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### Groff appointed Plymouth Postmaster

*Canton resident  
ready to fill position  
following retirement  
of Mulligan*

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The U.S. Postal Service has appointed Canton resident Joe Groff to be postmaster in Plymouth.

"Unofficially, yes," said Groff, who is currently Manager of Finance, Detroit District. "It's not official until I get it in writing."

"We brought him in here (Friday) and introduced him to everyone," said acting Postmaster Joe Bodary. "It's public (Friday), I guess. It'll be effective Jan. 6, and he'll probably start Jan. 15. I'll be working with him for a few weeks to break him in."

Bodary has worked at the two Plymouth post offices since John Mulligan retired after 30 years as postmaster in the fall.

Groff was selected after an interview process that included numerous candidates. "They ask some pretty tough questions," said Groff. "They competition was really strong for Plymouth postmaster."

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### Leader of the band



John Stewart lead the Colonial Kiwanis noon club in song last week as the group performed Christmas carols for the residents of Tonquish Creek Manor. Approximately 20 Kiwanians walked from their meeting at the Mayflower Hotel to Tonquish Creek Manor to spread some holiday cheer. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

#### People

*Take a look back at our  
friends and neighbors*

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#### Commerce

*Business thrived 1995, expect  
same for upcoming year*

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#### Good sports

*Community host to many  
great sports teams in '95*

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# Canton, Twp. receive complaints following 'messy construction'

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

Plymouth and Canton Township residents aren't so sure anymore if they want their MTV thanks to some messy construction practices.

Both the township and Canton's government offices have received several complaints about resident's yards being torn up, broken gas mains and broken sprinkler systems.

Ameritech-New Media Enterprises, who has been the

first cable company to lay their cable line, is the company that has taken the brunt of the heat from the residents.

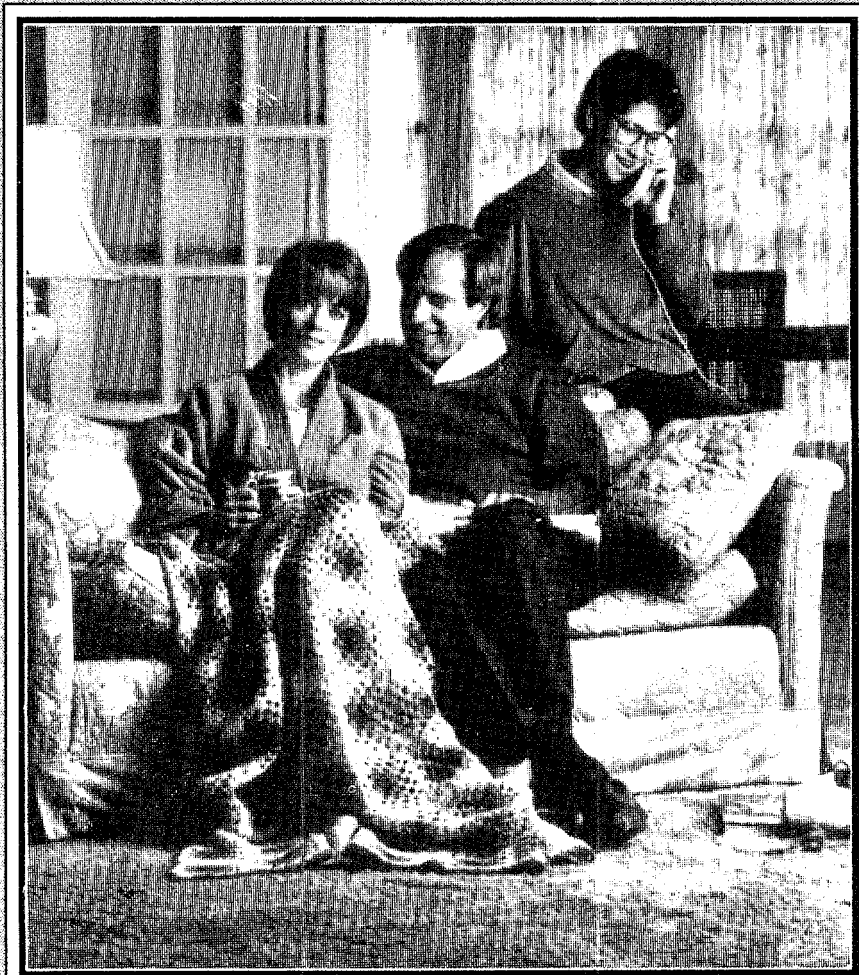
"I'm not sure that it's possible to do this type of work without some complaints," said Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen-McCarthy. "The key thing is Ameritech is immediately responding to complaints.

"They've made a commitment to return things to there prior order."

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Surgical Breakthroughs

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# Kid cops



Michigan State Police Trooper Norman Harrington teaches the Northville Explorer Scouts how to dust for fingerprints. The Northville State Police Post hosted a "mock crime scene" to teach the kids how investigative police work is completed. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

# School board continues to eye Hanford Road as school site

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The possible site for a future Plymouth-Canton school was discussed for the second consecutive meeting by the school board recently.

John Birchler, director of maintenance and operations, provided school board members with additional information on Hanford Road in Canton.

The Plymouth-Canton Community School District owns approximately 18 acres of land at the west end of Hanford Road, just east of Canton Center, between Warren and Ford roads. The school board is being asked by a subdivision developer and Canton to surrender a small piece of the school district's land to allow for the paving of Hanford.

Birchler said Wayne County would do a study to see if a traffic light would be needed at Canton Center and Hanford roads. He also estimated the cost of paving the road as high as \$450,000, and said such variables as sewer and water tapping fees would be negotiable with the subdivision developer. "There are a number of items that could be negotiable," Birchler said.

