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City commission race deadline approaches

Candidate petitions due by May 13; three have filed

BY JILLIAN BOGATER

Three people interested in joining the Plymouth City Commission have filed petitions at the clerk's office as of Tuesday morning.

A total of six people have requested petitions, said City Clerk Linda Langmesser.

So far, incumbents Don Dismuke and Ron Loiselle and city resident Dave McDonald have returned petitions. Three more people — John E. Thomas, former City Finance Director William S. Graham and former State Rep. Jerry Vorva — haven't returned their petitions yet, she said.

The filing deadline for the city commission race is 4 p.m. May 13.

A total of four seats are available: three are four-year seats, one is a two-year seat. The open four-year seats belong to John Vos III, Douglas Miller and Loiselle; the one-year seat belongs to Dismuke.

Vos and Miller will not run in this election because their terms are up, Langmesser said.

Those interested in running for city commission need to pick up a petition at the clerk's office, located at 201 S. Main Street. Candidates need to collect at least 25 signatures, but no more than 50 per city charter, she said.

If the clerk's office receives nine petitions, the city will hold a primary election Aug. 5. The regular election will take place in November.

Canton trustees want more information before theater approval

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

The Canton Township Board gave a tentative go-ahead for a community theater project last Tuesday.

They unanimously agreed they would need much more information to give the project a definite nod, however. And the questions came back to two things: Size and funding.

Planners of the theater wanted to ensure that the size of the theater would work for all groups who wanted to use it, according to Bill Potter, co-chair of the theater design and operations committee.

The Plymouth Symphony, he said, might sell more seats and require more space than the Plymouth Theater Guild, but it was important to ensure that the facility would easily accommodate both groups.

"We need to make sure it is big enough for the large groups who will use it, and at the same time it's important that the smaller groups don't get lost in the extra space," he said.

The theater would be open to every type of fine art: from theater, dance, literature, storytelling and poetry readings, and other events such as film festivals.

Potter also cautioned that a larger, 1,200-seat theater would be necessary in order for the project to be

self-supporting.

But bigger is not necessarily better, according to Karen Groves of the Plymouth Theater Guild. "We don't draw as many people as the symphony," she said. "We just want to make sure the theater will be good for us, too."

Suggestions to make a large facility more intimate for smaller groups include Having a smaller rehearsal hall that could be used for smaller-draw groups and having partitions in a larger auditorium.

"Having partitions is not a good idea," Potter said, "but how that's going to be touched on is still very, very open."

Funding was another important issue. Joan Norricks, executive director of the Canton Community Foundation, suggested making the theater a supporting organization for the foundation.

"The advantages of this are the Foundation's credibility and track record and existing staff," she said. "There are less steps to take."

Starting an on-going fund-raising group "Friends of the Canton Performing Arts Center," modelled after the Friends of the Library group was also discussed.

Also, state grants would be available if the theater

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City of Plymouth firemen held certification exercises in the old O&D Bush Jewlers building Saturday (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.).

WSDP auction/benefit airs Saturday

BY BRYON MARTIN

People in Plymouth, Canton and Northville will have a chance to help the P-C Schools' radio station as they help themselves to bargains in WSDP's annual radio auction, according to Station Manager Bill Keith.

The auction, a fund-raiser to benefit both the station and local charities, will be held from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday. Listeners can call in to bid on items donated by businesses in The P-C-N Community.

WSDP, 88.1 FM, keeps most of the proceeds to supplement its budget, but also donates a portion to Plymouth and Westland Hospices, according to Keith. And the more money the auction brings in, the more that goes out.

"Last year we made about \$5,000, and we gave \$500 to hospice,"

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releases solo album


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Township may ban BBQs

Ordinance would prohibit outdoor cooking on patios at attached housing buildings

BY JILLIAN BOGATER

Out on the back patio the sun shines bright, Tiger baseball blares from the radio — a perfect day for a barbecue.

Or maybe not.

The Plymouth Township Board has proposed an ordinance that includes a stipulation that would ban barbecuing at apartment complexes, duplexes and condominiums.

The portion of the ordinance regarding barbecuing states: "The use of barbecue grills or any device that produces flame or hot embers shall be prohibited on porches, balconies or other outcroppings in vertically adjoining housing units."

Trustee Ron Griffith said he was not convinced the ordinance would be appropriate.

"It raises a question from the public policy point of view," Griffith said.

Griffith suggested encouraging apartment complexes to use covenants, similar to ones used in subdivisions, to regulate barbecue use.

He also pointed out apartment complexes already institute other measures to control certain behaviors, such as preventing pets, children or the use of nails.

During the April 22 township meeting, trustee K.C. Mueller suggested the board postpone voting on the first reading until

township attorney Tim Cronin could investigate the matter further. Her motion failed with trustees Kay Arnold and Griffith, Supervisor Kathleen Keen-McCarthy and Clerk Marilyn Massengill casting "no" votes.

At least one township apartment complex has developed a way to allow barbecuing without building fire hazards.

Plymouth House Apartments, 9126 Lilley, provides a separate area away from the buildings that has a barbecue pit and several picnic tables. Tenants are not allowed to barbecue anywhere else on the property.

"That way nobody gets hurt," said a manager who declined to give her name.

Other trustees expressed concern for excessive smoke bothering neighbors.

"If I lived above someone barbecuing, it could get awful smoky," Griffith said.

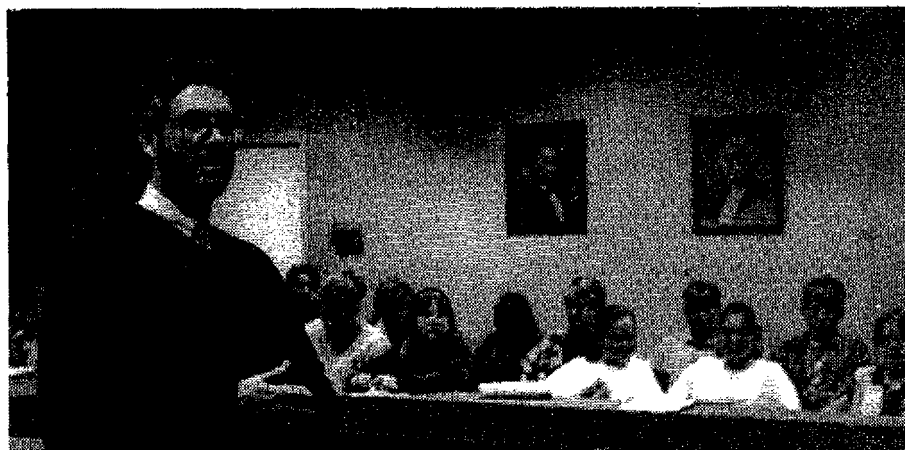
Board members also questioned enforcing an ordinance on private property.

"I hope we don't get into chasing barbecues through apartment complexes," Griffith said.

The board eventually approved the reading, with Mueller and trustee Charles Curmi dissenting.

The ordinance is set for a second reading at the May 13 board meeting.

Learning law from Lowe



Central Middle School sent 330 students to Plymouth's 35th District Court for Law Day last Thursday. They had a mock trial and learned due process from Judges Lowe, Kaufman, MacDonald and Magistrate Colthurst Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.).

Tom's Oyster Bar seeks liquor license for Penniman property

BY JILLIAN BOGATER

Tom Brandel, owner of Tom's Oyster Bar, has applied for a tavern license through the DDA for property he owns on Penniman Avenue.

The Plymouth City Commission will hear the request during a special public hearing set for May 15.

In an April 30 letter addressed to Steve Guile, director of the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, Brandel indicates he's wanted to open a restaurant in Plymouth for years.

He bought a building at 849 Penniman Ave. in 1995, but did not proceed with

construction because he could not get a liquor license, the letter states.

Currently there are 50 tavern licenses available statewide; licenses are available through the Plymouth DDA but all nine permits are issued.

Tavern licenses are for businesses that wish to serve wine and beer.

The public hearing is the first step in the process to qualify for a license. After this, the local legislative body must approve a resolution in support of the application. The documents are then sent to the Liquor Control Commission for consideration.

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Car seizure OK'd by Twp. board

BY JILLIAN BOGATER

The Plymouth Township Board approved an ordinance that allows courts to seize drunk drivers' vehicles and sell them for profit.

The ordinance would amend the existing uniform traffic code to mirror the state's motor vehicle code that started April 1, regarding auto forfeitures.

During last month's township board meeting, Trustee Charles Curmi voted against the ordinance, saying he believed it would compromise the rights of many to convict a few.

"I'm surprised no one is outraged," he said, shortly before the board approved the ordinance 6-1. He said he didn't think the board should pass an ordinance simply because the state did.

"I foresee a huge increase for rogue police officers and aggressive prosecutors to take possessions from citizens," he said. "This will create a huge lawyers' billing."

"I would never approve something like this. It is well intentioned, but poorly implemented."

Under the ordinance, those arrested for drunk driving could have their vehicles seized by the court at the time of conviction.

Once alleged drunk drivers are notified of possible seizure, it becomes a four-year felony to sell the vehicle before conviction.

If the arrested person owned the car or borrowed the car from a person who knew they were drunk, the court will confiscate the vehicle. Those who are leasing a vehicle will have it returned to the lessor, but the drunk driver will have to finish the lease payments.

Confiscated vehicles are then auctioned off, with 75 percent of the proceeds returning to the arresting department. The remaining 25 percent will go to the Crime Victims Rights Act.

Township attorney Tim Cronin said the "very high-profile" ordinance still needs work.

"There are still questions that need to be worked out," he said. Lt. Bob Smith, of the Plymouth Township Police Department, supports the local ordinance.

"I think this is another tool courts can use," he said.

The Plymouth Township Police are currently in the third year of a Safe and Sober grant used for overtime enforcement of drunk driving arrests.

"This is serious," Smith said. "It's not OK to drink and drive."



Humanities seniors celebrated May Day at Salem High last Friday, with games like Blind Man's Bluff (Crier photo by Bryon Martin).

Talk of Canton theater continues; funding questions need answers

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served more than one community, Norricks said.

"The money is there if we promote this as a regional theater that happens to be in Canton, not just a Canton Theater," Norricks said. "I don't think there will be any problems raising money."

