

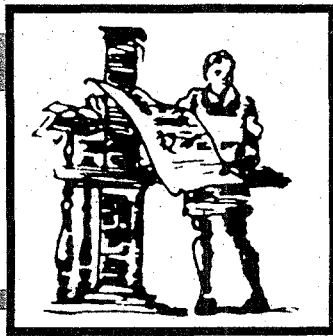
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Sweet Charity... Ensemble members rehearse the famous song, "Hey big spender" for the Plymouth Theatre Guild's production of Neil Simon's "Sweet Charity." Performances begin Feb. 13 and continue through Feb. 28. (Valentines are invited to the Feb. 14th show.) (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)

Canton OKs \$20,000 for road takeover study

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

The Canton Township Board of Trustees approved \$20,000 for a study to determine the cost of assuming jurisdiction of county roads, according to Tony Minghine, Canton Finance director.

Southfield-based Plante Moran, LLP Southfield-based firm, will conduct the study, which will take from four to six weeks, Minghine said.

"It may seem like a lot of money, but if we're going to be taking over jurisdiction of the

roads, we really need to know what we're getting into," he said.

Plante Moran will study communities that maintain their own roads to get a picture of what the possible financial impact for Canton, Minghine said.

"They'll evaluate what the level of service is in other cities, and what that will cost the township," he said.

Under current law, Canton does not receive any state funds for road programs. Tax

dollars are distributed to Wayne County Government, who then decides where in the county to spend them.

Transfer of jurisdiction would reroute state funds directly to Canton and give the township complete control over where to spend that money.

It's a complicated process, involving not only road maintenance, but issues such as snow removal as well, Minghine said.

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Fall Fest Board asks City for more money

Request 'under advisement' City says

BY BRYON MARTIN

Caught between what one organizer has called "downward spiraling revenue and upward spiraling costs," the Fall Festival Board went before Plymouth's City Commission Monday in search of increased funding for the event.

"We're not complaining by any means," said Curtis Lamar, president of the board, but the board's reserve funds have dropped to about one-third of their typical level.

The board is looking to "improve its financial position," he said. "The first step is going to the City to see if they can help."

Mayor Don Dismuke's response: the City would "take the request under advisement at budget time."

How much the City chooses to donate is based in-part on whether the event is considered a City event such as the Fourth of July Parade, a private for-profit event such as Art in the Park, or a non-profit group such as the Plymouth International

Ice Spectacular or Fall Fest.

It is also based on a "largely historical review," of donation levels, City Manager Steve Walters said. "But it's not criteria that has led to an increase for the Fall Festival."

The City's largest event contribution is to the Ice Spectacular, more than \$16,000.

For the Fall Fest, the City donates \$8,400 by deducting it from the total cost of the services provided during the event.

Such services include trash pick-up, traffic control, anti-bee measures, ambulance and police presence and other basics in the engineering of a downtown event, according to Paul Sincock, assistant

city manager.

Sincock is also director of the City's Department of Municipal Services, which provides many of these services.

"It's the little things that people aren't aware of unless we don't do them," he said.

The cost of these services more
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The board is looking to 'improve its financial position. The first step is going to the City to see if they can help.'

**Curtis Lamar
Fest Board President**

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Late Plymouth architect's book wins illustration award

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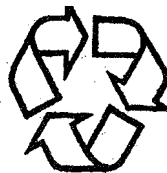
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Canton gymnastics improves state rank at home-hosted invite

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Plymouth Township Police Detectives Robert Antall and David Hayes (left to right), members of the Accident Reconstruction Team, measure the distance between the Ridge-Five Mile Road rail crossing and the body of Curtis Stucki, who was killed by a train Monday morning. (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)

Train kills Twp. man

1st train-pedestrian death in 25 years; suicide likely

BY BRYON MARTIN

In an apparent suicide Monday, 34-year-old Plymouth Township resident Curtis Stucki was killed when a train struck and decapitated him at the railroad crossing at Ridge Road, just south of Five Mile Road, according to Plymouth Township police.

CSX officials, Northville Township police and six Township police officers responded to the scene.

There are no gates at the crossing, but police said Stucki's vehicle was not struck in the accident.

"For unknown reasons he stopped his vehicle, exited it and was hit by the train," said Robert Antal, PTPD detective and Accident Reconstruction Team member. Police said they have interviewed three witnesses.

An off-duty State Police officer reported the accident to PTPD after finding Stucki's Red Toyota pickup parked at the crossing, unoccupied, doors locked and facing north.

"All indications are he put his head down

on the rails and under the train's wheels," Det. Jim Jarvis said. "It looks like a spur-of-the-moment thing."

Township police arrived at the scene at 11:27 a.m. and discovered Stucki's body about 150 feet east of the crossing; his jacket and identification were found lying a few feet away, according to Jarvis.

The train's conductor apparently did not see the accident, and was in Dearborn before notified of the accident Jarvis said.

Stucki's next of kin have identified the body.

Police said Stucki had been having a variety of "personal problems."

Medical examiners have ruled the death a suicide. No suicide note has been found, Jarvis said, "but about 85 per cent of people who commit suicide do not leave notes."

It has been about 25 years since the last pedestrian-train accident in Plymouth, when a boy playing on train tracks was killed.

'For unknown reasons he stopped his vehicle, exited it and was hit by the train.'

**Det. Robert Antal
 Plymouth Twp. Police**

Canton roads

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And, while the township is willing to accept the responsibility, it's not an agreement they will enter lightly, Minghine said.

"We're still in the information-gathering process right now," he said. "We don't want to go back to the table without knowing exactly what we'll be in for."

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Lincoln collection opens this month

Huge presidential exhibit finds permanent home in Plymouth Museum

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

Abe is coming to town. Honest.

Well, not Abraham Lincoln himself, of course, but one of the largest collections of Lincoln memorabilia in the United States.

Opening to the public February 14th, the Petz-Lincoln collection, named after its sole accumulator, Weldon Petz, contains more than 8,000 pieces, much of them never publicly displayed before.

"About 1,000 of the pieces are exhibit material," said Beth Stewart, Plymouth Historical Museum director. "The rest is archives," such as Lincoln biographies, documents, and other related history.

"Although we've shown parts of the collection in the past, this is the first time that the entire collection will belong to the museum," she said.

According to Stewart, some of the more interesting pieces of the collection include: a lock of Lincoln's hair cut the night of the assassination, a bronze copy of an actual plaster mold of Lincoln's face and hands and a photo of John Wilkes Booth, found in Lincoln's desk after the president's death.

"We're now in charge of protecting this stuff for generations," she said. "Anything anybody will want to know about Lincoln will

be here."

Stewart said certain structural changes will eventually be made to the museum in order to accommodate the collection. A cat-walk over the archive area and a revamping of the lower floor have been discussed.

"We're hoping to make the lower level into a Lincoln educational center," she said.

Petz has collected Lincoln artifacts for more than 65 years. He said that the educational opportunities the Plymouth Historical Museum presented helped him decide to house the collection there.

"(The museum) is good because it's centrally located for the school districts," he said. "It's important to me that kids have an opportunity to use the material."

"I didn't send it to a university because it would have only been a small piece of the larger whole there," he said.

After a lifetime of devotion to the collection, Petz is ready to pass it on. "I think it's going to have a good home."

The museum will be closed for renovations until February 14th. After that, the exhibit will be open during regular museum hours, Wed., Thurs., and Sat. from 1-4 p.m.. For more information call (734) 455-8940.

'I didn't send it to a university because it would have only been a small piece of the larger whole there.'

Weldon Petz
Collection benefactor

School Board OKs raise for non-union administrators

BY BRYON MARTIN

The Plymouth-Canton School Board has approved a contract that gives a raise to non-union employees and a bigger raise to the administrator who drafted it.

The P-C School Board has approved a two-year contract for its non-union administrators and assistant superintendents, according to a board resolution.

Errol Goldman, assistant superintendent for employee relations and personnel, drafted the resolution which boosts regular pay for non-affiliated administrators to \$42,061. The raise is achieved though a 2.64-per cent increase this year and a 1.74 increase for the 1998-99 school year.

Salaries for Goldman and Pat O'Donnell, assistant superintendent for K-12 instruction, had been negotiated with the district's other non-union employees. This resolution separates them and puts them in a separate category.

In this category, Goldman and O'Donnell received 2.64-per cent raises in regular pay and benefits, together called total employment. Goldman's total earnings are \$129,568 combining regular pay and benefits; O'Donnell's are \$124,161.

"The board said total employment was key," in his and O'Donnell's raise, Goldman said.

Goldman's and O'Donnell's contracts were separated from other non-union administrators, Goldman said, because the pair negotiate the non-union contract, Goldman said.

Some people, he said, might perceive a conflict of interest if his and O'Donnell's salaries were included among the con-

Top salaries in P-C Schools non-union contract*

John Birchler, Exec. Dir., Business & Ops	\$90,291
Dave Rodwell, Exec. Dir., Research & Tech.	\$86,322
Donna Aveck, Dir., Computer Services & Instructional Tech.	\$82,849
Verna Anible, Dir., Instruction K-12	\$81,085
Diane Barnes, Dir., Finance	\$64,121
LuAnn Grech, Dir., Transportation	\$63,005
Dave Kaumeyer, Asst. Dir., Finance & Purchasing	\$60,525
Judy Evola, Dir., Community Relations	\$59,532
Ginnie Murdoch, Sup., Pupil Accounting & Personnel	\$55,564
Greg Pirtle, Fleet Service Mgr.	\$55,564
Dennis Thompson, Sup., Canton H.S. Maint. & Ops	\$55,564

* Figures represent a 2.64 per cent raise in regular pay; benefits are not included.

Salaries for assistant superintendent in contract

Erroll Goldman, Asst. Supt., Employee Relations & Personnel	\$129,568
Pat O'Donnell, Asst. Supt., K-12 Instruction	\$124,161

* Figures represent a 2.64 per cent raise in regular pay and benefits

tracts they negotiate.

Compared to the school districts that Superintendent Charles Little has chosen as benchmarks for various comparisons with P-C schools, Goldman said he guessed both raises in the contract are "about in the middle."

Non-affiliated administrators mainly

work in the district administration offices, said Judy Evola, spokesperson for the schools.

Negotiations for union-affiliated administrators have been ongoing since May, according to Goldman, who could not project a settlement date.

Hopefully, soon," he said.