Discussion revolved around a time frame for the school board to make a decision whether or not to deed the land, and if appraisals on the property should be entertained.



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# Cable construction prompts complaints

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Ameritech officials said the construction crews are laying the cable in the utility easement of the lots.

The cable company added that the majority of the complaints about the construction have been a result of one of their contractors.

"We did have more complaints from customers than we would like," said Dave Onak, Ameritech media relations manager. "Most of them (the complaints) were being caused by one contractor. As of Friday we have a new contractor working in the area."

Onak said Ameritech wants to assure home owners that the company will be repairing any and all damage done to yards during the construction process.

"We're in the process of accepting bids from landscape and sprinkler repair companies," he said.

"We're going to start (replacing broken sprinklers and sod) just as soon as the weather breaks. We fully intend to restore their yards."

Onak acknowledged that the company would have a lot of work to complete, but feels they can accomplish it relatively quickly.

"We're going to move from sub to sub," he said. "We'll get it done as quickly as possible."

"We want to make this process as easy as possible for consumers."

Home owners can help out the construction crews and lessen their risk of broken sprinklers, said Onak.

"The difficulty we're having is with those plastic sprinkler pipes," he said. "They are not able to be marked when the crews are marking water lines and gas mains."

The construction crews are supposed to notify residents a few days prior to

beginning construction on their lot by hanging a note on their door, said Onak.

"If you know where your sprinkler pipes are mark them for us or call us and we'll bring out flags," said Onak. "That will help minimize damage."

Ameritech has set up a toll-free numbers for questions or complaints about a construction crew.

"By all means call us if you have any questions or concerns," said Onak.

The toll-free number is 1-800-327-1010.

"Our goal is to provide excellent customer service to everyone," said Onak.

# Groff named Postmaster

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Though it was a lateral move for him, Groff said he was interested in the position because it is a beautiful area that is community orientated, his home is nearby and the employees are excellent. "When I was out there (Friday)," he said, "I was impressed with what the employees are doing for Christmas. They're delivering on Christmas Eve and Christmas. I can't wait to get in there and get my feet wet; I'm excited."

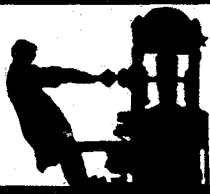
Whether getting his "feet wet" will include any changes in post office operations, Groff wouldn't say. "There's things I'll be looking at," he said. "If there'll be any dramatic changes, I won't say because I don't know what they're doing over there yet."

Groff did say he is customer service orientated and will stress that to his employees. Groff, who has four children, has worked for the Post Office for 15 years.

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# Public notices

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES - REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1995

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.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the minutes as submitted for the November 28, 1995, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Supported by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the minutes as submitted for the December 11, 1995 Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Supported by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all with Mr. Griffith abstaining due to his absence from the meeting.

Mrs. Massengill amended the agenda by adding Item J.6 Election Equipment. Mrs. Massengill then moved to approve the amended agenda for the December 19, 1995, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Supported by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mrs. Mueller moved to grant the release of easement and approve the revised Utility Easement located on Lot 87 in Metro West Industrial Park #3 for Rowe Thomas Displays. Supported by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mrs. Brooks moved to grant the release of easement and approve the revised Utility Easement located in Section 21, for Port Street near Rowe Thomas Displays. Supported by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the 1996 Board of Trustee Regular Meeting and Work Session dates, as recommended, with all meetings commencing at 7:30 p.m. Supported by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

REGULAR MEETING DATES	WORK SESSION DATES
January 9 & 23	2 & 16
February 13 & 27	6 & 20
March 12 & 28	5
April 9 & 23	2 & 16
May 7 & 28	21
June 11 & 25	4 & 18
July 16	2
August 20	13
September 10 & 24	3 & 17
October 8 & 22	1 & 15
November 12 & 26	19
December 17	3

Mrs. Brooks moved that Resolution No. 95-12-19-51 for Township Depositories for Money Collected and Investments be accepted by the Plymouth Township Board. Supported by Mrs. Mueller.

Mr. Griffith and Ms. Arnold requested to abstain from voting as they are members of the Community Federal Credit Union Board.

Roll Call:  
Ayes: Brooks, Curmi, Mueller, Massengill  
Nays: Keen-McCarthy

One nay vote requires Trustees Arnold and Griffith to vote on the motion.

The resolution reads as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following banks be named as depositories for the Charter Township of Plymouth Funds for the Calendar Year January 1, 1996 through December 31, 1996: Everyday Savings Accounts, Certificates of Deposits and Pool Fund Investment Accounts beginning January 1, 1996.

The Two Checking Accounts (General and Payroll) to be with the NBD Bank, N.A.-Plymouth.

Monies received by the Charter Township of Plymouth shall be deposited at the Treasurer's discretion into any of the following depositories:

First of America Bank - Plymouth	NBD Bank, N.A. - Plymouth
Standard Federal	Comerica Bank
Community Federal Credit Union	Michigan National Bank
Old Kent Bank	

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

Ms. Arnold moved to authorize the Supervisor to enter into negotiations with American Golf Corporation for a five (5) year lease agreement with a five (5) year option to operate Hill Top Golf Course. Said lease will maintain the Township's full control of capital improvements, and will be brought back to the Board for final approval. Second, if the Supervisor is unable to reach agreement on a suitable lease with American Golf Corporation, Ms. Arnold also moved to authorize the Supervisor to enter into negotiations with the second place bidder, Fellows Creek Golf Management. Supported by Mrs. Massengill.

Mr. Griffith asked the board to waive the requirement stated in the Request for Proposal that proposals received after 3:00 p.m. would not be considered, and review the proposal that was submitted late, based on the committee accepting and considering other proposals with omissions.

Following a lengthy discussion, Ms. Arnold withdrew her motion.