The board said they liked what they heard, but wanted more information. "It's a risky issue and there are a lot of strong feelings," said Canton Supervisor Tom Yack. "I don't think all the information's on the table yet. More information needs to be collected before I'm comfortable trying

to come up with funding."

"It is a slow process," agreed Trustee Melissa McLaughlin. "I don't think we should jump into this."

A new regional theater is not necessarily the best thing to come out of the talks, according to Michael Gross, director of the Plymouth Community Chorus.

"We have so many groups coming together for a particular goal," Gross said. "The symphony's talking to the theater, everyone's talking with each other. That's a beautiful thing."

Bidders, hospice and station to benefit in auction

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Keith said. This year, the goal is to raise \$8000, and donate \$1000 to hospice.

"We've got a pretty good chance to push it over the top," Keith said.

Auction items range from high-ticket packages worth upwards of \$600, to more affordable, combination packages starting at \$5.

The auction is broken up into half-hour segments, with items available for bids changing between segments.

Each half hour is hosted by two WSDP staffers and a guest auctioneer, who describes the items on the bid board.

Among the scheduled guests are State Rep. Lynn Rivers, D-Ann Arbor, Plymouth Mayor Ron Loiselle, Dave Wellington, WRIF music director, and others.

"We've got the half-hours outlined, and our staff will have questions for each auctioneer," Keith said. "Those half-hours really take off."

And while Continental Cablevision broadcasts the auction from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., the bids take off too, he said. That's good news for Community Hospice and Homecare, in Plymouth.

"We're blessed to have WSDP on our side again this year," Maureen Karby, director of development at Community Hospice, 127 S. Main, said.

Karby, who will be among the guest auctioneers, said any proceeds the hospice gets from the auction will help fund Camp

Tamarak and Connections, two programs to help children deal with bereavement and the death-related losses.

Most of WSDP's share will go toward basic station concerns, Keith said.

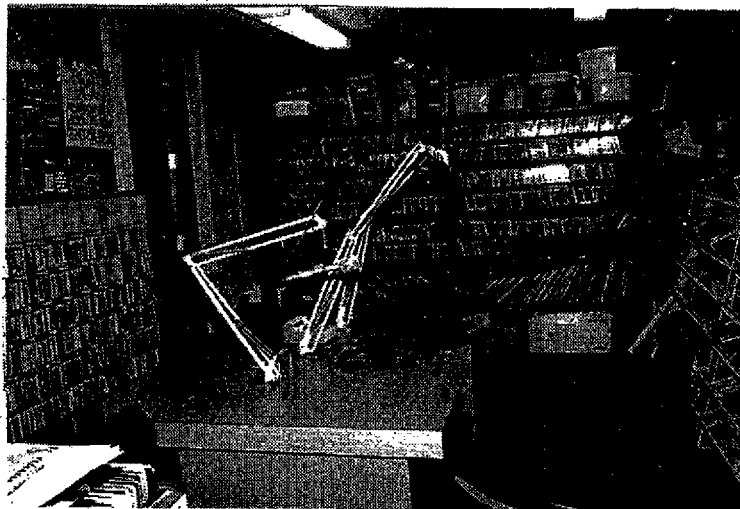
"We're going to put a good chunk of it away toward buying a new transmitter," he said. The 18-year-old transmitter has given WSDP a "good, long life," but is near the end of its expected durability.

Some money will be spent on equipment updates as it has in the past, Keith said.

Last year's auction dollars paid to replace the station's Emergency Broadcast System; a digital audio editing system was bought in '95.

Some of the money will also go toward station renovations.

WSDP has four studios — two for broadcast and two for production — equipment storage, a staff room and an office, all



WSDP will use a portion of auction proceeds for renovations to studios and office space, as in this broadcast studio/storage area (Crier photo by Bryon Martin).

crammed into four rooms at the center of Salem High School.

"The renovations would help us make better use of our space," he said.

Some auction money would also supplement the John Seidelman and Bonnie Dore scholarships WSDP gives to two of its students each year.

According to Keith, everyone can benefit from the auction.

"If listeners are thinking, 'I'm going to get a good bargain,' but they're also interested in helping the radio station, then we usually do pretty good."

Agenda

THIS WEEK

- Erick Carne's exhibit "Shorelines of the Great Lakes," at the Plymouth Community Arts Council building, 774 N. Sheldon, is in its final week, and will run until Thursday.

WEEKEND

- WSDP 88.1 FM, the Plymouth-Canton Schools' student-run radio station, will air its 1997 radio auction Saturday from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. A portion will also be donated to local Hospice. This year's goal is \$8,000. Featured auctioneers include State Rep. Deborah Whyman and U.S. Representative Lynn Rivers.
- Saturday is the National Association of Letter Carriers annual food drive. Non-perishable food left near mailboxes in Plymouth will be collected by carriers and donated to the Plymouth Salvation Army office on S. Main St.

NEXT WEEK

- Council on aging will meet Monday at 1:30 p.m., 201 S. Main, Plymouth. Speaker will address "Stress in the Older Adult."

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Neighbors in the news

The following students have been named to the University of Michigan College of Engineering Dean's list for Fall of 1996: From Canton: **Matthew Abbott, Zachary Deedler, Jeremy Fox, Harry Lee, Todd Lee, Michael Pixley, Gregory Tamas, Nick Yang and Robin Yeasting.** From Northville: **Kevin Becker, Amity Heckemeyer, Sean Kolassa, Michelle Lorenz, Steven Moore, Susan Okasinski, Timothy Polsinelli, and Maxwell Sprauer.** From Plymouth: **Scott Fohet, Kristopher Harris, Christopher Lake, Aaron Leanhardt, Jennifer Munfakh, Christopher Pratt and Neelesh Varde.**

Marie Blaty Barnes, of Plymouth, earned honors during her second term at the Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing. Barnes made the Dean's list, the Honor Roll, and earned a Certificate of Merit in Civil Procedure I.

Barnes is a graduate of Michigan State University. She and her husband, Steve Barnes, have one son, Alexander.

The following Michigan State University students are degree candidates for spring semester 1997: From Canton: **Lisa Anzivino, Andrew Bazakis, Robert Bignall, Lynne Cessante, Mark Cirella, Jeane Delosreyes, Carlos Escurel, Ganya Faust, Kelly Garrett, Tracy Hruska, Rebecca Jansen, Brett Kearney, Kari Kopinski, Marcey Londo, Jonathon Macleod, Nicole Marcis, Shawn Mcnamara, Sejal Nadani, Michelle Oberine, Kathleen Okeefe, Rebecca Pratt, Alyssa Rickard, Mindy Rogers, Jessica Sarozo, Nicole Sequin, Kara Slater, Steven Sobota, Francis Stachowski, Krista Tanner, Craig Taylor, Robert Theisen, and Alyson Wilson.** From Northville: **Jeffrey Bargeon, Sandra Bosscher, Lindsay Braun, Jason Brown, James Conklyn, Margaret Croteau, Matthew Goebel, Leigh Graves, Tara Gursky, Roberts Kukainis, Jennifer Lower, Kevin Mcglinchey, Brian Nawrocki, Shanti Oram, Michael Raffle, Elizabeth Romanik, Darcy Rundell, Lisa Weidenbach, Graig Willey, Brent Williams, Tracy Winter and Katherine Wright.** From Plymouth: **Colleen Baker, Jeffrey Baumgarten, Kimberly Berrie, Jodi Buikema, Matthew Burrows, James Buswinka, Scott Carey, Kristin Derderian, Lisa Eisenhauer, Brian Fioritto, Allison Fyke, Kristin Goff, Jannel Hemme, Kristin Honecker, Stephen Horvath, Leah Hutko, Kurt Krause, Brian Kuhns, Sandra Lipmyer, Kevin Malkiewicz, John Marion, Sandra Moore, Ryan Niemiec, Kathleen Orourke, Julie Ratkewicz, Craig Saline, Julie Sheffer, Michelle Umerlik, Gary Verduyze and Heather Verleye.**

Soul for the Soul

Plymouth singer's music says no one is 'Beyond Redemption.'

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Christian singer Kim Moore usually says her music makes a connection with people who have experienced some pain in their lives.

"I meet a lot of people that need hope," she said. "Every morning something terrible happens, stories that don't necessarily make the news because they're so common. People are sad because of some tragedy in life. They want something positive. They want some hope."

Moore, with her combination Christian/adult contemporary recording 'Beyond Redemption,' tries to give them that hope. It is her first recording, and the road toward it has been long and full of twists and turns.

Born and raised in Texas, Moore has been singing and playing piano since the age of seven.

"I always thought God's overall plan for me would involve music," she said. After she received a B.A. in Sacred Music with a Piano Performance emphasis, she thought of going to Nashville and making a name for herself.

Instead she and her husband, Eric, felt called to Plymouth to start the Canton Community Church, where she is now Creative



Arts Director and he is pastor.

It was at a recent Gospel music week celebration that she again felt the call of God, she said. "We thought God was really moving us. We decided to go ahead with the project."

Once she had her sights on recording, the next phases came easily. She decided to speed up the project by doing a solo album, instead of putting together a band.

"I was ready to make a CD right then," she said "and it probably would have taken me a year or so to get a band together. We have a lot of wonderful musicians at our church, but they can't leave their jobs to go with me on the road."

Combining three original songs with others by various artists, *Beyond Redemption* is available at Agape Booksellers on Ford Road. The release was produced by the now defunct Track Factory in Canton. With a mix of adult contemporary and Christian music, she hopes to hit an expanding niche in non-secular music.

"Christian music today is not as preachy," she said. "It's more directed at saying you've got a friend in Jesus."

There are a lot of misconceptions about Christian music, Moore said. "A lot of people think it's not as good quality, or they're going to get preached at, so they're not going to like it. It upsets me because there's terrific music out there now."

The misconceptions are what stops Christian music from being spread farther, she said. She's hoping to break them with her CD. "If it's called Christian, it doesn't get spread around. People are wary of it, they stay away from it."

With a soft piano and an angelic voice, Moore's music is not about avoiding pain, but dealing with it, she said.

"It's not about taking pain away, because pain helps us grow. I think God brings pain into our lives because he wants to help us stay close to Him.

"It's not like: 'Take two Jesus pills and it'll be fine in the morning. But it shows that if you find yourself in a hopeless situation and can't find a way out, God will make a way out."

Moore's favorite part of being in the music ministry is talking to people after concerts.