Agenda

THIS WEEK

- Tonight, the Plymouth Fall Festival Board will meet at Plymouth Township Hall, at 7:30. All organizations considering participating in the 1998 Fall Festival should send a representative to the meeting. Call Curt Lamar for more info., at (734) 453-7820.
- Friday, The Plymouth Skating Club will host the 1998 USFSA Midwestern Precision Team Sectional Championship at Compuware Arena, through Sunday. More than 145 teams—about 3,000 skaters—are expected to skate in this sectional championship, the largest pre-national competition in the country.

NEXT WEEK

- Thursday, Abraham Lincoln's birthday is observed and the Plymouth Historical Museum holds its grand opening for its new Petz-Lincoln collection. Opens to public Feb. 14.

NEXT WEEKEND

- Friday, the Plymouth Theatre Guild production of "Sweet Charity" opens at the Water Tower Theatre, 41001 W. Seven Mile Road, in Northville. Runs through Feb. 28. Call (248) 349-7110.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES - REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 1998

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led in the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. All members were present.

Kiwanis Club presented a \$17,000 check to Fire Chief Groth for the purchase of the first of three Thermo Imaging Cameras for the Plymouth Community Fire Department.

Mrs. Massengill amended the agenda by adding under New Business Item No. 1.6 Forshee Subdivision Sanitary Sewer. Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the agenda for the January 27, 1998, Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees as amended. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Mr. Curmi requested that the Purchase of Vehicles for Police Department through the Oakland County Purchasing Consortium be removed for discussion.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the consent agenda as amended for the January 27, 1998, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mrs. Harvey and Police Chief Carey answered questions concerning the purchase of police vehicles.

Mrs. Mueller moved to receive and file the Purchase of Police Vehicles. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy asked for comments from the public. Mr. Roger Kehrier submitted a Police Officer Ratio Study to the Board and expressed his opinion of how many police officers should be hired.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy opened the public hearing at 8:11 p.m. on the request to transfer Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate No. 96-020 from A.O. Smith Corporation to Tower Automotive. Hearing no comments, the public hearing was closed at 8:12 p.m.

Mrs. Mueller moved to approve Resolution No. 98-01-27-01, granting the request to transfer Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate No. 96-020 from A.O. Smith Corporation to Tower Automotive in the amount of \$65,895,492.00. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. The entire resolution is on file in the Clerk's Office.

Roll call:
Ayes: Arnold, Curmi, Griffith, Mueller, Edwards, Massengill, Keen-McCarthy
Nays: None
Resolution declared adopted.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy opened the public hearing at 8:16 p.m. on the request for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Tower Automotive on new machinery and equipment and furniture and fixtures. Hearing no comments, the public hearing was closed at 8:17 p.m.

Mr. Curmi moved to approve Resolution No. 98-01-27-02, granting an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate to Tower Automotive for office furniture and fixtures, and machinery and equipment, totaling \$22,045,000.00 for their facility located at 43955 Plymouth Oaks Blvd., Plymouth Oaks Business Park. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. The entire resolution is on file in the Clerk's Office.

Roll call:
Ayes: Arnold, Curmi, Griffith, Mueller, Edwards, Massengill, Keen-McCarthy
Nays: None
Resolution declared adopted.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve dismissal without prejudice of the lawsuit, Charter Township of Plymouth vs. Donald Ciecierski, as recommended by the Township Attorney. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Mr. Curmi moved to adopt Resolution No. 98-01-27-03 authorizing the Township Supervisor to sign Wayne County Permit C-24530 and approve Storm Drain Agreement with developer of Heather Hills Condominiums Phase II and authorize Township Supervisor and Clerk to execute same. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. The entire resolution is on file in the Clerk's Office.

Roll call:
Ayes: Arnold, Curmi, Griffith, Mueller, Edwards, Massengill, Keen-McCarthy
Nays: None
Resolution declared adopted.

Ms. Arnold moved to authorize the engineering firm of Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Inc., to prepare plans showing the improvement, location and estimate of cost for the paving of Hammill Avenue as submitted and described on the received petitions. For a cost not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000). The scope of work for the above shall include:

1. The procurement of soil boring from a qualified agent.
2. Preliminary field shots and necessary field review.
3. Meetings with Wayne County to review preliminary plan, cross sections and other information.
4. Prepare preliminary cost estimates.
5. Any and all activities needed to proceed with the public hearing of necessity.

Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Mrs. Mueller moved to authorize the Township Supervisor to sign the Annual Permit "C's". MDOT permit and approve the performance and indemnification resolution allowing the Charter Township of Plymouth to perform street sweeping operations, to apply Calcium Magnesium Chloride to the streets listed in Exhibit A and to excavate for the purpose of making repairs, inspections and routine maintenance of water mains, sanitary sewers and sidewalks withing the right-of-way of roads under the jurisdiction of the County of Wayne in Plymouth Township and State of Michigan. Resolution No. 98-01-27-04. Seconded by Mr. Curmi. The entire resolution is on file in the Clerk's Office.

Roll call:

Ayes: Arnold, Curmi, Griffith, Mueller, Edwards, Massengill, Keen-McCarthy

Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted.

Mr. Griffith moved to authorize the purchase of a copier/fax from Metro West Copy Systems, Inc. at a cost of \$7,579.00 for the Supervisor's Office. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Ms. Arnold moved to authorize the engineering firm of Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Inc., to prepare plans showing the improvement, location and estimate of cost for the paving of Ridge Road as submitted and described on the received petitions. For a cost not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00). The scope of work for the above shall include:

1. The procurement of soil boring from a qualified agent.
2. Preliminary field shots and necessary field review.
3. Meetings with Wayne County to review preliminary plan, cross sections and other information.
4. Prepare preliminary cost estimates.
5. Any and all activities needed to proceed with the public hearing of necessity.

Seconded by Mr. Curmi. Ayes all.

Ms. Arnold moved to set the date for the Public Hearing of Necessity to February 24, 1998 and add this item to the agenda for that meeting and further moved to approve Resolution No. 98-01-27-05 scheduling Hearing of Necessity for the Ridge Road Paving Project for February 24, 1998. Seconded by Mr. Curmi. The entire resolution is on file in the Clerk's Office.

Roll call:

Ayes: Arnold, Curmi, Griffith, Mueller, Edwards, Massengill, Keen-McCarthy

Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted.

Mr. Griffith moved to authorize the engineer to prepare plans and specifications for the Forshee Subdivisions sanitary sewer, and obtain bids to be brought back to the Board for consideration. Seconded by Mr. Edwards. Ayes all.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy stated while attending the MTA conference she was informed that a resolution regarding choices of the way our roads should be handled will be received soon.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy and the Mayor of the City of Plymouth are establishing a permanent committee to deal with joint opportunities. Trustees Curmi and Griffith have agreed to serve on the committee with Supervisor Keen-McCarthy.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy announced there was a change in the Department of Transportation requirements regarding random drug screening for people who have commercial license.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy stated that the contract with the current auditing firm has expired. Board members agreed to extend the contract for one additional year.

Trustee Curmi asked Rosemary Harvey about the timeline for requests for proposals regarding Township insurance.

Clerk Massengill asked for an update regarding the assessor's contract.

Trustee Mueller asked for an updated regarding park grants.

Trustee Curmi announced he would be attending a Public Hearing regarding the Single Business Tax and that he would be expressing his opinion that both the single business tax and tax abatements should be deleted.

Trustee Arnold thanked Sandy Groth for her fire pin idea which raised funds for the fire department. She also recognized Chief Groth for his appointment as Vice President for 1998 to the Western Wayne County Mutual Aid Association.

Trustee Arnold asked Rosemary Harvey for an update regarding new equipment such as the sound system, phone system and projector.

Treasurer Edwards asked about the pump station emergency.

It was moved by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Mr. Griffith to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 p.m. Ayes all.

Marilyn Massengill, CMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

Kathleen Keen-McCarthy, Supervisor
Charter Township of Plymouth

The foregoing is a synopsis of the minutes of the Board of Trustees held on January 27, 1998. The full text is available in the Clerk's Office for perusal. They will be submitted for Board approval at the next regular meeting on February 10, 1998.

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About 200 people helped Joanne Winkleman Hulce, founder of the Plymouth Community Arts Council (PCAC) celebrate the dedication of the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts Saturday. The all-day event featured 50 children, including representatives from each of P-C schools, helping to unveil the center's new sign, an open house and a private reception with Hulce's family. Plymouth City Commissioner David McDonald called the event "an extraordinary evening in Plymouth."

"I think the new sign legitimizes the building," said long-time arts volunteer Nancy Pilon. "Everyone used to drive by and wonder what the building was. Now they know." (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)

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than 1.50%. As of 1/14/98, the interest rate for this tier is set at 5.60%. The APY is 5.75%. The interest rate for the portion of the balance that is \$25,000 or more but less than \$100,000 is tied to the 13-Week Treasury Bill rate less not more than 1%. As of 1/14/98, the interest rate for this tier is set at 6.09%. The APY ranges from 5.25% to 5.75%. The interest rate for the portion of the balance below \$25,000 is tied to the 13-Week Treasury Bill rate less not more than 5%. As of 1/14/98 this interest rate is set at 4.17%. The APY is 4.25%. Fees may reduce earnings on these accounts. Offer is available to individuals only. Member FDIC. Equal Housing Lender. For individuals with a TDD device, service is available from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., M-F at 1-800-289-4614. ©1998 First of America Bank Corporation.



Friends & neighbors

Neighbors in the news

Matthew O'Day, of Canton, was one of five winners in the Detroit Auto Dealers Association (DADA) 11th annual High School Short Story Contest.

A senior at Canton High School, O'Day won \$500 for his story, entitled "The Unknown."

Lorilyn Coggins, of Plymouth, has graduated with a degree in Family Life Education from Spring Arbor College, near Jackson, MI.

Steven Goto, of Canton, won first place in the Plymouth Symphony's annual Youth Artist Competition.

Goto, a senior at Canton High School, plays violin.

Ross Huff, of Plymouth won second place with a trumpet solo.

The contest was supported by a \$1,000 grant from the Japan Business Society of Detroit Foundation.



Donna Jean Perry, of Plymouth (above, with grandson, Stephen), has had an original poem published in "Journey Between Stars," a treasury of poetry compiled by the National Library of Poetry.

Katherine Robiadek, of Canton, has been selected to attend The National Young Leaders Conference from Feb. 24 to March 1, 1998 in Washington, D.C.

Robiadek will interact with key leaders and newsmakers from the three branches of governments.

Great paintings

Late Architect's hobby, published in book form in 1997, wins illustration award

The late F. Erick Carne's book, "Shorelines of the Great Lakes," recently received an Honorable Mention in the Best Illustrated Book, Three or More Colors category by the Mid-America Publishers Association (MAPA).