Mr. Griffith moved to consider waving the 20 minute lateness of a bidder known as the Breen Group, and submit the proposal to the committee for a review to see if it has any merit in the name of fairness. Supported by Mrs. Massengill.

Roll call:  
Ayes: Griffith, Massengill  
Nays: Mueller, Curmi, Brooks, Arnold, Keen-McCarthy  
Motion fails.

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Roll call:  
Ayes: Arnold, Curmi, Griffith, Massengill, Keen-McCarthy  
Nays: Mueller, Brooks  
Motion passes.

Mrs. Mueller stated she is not voting no, because she is against American Golf or for someone else. She is voting no because of the process used to make the determination, beginning with the selection of the individuals giving us advise.

Mrs. Brooks states she agrees with Mrs. Mueller.

Interested individuals were present and expressed their thoughts and opinions.

Mrs. Massengill moved to authorize the Clerk to prepare a Request for Sealed Bids for the purchase of new election equipment and forward same to qualified vendors. Supported by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

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

It was moved by Mrs. Brooks and supported by Mr. Griffith to adjourn the meeting at 9:44 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 December 19, 1995. 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 January 9, 1996.

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# Community deaths

## Obituaries

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### IVA ELLEN GREGORY

Iva Ellen Gregory, a Livonia resident, died Dec. 21, 1995, at the age of 92.

Mrs. Gregory was born in East Tawas, MI.

Mrs. Gregory is survived by her brother-in-law, Charles, his wife, Ann and their many children, including nephews, Steven and Donald Gregory, Iva's guardians.

A chapel service was held at Sunset Hills Memorial Park with local arrangements made by the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home. Burial was at Sunset Hills Memorial Park.

### DONALD L. DONNELLY

Mr. Donald L. Donnelly, a Canton resident, died Dec. 19, 1995, at the age of 60.

Mr. Donnelly came to Canton from Deaborn, where he was an inspector, in 1993. He retired in 1985 from the General Motors Ypsilanti Plant.

Mr. Donnelly is survived by his wife, Jean Y.; step sons, Bobby E. (Carol) Callahan and James (Linda) Woodward; brother, Ronald; five grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

Services for Mr. Donnelly were held at the Vermeulen Memorial Funeral Home with Chaplain Phyllis Miller officiating. Memorial tributes to St. Vincent De Paul Society or the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 721129 Berkley, MI 48072 or the American Red Cross, 100 Mack Ave P.O. Box 351, Detroit, MI 48232.

### ALICE SOCIA

Alice Socia, a Milford resident, died Dec. 19, 1995, at the age of 86.

Ms. Socia worked as a stenographer.

Ms. Socia is survived by her brother, Alvin, Sr.; nephews, Craig and Alvin, Jr.; nieces, Jill Leighton and Jan Jayson; and great nephew, Scott.

Services for Ms. Socia were held at Acacia Park Cemetery with arrangements made by the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home. Burial was at Acacia Park Cemetery.

### Buford M. Conn, 66, time controller

Buford M. Conn, a Plymouth resident, died Dec. 18, 1995.

He is survived by his wife, Dottie; son, Craig (Laurie); grandchildren, Kevin and Ryan; brother, Bobby and three other siblings.

Services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with Rev. Jeffrey Crowder officiating. Burial was at Rural Hill Cemetery.

# Remembering...1995

## JANUARY

Michael L. Brattin, Albert V. Cauhorn, Gerald R. Croteau, Ann Demetriou, Aurora R. Dolar, William Faust, Sue Ellen Fields, Lila T. Greenhalgh, John F. Grubb, Samuel T. Hallman, Margaret O. Hefkey, George Alfred Horner, Jr., Myrna L. Horvath, Etta May James, Carole K. Kalmbach, Crescentia E. Kullman, Pauline C. Leckie, James Lennon, Ervin A. Litobar, Hazel A. Lyke, Flagg McCartney, Hugh J. Miller, Michael F. O'Brien, Gabor Orris, Amelia Elmira Pate, Reginald Pierce (Reggie), Freda Range, Edward J. Rutkowski, Karin E. Saxton, Elsie M. Secord, Joseph E. Shevlin III, Laurence M. Shisler, Catherine E. Smythe, Alice Violet Spear, Frederick A. Steinhauer, Melvin Barton Storms, John S. Turk, and William E. Wassenaar

## FEBRUARY

Mamie Allen, Harriet A. Ash, Walter E. Ash, Ralph Peter Baumer, George T. Bugosh, Damon H. Burkeen, Annetta G. Carnes, Arthur F. Clark, Sylvia T. Czopp, Elizabeth Dailey, Robert Diederich, Kimberly Anne Falling, John H. Fitfield, Rathinda Ghosh, Nile E. Gladstone, Lawrence E. Hartz, Donald

P. Jowsey, Clyde W. Kinter, Ottis F. McGuire, John Mesko, Donald Charles Ninni, Wilbert (Bob) Orton, Richard Palmer, De Vere Santhony, Vito Simonetti, Curtis C. Smith, Clifford Eugene Snyder, Jr., Terrence W. Starkey, Claire G. Sullivan, Alva Henry Thornton, Anthony Vitale, Christine Wilhelmina Werner, and Lulu B. Zimmer

## MARCH

Robert Ira Allenbaugh, Fanny T. Bear, Ivy M. Bird, Celia A. Branca, Patricia E. Cervi, Norbert J. Conlen, Otis A. Duncan, Violet Faunce, Jean E. Fisher, Leona Gladys Frank, Loren Grieves, Jr., Donald E. Groendal, Oza E. Heath, Bessie Hirschlieb, Ronald G. James, Mary Jones, Frank Krokosky, Raymond Guadalupe Layton, Sharon R. Mandelka, Charlotte H. McLachlin, Ira E. Mefford, Donald A. Montgomery, Elizabeth A. Murray, Osa Ann Newsome, Thomas R. Noel, Bertha Anderson Peterson, Douglas Bowman Rennie, Louise M. Revels, William Lyle Robinson, Edwin J. Rudzinski, Boyd Woodrow Shaffer, Edythe D. Staley, Gerald D. Sule, Robert J. Szilagyl, Gregory M. Voss, Elma H. Waggy, Stanley B. Wiit, Joseph R. Witwer, and Maurice A. Woodworth