"I've had some difficult times and turned around what I didn't think could turn around," she said. "I get people who ask me: 'Can Jesus do that for me?' I'm here to say that yes He can. That's what important to me."

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Getting down to business

Neighbors in business

The Canton Chamber of Commerce has announced the candidates for its Small Business Person of the Year and ATHENA awards.

Since 1983, the chamber has recognized members of the community who make outstanding contributions through the development of their business and community service.

For the Small Business Person of the Year award, nominees are: **Todd Benner**, Netheadz; **Robert Boyer**, Boyer's Meat Processing, Inc.; **Bob Carrigan**, Alphagraphics; **Richard Constantino**, Rose's Grill and Bar; **Stella Delap**, Basket Kreations; **Paul Denski Jr.**, Canton Waste Recycling, Inc.; **Donna Dunphy**, Canton Tuxedo; **Thomas Eiden**, Richardson's Super Drugs; **Robert Emery**, The Cellular Store & More; **Lori Ferkovich**, Silver Sounds Professional DJ; **Greg Gatto**, Roman Forum Restaurant; **Dr. Thomas Gerou**, Gerou Chiropractic; **Mike Gerou**, Attorney at Law; **Kevin Hunt**, Henderson Glass, Inc.; **David Khoury**, Damon's "The Place for Ribs"; **Charles Lahuis**, Old Country Buffet; **Jack Maccauley**, Staple's Business Advantage; **Kevin McCabe**, McCabe Funeral Home; **David McDonald**, Dunkin' Donuts; **Ray Mierzejewski**, Picadilly Petal'er; **Robert Olson II**, Realty World; **Brenda Pollack**, Clark Block and Supply, Inc.; **Thomas Summers**, Uni-Crafts, Inc.; **Jim Taylor**, Las Vegas Discount Golf & Tennis; **Mark Voight**, Super Bowl of Canton; and **John Williams**, Arnoldt Williams Music.

The ATHENA Award goes to a business owner/professional, male or female, who demonstrates support and assistance to professional women.

Nominees for the ATHENA Award are: **Sally Bailey**, St. Joseph Mercy Health Systems; **Shahnaz Baillod**, Approved Mortgages; **Dr. Thomas Cassidy**, The Vision Center; **Phyllis Redfern**, Specialty Communications; **Larry Sweeny**, Practical Defense; **Patrick Williams**, Michigan Induction, Inc.; and **Nicki Wilson**, Decorating Den.

Tea room serves up new owners

BY JILLIAN BOGATER

The Sweet Afton Tea Room owners Nancy Burton and Cynthia Belanger have spent much of their lives together.

The mother-daughter team took over the restaurant at 450 Forest in Plymouth at the end of March.

They both believe it's the family ties that have made the transition into this business venture easier.

"My mom is the whiz in the kitchen and I'm the business person," Belanger said. "Her cooking experience isn't commercial, she's just cooked for family and friends. She cares; she enjoys cooking food."

Selecting a business close to their Plymouth Township homes also made the decision buy the Sweet Afton an easy one, they said.

The duo say they plan to make some changes to the menu; specifically it will include lighter fare like salads.

Reservations are suggested, as the restaurant fills up quickly during lunch time. The hours will remain the same: from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Evenings and Sundays are available for private functions, such as showers and birthday parties.

"Teddy bear teas for small children are also popular," Belanger said.

The restaurant will open on Mother's Day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the menu



The new Sweet Afton Tea Room owners are Cynthia Belanger (left) and Nancy Burton. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

will include several brunch features.

Burton and Belanger stress that their business is a restaurant.

"So many people think this is a coffee house," Belanger said. "But we have a full menu."

Burton trained with previous owners Christine Banion and Norma Reynolds a month before the restaurant changed hands. Burton also has help from her daughter, Lyndi, who worked at the Sweet Afton for three years.

The decor carries a common theme — tea. All types of items relating to teas. The chandeliers are even designed with old tea cups and saucers.

The restaurant also sells tea pots and tea imported from England. Twenty different kinds of tea are available and the restaurant does serve coffee.

"This is a great place to sit and relax on a late afternoon," Burton said. "We take a personal approach to each customer. We try not to say 'we can't.' We try to do what we can."

Venture Outdoors moves to new location

Outdoor kayak pond highlight of new store site

BY JILLIAN BOGATER

Customers interested in purchasing a kayak at Venture Outdoors can now take one for a test drive.

An 80-yard by 40-yard pond behind the store's new location provides the perfect setting to try out a kayak, said owner Dan Argonis.

"Now people don't have to wait for demo days," Argonis said.

Venture Outdoors is one of three stores statewide that provide close demonstration areas.

The clear 4- to 5-foot pond serves as home to several loons and geese. "It's a real nice natural setting," he said. "We want to keep it that way."

The store sells backpack gear, camping and hunting items, kayaks and

clothing. Items available in a new travel store include clothing and special luggage.

For winter, Venture Outdoors will sell snowboards.

The store opened its doors Saturday, the first business to officially open in the new Busch's complex at Five Mile and Sheldon in Plymouth Township.

After spending three years at the location on Penniman Avenue in downtown Plymouth, Argonis decided it was time to make the move. "It's a bigger store, it has easier parking and a better location," he said.

Venture Outdoors Owner Dan Argonis (right) prepares to pack a pile of backpacks. His store will be the first to move into the new Busch's complex at Five Mile and Sheldon roads.

(Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)





What's Happening

To list your group's event in this calendar, send or deliver the notice IN WRITING to: The Crier, 821 Penniman Ave., Plymouth, MI 48170. Information received BY NOON FRIDAY will be used for Wednesday's calendar (space permitting).

Upcoming...



DeHART TO SPEAK

State Rep. Eileen DeHart (D), who represents the 18th House District that includes part of Canton, will speak at 7:30 p.m. May 14 at the new Westland Public Library. She will speak on House Bill 4443, which would aid at-risk elementary schools throughout Michigan, and why she voted against this bill.

BLOOD DRIVE

The Plymouth Post Office will host a Red Cross blood drive open to the public from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on May 21 at 47526 Clipper. Walk-ins are welcome; appointments are available by calling 453-6110.

DOG JOG

The Plymouth Kiwanis Club will host the first-ever Plymouth Dog Jog at 1:30 p.m. May 10. The 2 mile route will begin and end at Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth. Cost, \$20, with all proceeds benefiting the Michigan Humane Society, Huron Valley Humane Society and Plymouth Kiwanis Club.

Health...

MENOPAUSE SUPPORT GROUP

The Marian Women's Center Menopause Support Group will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. May 7 at St. Mary Hospital's west addition conference room A. Guest speaker Linda DeVore, a registered dietician at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia, will discuss Special Nutrition Needs During Menopause. No cost or registration needed. For more information, call 1-800-494-1615.

Schools...

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

The PLUS Preschool Center (Head Start, Title 1 and MDE School Readiness Program) are taking registrations for the 1997-98 school year. These programs are free to parents and children who meet requirements. Registration is at the PLUS Preschool in Central Middle School, 650 Church, Plymouth. Call 416-6190.

CHILD MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

"One, Two, Three Magic," a child management program for parents, will take place from 7 to 9:30 p.m. May 13 in Miller Elementary School's media center. Plymouth-Canton social worker Bill O'Conner will present the program, which will focus on children from 2 to 12 years old. Reservations are requested; contact Ellie Hunt-Goebel at 420-7004.

KIDDIE KAMPUS REUNION

25th anniversary of the P-C Schools' preschool program, June 4 at the Canton High School cafeteria from 7-9 p.m. All former staff and students are invited. To make a reservation, call 416-4927.

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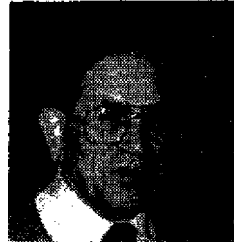
JOSEPH A. CICCORETTI

Joseph A. Ciccoretti, a Dearborn Heights resident, died May 5, 1997 at the age of 78.

Mr. Ciccoretti was born Jan. 11, 1919 in Italy. He was a purchasing analyst for Ford Motor Co., and a member of Knights of Columbus.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Ida; daughter, Marianne (Russ) Akers; step-sons, Louis (Paula), Nick (Janet), and Gerry (Nancy) Vendittelli; brother, Emil Ciccoretti; sister, Ann Campo; and grandchildren, Guy, Amanda, Lauren, Ryan, Analise, Angela, and Samantha.

Visitation is Wednesday 4-9 p.m. and Thursday 12-9 p.m. at the Voran Funeral Home in Dearborn. Funeral Mass Friday, 9:30 a.m. at The Church of the Divine Child.



DORIS I. RITCHIE

Doris I. Ritchie, a Plymouth resident, died April 26, 1997 at the age of 68.

Mrs. Ritchie was born Aug. 25, 1928 in Plymouth. She was a homemaker, and a secretary at East Middle School in the 70s and 80s. She was a life-long Plymouth resident and a graduate of Plymouth High School.

She is survived by her mother, Elsie Cole of Plymouth; and son, Graig (Joyce) Ritchie of Carleton. She is preceded in death by her husband, James A.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with Mr. Hugh H. McMartin officiating. Burial was at Cherry Hill Cemetery in Canton. Memorial tributes can be given to Audobon Society or the Huron Valley Humane Society.

EDNA G. LOMAS

Edna G. Lomas, a Canton resident, died April 28, 1997 at the age of 85.

Mrs. Lomas was born July 17, 1911 in Kempner, Texas. She was a practical nurse.

She is survived by her daughter, Harriet D. (Robert) Faulkner of Canton; grandchildren, Brenda Carone of Westland, Scott Faulkner of Canton; great-grandchildren, Michael Carone and Silvia Carone of Westland; and many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her husband, Hoyt.

Services were held at St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton with Jerry Yarnell officiating. Interment at Forest Hill Cemetery in Birmingham, AL. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial tributes can be given to St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 S. Sheldon Rd., Canton, MI.

WILLIAM R. NAGEL

William R. Nagel, a Canton resident, died April 28, 1997 at the age of 36.

Mr. Nagel was born Nov. 5, 1960 in Milwaukee, WI. He was an Automotive Engineer at General Motors.

