomores include 6' 1" Bhavin Patel, 6' 3" forward Randy Lowman and 5' 5" guard Andy Power.

Some new high school players coming straight from the middle school leagues are two freshmen with some expectations already.

Brodie has high hopes for both of the tall youngsters. 6' 5" forward Mike Korduba and 6' 6" center Tony Jancevski will be looked upon to contribute immediately. Brodie believes Korduba may even start.

"In my 12 years as coach, there hasn't been a freshman on varsity," Brodie said. "(These freshmen) They'll get plenty of playing time."

Brodie says his team has a lot of competitiveness and a willingness to learn what the coaches are teaching.

"Right now, we're looking for some leadership. We'll see who wants to step up," Brodie said. "Our goal is to continue to improve."

Salem's first game was yesterday at Monroe. They face Southfield away on Friday.

## On deck

### CANTON BOYS BASKETBALL

At home versus Monroe on Friday at 6 p.m.

At home versus Adrian on Tuesday at 6 p.m.

### CANTON BOYS SWIMMING

At Salem for Conference Relays on Saturday, Dec. 16 at 1 p.m.

### CANTON WRESTLING

At Salem in tournament with Salem, Monroe and Farmington tomorrow at 5 p.m.

At the J.V. Invitational on Saturday.

### CANTON WRESTLING

At Freeland on Saturday, Dec. 16 at 11 a.m.

### CANTON VOLLEYBALL

At home versus Ann Arbor Huron a week from today at 6 p.m.

### SALEM BOYS BASKETBALL

At Southfield on Friday at 6 p.m.

At Ypsilanti on Tuesday at 6 p.m.

### SALEM BOYS SWIMMING

At home for Conference Relays on Saturday, Dec. 16 at 1 p.m.

### SALEM WRESTLING

At home in tournament with Canton, Monroe and Farmington tomorrow at 5 p.m.

At Holt Invitational on Saturday at 9 a.m.

At Belleville J.V. Invitational on Saturday.

### SALEM GYMNASTICS

At home versus Ann Arbor Huron on Monday at 7 p.m.

### SALEM VOLLEYBALL

At Madonna Invitational on Saturday.



# Community opinions

## Setting priorities

*P-C School Board should spend more time on some subjects, less on others*

School is in session.

Or is it?

If a field trip that includes students and teachers was actually a school field trip, was the question posed by Plymouth-Canton School Board Vice President Mark Horvath and Trustee Jack Farrow.

The two board members, especially Horvath, have questioned the school district's field trip policy after a proposed West Middle School visit to Toronto, scheduled for Feb. 28-March 1 during the school district's winter break, came to the school board for approval.

Horvath abstained from voting on that field trip saying it had nothing to do with the school board since it was not on school time. He also said that Superintendent Charles Little and school administrators know what good field trips are, and should approve or deny field trip requests, keeping them off the agenda.

But isn't it the function of the school board to monitor what its students are learning and how? How many trips are being taken? Where they are going? What the students who can't afford to go will be studying?

It does not take long to glance at a field trip's itinerary to decide if its acceptable, which is nothing compared to the length of discussion some other topics receive.

For instance, Trustee Barbara Graham saw that the students were scheduled to go to the Hard Rock Cafe during the field trip to Toronto. She questioned its viability to education and stated her disapproval. I agree with her. I love making pilgrimages to the Hard Rock. But what kind of educational value does it have? Maybe, a little music

### Truth is tough

By Brian Corbett



history. But there is certainly not any "Canadian culture" in that place.

So if the School Board can't spend a minute or two to approve field trips, why did it spend what seemed like an eternity on the name of a class?

At the Nov. 27 school board meeting, a report on class curriculum was presented. Included in it was a list of name changes. One of them was Close Up, which is replacing Civics as a required class for sophomores. School board President David Artley, who said he was told by many students and parents that they were confused whether the optional Close Up trip to Washington D.C. was optional or not, said he wanted to use two different titles for the same class. Civics for those students choosing not to go and Close Up for those making the trip. He said this would make a clear distinction, allowing parents and students to decide the appropriate course in the privacy of their home.