## APRIL

Thomas Abernethy, John A. Anderson, Boonshoun Andrew, Stanley Balon, Mabel H. Blossom, Bertha L. Bookout, Jacqueline A. Breshnahan, Verna M. Brewer, William A. Busswinka, Molly S. Carrie, Leo V. Causley, James W. Chicknell, William B. Cripps, Vlade G. Dimovski, Norman T. Druce, Hazel D. Edmonds, Michael E. Eicher, Elizabeth Fair, Edward L. Fallon, Kenneth A. Feldman, Margit A. Folks, James P. Fornell, Dolores B. Gillen, Robert Allen Gross, Dorothy W. Holberg, Koy K. Hollingstead, Josephine Jaquinto, James H. Johnston, Patricia J. Kozack, Desera L. Leach, Wang L. Livingston, Douglas A. Logan, Jr., Thaddeus (Ted) Malecki, Helen A. Monro, Shirley M. Nelson, Gladys M. Pike, Mary T. Pinion, Dorothy B. Price, Frank L. Radloff, Jane Theresa Scarpello, Boyd Woodrow Shaffer, Mary Stremick, Ralph J. Taylor, Doris A. Thompson, Willard F. Thompson, Roger O. Watson, Marie-Claire Williams, and Mildred S. Wilson

## MAY

James A. Bertelsen, Stanley L. Coon, Elsie M. Davis, Mary Myrtle Davis, Sally Ann De Grazia, William M. Dempsey, Clara E. Draper, Norman T. Druce, James R. Dyer, Jr., James L. Elder, Ralph W. Fore, George W. Gale, Charlotte Lucille Gray, James Cleo Herron, Elizabeth B. Holmes, Ruby Kerr, Margaret O. King, W. Clayton Koch, Joyce Carolyn La Veck, Louis Leksche, Virginia Leszczynski, Lori L. Lorey, James L. McMahon, Helena J. McCarthy, Bruce L. Moore, David M. Moore Olga Nadorozny, David L. Nair, William R. Ponte, Sharilee Scanlan, Frieda A. Schmit, Bessie Seiter, Henry R. (Bob) Smith, Walter V. Soho, Margaret A. Spence, and Stella Stevens

## JUNE

John V. Barkume, John Burrows, Carol Byczynski, Annie T. Carlson, Joseph R. Caruso, Brent A. Champnella, Leo J. Clemens, E. June Denovan, Mary Louise Dritsas, Sean Frazer, Robert Lawrence Gots, Robert J. Kenyon, James E. Kratzer, Ruth C. Lewis, Harold R. Martin, Zane W. McColloch, Shirley A. Monteith, Mary E. Nicoll, Earl J. Phillip, Willie Ranger, Jr., Lorraine P. Sanders, Martha Sellers, Gerald J. Shimmell, Lorene M. Taylor, Perry Matthew Taylor, Sr., Helen Tkach, Virginia Walsh, and Judy F. Wells

## JULY

Renato R. Ayala, Carl Bernard Boisineau, Ruth Mary De Witt, Ralph W. (Bill) Dixler, John Dodge, John F. Gotro, Jr., John B. Gustitus, Bernard O. Kennedy, Robert Kerr, Paul Brunolf Kitti, Shirley J. Lang, Virgil Christian Ludberg, Mary Louise Mcghee, Mildred E. Nikolics, Robert N. Proctor, Thomas Scott Reuther, Marie Hardwick Rudd, Julie Lynn Sparks, Henrietta J. Stachura, Roswell Francis Tangr, John (Jack) Theisen, Shirley J. VanAtta, Karlie N. Wagner, Chi-Chin Anita Wang, Lawrence P. White, and Claude J. Wyatt

## AUGUST

Russell Bingley, James J. Cavender, Thomas G. Clark, Theoplus Graham, John Paul Groff, DeLoyd William Gunn, Alex Hardy, Helen Hershberger, Martha Marguarite Jasmund, Rhode Miradlores Jesena, Inga M. (Wastesson) Johansson, Eleanor S. Kiveld, Waldemar Krause, Hugh Mair, Harry Eugene Mast, Margaret (Margie) McGrath, James Harold McMullen, Virginia E. Milbauer, John Negria, Clarence J. Olexa, Margaret C. Roberts, Leigh Segasser, William W. Sission, John Sughrow, Gilbert Vanderburgh, Elsie J. Willman, and Kenneth Anthony Wilson

## SEPTEMBER

Velma C. Ashton, Joseph J. Bagnasco, Susan Bautista, Floss B. Brace, James K. Carter, C. Helen Cunningham, Joseph Dillon, Robert D. Fincher, Charles Allen Foster, Gerald Norman Garver, Kitty Jean Lawless, Earl H. Ludin, Ronald Kevin Lyons, Elton A. McAllister, Francis J. "Red" McGough, Donald A. McPherson, Bauke (Ben) Miedema, Phillip A. Miller, Fredrick O. Mueller, Irene E. Rowland, Darian Gabriella Rutan, Hubert J. Smart, Madeline Ross Smith, Wilford B. Staudor, David Stone, Ruth Arthur Witthoff, and Norman A. Wood