He is survived by his wife, Lois M. Nagel of Canton; parents, Burton and Reighe Nagel of Savage, MN; daughters, Nicole M. and Alicia B.; son, Trevor O.; sisters, Donna (Dan) Ossmann of Fridley, MN, Betty (Darret) Turner of Houston, TX; and brother, Kenneth K. (Lisa) Nagel of Savage, MN.

Arrangements were made and services held at Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. Drex. Morton officiating.

JANIECE E. GOETZKE

Janiece E. Goetzke, a Canton resident, died April 24, 1997 at the age of 65.

Mrs. Goetzke was born Jan 18, 1932 in Detroit. She was a secretary for the Detroit Lions. She also worked for the Detroit News retail advertising department.

She is survived by her husband, Gerald C. of Canton; son, Kurt E. of Canton; and brother, John Bugbee.

Arrangements were made by and services held at L.J. Griffin Funeral Home. Memorial tributes can be given to Karmonos Cancer Institute, 24601 Northwestern, Southfield, MI, 48075.

JOHN LEE MacDIARMID

John Lee MacDiarmid, a Canton resident, died May 1, 1997 at the age of 25.

Mr. MacDiarmid was born Dec. 29, 1971 in Ypsilanti. He was an engine repairman.

He is survived by his parents, John (Laura) MacDiarmid of Canton, Catherine (Robert) Collier; fiancée, Mary Ann Roemer of Canton; brothers, Nicholas, Matt; sisters, Kerri, Alexandra, Amy, all of Canton; grandparents, Bill (Virginia) Johnson, John (LaVerne) MacDiarmid; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Arrangements were made by and services held at L.J. Griffin Funeral Home with the Rev. Rick Thomas officiating.

EARLENE MAE SMITH

Earlene Mae Smith, a Canton resident, died May 2, 1997 at the age of 57.

Mrs. Smith was born May 31, 1939 in Cleveland, OH. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, Paul R. of Canton; son, Paul (Angela) Smith, Jr.; daughters, Kym (Mark) G. Baer of Tooele, UT, Rachel (Randall) V. Hoskins of Canton, Shelley (Gregory) Mepyans of Garden City; sister, Karen L. Donbrock of Belleville, nine grandchildren, and two nephews.

Arrangements were made by and services held at Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth with Rev. Robert Clapp officiating. Interment at Arbor Crest Memorial Park in Ann Arbor. Memorial tributes can be given to American Lung Association, 18860 West 10 Mile Road, Southfield, MI 48075.

SARENA "SPARKY" KALLUNKI

Sarena "Sparky" Kallunki, a Westland resident, died May 1, 1997 at the age of 76.

Mrs. Kallunki was born Feb 28, 1921 in Detroit. She was a homemaker. She helped organize the Friendship Station in Plymouth, was a member of the Corvette club and enjoyed car racing.

She is survived by her husband, Ruben of Westland; daughter, Karen A. (Thomas) Vickers of Walled Lake; and grandchildren, Dawn Marie Vickers and Terri Lynn Vickers of Walled Lake.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. Roy G. Forsyth officiating. Memorial tributes can be given to Karmanos Cancer Foundation.

LOTTIE C. WHITEMORE

Lottie C. Whittemore, a Plymouth resident, died May 1, 1997 at the age of 78.

Mrs. Whittemore was born April 4, 1919 in Keene, NH. She was a homemaker. She was a member of the Plymouth Senior Citizen's Club.

She is survived by her son, Richard Whittemore of Keene, NH; daughter, Marie A. Morrow of Plymouth; and grandson Christopher Morrow of Plymouth. Mrs. Whittemore is preceded in death by her husband, David.

Services were held at St. Bernard Catholic Church in Keene, NH. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery in Keene, NH. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial tributes can be given to the Plymouth United Way.



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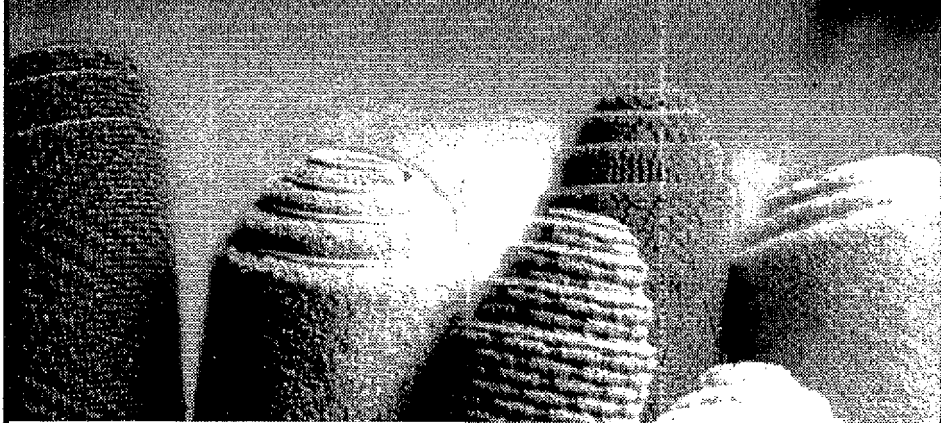
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Sharon Pugh (right) and her daughter, Jennifer Dismuke, operate Sideways, a contemporary gift shop in Plymouth. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

When going to work becomes a family affair

BY JILLIAN BOGATER

When Dawn Golden and Sandy Wright decided to open the Village Shopkeeper together, they had a feeling it would work out.

They considered each other best friends and got along well.

Sharon and Cecilia Atma felt the same way when they opened Animal Odyssey in Lowertown. And so do Sharon Pugh and Jennifer Dismuke about their business partnership at Sideways.

But the women also have another thing in their favor — they are mother-daughter teams.

These three are just a few of many unique businesses owned by mother-daughter combinations.

A family business

Golden and Wright opened Village Shopkeeper in Forest Place Mall last

September just days before Plymouth's Fall Festival celebration.

"It worked out well that way," said mom Wright. "We had a great opening week."

But the two knew they would do well once they jumped another business hurdle.

"I figured if we could make it through Christmas season and still like each other, we were in business," Golden said.

After graduating from college, Golden moved out to Seattle for a couple years, but returned because she experienced "mom withdrawal."

"Now we get to spend all our time together," Wright said. "We have the same likes and really have fun together. It's like working with your best friend."

"We know each other so well, it works

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Women among those honored with ATHENA, small business awards

BY LINDA KOCHANEK

The 1997 Canton Small Business Person of the Year and ATHENA Award nominees will be recognized at a luncheon today in Canton. Many of the nominees are prominent women of the Canton business community. Four out of the eight people nominated this year are women.

"I feel very honored," said Shahnaz Bailod, owner of the Approved Mortgages, Inc. "Being a small business owner, a woman and a single mom, sometimes you're doing it all and you can go unrecognized. It's nice to be honored in this way."

Bailod is a 1997 ATHENA Award nominee and started her business in Canton in November of 1996. Her staff includes eight people, seven of whom are women.

"It is very important to realize that the presence of women is growing in the business world," said Phyllis Redfern, ATHENA Award nominee. "Men have dominated the business world for so long that it seems that women need to do a little catching up." Redfern has been the General Manager for Specialty Communications since 1993.

Carleigh Flaharty, executive director of the Canton Chamber of Commerce, said, "Receiving these awards, both the Small Business Person of the Year and the ATHENA award, holds great value. They are given to those dedicated not only to their businesses, but to their community as well."

The first Small Business Person of the Year Award was given in 1983. The award goes to a Canton business owner, manager, or someone who does business in the Canton community. Criteria considered includes community involvement, new business innovations and usually, but not always, Chamber involvement. The winner receives a large engraved plaque.

The first ATHENA Award was given in 1991. The nationally recognized award goes to a business owner or professional, male or female, who supports women in professional development. The winner receives a sculpture from this year's sponsor, Wordhouse Financial Planning and Education.

The awards will be announced today at the Small Business Person of the Year/ATHENA Awards luncheon at the Summit on the Park in Canton.

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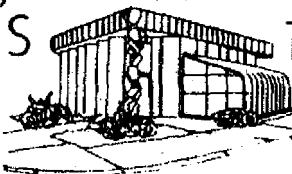
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Sharon Atma owns Animal Odyssey with her mom, Cecilia. (Crier file photo.)

Bond grows close in family businesses

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out," Golden added.

The two like to pick out items for their Amish country shop together. They often travel to southern Ohio, Pennsylvania and Indiana to buy items from about 35 different Amish families.

The two have always had an interest in antiques, but in recent years their taste has moved toward Amish items.

"We like (the items) because they are traditional and built to last generations," Golden said.

Since Amish do not use modern-day amenities such as phones or electricity, it takes ingenuity to place orders.

"Mostly we communicate by letter," Wright said. "We also have an Amish man who waits at a pay phone from five to five-thirty every Tuesday and Thursday to take calls.

"It's more time consuming because we're used to picking up the phone or faxing but well worth it."

The Amish family structure impresses Wright and Golden.

"It's so neat because all the children and the father are involved; the Amish are a family business, just like we are," Golden said.

Best of friends

Just walking in their store, Animal Odyssey, it's evident Sharon and Cecilia Atma are running out of room. Animal-themed items fill every nook and cranny and even hang from their ceiling.

The mother-daughter team opened the shop in Lowertown in November.

"We call it an animal theme gift and art shop," daughter Sharon said. "From bees to armadillos and spiders and, of course, cats and dogs."

Sharon pulled mom Cecilia out of retirement to open the shop. She retired in

1995 after working 28 years as a teacher.

"I enjoyed my teaching, but now I work with things I enjoy," Cecilia said. "Sharon likes animals, design and art and now she can combine all three."

Opening a business came as a new idea to Sharon, who works as an attorney. Now that they have opened the shop, she practices out of a small room at the back of the store.

The mother-daughter bond helps relieve everyday pressures, they said.

"Most people would get on each other's nerves," Sharon said. "But we're best of friends."

"If we get mad at each other, we always make up by the next day," Cecilia said.

Working as a woman-owned business has presented few barriers.

"In any field like this, women hit a glass ceiling," Sharon said. "I need to be more confident and need more attitude than a man might. But overall, I've found it works out pretty equal. In general, we've had it fair."

The family relationship also has many benefits.

"If I want to go home early, I can" Cecilia said. "This is not a boss-type relationship."

The two also use the store as a way to educate the public about the importance of spaying and neutering pets and sponsor an adopt-a-pet program once a month.