In the school board packet under the class title of Close Up it says — in bold — "The trip to Washington D.C. is not required but an option for students."

I can't think of a more clear way to say it.

## S.A.D. situation in Canton

*Special Assessment Districts give local politicians gray hair, major headaches*

Special Assessment Districts are great examples of representative government in action. They are also great examples of small community, political nightmares.

Just ask the Canton Board of Trustees. They held a hearing last Tuesday to decide whether the Pilgrim Hills subdivision should have city water. The residents of the subdivision packed the meeting room at Canton Township Hall. The people we're split almost evenly over the issue.

SADs — which, by the way, is an accurate acronym — basically ask a pre-defined group of residents to tax themselves in exchange for a service to that specific area. A petition is brought to the board or commission by the residents, where they decide whether the project is good for parties involved and the community. If the project is approved, the residents split the cost of the project. The local government then acts as a "general contractor," seeking bids, making sure the project is done and billing the residents on their taxes. The project could involve street paving, installing lighting or, as in the case of Pilgrim Hills, running water mains into the subdivision.

Sounds simple enough. Sometimes the SADs are clear-cut, where all the parties involved want (or don't want) to pay for the improvement. Most of the time, it's not that simple.

### No curves

By Rob Kirkbride



Unfortunately for the politicians, they often find themselves in the middle of these SADs. For them, it's a lose-lose situation — and it's one of the toughest decisions a community politician must make.

Take, for example, the situation at Pilgrim Hills. About half the residents of the subdivision are having a tough time with their water wells. The other half are not. When one of the residents of the sub circulated the petition to install water mains, 52.6 percent of the residents affected voted in favor of the project, while 47.4 percent were against with a total of 76 lots affected by the SAD.

To install the water main and hook each home to the line would cost \$15,000 per lot. That cost would be split over a 10-year period on the residents taxes for a \$1,500 per year increase.

Is it worth it?

The board decided it was not. They voted 4-3 to turn down the SAD, even though the residents in favor comprised more than a majority.

It was a close vote. Canton Supervisor Tom Yack jokingly uses the example of neighbors sending pies across the streets to try and influence the vote. "It's not easy to decide," said Yack. "(SADs) pit neighbor against neighbor. It is not a decision we relish having to make at all.

"Any way you cut it, it's a tax. My rule of thumb is that SADs should have more than a simple majority. There should be a 'super majority' of 60 percent or more. I look for a preponderance of support."

Trustee Phil LaJoy said he voted against the SAD because of the money involved. "(The 52.6 percent) is a very narrow margin to spend that kind of money."

Trustee Elaine Kirchgatter voted for the project. "We should let people know up front we want 60 percent if that's the case," she said, "but if I go to the polls for a school millage and the vote is 50.1 percent, I pay the taxes."

Kirchgatter's comment brings up an interesting point about SADs. The local

government has complete discretionary control over the fate of SADs. Even if a project receives 99 percent support, the local governmental unit can still deny the project.

Maybe that's what makes SADs such a touch issue for local politicians.

Think about it. There were 76 lots involved in the Pilgrim Hills SAD. For the sake of argument, let's say there are two registered voters on each of those 76 lots. Since 40 lots were for the project, that means 80 voters didn't get their way.

SADs are one of the few areas in which residents are directly involved in their local government. If they have a bad experience at their SAD hearing (i.e., don't get their way), it's the type of thing they will remember at the polls.

It's a nightmare for a local politician. The seven Canton Trustees may have lost 80 votes in one evening — just for voting their conscience.

It's somewhat unfortunate. The Canton Board of Trustees did a great job last Tuesday making sure both sides got their say. The vote was close, but they did what they felt was right for the community. They did their job — and for that, they may be punished at the polls.

Like it or not, SADs are here to stay and as long as they are, they will continue to be one of the toughest decisions a local lawmaker can make.