## OCTOBER

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## NOVEMBER

William C. Alva, Leona V. Armour, Eva L. Baniqued, Virginia L. Bencks, James H. Bishop, Elmer I. Briolat, Jean T. Carli, Karen Louise Carter, Jeanee Frances Cassidy, Thomas Joseph Celso, Leonard Stanley De Jack, Mildred C. Dely, Hazel M. Detloff, Salud G. Diaz, Mary Lucindy Eastin, Frederick C. Eisenlord, Veronica M. Evans, Frances Filson, Mary June Fritz, Louise Wilma Haley, Theresa (Teri) Hankison, William E. Johnson, Julia A. Kalifey, Allen Duane Krugler, Jr., Vera Denise Kush, Mary June Laramore, Ronald F. Laskie, Robert J. Lucchetti, Robert Lee Lybarger, Kathleen Micol, Clara Park, Edwin T. Pfeiffer, Raymond H. Pikula, Donald R. Potter, Gladys M. Prescott, Anna Lou Rawson, Mary Ann Simmons, Russell J. Spreitzer, Ann Patricia Stapelton, Nancy Tanger, Yvonne Blake Thomas, John Calvin Wallace, JillAnn "Jilly" Weise-Pavloff, Emelia Wesolowski, Melvin D. Woodward, and Verna I. Wright

## DECEMBER

Constantine Apostol, George Barlet, Helen Marie Conley, Stuart H. Elliot, Milan Joseph Finateri, Oren S. Fisher, Christina L. Foster, Anne G. Gareau, Johanna Hall, Frank R. Heavin, Marguerite M. Hughes, Barbara Jones, Jaunita Kahl, Yetta Lasazen, Jean Macks, Margaret M. McEwen, Mary C. McIlhargie, Miriam Peterson, Mary Ann Sammult, Marie A. Schaufele, Jane T. Shaw, Jason Alan Smith, Lucile E. Smith, Josephine L. Swanberg, Stella H. Vicars, William Edward Wallace, and Wanda Marie Wisniewski

# YEAR IN review 1995



## Friends & neighbors

### JANUARY

•A Plymouth resident was in the right place at the right time, when she met President Bill Clinton outside the White House.

"We were speechless. We were laughing and giggling, we couldn't believe it," said Marti Satwicz said of meeting the President, who was returning from his morning jog.

•Canton residents Kirk Tooley and Jillian Mitchell, both students at the Mulligan School of Dance in Dearborn Heights, performed in the Winter Dance Festival in Dearborn. Tooley and Mitchell danced in "Hansel and Gretel," and "Peter and the Wolf."

### FEBRUARY

•The Plymouth Symphony Society ushered in its 50th season with a concert and officer appointments.

The PSS's first concert of the year "Another View of Lincoln—Through Music" will help educate children, said Linda Alvarado, a member of the Plymouth Symphony Education committee.

"It takes a whole community to educate a child. We are exemplifying this proverb, through the various groups and projects," said Sue Feiten of the Plymouth-Canton School Board.

•Consumers Power Company's (CPC) PeopleCare Program is busy helping people in the Plymouth-Canton Community.

In 1994 more than 37 families and 102 individuals in the area received financial help through the PeopleCare Program.

### MARCH

•Jeffrey E. Kleinsmith was named 1994 Officer of the Year for his duty as a member of the U.S. Secret Service, Uniformed Division, Foreign Missions Branch.

Kleinsmith, a former Plymouth resident and Salem High School graduate, is responsible for protecting diplomats.

"I work the midnight shift. I protect diplomats and their families," he said.

•The New Morning School's 19th annual auction help's defray the cost of tuition to southeast Michigan's only co-op school.

"Kids can work at their own level. The children are allowed to learn at their own rate," said Leslie Stolaruk, advisory chair of the school's auction. "The student teacher ratio is very low—it's seven to one—so consequently, we can offer individualized-type learning."

### APRIL

•Canton resident Marc Levitt was offered and accepted an appointment to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

The Salem High graduate had to report to West Point by June 29th.

"I'm excited. It's kind of a big change from the life I've had for the last 18 years," he said. "Yeah I'm a little nervous."

Levitt is scheduled to graduate as a member of the class of 1999.

•Doug Koch is on the run.

Koch, a Plymouth resident, competed in the Mayor's Midnight Run in Anchorage, AK. Koch, who has also run in the New York City Marathon, the Detroit Free Press Marathon and the Ann Arbor-Dexter race, didn't think he would be running another marathon.

"I've been running for quite a few years," Koch said. "Marathon running is a different level of running. I've done three. I sort of thought I wouldn't do it again. Then this thing came along for leukemia and I decided, well, maybe I'll do it again."

her creations have been showcased at Penn State University.

"Ever since I was old enough to hold a pencil," said Finley, "I've been drawing."

•The Kiwanians Club of Plymouth held its 70th anniversary celebration and reunion of members to help spread the Kiwanians' message.

"We have to promote what we've been, what we are doing; keep our name out there," said Dave Wright. "We have to get that age group down... We need to attract interest. This isn't something you jump up and join."

### JULY

•Bernice Lawrence has spent the last 25 years of her life taking care of other people's kids at her day care facility Little Peoples'



(left to right) David Rozycki, Joseph Brodrick, Mark Rozycki and Stephen Brodrick prove The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community is a fun place to be during Halloween. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

### MAY

•John Dawbarn, a 1989 Canton High School graduate, has held his first professional fashion show in Kansas City, MO.

Dawbarn and friend Josie Kern, put together an exhibition that could have rivaled runways in New York City or Paris in creativity.

This show was not the end of Dawbarn's career—it was the beginning.

"I majored in illustration at the art institute," he said. "With that you can pursue different areas because illustration can apply to so many different things. I've always been interested in fashion."

•Plymouth resident Jennifer Darmanin beat out thousands of students to win a national Principal's Leadership Award.