"Animals give more unconditional love than people do," Sharon said. "They don't judge you."

The love of animals comes from a childhood filled with animals for Sharon, and a childhood without for Cecilia.

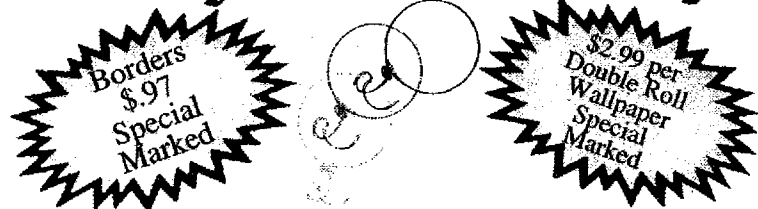
"My dad didn't like animals," Cecilia said.

"If he could see you now," Sharon said.

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Working as 'best friends'

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All in the family

One could say Jennifer Dismuke grew up in the business. From early on, she watched as her family operated Sideways, a contemporary gift shop in downtown Plymouth.

By the time she was 15, she worked at the shop. Today, she operates the store along with her mom, Sharon Pugh.

Since Pugh owned the shop, it was easy for her to make her own hours as her children were growing up.

"The kids came first," she said. "I would be here at different hours, sometimes late at night, so I could spend time as a mother."

Both of Pugh's daughters went on to earn business degrees and got jobs away from home.

"Fortunately enough, the kids transferred back and wanted to work here," Pugh said.

"The girls remembered growing up here and wanted to come back to raise their families."

Although Pugh and Dismuke have watched as the shop has quadrupled its size in 20 years, they work hard to keep it a community-based shop. About 47 percent of their business comes from customers in



Dawn Golden (right) and her mother, Sandy Wright own and operate the Village Shopkeeper. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

the Plymouth-Canton-Northville area.

The shop offers coffee, gift wrapping and music for customers while they shop. It also has an expanded kitchen section, which includes gourmet foods and 45 different coffees.

One of the benefits of working with her daughter is that Pugh gets a different perspective on things, such as items to purchase.

"It's totally refreshing," she said. "They're looking through new eyes."

The only drawback Pugh finds with her job is that she never gets away from it.

"When I see her on a day off, it's hard to say 'Let's go shopping' because we always see each other everyday," Dismuke said.

"But we usually do," Pugh said, smiling.

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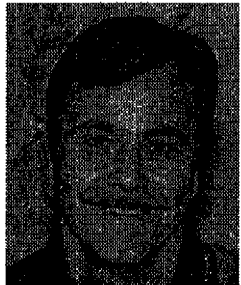
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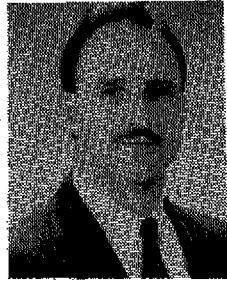
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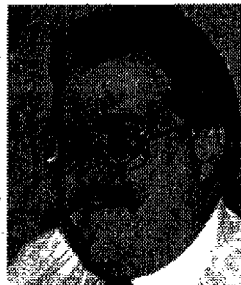
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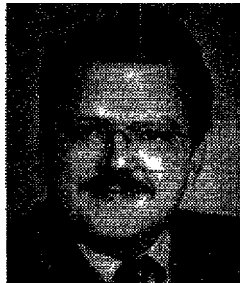
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Starting your own business takes more than ideas

15 Minutes

By Linda Kochanek



You have heard people say: "You know, what this town needs is a good ... or a place that sells." Many people think of an idea for a product or service that would be an opportunity for them to start a business. Many long to be self-employed, to set their own hours and schedules and to be in control of their own financial destiny. Some daydream of extended vacations, having employees working for them, and never taking commands from a boss again.

I am one of those people. I have looked into starting my own business, and being your own boss is not easy to accomplish. I soon learned the twists and turns of getting started. I felt I had a unique and timely idea of opening a resale shop and art gallery in the Plymouth area. People have always said to me "that's a nifty jacket," or "where did you find those shoes?" Anyone who knows me well could tell you I am a second-hand rose of sorts. So I would be a natural to start my own second-hand store. Nothing could go wrong. Right?

Well, not exactly.

I brainstormed, thought of a snappy name, looked for retail space to lease and started to collect inventory. I imagined the atmosphere: my choices of music and original artwork to display. Doing the research is where I found my snag. Learning how to apply for loans, to establish credit lines, even how to write a business plan were all new to me.

Here are some of the things I have learned since then from the library and from speaking with business owners.

An effective marketing research technique is a must to test an idea. Find out if there is a need for the product and if people will buy it. Research — such as surveys and community demographics — doesn't cost a lot of money.

Learn how to structure the business and understand cash flow. Decide which will work best: being a sole proprietor, incorporated or in a partnership? Would a franchise be an option? So many

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questions to answer!

Most importantly, master the numbers; the alternative could be bankruptcy. Few businesses make money right away. For a new company, expect to work for one year without earning a profit, while reinvesting earnings back into the company. I certainly wasn't ready to change my spending habits. The profit margins on paper looked appealing to me, but cutting back on my indulgent lifestyle did not.

Create a business plan and learn where to find the start-up money. Research business loans from banks and federal institutions, such as the Small Business Administration (SBA). Their Office of Women's Business Ownership includes provisions that will aid and encourage woman entrepreneurs. The thought of being in debt if my shop failed made me rethink my urge to jump into this decision head-first.

All of this was a little overwhelming

for me and made me realize that being a business owner was not something to take lightly. It is a 24-hour, 7-days-a-week endeavor.

I still have not given up on my dream of being a successful business woman, but I've learned that a successful business is more than hip threads and a good idea. Look out Plymouth, you may just have a funky retail shop, sooner than you think.

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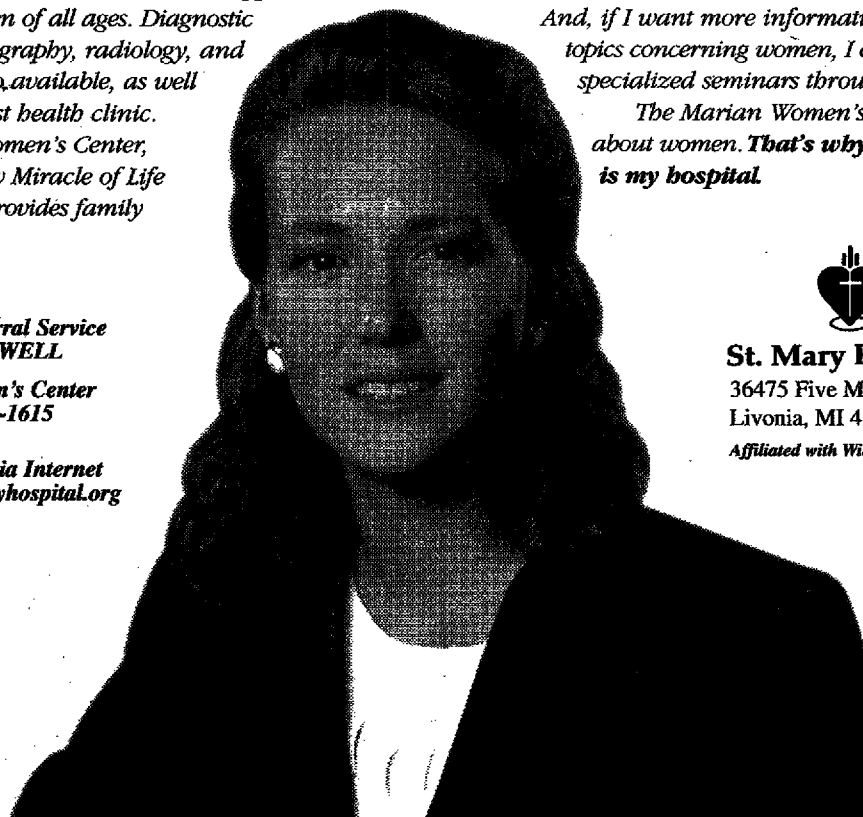
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See how they GROW

As P-C-N's population goes up so do the buildings, and examples are easy to find.

BY BRYON MARTIN

Subdivisions, golfing communities, condominiums, apartment complexes and housing developments of all kinds are giving rise to a population spike in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community.

With those people come needs and dollars, and area businesses and municipal facilities are building to stay ahead of the tide of coming residents.

As spring comes and temperatures warm up, construction projects in P-C-N have come out of their slow, sleepy winter phases and have livened up to meet their projected deadlines.

And for some, construction projects are a sure sign of spring, and one that represents progress and a move toward completed facilities.