# Community opinions

## Old Village deserves chamber support

Many people and businesses are helping to organize Old Village's Christmas celebration scheduled for this weekend.

One group that is noticeably absent from the festivities is the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce.

In fact, many Old Village merchants feel the chamber is not doing enough to help increase business traffic in their neighborhood.

It's time for the chamber to do their

part to help Old Village businesses.

There is not a single community event held in Old Village. Fall Fest, the Plymouth International Ice Spectacular, the Music Festival and Art in the Park are all held in downtown Plymouth. The least organizers of these events could do is schedule some part of the festivals in Old Village. Why not hold part of the ice carving in Old Village? Why not place some Art in the Park and Fall Festival booths in Old Village? Unfortunately,

festivals and fairs seem to stretch only as far as Plymouth City Hall.

Although the chamber of commerce does not organize the events listed above, they do help promote them. They should exert pressure on the organizers of the events to include Old Village.

Even when the chamber does organize the events, they leave out Old Village. Old Village businesses are not participants in events such as Midnight Madness and Sidewalk Sales. The chamber sponsored a Plymouth employee discount day last Sunday. Old Village businesses are invited to sign on to the chamber program, but of the 50 shops people who work in Plymouth could receive a discount from Sunday, only one business is located in Old Village. The list of businesses where chamber of commerce gift certificates can be redeemed includes no Old Village shops.

If the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce continues to leave Old Village out in the cold, Old Village should put the money they pay in dues to better use by forming their own chamber of commerce — one that is responsive to their business needs.

Old Village is growing and prospering — no thanks to the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce.

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## Old Village future looks bright

Old Village is on a roll.

The "mini-village" located north of downtown Plymouth has finally come into its own. With the help of Plymouth Downtown Development Director Steve Guile and City Manager Steve Walters, Old Village businesses are reaching their economic potential.

The real praise goes to the Old Village business community for not giving up when the times were tough. Instead of packing it up and leaving for greener pastures, Old Village merchants have turned things around — and it shows.

Old Village no longer plays second fiddle to downtown Plymouth. There are many shops and services found in Old Village that are unique to the community.

Instead of being satisfied with their success, Old Village merchants have continued to improve the area. They have also organized several events to revitalize Old Village.

One such event is "Ye Olde Village Christmas" scheduled for this weekend. The holiday celebration will feature a Victorian Santa Claus, Christmas music and other events for children and adults. "Ye Olde Village Christmas" was organized by Old Village merchants. It is a tribute to their spirit and hard work in revitalizing Old Village.

Congratulations on the success. Let's hope Old Village continues to grow and prosper.

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## Goodfellow drive marks start of holidays

Like every year, the Holiday Spirit is hard to capture until the last minute rush is hard upon us.

It's why I like snow, Thanksgiving — things that move us to the Holidays.

But the best pro-Holiday jolt comes for me while I freeze on a street corner — selling Goodfellow papers. And, like every year, last Saturday was no exception.

It wasn't as cold as it has been some years; it wasn't snowing or sleeting like some years.

In fact, thanks to a woman who went out of her way to dig change out of her glove box — maybe 37 cents — and say, "The Goodfellows helped me when I was a kid," my Holidays are here.

Oh sure. The \$200 check one drive-by friend dropped off, the \$20 donors and the \$5 givers help insure there will be "No kiddie without a Christmas."

And the Kisses for Goodfellows Movement seems to be growing and helps warm a heart on a cold street corner (or is that a cold heart on a street corner?).

It's a great annual Holiday send off to get a Marge Schultz donation and a kiss on my corner.

It's also an annual routine to hear Al Saxton remind me, "It's about time you got a real job in the newspaper business."

And every year the Janet Campbell, Jim Shinn, Tom Wicher, Mark Hyland, Mary Millington, Bob Jones, Craig Brass, Bob Bake, Mike Muma, Curtis Hill, Doug Miller, Dave Pugh regular customers are heartwarming. The coffee supplied by Steve Mansfield helps too.