Darmanin, a senior at Dearborn Divine Child at the time of the contest, is using the \$1,000 scholarship to study nursing at U-M.

### JUNE

•Local artist Heidi Finley has her work hanging all over Michigan and the country.

The Canton resident's work has hung in U-M Hospital, the Ann Arbor public library and

Place in Canton.

Lawrence was honored by the parents and kids for her hard work and dedication.

"She does such a wonderful job with the children, and she doesn't charge an exuberant amount," said Shelly Babcock, who sends her kids to Little Peoples' Place.

•Tonquish Tales, Volume Two, which was written by Plymouth resident Helen Gilbert, was included on the Michigan Notable Book List compiled by Michigan librarians.

"It was rated notable for being unique and informative," said Gilbert. "That's the thing that got me: 'notable.' I've been floating on air, but it hasn't done a thing for my golf game."

### AUGUST

•Plymouth figure skater Christine Holmes has overcome several bouts of arthritis to compete with skaters from all around the state.

The Canton High School student, who has been skating since she was six, has no plans to hang up her skates—even if the disease flares up again.

•The Plymouth Community Arts Council (PCAC) organized a different kind of art movement in August.

The PCAC Rental Gallery, who has called the Dunning-Hough Library home since 1975, has moved to the PCAC's new location on Sheldon Road.

"With the move all art projects and services will be under one roof," said Therese Gall, who has organized the rental gallery for 12 years.

### SEPTEMBER

•When Canton resident Marilyn Barrick decided to retire following this school year, she became the 100,000 retiree of the Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System (MPSERS).

"It was kind of a nice way to cap it off," said Barrick. "It was just a nice way to end it. It was a lot of fun. It was nice being special."

•Steve Dell, a Canton resident, was once again on his way overseas to compete in the International Cerebral Palsy Games. The 27-year-old Bocci competitor has competed in the International games five different times.

### OCTOBER

•The Services To Enhance Potential (STEP) program continues to open up a whole new world to adults with development disabilities.

STEP has facilities all over Metro Detroit including: Livonia and Wayne.

•The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band captured the Governor's Cup at the 22nd annual Michigan Invitational marching band competition.

This was just one obstacle standing in the band's way during their quest for a second consecutive state championship.

### NOVEMBER

•Growth Works Incorporated, based in Plymouth, received the highest level of accreditation awarded by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organization (JCAHO).

Growth Works has been serving the community as an adolescent outpatient treatment center focusing on treating youths who are chemically dependent since 1971.

•The Plymouth Salvation Army kicked off the seventh year of its Adopt-a-Family program during the month of November.

"Last year there were 321 families that were served," said Bill Stern, the social service supervisor at the Salvation Army. "There are a lot of families out there that need a little help."

### DECEMBER

•When it comes to her First Communion, Olivia Wofford, of Canton, is going straight to the top.

The seven-year-old Our Lady of Good Counsel student received her First Communion from the Pope during his Christmas Eve Mass in Rome.



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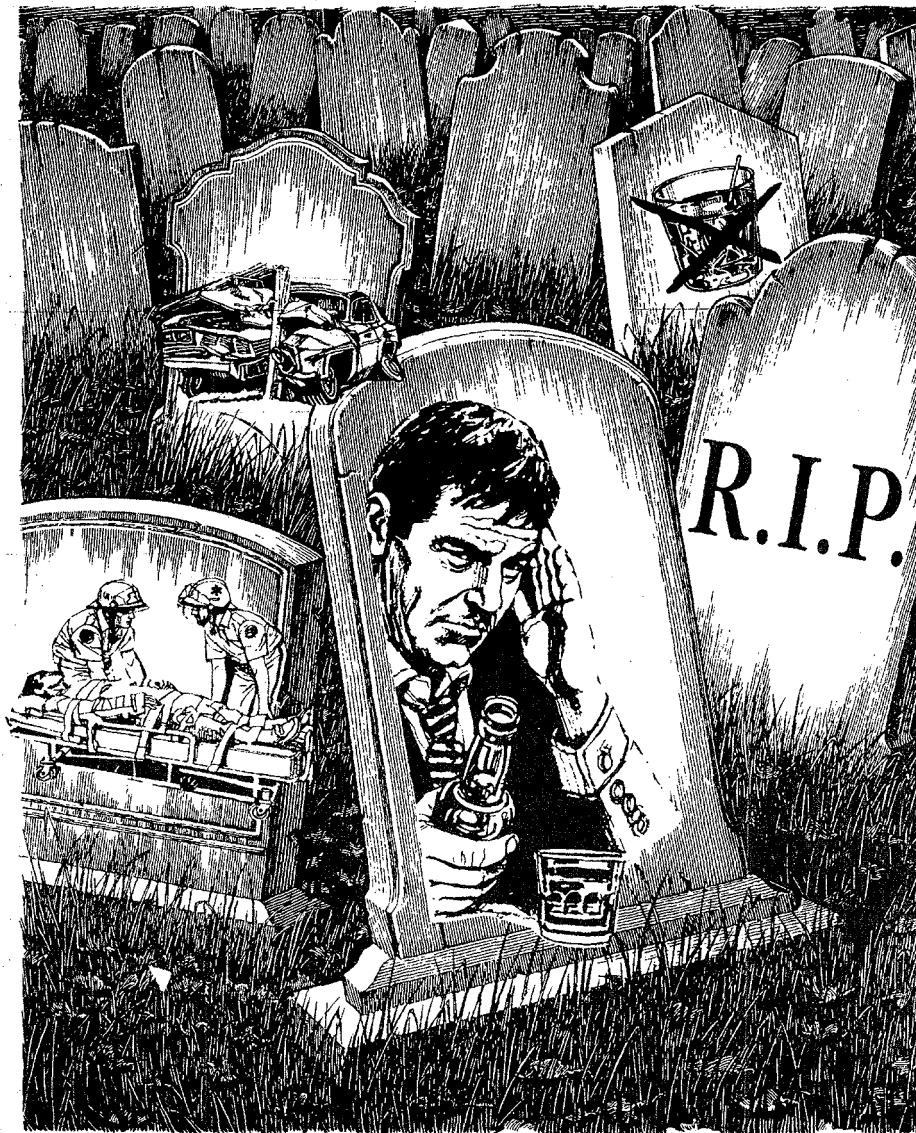
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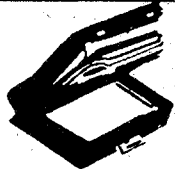
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# YEAR IN review 1995