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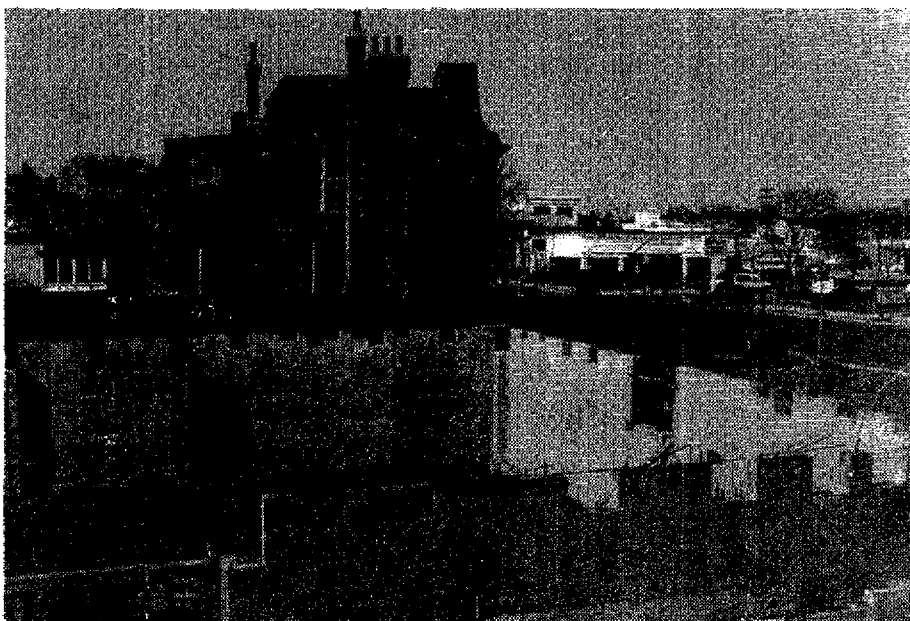
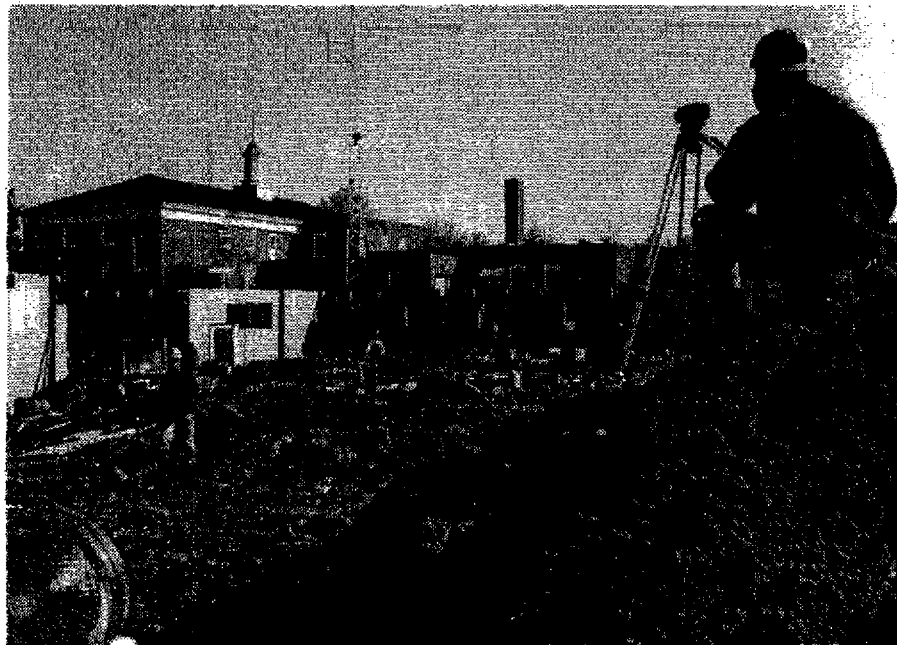
"Things are going along just great," Sue O'Connor, vice president of marketing at CFCU, said.

Masonry work has begun with the warmer weather at the site on Harvey Street in downtown Plymouth.

According to O'Connor, the masonry portion of the project is expected to go quite quickly, to be followed by the installation of exterior glass and architectural elements.

In fact, O'Connor said, since the completion of basic footings and the concrete foundation, the project has progressed quiet well.

(Top) Workers survey the scene in the excavated site for the new Dunning-Hough library in Plymouth. (Under, left). The space left when the old library was leveled offers a rare view of Main St. and the historic Baker House, until the new library is complete. (Under, right) Masonry workers doing their job under the scaffolding on the front of the new Community Federal Credit Union. (Right) Construction spreads through Northville as well, as these stone workers prepare an entrance sign at the new shopping center at 6 Mile and Haggerty Roads. (Crier photos by R. Alwood Jr.).



"We broke ground at the end of last summer and it seemed to take a while to get the footings in," O'Connor said. "But since that time it has gone quite fast. We're farther along that it appears from the street."

Although the outside of the structure is covered with tarps and insulation wrap, much of the building's electrical system, drywall and basic interior has been completed, O'Connor said.

Coordinated Systems Building and Design, who both drew up and built up the site, have helped to keep the project on

schedule, according to O'Connor.

"We're to the point where we're going to start ordering furniture now," she said. "We're beginning to concentrate on the finished interior."

CFCU has experience working with inside design, according to O'Connor. The old building, still in use until the new facility is complete, has been remodeled and has received four additions since CFCU took occupancy.

The new building is long overdue, "it's outlived its usefulness. It used to be a church."

As part of an expanding community, O'Connor said, "we're definitely in a growth and building mode." The credit union's assets have grown by 12 - 13 percent, and is one of the fastest growing in Michigan.

The \$3 million project is expected to be complete by late this summer.

Plymouth Dunning-Hough District Library

A few blocks away on Main Street, the \$7.35 million project to build an entirely new Plymouth library is also progressing well, according to Library Directory Pat Thomas.

Being built on the old structure's site, groundbreaking for the new, two-story, 42,000 square-foot library took place in

last December.

Voters approved the bond project in 1994, beginning what Thomas called, "a long planning and preliminary effort."

"But now that we're in the ground we're moving right along," she said.

"This new library will have more seating, computers, quiet areas for reading and special areas for kids," Thomas said. "And more books, too. Reading is just as popular as it's ever been."

And it is a literate community to which Thomas attributes the need for a new, larger library.

"Use of the library has gone up faster than the population," she said. "People in the area tend to be well-educated and well-off, and those people read."

This is especially so of Plymouth's older citizens, according to Thomas.

"Many grandparents bring in their grandchildren to pick out books to check out, or ones they'd like to have read to them," she said.

Those readers have had to reroute their book searches farther south down Main, to the temporary library housed in the old Farmer Jack building.

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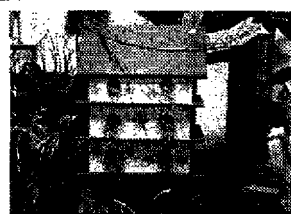
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Art in The Park

Congratulation to Erika for: 1) Getting accepted into Michigan Tech's summer program; 2) earning a 3.8 GPA on this report card; and, 3) winning 1st place in two races at Thursday's track meet. What a daughter! All in the same week!

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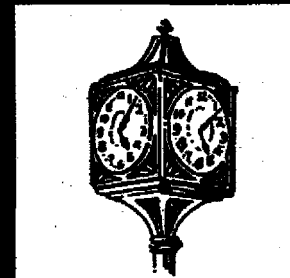
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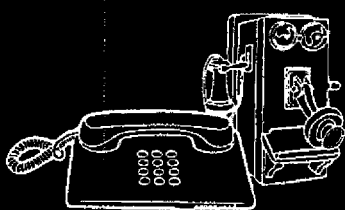
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Sports

Sports shorts

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The Chiefs baseball team (6-9) had lost 7-1 to Farmington Hills Harrison Friday, and 12-2 to Farmington Wednesday. "They've been playing hard, so I can't complain," said Canton coach Scott Dickey.

In the game versus Harrison, the Hawks took a 1-0 lead on a first inning homerun. But Canton pitcher Ryan Dahlman held Harrison in check until the seventh inning when the score was tied, 1-1. Then, the Hawks rallied for six runs, chasing Dahlman from the mound. He allowed three earned runs on six hits. He struck out three.

Jason Mortiere finished the game for Canton, and allowed one run on two hits. Jeff Oplainski (two for three) scored the only run for the Chiefs in the second frame by singling, moving to second on David Kwiatkowski's sacrifice, and coming home on a throwing error to third base.

Pat Van Hull, Pat Noonan and Nate Copenhaver had Canton's other hits.

On Wednesday versus Farmington, Canton committed five errors in the 10-run loss. "It was probably the worst game we've played all year," said Dickey.

Seven of Farmington's 12 runs were unearned.

The Falcons scored six runs in the first inning and three in the second inning before Canton got on the board with two runs in the fourth.

Ben Tucker started for Canton. He walked two, allowed three earned runs and struck out three. Junior Jeff Page relieved Tucker and went four innings, allowing five hits and striking out one.

"That was one of the most positive things of the day," Dickey said of Page's performance.

Canton High School graduate Kelly Holmes is 18-5 with a 1.10 earned run average for the University of Michigan softball team. Holmes has appeared in 30 games and pitched 152, allowing 110 hits and striking out 87. The Wolverines are 40-13-1 overall and 10-4 in the Big Ten.

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Salem tennis grills Canton

After Rocks' 5-3 win, teams enjoy post-match barbecue

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The Canton boys tennis team's 5-3 win over rival Salem was as sweet as the sauce at a chicken barbecue.

Which was good, since the teams continued the tradition of a post-game, on-court feast after the match Friday, despite the chilly weather.

"I think it could've snowed, and those boys still would've played," said Canton coach Barb Hanosh. "They had so much adrenaline. They were so excited to play against each other."

Canton (5-4-1) and Salem had identical records coming into the match, but it appeared as though the Rocks had the superior team in the early going. Salem's Gabe Burnstein defeated Canton's Gaggan Palrecha, 7-6 (9-7) 6-1 in the number one singles match. Salem won the second singles match also; Steven Thomas beat Vinnie Ikhe, 6-4, 2-6, 6-1.

Canton finally picked up a win as Ryan Kerr defeated Larry Chen, 6-1, 6-4. Jeff Ammons defeated Salem's Aaron Niemiec, 7-5, 6-2, in the last singles match.

In doubles competition, Matt Artley and Bryan Harris-Caldwell defeated Salem James Boomis and Corey Krabil, 6-4, 6-3.

Canton's third loss came in the second doubles match. Andrew Oleszkowicz and Richie Ikhe lost to Jason Gourley and Rob Willoughby, 6-2, 6-1. Gary Lovenbach and



The Salem tennis team won one of three doubles matches in a 5-3 loss to rival Canton last week at the PCEP (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

Mike Bruder won third team doubles for Canton, 6-2, 6-4, over Nick Wonar and Adam Covington.

The match concluded with Canton's Chris Hudek and Adam Allen beating

Scott Hull and Todd Schmalhurst, 6-2, 6-3.

"It's definitely fun when you win, but it seems a little bit sweeter when it's against you cross campus rival," said Hanosh.

Salem 2nd at Pinckney golf invite

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Next time, the Salem girls golf team will show no mercy. And, hopefully, Mercy won't show.

The Farmington Hills Mercy Marlins won the tie breaker at the 20-team Pinckney Invitational at Rush Lake Hills Golf Course Friday, after the teams finished deadlocked at 166.

In the best-ball format tournament, Salem's top duo, seniors Kelly Murinas and Kelly Collins, scored 75. Junior Jessica Hedges and senior Chrystal Kopacz's 91 best-ball score gave the Rocks their 166 total. But Mercy bested Salem's third duo, sophomore Grace Yelonek and junior Michelle Anger (111) and officially won the tournament title.

"We did take home quite a few medals, though," said Salem coach Rick Wilson.