Carne, a local architect responsible for many local buildings, including the newly-dedicated Joann Winkleman Hulce Center for the Performing Arts, was an avid water color painter in his spare time, and the book is a collection of some of his work.

The book is designed as a tour of the Great Lakes, with a mixture of striking images of Great Lakes shorelines, lighthouses, villages and paintings of downtown Detroit using the Windsor shoreline as a perspective. Many of the paintings are accompanied by historical recollections.

Published by Thunder Bay Press in the summer of 1997, the book is available at local bookstores for \$24.95



F. Erick Carne's Book "Shorelines of the Great Lakes," published in the summer of 1997 by Thunder Bay Press, received an Honorable Mention in the Best Illustrated Book, Three or More Colors Category for its 1997 competition.

Mardi Gras comes to PCAC

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

The Plymouth Community Arts Council (PCAC) is bringing Mardi Gras north of the Mason Dixon line.

PCAC has decided on a Mardi Gras theme for its annual dinner and auction fundraiser, which will be held Feb. 21 at Fox Hills Country Club.

"It's going to be a great event," said Nancy Pilon, PCAC volunteer and spokesperson. "Every year we try and do something different."

Past fundraisers have included a dinner theater, a one-man play based on William Faulkner's writing and jazz music.

This year, PCAC is going all the way, with New Orleans style food and music. Diners can choose from a chicken dish or a traditional, spicy cajun classic, while listening to the New Reformation Dixieland Band, according to Pilon.

Based in Saginaw, New Reformation has played all over the country with jazz groups and symphonies, she said.

"Together as a band they're wonderful. Each one is a wonderful musician in their own right," Pilon said. "They'll all be performing solos, too. They're a real fun group."

The end of the evening will feature an auction with a wide variety of items, Pilon said. Plymouth's Jaguar dealer is auctioning off the use of one of its legendary British automobile for a week, and there will be plenty of sports memorabilia as well.

Some of the featured items include a Sergai Federov jersey, a hockey puck signed by a hockey legend Gordie Howe and donated works of art, according to Pilon.

Tickets for the fundraiser are \$50 and can be purchased at (734) 416-4278. All funds raised will go toward supporting arts in the Plymouth Community, Pilon said.

"We can seat up to 400 people at Fox Hills," she said. "That would be phenomenal."

Crier alum heads to Chicago



Crier Alumni Peter Broderick, a 1997 graduate of Michigan State University, recently accepted a job as designer for American Football Quarterly, a magazine owned by L.C. Clark Publishing. L.C. Clark Publishing is based in Northbrook, IL, near Chicago.

The magazine is the only trade magazine for football professionals, and is read by high school, college, and professional football coaches.

Broderick has worked with the Crier throughout his college career. His most recent design work can be seen in the Crier's Fall Fest edition, in the I & C section, and the stats page.

3 youths charged in Canton murder

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Canton Police have charged three Canton teenagers in the shooting death of a Van Buren Township man, according to Canton Police Ofc. Leonard Schemanske. A fourth suspect will be charged this week, he said.

Schemanske said 21-year-old David Martell was ambushed and shot in his car after visiting friends in West Point mobile home park, off Michigan Avenue.

Police believe Martell was acquainted with the four people involved in his death, according to Schemanske.

Three of the suspects have been arraigned

in 35th District Court, and are awaiting preliminary examination this week, Schemanske said.

James Blanchfield, 17, of Canton, was charged with first degree murder and use of a firearm in commission of a felony.

A 16-year-old Canton resident was also charged with first degree murder and felony firearms charges, along with conspiracy to commit murder, Schemanske said.

The third suspect, 17-year-old Canton resident Matthew Leonard, was charged with conspiracy to commit murder and possession

of a stolen handgun, Schemanske said.

"We believe he helped plan the attack, but we don't think he was a shooter," Schemanske said.

Police are withholding the name of the fourth suspect, also a 17-year-old Canton resident, until formal charges have been filed, Schemanske said.

"We're still meeting with other parties, but I think we have the top two guns," he said.

According to Schemanske, Martell was leaving the mobile home park in his green Ford Taurus when two or more shooters opened fire at him. Martell tried to speed away, but lost control and crashed into a mobile home.

Schemanske said the police won't reveal the motive for the killing because the investigation is ongoing. He did say it was not related to Martell's employment as a corrections officer.

It took a good deal of time before detectives could sort out the suspects' stories, Schemanske said.

"They kept changing. It was a case where one lie turns into three to cover the fifth lie," he said. "We just had to be patient and interview them and re-interview them until we came up with all the pieces."

Leonard and Blanchfield are being held without bond at Wayne County Jail. The juvenile, who will be tried as an adult and is being held at Wayne County Youth Home.

The three suspects are scheduled for preliminary exam Feb. 6 at 35th District Court. The fourth suspect awaits arraignment.

Wendover heads MPA

W. Edward Wendover, publisher of this newspaper, has been elected president of the Michigan Press Association.

That association represents every Michigan daily newspaper and virtually every weekly newspaper in the state.

Wendover's election was announced following the annual meeting of the association's board of directors in Grand Rapids Friday morning. He has been a member of that board since 1987, is former president of both the Michigan State News and the University Press Club of Michigan.

He was a leader in the fight against the Detroit Newspapers' Joint Operating Agreement (JOA), is chair of Citizens for an Independent Press, a national coalition of opponents to JOAs and the Newspaper Preservation Act. The federal lawsuit to block the Detroit JOA, filed from Wendover's home address, lost on a 4-4 tie



W. EDWARD WENDOVER

at the United States Supreme Court.

The publisher is a 49-year-old Plymouth resident. He purchased The Crier in October, 1974 and in 1981 launched its publishing house-advertising agency affiliate COMMA.

Costs doubled, revenues fell

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than doubled for the board between '95 and '96, the result of improved City accounting practices which Sincok described as going from "a pencil-and-paper era to a computerized system."

The total cost of City services during the '95 festival was about \$14,100; in '96 it was \$21,300. Less the City's \$8,400 donation each year, the board paid \$6,100 in '95 and about \$13,000 in '96. "We caught some of the things that had slipped through the cracks," Sincok said.

City services weren't the only cost increase the board saw in 1996, according to Clark Smith, board member and past board president.

That year the board also spent more on entertainment, one of the festival's greatest expenses he said. All told, operating costs for the festival leapt from about \$42,500 to \$54,700 between '95 and '96.

And at the same time as this \$12,000 cost increase, festival revenue dropped by about \$11,000 according to a letter Smith and Lamar prepared for the City Commission.

Rainy weather in 1996 kept the crowds at home — with their wallets. Total receipts collected from the festival's 30 booths dropped from roughly \$180,000 to \$169,000 the letter said.

"The weather put the bite on us," Lamar

said.

Smith agreed, saying "our festival's (success) is very weather-dependent."

Smith said the board worked with a tighter budget in 1997. Contracts were re-bid, entertainment spending was curbed and other efforts brought expenditures back down to near-1995 costs, totalling \$45,600.

Nonetheless, the board's cash reserves, usually around \$9,000 at this time of year, are now at about \$3,000 according to Smith.

And, the board currently owes the City \$9,700 in outstanding fees, according to Lamar.

The board spends reserve funds on festival start-up costs such as promotions and deposits on rented materials.

The board's fundraising efforts may begin earlier this year if the City Commission chooses to not increase its festival contribution.

Dismuke said the City budget should be complete around June, the same time the board usually begins its community fundraising efforts.

"There's no doubt it will go on this year. No problem," Smith said, speculating the board will begin fundraising earlier.

"We'll just get the word out that it's going to take a little extra effort."

Lamar said the board's 1998 budget will be completed by today.

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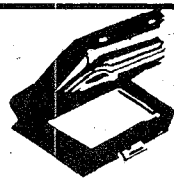
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Congratulations to Jan. 21 Big Quiz winner Audrey Belton of Plymouth, who will enjoy dinner for two at the Lower Town Grill in Plymouth's Old Village.

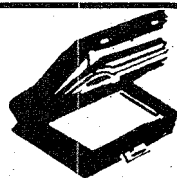
Several entrants correctly noted that the Jan. 21 question was incorrect. There is only one prison in Plymouth Township—The Western Wayne Correctional Facility. Thanks to readers Don Hahn (Canton) and Joan Judge (Westland) for pointing out that the Scott and Phoenix Facilities are in Northville Township.

Thanks to all who have entered the Big Quiz...look for this week's question elsewhere in this edition of The Crier. For all who entered but didn't win...we will hold a Second Chance drawing at the end of the Big Quiz in late February so...

read your GUIDE and enter often!



Getting down to business



Getting down to business

Taking Shape

Industrial park's new zoning would allow research firms, tax abatements

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Canton Business Center, a 230 acre warehouse and industrial park which recently broke ground at Michigan Avenue and Beck roads, was designated as an Industrial Development District (IDD) Tuesday by the Canton Township Board of Trustees.

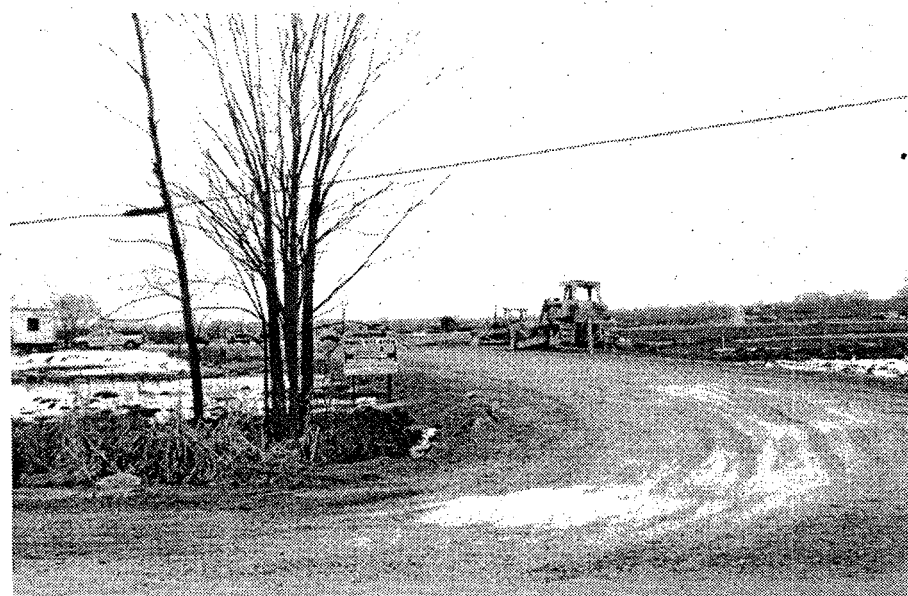
The project, which is being developed by Ashley Calumet LLC of Romulus, will ultimately contain more than 2.5 million square-feet of warehouse and distribution facilities. The industrial development district zoning would make it more attractive to research and development firms, by allowing them to apply for tax abatements, according to Jeff Goulet, Canton Community Planner.