## Getting down to business

### JANUARY

• Community Federal Credit Union named two new managers to its downtown Plymouth headquarters. Sue O'Connor, an MSU graduate, was named marketing director. Wendy Hewitt was named mortgage loan administrator. Hewitt left a position as vice president with First International Financial Corporation to join CFCU.

• Polish cuisine came to Plymouth Township in 1995. III Brothers Restaurant, on Joy Road just north of Mettetal Airport, enjoyed their first full month of service. III Brothers is renowned for its potato pancakes, perogies and chicken dumpling soup.

### FEBRUARY

• Community Federal Credit Union stayed in the news when they opened a new Canton location at Canton Center and Hanford roads. The new building was more easily accessible than the previous location, and has a drive-thru, six-teller windows, private loan closing offices and a drive-up ATM.

• Michigan Made Inc. moved into downtown Plymouth after three in years in Northville. The store sells only items that are grown, produced or have to do with the State of Michigan.

### MARCH

• Porterhouse Meats, a legendary butcher shop in downtown Plymouth, closed its doors forever. Owners Kristin and Jack Trabue, who have been in business since 1979, continued their Word of Mouth seasoning and sauce products.

• Perstorp Components, an international manufacturer of noise control products for the automotive industry, enjoyed its first full month in Plymouth Township. The 24,000 square foot facility includes a sound transmission loss testing suite, a model analysis room and a special hemi-anechoic chamber.

### APRIL

• Construction got underway on MascoTech's 62,000 square foot facility in Canton that will design and manufacture complex tubular products. More than 100 people are employed at the plant.

• Plymouth businesswoman Rosina Grisa is honored for 25 years with Midas International Corporation at a company ceremony in Las Vegas.

### MAY

• Schoolcraft College became one of only five community colleges to be debt free. The Board of Trustees burned the last bond the college took out in the 1960's to help construct several buildings on campus.

• Tom Adamusik, owner of Regal



(left to right) Steve, Sue and Angel Leksche opened the Wash-n-Wags pet salon this fall and hope all their customers are as happy as Mack the Mastif. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

Construction, won the Canton Chamber of Commerce Small Businessperson of the Year Award. Phylliss J. Wordhouse won the ATHENA Award.

### JUNE

• Plymouth businesses, Country Charm and Angelico & Taylor/EVCOR, were named two of the top 100 fastest growing, privately-held businesses in Michigan. Country Charm has now changed its name to Gabriela's.

• After 29 years of serving scrumptious, Italian-made pizza and other items such as subs, burgers and side orders for dinner, Gino's Pizza expanded its hours to include the lunch crowd (which The Crier staff has taken full advantage of).

### JULY

• The Penniman Showcase of downtown Plymouth was honored as one of the top 400 craft retailers in the U.S. by balloting held by Niche Magazine, a craft retailer's publication. Owner Scott Smith has been in the art business for 16 years.

• Canton resident John Middlestead was named secretary of Automated Mapping/Facilities Management International Board of Directors. Middlestead has worked

for MichCon for 21 years where he is responsible for project management for mapping and automated record keeping.

### AUGUST

• Plymouth Township resident Mary Beth Leininger was elected president of the American Veterinary Medical Association. She was the first woman elected to that post in the 132-year history of the AVMA, which has 56,000 members.

• Plymouth's "unofficial official" historical photographer John Gaffield developed his last photo after 47 years of business in the city. Since 1957, Gaffield had taken pictures of every city commission and mayor.

### SEPTEMBER

• Soda Jerk shook, rattled and rolled into Plymouth Township with a 1950s ice cream shop atmosphere. Serving burgers, floats, soups and sodas, the Soda Jerk has become a popular destination for the young and old alike, with juke box dancing often consuming all available floor space.

• 1973 Plymouth-Salem High School graduate Tim Van Wagoner, formerly the marketing director for the Milwaukee Brewers, begins his own company, TVW Publishing. The company makes limited edition fine art prints, and can be contacted at 1-800-889-0344.

### OCTOBER

• Plymouth's rock, Bill Decker of Prudential Real Estate, who has been a downtown Realtor for 25 years, sold his firm

to Accent Reality, Inc. Decker left the madness of Michigan winters for some sanity in South Carolina, where he continued work with Prudential. He will maintain a summer home in Michigan.

• Ford Motor Company honored Skyway Precision of Plymouth Township with its prestigious Q1 Award. Precision supplies precision components.