In addition to the team's medals, Collins (81) was the best-ball winner, and Murinas was third at 84.

Canton placed 11th out of the 20-team field.

Senior Allyson Young and Jessica Dumas scored 103. Stephanie Koppe had an excellent day as part of the second duo, teaming up to score 91, and junior Sandra Pavlo and freshman Julie Dziekan

finished at 107.

Koppe substituted for senior Amy Siegrist, who was unable to attend.

"She (Koppe) did really well. She hit

45 on one nine. She was really excited," said Canton coach Dan Riggs.

Canton is 2-2 in dual meets with the two losses coming by six strokes.

Whalers looking for P-C families to host players

The Whalers changed their name from Detroit to Plymouth last week because team management said it better reflected the club's fan base.

Now the Whalers hope the new name will reflect the players' home base too.

The team is asking for Plymouth-Canton families interested in hosting a player for the 1997-98 season to call Computware Sport Arena (313-453-8400) as soon as possible. "We're hoping for an immediate response," said Whalers Assistant Coach Steve Spott.

The OHL draft is the first weekend in June, and the Whalers would like to have new draft picks and returning players meet host families the following weekend, June 14-15.

Unlike last year, the Whalers are hoping every player will live in The Plymouth-Canton Community. According to Spott, that decision was based on the team's outstanding relationship with Plymouth-Canton host families. The Whalers would also like to enroll high school-age players at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

The family interview process includes a home visit by Spott, who will explain the family's responsibilities and perks of hosting a possible future NHL star. "We'll talk about the obligations of the billet. The types of meals we expect the boys to have; the curfew, you know we have a curfew every night," Spott said.

Host families would also receive two season tickers per player and a stipend from the Whalers. Upon approval, a family is matched up with a player by Whalers management. "We just try to make the best fit for each player and each family," said Spott.

Other host families have enjoyed the experience, Spott said, even taking players on family vacations and including them in family portraits. "It's been a win-win situation," he said.

TNT Stingrays state champs

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The Plymouth TNT Squirt Stingrays recently chartered a bus north to Marquette, in pursuit of their second consecutive state championship.

They were successful.

Head hockey coach Russ Baltazar along

with his staff, Ken Mitera, Dave Garbutt and Doug Smith did another great job of coaching the Stingrays to a perfect 5-0 tournament record.

The Stingrays' first game was against state tournament host, the Marquette Bonanzas. Marquette came out with an

early first period goal, but the Stingrays countered with six unanswered goals to take a 6-1 victory.

The next opponents were the Allen Park Lasers. They had the Stingrays down by two goals, 2-0, midway through the third period. But the Stingrays were resilient, and scored three goals in the game's final six minutes to win, 3-2.

Copper Country from Houghton was the next team to challenge. The Stingrays continued their winning ways in game three by working together to handle the Copper Country team, 8-1.

The semi-final game was against the Traverse City Bayshore Bruins. The Stingrays knew to accomplish their year-long goal of winning back to back state championships, they would have to come out strong and play a well-balanced hockey game.

The Stingrays did so by shutting out Traverse City, 3-0.

The ultimate challenge was the championship game in which the Stingrays faced the only other undefeated team in the tournament, the Warren Panthers.

Both teams skated to a scoreless first period with the Stingrays killing off a five-on-three for 1:40 of the period.

The Stingrays opened the scoring in the second period with two unanswered goals.

The Stingrays went to the locker room between the second and third periods knowing that they had to stay focused and protect their lead.

They came out flying at both ends of the ice.

The Stingrays accepted the challenge of protecting the shutout by playing excellent defensive hockey and taking advantage of three more offensive scoring opportunities.

The Stingrays had finally accomplished their goal with a 5-0 state championship victory.

The Stingrays are: Jake Garbutt, Nick Dobrowski, Ryan McKendry, Greg Kubert, Brandon Hoots, Shane Smith, Sean Mitera, Kyle Valentine, Travis Hamway, Scott Stukel, Danny Moss, Cory Baltazar, Mario De Grazia, Bryan Young, Jimmy Burns and Aaron Cheesman.

threw a combined 287'21/2". Before officials called the meet, Salem's Evelyn Rahhal, Kristie Giddings, Emilie Stemmer and Nicole Belton won the 400 medley in 23:04.4.

On Thursday, the weather was more cooperative, and so were the opponents. North Farmington quietly walked away from a 91-37 loss to the Rocks.

The Rocks set two school records. In the shotput, Ash eclipsed Karen Ford's 17-year-old school record of 36'9", with a throw of 37'10".

The other record was set in the discus by Gragbaugh. Her throw of 124'11" was 2'1" better than the nine-year-old mark.

"She's been throwing long distance all year long in practice," said Gregor. "I think 124'11" will be coming down really soon."

Canton soccer on cruise control; 3 more shutouts

Can a falcon lay a goose egg?

The Farmington Falcons did in their 4-0 loss to the Canton girls soccer team last week.

It was one of three wins for Canton (9-0-1) last week. The Chiefs won by a combined score of 20-0. Canton has eight shutouts this season.

In all three games last week, goalie Kristin Lukasik and Becky Hayner played one half a piece.

Emile Meier scored midway through the first half of the Farmington game Monday to put Canton in the lead, 1-0. The Chiefs scored three goals in seven minutes in the second half to complete the scoring. Lisa Reissenweber had two goals and two assists. Her eight goals this season

leads the team.

On Wednesday, the Chiefs routed the Livonia Franklin Patriots, 8-0. Meier and Jennel Cobor had two goals. Jenny Parvianen and Reissenweber had one goal and one assist. Sarah Ware and Robin Devos each had one goal. Melissa Marzolf (two assists), Beth Knight (one assist) and Lisa Tommasso (one assist) helped set up goals.

Canton defeated Walled Lake Central on Friday by the same score, 8-0. Cobor and Kelly Connell each had two goals. Lisa Erickson also scored. "We're getting a lot of scoring from different people, which is good," said Canton coach Don Smith.

"We're not relying on anyone."

Temperance movement: Canton girls softball wins tourney

After being rained out Saturday and then upset in the first game of the Temperance Beford Tournament, the Canton girls softball team won four games in row to capture the Temperance-Bedford title for the first time ever.

Canton lost to Summerfield, a Class C school, in the tournament opener, 5-4. Sarah Carson pitched for the Chiefs. She allowed eight hits, walked two and struck out four. "She did fine," said Canton coach Jim Arnold. "We just couldn't get our bats going."

With Gretchen Hudson on the mound in the second game, the Chiefs beat Adrian, 10-1. Patty Snnok, a junior varsity pitcher called up for the tourney, got the save. Snnok and Hudson pitched in the 13-2 victory over Ann Arbor Huron in the third game. The Chiefs defeated the host team,

Temperance-Bedford, in the fifth game, 5-3.

That qualified Canton for the championship game against Monroe. The Trojans took a 1-0 lead in the first inning, but Canton scored three runs in the third. Monroe tied the game; 3-3, on a two-run homerun in the sixth.

In the bottom of seventh inning, Amy LaGrow led off with a single. She was on third base when Amber LaGrow executed a suicide squeeze.

"Everybody in the ball park knew it was coming," said Arnold. "Monroe knew it was coming. They were watching for it."

But they weren't ready for it. The Trojans threw to third, and Amy LaGrow headed toward an unattended home plate and scored. Tara Biro went four for 15 on the day with six RBI.

Girls track: seasons of weather

The weather played havoc with the Canton and Salem girls track teams last week.

The Chiefs attended the Spartan Invitational at Livonia Stevenson Saturday. Farmington Hills Mercy, Berkley, Brighton and Ann Arbor Pioneer also participated in the non-scoring meet.

Canton's three first-place finishes went to Brandi Bernard in the discus (102-feet, 7-inches), Nkechi Okwumabua in the long jump (15'8 3/4") and Tiffany Williams in the 200 meter run (27.6). The 400 meter relay team — Alina Boyden, Williams, Doris Igwe and Okwumabua — was second, finishing in 54.5.

"I guess it's (the time) is good for a windy day," said Canton coach George Przygodski.

Salem

After scoring 40 points and taking a commanding lead through five events, the Rocks were disappointed: officials at Walled Lake Central canceled the Stafford Relays Saturday.

"We were prepared to finish the meet. No one else wanted to," said Salem coach Mark Gregor.

It is unlikely the meet will be made up, he said.

In the shotput relay, Jessica Ash, Angela Smith and Tiffany Grubaugh threw a combined 97'6 1/2". "(A Salem assistant coach) had a goal to get 100' and I think they would've if the weather conditions weren't so terrible," said Gregor.

Grubaugh was also on the discuss relay team with Smith and Sarah Vida. They

On deck

SALEM BASEBALL

Games begin at 4 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Today at home vs. Northville. Tomorrow at Stevenson. Saturday at the Midland Invitational at 9:30 a.m. Monday at North Farmington.

SALEM BOYS TENNIS

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SALEM BOYS TRACK

Tomorrow at John Glenn at 3:30 p.m.

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Tee time is 3 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Today at Walled Lake Central. Monday at home vs. Canton. Tuesday at home vs. Farmington

SALEM GIRLS SOCCER

Games begin at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Tonight at home vs. Canton. Saturday at home vs. Troy at 1 p.m. Monday at Walled Lake Central.

SALEM SOFTBALL

Games begin at 4 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Today at Northville. Friday at home vs. Stevenson. Saturday at the Canton Classic. Monday at home vs. North Farmington.

SALEM GIRLS TRACK

Tomorrow at home vs. John Glenn at 3:30 p.m. Saturday at the Athens Relays (TBA).

CANTON BASEBALL

Games begin at 4 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Today at Stevenson. Friday at home vs. Churchill. Monday at Walled Lake Western.

CANTON BOYS TENNIS

Matches begin at 4 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Today at Walled Lake Central. Tomorrow at University of Detroit Jesuit. Tuesday at the WLAA meet at Stevenson.

CANTON BOYS TRACK

Tomorrow at home vs. Northville at 5:30 p.m. Saturday at the Troy Relays at 10 a.m.

CANTON GIRLS GOLF

Matches begin at 3 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Monday at Hilltop vs. Salem.

CANTON GIRLS SOCCER

Games begin at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Tonight at Salem. Friday at Mercy at 5:30 p.m. Monday at home vs. Walled Lake Western.