Normally, the Township will not consider tax abatements for speculative buildings, Goulet said. Spec buildings are structures built without a specific tenant in mind, and then leased to interested firms.

"The developer has six months to find a tenant to be eligible for an abatement," Goulet said.

By zoning the Canton Business Center as an IDD, the Township opens the way for firms to apply for a tax abatement.

"It doesn't necessarily mean that firms



It doesn't look like much now, but Ashley Calumet's industrial development will one day house more than 2.5 million-square feet of warehouse and research space (Crier photo by Scott Spielman).

will automatically be receive an abatement, it just provides a basis for determination, he said."

Warehouse and distribution centers are not eligible unless they are directly related to manufacturing, Goulet said. Canton allows tax abatements for research, development and manufacturing firms based on the

amount of investment in the community and amount of jobs provided, among other things.

By allowing the IDD classification, the development should attract a wider variety of uses, Goulet said.

"It should be a really good mix of uses, he said.



Canton resident Sally Bailey, RN, MS, (above) has been named site administrator for Saint Joseph Mercy Health System's (SJMHS) new Canton Health Building.

Baily has been with SJMHS since 1985, and has served as manager of labor and delivery services at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital-Ann Arbor. She has also managed SJMHS's Ford Road facility for four years, and is a board member of Canton's Chamber of Commerce.

She will direct operational activities and provide administrative oversight of the staff.

SJMHS has also named Meleah Mariani-Raupp, RN (below) as clinical nurse manager for Canton Health Building's Urgent Care.

The facility is scheduled to open Feb. 17, 1998.



A natural alternative

Plymouth shop offers classes in massage therapy and creating custom fragrances

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

The sense of smell and the art of massage are among the topics covered in two special classes offered this week at Naturally Home & Bath Essentials in Plymouth.

Tonight's class will deal with perfumes, according to Susan MacGonigal, owner of Naturally. Colleen Dodt, an author who has written a book on essential oils and baby oils, will give a presentation on essential oils and provide custom perfume blending.

"They're derived directly from plants and herbs and have some of the same properties, whether its healing, well-being, or affecting a mood."

MacGonigal says the classes, which she offers every two months, are in response to customer question and concerns.

"We sold some of the products in the store and people kept asking about them," she says. "It seemed to be the best way to answer the questions."

The \$45 cost of the class includes materials such as essential oils from Dodt's private collection.

Beginning next week, certified Myomassologist Robyn Veros will offer a three-class series on the art of massage.

Classes will teach techniques for relieving headache pain through relaxation and muscle stimulation, Veros says.

Veros, who has an educational background in physical therapy and experience with many different massage clinics, says the technique is usually pretty effective.

"When people get tension headaches it's usually because their muscles are tight and blood can't release as many nutrients," Veros says. "What the massage does is help increase the circulation, flush out toxins and gets fresh oxygen into the tissue."

The cost of the massage classes is \$20, or \$50 for the three-class series, according to MacGonigal. Students should bring a mat or sleeping bag to work on.

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Plymouth Community Fire Chief Larry Groth displays the department's new hand-held thermal imaging camera (TIC) bought with money the Plymouth Kiwanis Club raised. The camera will help firefighters' vision cut through the smoke and heat of a fire to locate people. (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)

Firefighters' eyes can poke through smoke with camera

Kiwanis-bought device improves vision at fires

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

Smoke can be devastating. It can choke the lungs, sear the eyes and overwhelm a human being in less than a minute. For a firefighter, it is the enemy, maliciously lurking like Death in every fire they fight.

This week, though, the Plymouth Community Fire Department has a new weapon for its battle. Thanks to a \$17,000 donation from the Kiwanis Club of Plymouth, the fire department has purchased a hand-held thermal imaging camera (TIC) that allows them to see through smoke.

Designed to detect body heat, the camera can be used by a firefighter to locate persons in a burning house. Through dense smoke and darkness, the camera can highlight the outline of a warm human body, said Fire Chief Larry Groth.

"If somebody is in (a burning house), we can find them more quickly with this camera," said Groth. "We have a better chance of saving them."

According to Groth, a firefighter could literally crawl over the body of an unconscious child and not realize it. "With this camera, we save time. We see the child and we grab it," he said. "Otherwise the firefighter would be forced to feel his way around a room to locate it."

The idea to purchase the costly, high-tech camera first came from current Kiwanis club president Jim Gratza, Groth said.

"I saw a television program where they

had named two of these cameras after two young kids in Colombia, Georgia that were killed," said Gratza. "So I thought, wait a minute. Why do we wait for bad things to happen so we can name something after the victim?"

So Gratza, with Kiwanis first vice-president Greg Ash, brought the idea to the club. "I thought it was something our club could do that we would get a lot of public response and corporate support for," he said.

"We wanted this to be a community effort," said Ash. "I would say that close to 75 per cent (of the donations) came from them."

Sue Clark, last year's club president, said the idea for the camera fit right into

the Kiwanis theme. "Children are really our main emphasis at Kiwanis. And we just felt that, from a child-safety standpoint, this camera would be a good thing," she said.

The Kiwanis club isn't stopping here. According to Gratza, the club plans on raising enough money for two more thermal-imaging cameras. "Were trying to get a new Volkswagen Beetle to raffle off," said Gratza. "That could pay for a new camera, all by itself."

Groth said he appreciates the support. "Unfortunately, I've been to two house fires that have been fatal here in the township," he said. "You can't go back in time, what's done is done. But I'm thinking if we had this (camera), we could have saved those people."

'We felt that, from a child-safety standpoint, this camera would be a good thing.'

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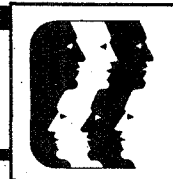
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Groups

PLYMOUTH FALL FESTIVAL BOARD

The Plymouth Fall Festival Board will meet on **Feb. 4** at 7:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Township Hall Annex (formerly Friendly's). All organizations who are considering participating in the 1998 Fall Festival should send a representative to this meeting. For further information call Kurt Lamar, President at (734) 453-7820.

THE AMERICAN LEGION

The American Legion of Northville Post 147, will hold a regular business meeting and Special elections at 8 p.m., Wednesday at the Post home, 100 W. Dunlap. All eligible veterans and members are welcome. For information, call Adjutant Jim Maahs at (248) 349-1060.

PLYMOUTH NEWCOMERS

The Plymouth Newcomers will be celebrating an early Mardi Gras on **Feb. 7**, at 6:30 p.m., at the Water Club Grill for a Masquerade Dinner Party. Be sure to join us at the Water Club located at 39500 E. Ann Arbor Rd. in Plymouth. For further information call Susan Tish (734) 453-0232.

SINGLES GROUP OF CANTON

St. John Neumann's Singles Group of Canton is hosting their annual Valentines Dance on **Feb. 14**. Located at St. Kenneth's Catholic Church located on Haggerty Road and Five Mile Road Doors open at 8 p.m. and tickets are available at the door. Call Patrick at (313) 277-6083 or St. John Neumann's hotline at (313) 480-7830.

P-C MAGIC GIRLS BASKETBALL


The Plymouth-Canton Magic Girls AAV basketball club will be holding team tryouts for 11 and 12 year-old girls on **Feb. 24**. Registration and tryouts begin at 3 p.m. at the Plymouth Salvation Army, 9451 S. Main Street. For additional information call (734) 207-5064.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY YMCA

The Plymouth Community Family YMCA is now registering for all **Winter 1998** classes. A variety of classes are available for preschool through adult. YMCA Parent/Child programs are also beginning. Call (734) 453-2904 for further information.

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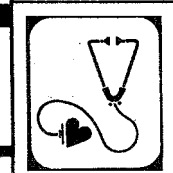
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STRESS MANAGEMENT SEMINARS

The presentation seminar will take place on Wednesday from 7 p.m.-8 p.m. at Medhealth Wellness Center, Plymouth facility located on 47659 Halyard Dr. presenting Lawrence J. Collins, MA, a licensed psychologist.

MEDI-CARE HMO'S

Medi-care HMO's - are they right for you? No insurance representatives, information from current plans will be available. Monday at 1 p.m. in Maple Multi-use Room at Summit on the Park. For more information call (734) 397-5444.

EXPECTANT FATHERS

"Just for Dad's...Childbirth and Beyond," class will be held from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. on **Feb. 5**. Registration is required. Please call (734) 655-1100 or toll free 1-800-494-1615.

SIBLING CLASS

The Marian Women's Center next to St. Mary Hospital will offer Sibling Class from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. on **Feb. 7**. This is to help adjust to the welcoming of a new baby into the family. Registration is required. For more information call (734) 655-1100 or toll free 1-800-494-1615.

PEDIATRIC BASIC LIFE SUPPORT

St. Mary Hospital will offer a course in CPR for the child under age 8 and for infants in a cardiac emergency. Will be held **Feb. 7** from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Advanced registration is required. Call (734) 655-2922 or toll free 1-800-494-1650.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC FOR CHILDREN

\$5 per child for all vaccines available except chicken pox. Clinics are held Tuesday, **Feb. 10** from 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. and Saturday, **March 14** 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at St. Joseph Mercy Health System located at 990 W. Ann Arbor Trl., in Plymouth. For more information call (734) 414-1000.

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP

St. Mary Hospital Diabetes Support Group meeting will be held **Feb. 14** from 7-8:30 p.m. in the hospital auditorium near the 5 Mile entrance. For more information, call St. Mary Hospital at (734) 655-2922 or toll free 1-800-494-1650.

CHILDBIRTH EDUCATION CLASS

Learn what to expect during pregnancy, labor, and delivery. A six week session will be held 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. every Tuesday from **Feb. 10 through March 17**. To register or for more information call (734) 655-1100 or toll free 1-800-494-1615.

SELF DEFENSE AWARENESS COURSE

The Salvation Army at 9451 S. Main is now offering a five week Women's Self Defense awareness course. The course is taught by Bob Stanczyk of the world Chang Moo Kwan Association of Plymouth. Cost is \$20 per person and classes are one hour. For further information call Martha Schultz at (734) 453-5464.