The new customers are great to see as well. Two new Plymouth City Commissioners Joe Koch and Don Dismuke stopped by to give.

And old friends sometimes bring news as well. Mary Lou Johnson's boys (young men now) are doing well; Dave Cook's business is expanding into the next building.

The Goodfellow friends are fun to work with. Art Winkel and

With malice  
toward none



Hank Berghoff get to be close friends each Holiday season. And the fresh-made pecan rolls and the Fred Libbing "Goodfellow" chili set the tone too.

The postal workers, firemen and Ameritech folks driving by all kick in.

And, OK, OK, so I borrow a page from the Anchor Bar Holy Trinity Ecclesiastical Shakedown Society and the Honest? John's Shakedown Dipp and strong-arm some donations. All for a good cause — and to help everyone get in the Holiday mood.

Like the young lad who asked his dad as they pulled away, "Was that Santa Claus?"

And our family even wishes "Happy Holidays to the Grumpy Old Man who chewed me out for "dangerously" standing the street.

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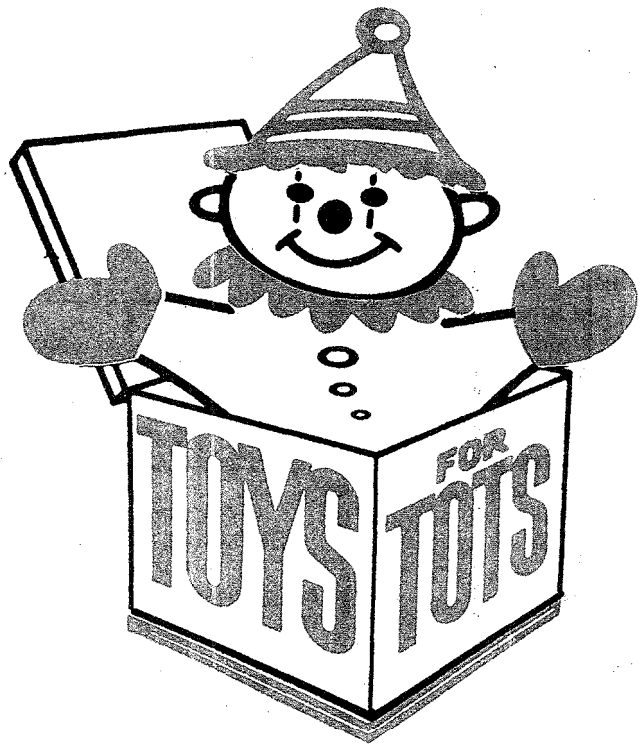
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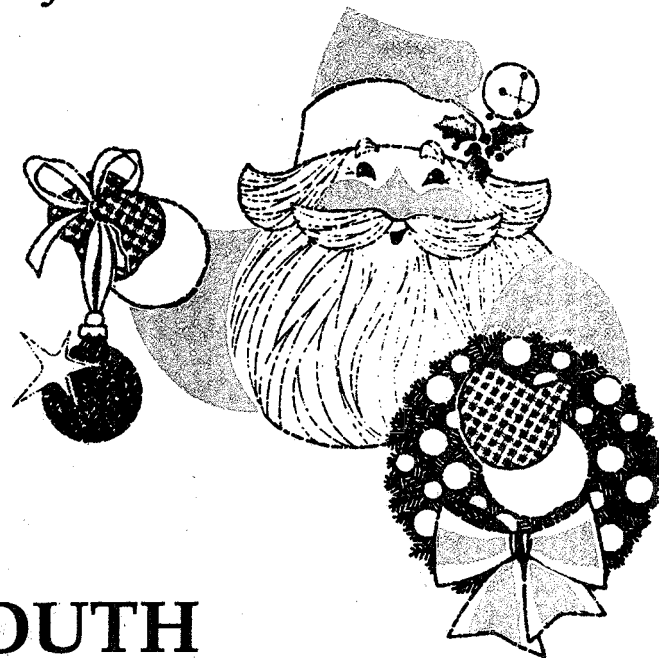
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