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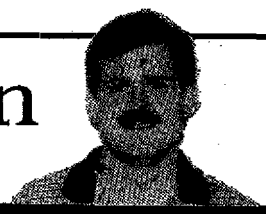


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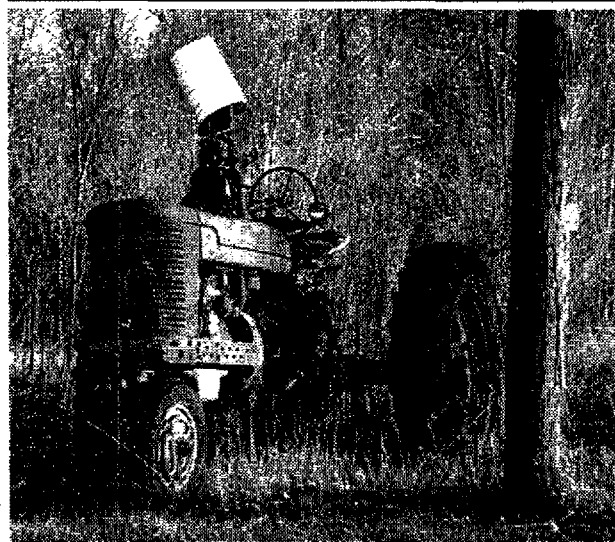
Awful, or arty?

Pure Speculation

By W.H. "Bill" Dean



Webster's defines "eyesore" as "*something offensive to view.*" Maybe Webster should look a little deeper to understand the artistic motivation behind the project. Here's my interpretation of three local sites. (Photos by W.H. "Bill" Dean)



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ARTIST: Unknown

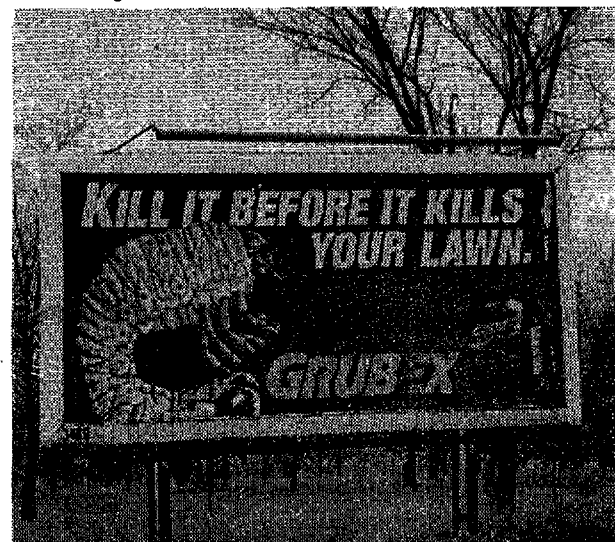
Ripe with subtext, this exhibit depicts the struggle of the Agrarian Age against the suffocating influence of Plastic Modernism." Open viewing. Haggerty Rd., south of Five Mile Rd.



TITLE: "Down and Out in Hines Park"

ARTIST: Wayne County

"One in a series of metaphorical morality plays. A parable of warring themes coming together, complex in its simplicity."



TITLE: "Welcome to Plymouth — HOME OF THE MASSIVE GRUB LARVA!"

ARTIST: GrubEx

"Proportion and scale coupled with lose-your-lunch attention to detail make this eye-catching creation a startling commentary on Man's inhumanity to bugs."

'OUR voters,' community, need bond revote

Special bond election a remedy to P-C's divisions

EDITOR,

After reading the letters regarding the school district bond issue of March 22, 1997, I am compelled to respond, starting with the facts:

5,733 voters said "yes" to the bond issue. 5,637 voters said "no" to the bond issue. 716 voters went to the polls to cast ballots that did not count. (Four additional undervotes were attributed to absentee ballots.)

Superintendent Charles Little is quoted in saying that the 720 lost ballots would not have changed the outcome of the election. He is also quoted in saying, in the precincts where there was a lot of undervoting, it probably would have given OUR voters more of a margin. If, in fact, this is a direct quote — shame on you Little!

Every registered voter is one of OUR voters, based on their residency in this community. OUR voters are not determined based on their position on an issue put before us and whether or not it agrees with your position.

These statements can go a long way toward feeding the divisiveness in this

community. Good relations with members of the public are not fostered by these comments.

The letter written by Susan Kopinski in the April 9 issue of The Crier is further evidence of the divisiveness that can rule our community if we allow it. Kopinski says she has no problem with a recount, but is disturbed with who is asking for the recount and the motives of Roland Thomas, in particular.

Kopinski says Thomas lied because he publicly announced at the board meeting that he would not challenge the election results, then asserted that he and his buddies believe that they should be running things, not our own community or people.

Again, Thomas and his buddies are members of our own community of people, and we need to ask if Thomas is challenging the outcome because of the 716 lost votes.

It appears evident that emotions rule over logic. Thomas devoted a great deal of time and energy to this community as a member of the school board. All community members should be grateful to

him and his family for the sacrifices they made for the good of this community.

I personally do not believe that Thomas is requesting a revote because he and his buddies want to run things. As an election worker for Plymouth Township, I too, am deeply concerned about the 716 lost votes.

How these 716 people voted is not the issue. The fact that these people took the time to go to the polls and cast votes that did not count is the real issue. We, as a community, need to focus on this fact.

While it is possible the 716 votes could have changed the outcome of the election, speculating will not accomplish the desired result. Instead, we need to ascertain why the ballots were not valid. The concern about divisiveness in our community on the part of the school board and the citizens' election committee make a revote absolutely essential.

The school board and all concerned citizens question why so few registered voters take the time to go to the polls and vote. One way to ensure participation is to encourage it.

Certainly the work of the citizens'

election committee helped to ensure voter participation. The local municipal clerks accomplish this by automatically sending out applications for absentee ballots for all eligible voters, including senior citizens and disabled residents. (The school board did not do this for the March 22 election). In addition, we, as a community, need to ensure that all votes cast will count.

Ms. Kopinski, you say you are tired and angry because you believe people are pitting Plymouth against Canton. I too am angry: that 716 voters did not count and that people who have worked very hard for this community are being criticized and questioned about their motives.

Those who participated in the vote are to be applauded.

It is my strong recommendation that a revote be pursued.

Dr. Little, 716 of OUR voters have been silenced. Let us not be guilty of minimizing the input and concerns of these 716 members of The Plymouth-Canton Community.

SANDY GROTH



Community opinions

Make way for bikers

Canton roads committee a chance to remedy bike unfriendliness

Off the cuff

By Scott Spielman



BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

The more I drive, the more I miss my bike.

Ever since I moved back to Canton from Eugene, OR four months ago, I've had that same phrase running through my head.

Eugene, a city of about 120,000 in western Oregon, is bike-friendly and car-tolerant. In fact, because of the way the lights were timed, and since people in Oregon drive like turtles anyway, it didn't take any longer to get to any place in town by bike than it did by car.

Granted, Eugene is a special town. Bike lanes are set up on many roads, and there are many bike routes through town. They run along secondary roads and keep the bike traffic off main roads, which made everyone happy—drivers didn't have to worry about so many bikers, and bikers didn't have to worry about so many fumes.

I biked everywhere. At a nice, easy pace, I would often breeze by cars waiting to make it through stop lights. I looked at the frustrated, impatient drivers and was glad I could take my time and

enjoy my commute to work.

Not so in Canton.

I finally bought a bike from a shop in Northville recently. After I got it home and gave it a final look over, I set my mind to one purpose: avoiding traffic.

On the rare days I actually leave work at five, I get caught in the traffic backup at Ford and Lilley for five to 10 minutes. No longer! Now I could ride right past them, sparing my car the rigors of such stop-and-go driving. There was just one problem.

I wouldn't fit.

With the sorry condition the roads are in, it may seem ridiculous to worry about putting in lanes for bikers. "There's not that much of a need, that's what sidewalks are for," and all that. But simply because there aren't that many people riding bikes doesn't mean there are not that many who would.

How many people live and work locally, and would take the time to ride their bikes to work if there were a more accessible way to do it? Maybe more than you think.

With the start up of Canton's "Blue Ribbon" road committee, citizens have a say in the way the road issue will be examined. One of the issues they are looking at is limiting growth, thereby limiting traffic. Making the roads more accessible to bikers is another way to limit traffic and prolong the life of our roads.

Make room for bikers. We deserve more than a gravel shoulder or a muddy path along side of the road. Maybe if there were more room for us, there would be more room for you.

Bond vote should be nullified

Undervote shows 'how easily an election can be manipulated.'

EDITOR,

The next time there is an election involving one single issue to vote on, the election board should place that issue on a 3" by 3" card with a simple "Yes" to pass it, and a simple "No" to reject it.

All the voter has to do is place an X in the square next to the "Yes" or "No." Simple, isn't it?

Then, when the election is over the election board should gather a few children from some of the day care centers to count the ballots so we can be assured that there won't be any un-designed or designed mishaps.

Personally, I believe the bond issue was soundly defeated by at least 500 votes, and the only way to reverse this defeat was to lose 750 votes instead of using the usual method of giving the voters "another chance to pass the millages in a special election next month," like they have been doing in past millage elections that have failed.

Priorities are kind of screwed up around here when millions of

dollars in tax abatements and delinquent tax write-offs are offered to big businesses.

Guess who picks up the tab on all this generous outlay of taxpayers' money? Or how about selling the golf course? More time could be devoted to running the townships the way they were intended to be managed.

If the bond issue did not pass, the election showed the tax payers how easily an election can be manipulated to make it appear that it passed. I believe this maneuver even circumvents the Headlee Act.

People better start writing the Attorney General's office about rendering this election as null and void due to suspicion of wrong doing in the loss of 750 votes which is inexcusable.

FRANK SAIMS

EDITOR'S NOTE:

According to a recount certified by the Wayne County Board of Canvassers, 720 undervotes were recorded in the March 22 bond election.



Plymouth Township is considering an ordinance to ban barbecue use at apartments, condominiums and vertically adjoining housing units with attached patios. See related story on pg. 2. (Crier art by Mike Carne).

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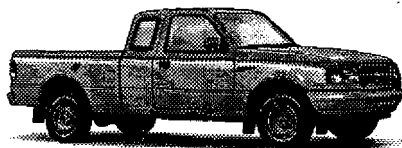


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