Meyers, clothier, salesman dies at 43

Meyer's sudden passing shocks P-C-N business community

BY W. EDWARD WENDOVER
The Plymouth-Canton Community's retailers were stunned Monday morning as word quickly spread that Jamie Meyers, 43, had died that morning of an apparent heart attack.

He had been a friendly well-known name in men's clothing since he first worked at old Famous Men's Wear on Ann Arbor Trail at age 16 during high school. Jamie also fitted suits at Lent's, Milano's, and Orlandi's mens' stores until his last six years at Steve Petix Clothiers.

Many customers had followed him from store to store and even non-

customers would stop to chat as he stood out — usually smoking — in front of Petix on Main Street.

Friends said that although he had complained of indigestion and slight dizziness in the past week, the heart attack was a complete surprise. They praised the staff of Oakwood Hospital in Canton that tried valiantly

Robert James "Jamie" Meyers is survived by his fiancée, Nancy R. Marek and her sons, Jeremy and Gary, all of Canton; his children, Staci M. and Matthew A. Meyers of Ypsilanti; brothers, Michael (Sally) Meyers of

Snellville, GA, Dennis (Lisa) Meyers of Whitmore Lake.

Visitation will be held today from 4 - 9 p.m., and Thursday from 1 - 4 p.m. and 6 - 9 p.m. at the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. David Woodby officiating. Burial will be at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to the American Heart Association of Michigan, P.O. Box 721129, Berkeley, MI 48072.



Community deaths

Paul Jose; mother, Irene Stone Jose; sons, Sean Lee of Canton, Justine Lee of Canton; brothers, Michael (Mary) Jose of Garden City, Richard (Debbie) Jose of Canton; grandmother, Sophie Luther of Westland; mother-in-law, Darlene Lee; and father-in-law, Dexter (Anna) Lee.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth with Jerry Yarnell officiating. Burial was at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia. Memorial contributions can be given to Community Hospice Services, 32932 Warren, Westland, MI 48185.

WILLIAM FENTON SCHUHARDT

William Fenton Schuhardt, a Severierville, TN resident, died Jan. 10 1988 at the age of 75.

Mr. Schuhardt was born Jan. 24, 1922 in Detroit. He was an employee of Ford Motor Company for 43 years, retiring in 1985. He was a disabled veteran of WWII, having served in the 101st Airborne Division in Europe.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Gladys; daughters, Sandra (John) of Canton, Diana (Carlton) of Dearborn; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Charles R. Step Funeral Home in Redford Township with John Dawburn and Arlyn Karpeles officiating. Interment was at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia, MI.

MARY C. BROSS

Mary C. Bross, a Livonia resident, died Jan. 28, 1998 at the age of 81.

Mrs. Bross was born Aug. 19, 1916 in Detroit. She was a homemaker. She was a member of St. Theodore Catholic Church for 29 years.

She is survived by her daughters, Carolyn (Richard) Hannigan of Bloomfield Hills, Anita (Michael) Jackson of Canton; sisters, Dolores Lizzote, Virginia Sheppard, Lois Studt; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband, Eugene Bross; daughter, Marilyn (Fred) Wodarski; and brother, Lester Weber.

Services were held at St. Theodore Catholic Church with the Rev. Daniel Zaleski officiating. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. Arrangements were made by the Vermeulen Funeral Home in Canton. Mass offerings can be made or memorial contributions given to The Capuchins, 1740 Mt. Elliott Ave, Detroit, MI 48207.

Obituaries

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

WILLIAM JOSEPH KANE

William Joseph Kane, a Frankenmuth resident, died Jan. 20, 1998 at the age of 95.

Mr. Kane was born Aug. 16, 1902 in Ottawa Canada. He was an optician.

He is survived by his nephew, William C. Ferma of Plymouth; niece, Joyce (Ben) Wells; and sister, Kathleen. He is preceded in death by his wife, Lois J. Kane; daughter, Lois Jane Kane; and sisters, Evelyn and Frances.

Arrangements were made by and services held at Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth with Dean Klump of the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth officiating. Burial was at Roseland Park Cemetery in Berkley, MI.

VERNA MARY KNUTH

Verna Mary Knuth, an Allen Park resident, died Jan. 22, 1998 at the age of 84.

Mrs. Knuth was born June 25, 1913 in Pauline, IA. She was a realtor.

She is survived by her sons, Ron (Elaine) Knuth of Northville, Michael (Ann) Knuth of Canton; daughter, Joy (Matt) Wolfe of Canton; nine grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; two brothers; and six sisters. She is preceded in death by her husband, Rolland Henry Knuth

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. Drex Morton of St. Michael Lutheran Church officiating. Burial was at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia. Memorial contributions can be given to Henry Ford Village Hospice 15101 Ford Road, Dearborn, MI 48126.

PAMELA H. LEE

Pamela H. Lee, a Canton resident, died Jan. 24, 1998 at the age of 36.

Mrs. Lee was born July 7, 1961 in Wayne. She was a computer operator.

She is survived by her husband, Robert E. Lee of Canton; father,

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).

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Attention students and seniors: Plymouth New Morning School is looking for a child care aide Mon.-Fri. from 7-9 a.m. Could be volunteer or paid position. For more information call (734) 420-3331.

MICHIGAN CANCER FOUNDATION
Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute is looking for volunteers to provide transportation for cancer patients in P-C-N area. Call (313) 561-8880, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

RETIRED AND SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM
Retired and Senior Volunteer Program need volunteers in Canton to help children needing tutoring in basic math, reading. Free training. Call (313) 883-2100 ext. 368.

FISH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
FISH of P-C in need of volunteers to assist in aiding neighbors who can't help themselves. To be a driver, caller, or run errands, call (734) 261-1011, leave a message.

SUMMIT SHUTTLE
Summit on the Park, Canton, offers shuttle service from east parking lot (next to playscape) to north door of Summit. Enclosed eight-person cart provides service 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. If P-C Schools close because of bad weather, tornado or severe thunderstorm warnings, shuttle won't operate. Senior Office, (734) 397-5444.

STUDENT EXCHANGE
Families needed to host international students from "Academic Year in America," sponsored by American Institute for Foreign Study Foundation. Students range from 15-18 years, arrive from Brazil, Germany, Spain, Netherlands and other countries. Call Amy Mullen, 1-800-322-4678, ext. 5423.

GUEST SPEAKERS NEEDED AT P-C SCHOOLS
P-C Business Education Partnership in need of individuals to share occupation information to students in classroom settings. Call (734) 416-4903.

CHORE PROGRAM
Senior Alliance offers a chore referral program that puts workers in touch with seniors in need of chores and home repairs. Reasonable fee. Call (313) 722-2830.

Events

COMMUNITY LITERACY COUNCIL, INC.
Community Literacy Council, Inc. will be conducting seminars for people interested in becoming reading tutors. The first segment of the seminar will be repeated at Auto Nation Feb. 12 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. The second half of the seminar will be conducted on Saturday, Jan. 30 and repeated on Feb. 14 from 9:15 a.m.-5:00 p.m. at Auto Nation. For more information call (734) 254-9255

SESAME STREET LIVE
Canton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a family trip to the Fox Theater to see Sesame Street Live on Saturday. Cost is \$14 per person. Registration starts Jan. 5 and a bus ride is provided. Canton Residents please.

FREE TAX ASSISTANCE FOR SENIORS
Free income tax assistance for Seniors will be available in Canton, Northville, & Plymouth from Feb. 1 to April 15. In Canton call (734) 397-5444, in Plymouth call (734) 455-6620, and in Northville call (248) 349-4140 to schedule an appointment. Home visits are also available.

FAMILY SKATE NIGHT
Canton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a Family Skate Night on Thursday, Feb. 5, in Heritage Park. Ponds will be lighted and refreshments available. Call (734) 397-5110 if there is a question about skating conditions.

PLYMOUTH FIGURE SKATING CLUB
Hosting USFSA Midwestern Precision Team Sectional Championship at the new Computware Arena on Feb. 6-8. Additional information (734) 420-0462.

TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH
A special service for the Pontiac Rescue Mission will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 10, from 7:00-9:30 p.m. Pastor Kent Clark will take a special love offering. Call (734) 414-7777 for more details.

FOURTH AVENUE GALLERY
The Fourth Avenue Gallery will be presenting the work of Louie Long and Jack Kenny now through Feb. 15. The gallery is located at 210 S. Fourth Avenue in Ann Arbor. For more information call (888) 8344-ART.

MAID OF ERIN PAGEANT
We are looking for girls ages between 17 & 23 of Irish descent for the "Maid of Erin" pageant to be held Feb. 28 at the Gaelic League. For further details call Bridie Flynn at (734) 464-8556 or Peggine Bolland at (313) 255-5677.

USS NANTAHALA REUNION
A reunion of the USS Nantahala (AO-60) will be held May 14-17. Contact Jack Gibbs, 40695 Newport, Plymouth MI. 48170-4742 or (734) 455-9306

GUIDE to Entertainment

Go P-C-N

Your GUIDE to commercial entertainment in the Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community. Also note community and non-profit groups' events, listed in this Crier under *What's Happening*.

CANTON CINEMA 6
734-981-1900; "Titanic" "Good Will Hunting" "As Good As It Gets" "Spice World" "Deep Rising" "Hard Rain."

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KARL'S COUNTRY CABIN
734-455-8450; Dance to live music every Thurs. Night.

THE LOWER TOWN GRILL
734-451-1213; Fri.: Robert Noll & the Blues Mission & Sat.: Blues Jubilee Feat.

LUCILLE'S TAVERN
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STATION 885 RESTAURANT
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WEST SIDE SINGLES
734-981-0909; Every Fri.: Friday dances at Burton Manor

These listings are free of charge and are accurate as of noon Friday, prepared for Wednesday's Crier. Bookings, reservations, cover charges and capacities may change, so please call to verify information. A venue wishing to be listed or to update information should call The Crier at (734) 453-6900 by noon Friday.

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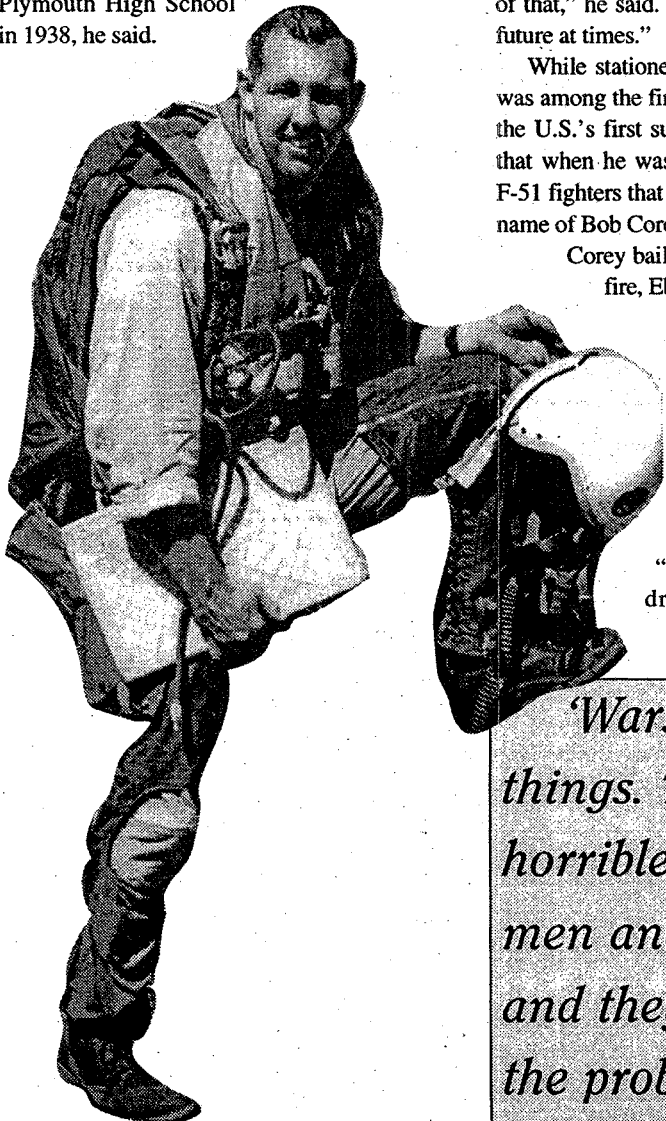
When asked what his greatest achievement is, Plymouth native Howard Ebersole has to stop and think.

But not because time has taken the edge off of a mind which has helped usher in the modern age of avionics. He's as sharp today as he was when he first climbed into a B-24 bomber to fly combat missions over Germany in 1944.

And it's not because his accomplishments are few and far between: Ebersole received the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Silver Star and other medals and honors on the way to his induction into the Michigan Aviation Hall of Fame in November.

Indeed, if Ebersole does pause, it's to distinguish between what some might call heroic actions, and what he refers to as just part of the job.

Ebersole's long and distinguished military career began shortly after he graduated from Plymouth High School in 1938, he said.



"A friend of mine was going to be drafted, so we both went down and figured to enlist together," Ebersole said. "It didn't work out that way."

Ebersole went into the Army Signal Corps (ASC) and was trained and commissioned as a B-24 pilot. He flew 16 combat missions without a fighter escort in Europe, over German guns he describes as "pretty active."

After the war, Ebersole managed to earn a Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Michigan before he was recalled to active duties in the Korean conflict.

First assigned to Luke Air Force Base, AZ, Ebersole commanded F-51, F-80 and F-84 training, he said. The change from bombers to single-engine fighter planes was a welcome one, he said.

"Bomber pilots had to stay straight and level; there was not much maneuvering you could do. Fighter pilots didn't want much part of that," he said. "It didn't have a whole lot of future at times."

While stationed in Korea in 1952, Ebersole was among the first Pilots to fly the F-86 Sabre, the U.S.'s first supersonic jet. It was also then that when he was leading a small squadron of F-51 fighters that one of his pilots, a man by the name of Bob Corey, was shot down.

Corey bailed out, and the enemy opened fire, Ebersole said.

"I saw him land on the side of the hill, and people were coming up the side of the hill," he said. "I had to see if I could buy him some time."

Ebersole dove down to treetop level, opened fire to "hose the enemy down," and drew enemy fire to give the downed pilot time to find

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safety. The enemy guns found his plane a much bigger target, but Ebersole still managed to draw their fire for half an hour.

"It was probably 20 or 25 minutes. Time seemed to slow down in that thing," he said. "They were peppering the hell out of me. I was trying to help Bob and I stayed a bit too long and got shot up more than I should have."

A lot more.

Ebersole's aircraft lost all power. His engine quit while still 18 miles from his base for want of fuel, as he puts it. Translation: All his fuel had leaked from bullet holes in his fuselage.

Ebersole remained cool and was able to glide the plane in, and even pull it off the runway so as not to block others landing, he said.

Wartime heroics are only half of what earned Ebersole his place in the Hall of Fame, however. And they're not what Ebersole is most proud of.

"Wars are futile things. They're a horrible waste of men and machinery and they don't solve the problem," he said.

His post-war work was instrumental in developing modern smart bombs, air-to-air missiles and modern ejection systems.

After Korea, Ebersole returned to U of M for his masters in electrical engineering. With his advanced degree, the army — surprisingly — assigned him to his field of study.

"That was odd," he said. "The army has a habit of training cooks to be truck drivers and truck drivers to be cooks. I think it was just luck."

If it was just luck, it took him to Holloman Air Force Base, near Alamogordo, NM, where he still lives with Jeanne, his wife.

Working at Holloman, Ebersole was a test pilot for aircraft such as the F-101. He was test director for the F102/GAR-11 project, the first atomic air-to-air missile. His research and tests led to technical specifications for today's



Ebersole stands with Jeanne, his wife, in front of the sketch and plaque honoring him at the Michigan Aviation Hall of Fame, at the Kalamazoo Aviation History Museum.

"smart bombs" and improved air-to-air missiles, before he retired from active duty in 1969.

Although Ebersole said he is proud of his service to his country, he counts these research projects as well as post-military days at Mississippi State University among his greatest accomplishments.

And while he said his enshrinement in the Aviation Hall of Fame is one of the greatest honors he has ever received, he never considered himself a hero, or an innovator.

To him, it's all part of the job.

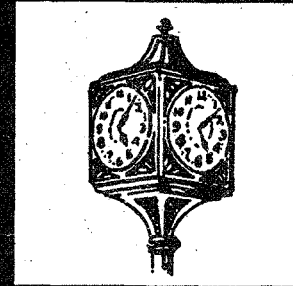
Ebersole received combat decorations as a B-24 bomber pilot in WWII (top, right) and a pilot of various fighters in the Korean conflict (above).



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ringing, people yelling and swearing, mild-
ly, of course, a baby laughing as he grabs
a telephone, hits a few keys on a piano,
and possibly a swipe at a computer.
Would that all offices had a one-year old
"Liam" wander into their offices. For a
moment the world stops and the personnel
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chance to touch this wonderful baby boy.
Phones ring, Beauregard barks. Ed, our
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wonderful.



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but the ladies too-- and are we grateful!
Geneva

Allen-- Thank you for keeping our names
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Everyone should have a "Liam" in their
midst.

Stewart-- oops. I think I have Good Hope,
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Class size is limited.

City of Plymouth Recreation Department's basketball standings thru 1-29-98:

Women's Division -- Happy Hoopsters, 33 points; T-Rex, 29.5 points; All for One, 27 points; Birch Construction, 16.5 points; Team #3, 11 points; Laurel Manor/Mr. B's, 9 points.

Men's Division -- Head Graphics, 40.5 point; Clark Building Supply, 36.5 points; McAuley Pharmacy, 34 points; UpTempo, 33.5 points; American Pie, 23 points; Midnight Marauders, 22.5; Ludwig & Karas, 17 points; Dick Scott Dodge, 13.5 points; Mr B's, 9 points; The Outlaws, 8.5 points; SKF-NATC, 8 points; The Sting, 6 points.

Canton leaps to 9th in state

BY KRISTEN VAN DUSEN

On Saturday, Canton held an invitational with 12 of the top 14 teams in the state. The Chiefs went into the meet ranked tenth and came out ranked ninth.

Northville won the meet with a score of 145.35. Rochester Adams came in second with 144.30. Third place went to Rochester with 142.95. Hartland placed fourth with 141.60 and Freeland came in fifth with 140.90 points.

"We had really strong parent support," said Coach John Cunningham. "We're in great shape. The meet ran extremely well. It only went twenty minutes over, which is beyond exceptional in gymnastics."

In Division I, Liz Fitzgerald placed tenth in the All-Around with a total score of 35.45. Fitzgerald also placed tenth in the bars with a score of 9.100.

In vault, Marcie Emerick placed ninth with a score of 8.900. Fitzgerald placed fourteenth in beam with 8.850 points.

In Division II, Amy Driscoll placed 15th with a total score of 32.150. Driscoll also placed 10th on the floor with a score of 8.8.

GYMNASTICS

Canton's key gymnasts were Fitzgerald, Driscoll, Emerick, Michelle Farnsworth, Kristen Schilk, Natalie Wood, and Nicole Vaagenes.

"Liz Fitzgerald had an exceptional performance. It was one of the best routines," said Cunningham. "We've started doing some new stunts. These kids can do them with improvement."

Canton also attended a meet with Farmington on Monday. They finished the meet with 138.05 points, defeating Farmington's 135.00 points.

Fitzgerald had a high score of 8.9 on the vault and 9.15 on the bars.

Amy Driscoll did extremely well on the beam with a score of 8.95. Emerick had a high score of 8.65 on the floor.

Plymouth Salem was among the seventeen teams that attended Canton's Invitational. Salem placed fourteenth with a total score of 120.160.

Canton Invite

Team rankings & scores

1. Northville	145.35
2. Rochester Adams	144.30
3. Rochester	142.95
4. Hartland	141.60
5. Freeland	140.90
6. Troy Athens	139.75
7. Holland	138.80
8. Brighton	136.30
9. Canton	134.15
10. Jackson Co. West	132.70
11. Vassar	127.90
12. John Glenn	127.10
13. Traverse City	121.90
14. Salem	120.16
15. Fraser	115.70

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Salem spikes 2 opponents

Rocks defeat Falcons, Churchill; Street, Stemmer lead attack

VOLLEYBALL

BY ERICA D'ANGELO

Salem girls volleyball added two more victories to their record this past week. The wins came against Farmington last Monday and Livonia Churchill on Wednesday.

Salem is hardly letting their opponents in on any action.

They took Farmington 15-6 and 15-1, and Churchill 15-5 and 15-5.

Kelly Street and Ellen Stemmer both had eight kills, Jenny Trott had three. Trott also had three digs.

Kari Flynn provided 10 assists to kills.

On Wednesday, the Rocks were smashing even harder.

Senior Amanda Abraham, along with Trott, had eight kills each. Flynn was again a played an important role, assisting nine



Denied! . . . Whaler goalie Robert Esch made 17 saves in Plymouth's 4 to 1 victory over Sarnia on Saturday night at Compuware Sports Arena, see story page 20. (Crier Photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)

kills.

Salem's record is now an impressive 5-0 in the Western Lakes Athletics Association.

The Rocks are looking to be in state finals this year, and so far, nothing is stopping them.

Chiefs ride out Mustangs, outduel Raiders for wins

BY KRISTEN VAN DUSEN

Last week Canton girl's volleyball had wins over Northville Monday and North Farmington Wednesday.

The victories were much needed, since Canton had lost two of its first three Western Lakes Activities Association matches.

The Chiefs took the Mustangs in two

VOLLEYBALL

matches; 15-7 and 15-9. Junior Elizabeth Elsner was one of Canton's strongest players of the game, with four kills and ten digs. Erica Hancz also had four kills, and senior co-captain Setphanie Chefon had four service aces and along with nine digs. Setter Angie Germain helped

out by assisting to thirteen kills.

The fight Wednesday against the Raiders was tougher, taking three games. They took the first one 15-12, then the Raiders took the second game 9-15, but Canton bounced back to take the match 15-13.

Chefon and Elsner were both key players, contributing nine kills each. Chefon also had eighteen digs. Senior Christy Even had fifteen digs, and Germain again had thirteen assists to kills.

The two wins were much needed to Canton's record, which is now 3-2. The season is starting to look bright again, especially since co-captain Amy Plagens should be back in action this week. Plagens, another key player, has been out with a knee injury for the last month.

Salem gymnastics

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Alison Bracht placed thirteenth on the vault with a score of 8.700. Janine Schmedding scored an 8.300 on the bars, coming in fifteenth place.

Salem's top gymnasts were Bracht, Schmedding, Kate Deroche, Ashley Heard, Mashid Pirzadaeh, Corrine Porter, Emily Gaubatz, Ann-Marie Zielinski, and Beth Steinhelper.

Salem and Canton compete with each other at Salem on Wednesday at 7:00.

Whalers lose in Sarnia, win at Soo

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14:44 of the first period, giving Plymouth a 1-0 lead. Legwand broke a 1-1 tie with a power play goal at 10:10 of the second period; Taylor and Sergei Fedotov assisted.

Boulerice scored insurance goals late in the second and third periods.

Sarnia 4, Plymouth 2 — On Friday in Sarnia, the Sting scored two first period

goals and never relinquished the lead on the way to the 4-2 win.

Legwand and Boulerice scored for Plymouth. Sarnia goalie Patrick DesRochers made 33 saves. Esche stopped 25 shots for Plymouth.

Plymouth 4, Sault Ste. Marie 1 — On Jan. 27 in the Soo, the Druken and Legwand gave the Whalers all they needed

with two goals less than four minutes into the first period.

Fedotov and Legwand added goals in the second period for Plymouth.

Esche (22 saves) got the win in net for Plymouth.

Notebook:

The Philadelphia Flyers signed Boulerice to a three-year, \$350,000 contract Friday.

"He signed a contract, great for him," said DeBoer. "He's put in a lot of hard work, a lot of hard times, and it's payed off. He came into this league as defenseman, we moved to him to wing, and he's worked hard.

"He's earned every penny he's going to get. With the kind of commitment Philadelphia made to him in the contract I'm sure he's going to get a chance to play in the NHL."

...Speaking of chances to play in the NHL, Legwand and defenseman Kevin Holdridge will get a chance to prove their worth Feb. 10.

That's when both players will appear in the Chrysler Cup Challenge CHL Top Prospects Game at Maple Gardens in Toronto.

The game will be preceded by two days (Feb. 8-9) of practices and skills testing.

Last year, more than 200 NHL management and team personnel attended the three-day event.

The game will air live on Canada's TSN at 7:30 p.m.

Holdridge, a 17-year-old Novi native, has four goals and 11 assists in 39 games this season. He currently is among the OHL's plus/minus leaders with a plus-18 rating.

Legwand, a 17-year-old from Goose Pointe Woods, leads all OHL rookie scorers with 39 goals and 31 assists in 38 games.

He will be the No. 1 or No.2 overall pick in this year's NHL Entry Draft.



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Whaler forward Dave Legwand, who will attend the CHL's top prospect game Tuesday with teammate Kevin Holdridge, celebrates his second period power play goal in Saturday's 4-1 victory over Sarnia. Legwand finished the game with a goal and an assist. (Crier Photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

On deck

SALEM BASKETBALL

Friday at home versus Walled Lake Central. JV begins at 6 p.m. Tuesday at home versus Canton. JV begins at 6 p.m.

SALEM SWIMMING

Thursday at home versus Farmington at 7 p.m. Saturday at Dexter 9/10 Invitational, time TBA.

SALEM WRESTLING

Thursday at North Farmington at 6:30 p.m.

SALEM VOLLEYBALL

Today at home versus Stevenson at 5:30 p.m. Saturday at the Schoolcraft Invitational at 9 a.m. Monday at North Farmington at 5:30 p.m.

SALEM GYMNASTICS

Today at home versus Canton at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Freeland Invitational at 9 a.m.

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Friday at Walled Lake Western. JV begins at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday at Salem. JV begins at 6:00 p.m.

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Thursday at home versus Churchill at 6:30 p.m.

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Today at Salem at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Freeland Invitational at 9 a.m.

CANTON VOLLEYBALL

Today at Harrison at 5:30 p.m. Saturday at the Ann Arbor Varsity Invitational at 8:30 a.m. Monday at home versus Farmington at 5:30 p.m.



Community opinions

Law bill to prevent human cloning

Developments blur line between 'scientific progress and horrendous abuses of technology'

EDITOR:

Following the announcement by Scottish scientist Dr. Ian Wilmut last February that he had successfully cloned a sheep, the world rushed to outlaw human cloning. Fearful of Dr. Frankenstein repercussions, our national leaders immediately began working on legislation.

The bills that were introduced, however,

have languished in Congress. It took recent statements made by Dr. Richard Seed of Chicago to put a spark back under the fire.

There are few who will deny that God is the true source and the fundamental essence that makes us human. The very notion that an entrepreneur in a manufacturing laboratory thinks he can perform this function reeks of arrogance and confuses

the fundamental facts about our human existence. This notion cries out for a preemptive prohibition.

California has been the only state to pass its own legislation outlawing human cloning. After passing three bills out of the House, Michigan could be the second. We need support for these bills, House Bills 4846, 4962 and 5475, if we are to prevent the grandstand efforts of people like Dr. Seed.

Each of the bills prohibits cloning and attaches criminal penalties and million dollar fines to those who break the law. I am co-sponsoring all three of the bills because I believe Dr. Seed's intentions are irresponsible and unethical, and we do not want people like him in Michigan.

We need to make it clear that no matter what our scientific capabilities are, there are certain paths down which we should not go. We are not the givers of life, God is.

There is a fine line between encouraging scientific progress and preventing horrendous abuses of a new technology.

In drafting our legislation, we have worked very closely with the research and medical communities, to assure that we have put forth

legislation with technical accuracy so the only prohibited conduct is that of cloning a human being.

We are not, in any way, prohibiting or impeding genetic research that is under way — such as the terrific work of the University of Michigan in their genetic research labs or the efforts of the Governor's Commission on Genetic Research. The cloning of tissues, organs, skin, and other efforts to enhance the quality of human life is encouraged.

Some have questioned the pursuit of legislation at this time. It is my firm belief that a preemptive prohibition is necessary if we are to be effective. If we wait, and the cloning of human beings gets under way, we will begin to lose the

uniqueness, freedom and respect intrinsic in each individual human life.

We need time to develop the ethical and legal structure for use of this technology. We need to get this issue under control. And, we need the voters to back our current legislation.

GERALD LAW
State Representative
20th District

The notion that an entrepreneur in a laboratory thinks he can perform this function reeks of arrogance and confuses the fundamental facts about our human existence

Thanks: St. Raphael's

EDITOR:

American Legion Post #112 in Plymouth Township would like to say thank you to St. Raphael's School students for doing a great job collecting cans for our Tabs for Tots program.

Every year the two classrooms that collect the most (can) tabs receive free lunch from Burger King, and every student in the school receives a bag of potato chips from the post.

This year's winning classes were: Mrs. Gibbons, room 10; Mrs. Dee, room 6.

The tabs are used to purchase equipment for the pediatric wards at local hospitals, volunteer ambulance services, etc.

Again, we thank every student at St. Raphael's for a job well done.

JOE BURMAN, post Commander

GARY MCCOY, Sr. Vice Commander and Tabs for Tots Chairman

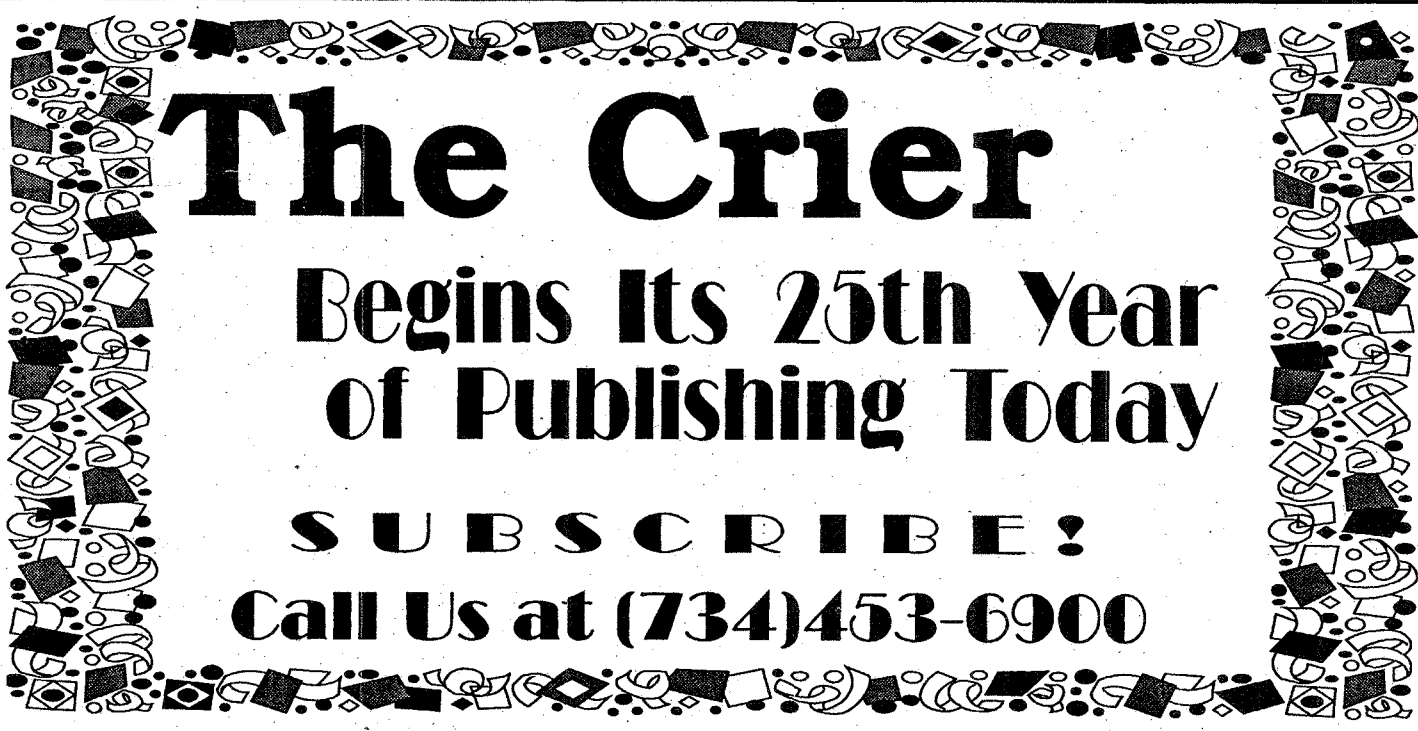
Thanks: Minerva's-Dunning's

EDITOR:

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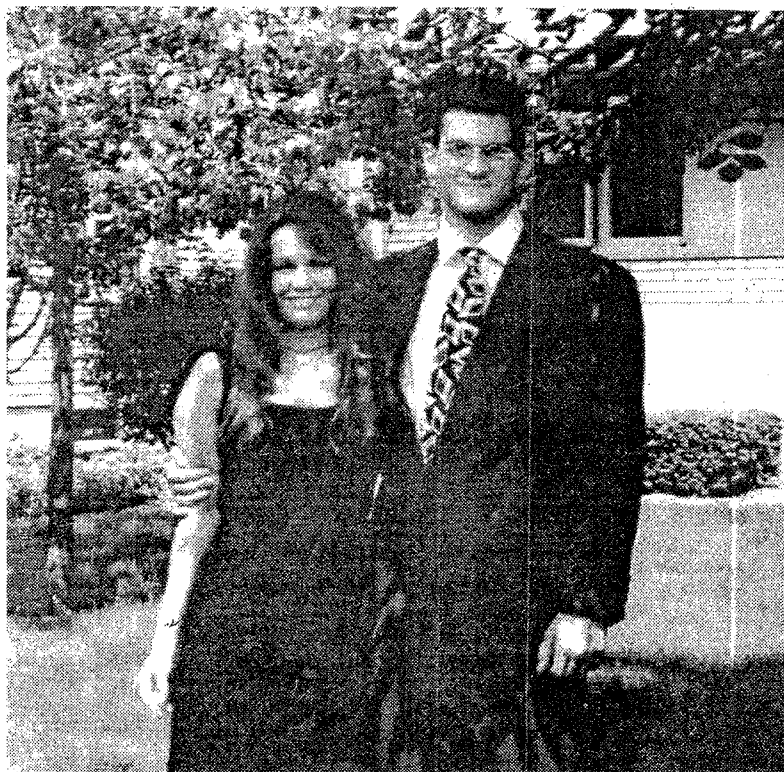




Community opinions

Not-so-muddy Meadows

It's the perfect blend: acknowledges the neighborhood's past, and at the same time recognizes the facts of today. Plymouth Township's Muddy Meadows is not-so-muddy anymore. Lisa Molk is a nine-year resident of the neighborhood, which originally was named Plymouth Meadows. Now that the dirt roads have been paved, the area needed a new name. The Crier asked readers for their suggested revisions of the area's nickname. Molk, pictured below with Jason Brashear, her fiancé, suggested the sublime *Not-so-muddy Meadows*: "The name Muddy Meadows is so well



Lisa Molk and Jason Brashear in Not-so-muddy Meadows

known, yet it doesn't quite fit anymore!" The Crier agrees. Thanks for your suggestions. Here are some of the other

Carolina Trace

A pretty name, Marjorie Lenheiser says it "exudes a sense of elegance. Just listen to the ring of it."

Asphalt Acres

J.F.L. sent us this one, with the suggested motto: "We paved paradise." Too bad the name was the one Muddy Meadows Acting Mayor Charlie Roebuck said was ineligible.

Bituminous Pond

"When the spring rain comes down we will have ponds in the ditches," Monique O'Callaghan wrote. Could be. We'll know in a month or two.

Hillbilly Heights

"Lots of southerners live there. Research that, it's true," wrote G. Duque. (We assume he's kidding.)

P-C Schools:

Space is still the issue

EDITOR:

Along with many others in this community, I have been concerned about overcrowding in our schools. For quite some time, I have been in support of selling the bond that will provide funds to build a new high school and elementary school in our district. It has been clear to me that we need more space ever since my first child began kindergarten. Although there was money available to hire an additional teacher to lower class sizes, there was no room to house another class.

Not long ago I attended a school board meeting in which factual evidence was presented to the board that may help others recognize this need. A group known as C.A.P. (Class Size Action Partnership) has compiled a report that

clearly shows how widespread overcrowding in our school system is. Not only are our high schools over capacity by 991 students, but seven of our elementary schools and three of our five middle schools are also at over-capacity status. Consider that these figures do not reflect the additional students that are constantly moving into our school district as the many new neighborhoods are being completed.

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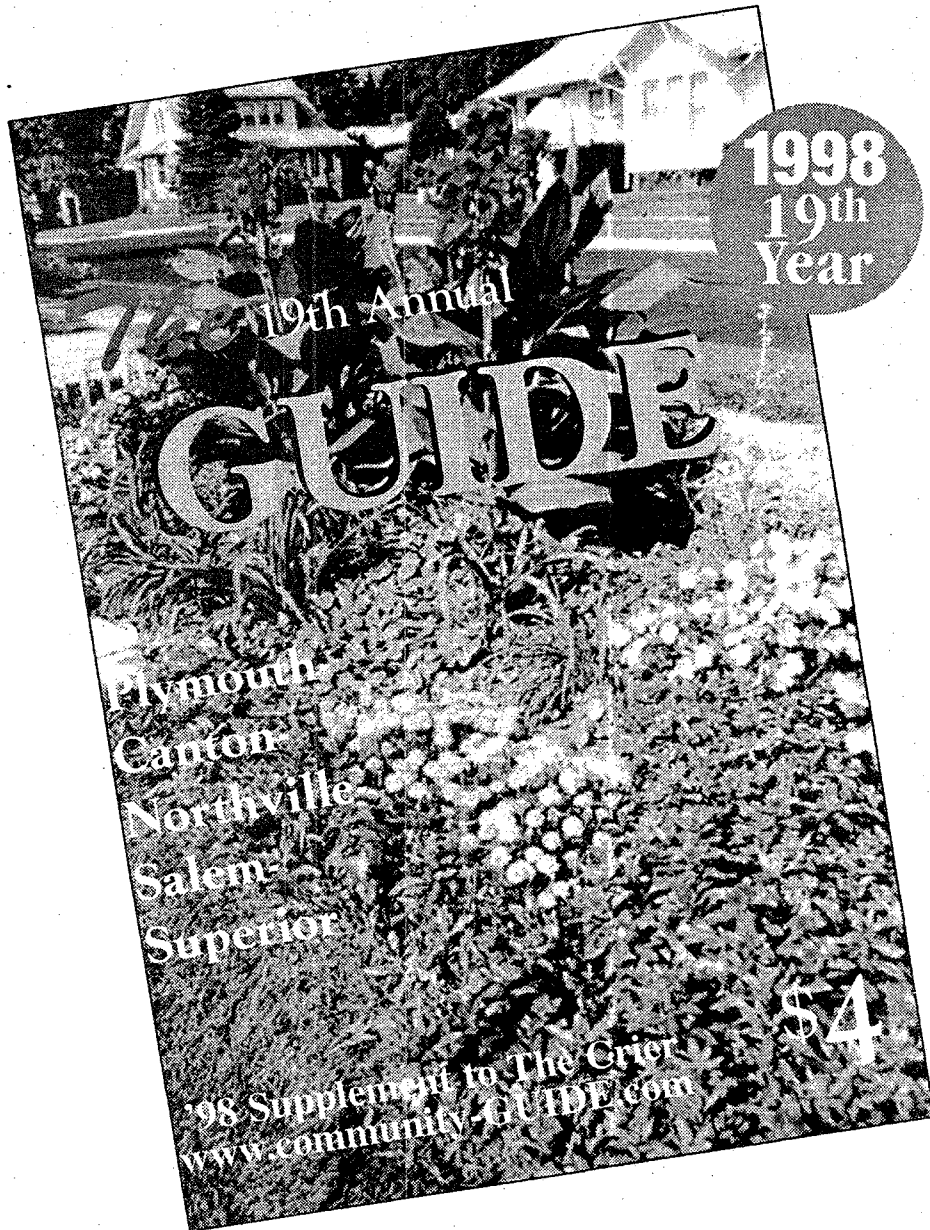
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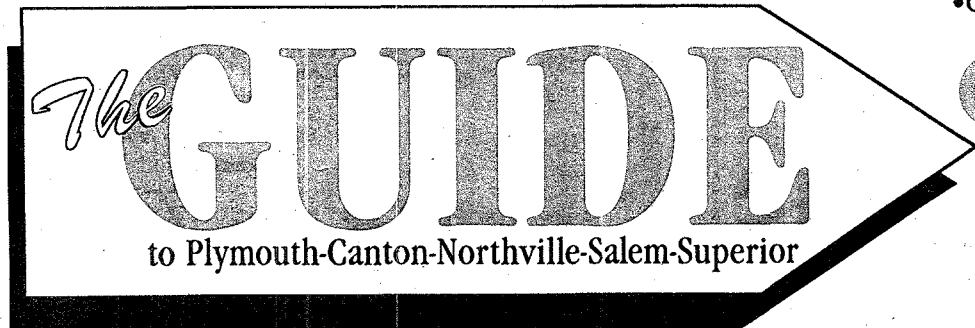
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