### NOVEMBER

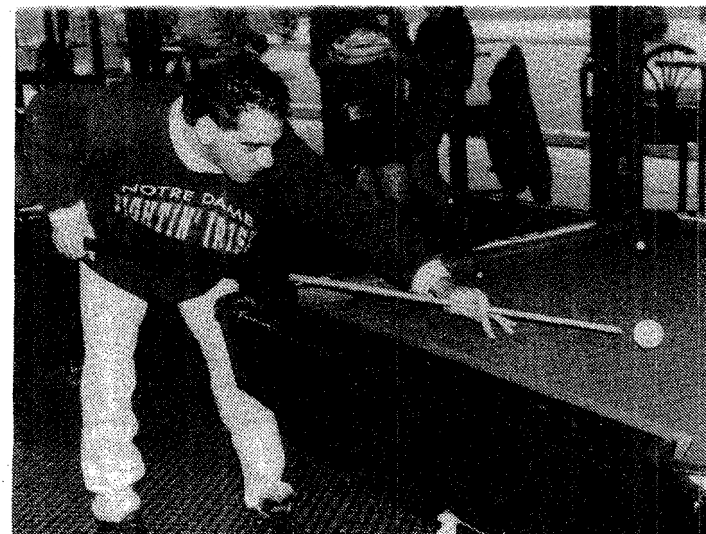
• Johnson Controls, Inc., of Plymouth Township, achieved record sales of \$3.8 billion in 1995, up 21 percent from 1994. The company launched new complete seat sets for 18 vehicles and added 13 manufacturing plants worldwide.

• The mammoth Shark Club pool hall of Canton opened its doors. The Club serves a wide variety of food and beverages to customers who are entertained with dart boards, billiard tables and large screen TVs.

### DECEMBER

• Walker & Buzenberg Furniture Sales of downtown Plymouth participated in a joint effort with the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, giving a class of interior design students from Salem High School a hands-on experience of what it is like to be an interior designer.

• Speaking of interior design...The Velvet Plum opened in downtown Plymouth offering clientele a choice of items from many periods, as well as, clothes, and custom-made art and floral designs.



Canton continued to grow in 1995. Michael Mazza and his partners opened the Shark Club in the community, an upscale billiards parlor/bar/restaurant. (Crier photo by Brian Corbett)



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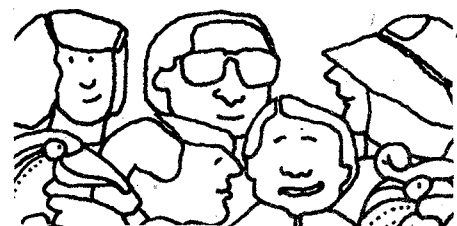
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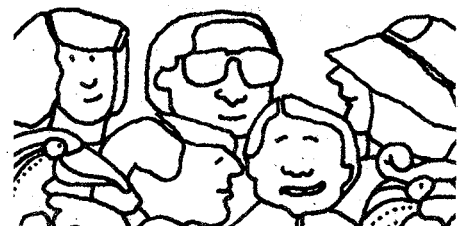


Danny is a real trooper. This all "A" student from East Middle School recently broke his arm while delivering The Crier. Needless to say, Danny completed his route before seeking advice from his doctor. The Crier and Danny's family salute Danny for his hard work and perseverance!

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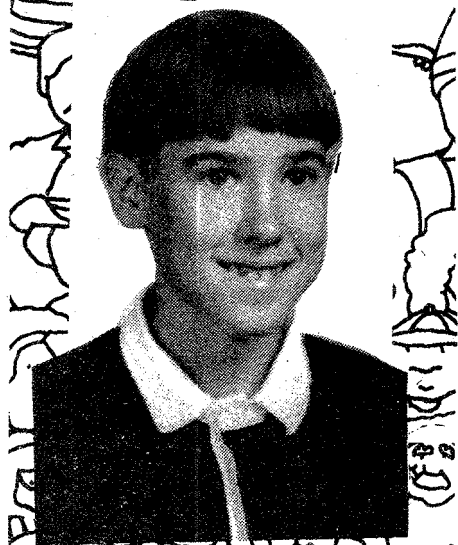


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Jeff is an active 8th grader at Pioneer Middle School. One might think by looking at Jeff's grades that he continually studies. Jeff manages to remain active in sports and church activities and collect from approximately 95% of his customers while keeping up an "A" average in school.

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## What's Happening

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# Schools...

### NEW MORNING SCHOOL

Registrations are being accepted for the winter sessions of Me & My Shadow classes, an introductory preschool class. Ages two to four. Music, activities, art, snack and story time. Monday sessions start Jan. 8. Friday sessions start Jan. 12. Call 420-3331 for more information.

### PLYMOUTH SALEM LINEBACKERS MEETING

The December meeting has been cancelled because of the holidays. The next meeting for general membership will be held Jan. 24 at 7:30 p.m. at the Salem High School Cafeteria. For more information on upcoming meetings or activities call Dan Lehane (455-3179) or Henry Schlusler (455-4348).

### TALENTED AND GIFTED PROGRAM SCREENING

Parents of second, third and fourth need to contact their school office for a nomination form and return the completed form to their building principal no later than Jan. 22. An informational meeting regarding TAG is scheduled for Jan. 10 at 7 p.m. in the Miller Elementary School Gym, 43721 Hanford Rd. in Canton. For more information, call the TAG office at 416-4867.

### WSDP, 88.1-FM REUNION

WSDP, the student-operated station of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is planning its 25th anniversary reunion for 1997. Former staff members are asked to send their current addresses to the station at 46181, Joy Rd. Canton, MI 48187 or call 416-7732.

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Will include names of current alumni all over the country, from Salem, Canton and Plymouth high schools. Current names and addresses needed. To update call 1-800-659-7995, fax 1-800-238-8332, mail Bernard C. Harris Publishing Company, Inc. ATTN: Richard Bradley, 313 E. Anderson Ln., Ste. 300 Austin TX 78752.

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The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park is looking for used fitness equipment (steppers, fitness tapes, stationary bikes, treadmills) for a new fitness program for students with disabilities. For more information and to make a donation, call David Gerlach at 416-7708.

### PLYMOUTH CHILDREN'S NURSERY OPENINGS

Plymouth Children's Nursery still has openings for three-year-olds, Wednesday a.m.'s, and four-year-olds on Monday, Wednesday, Friday p.m.'s. Please call 459-3111 for more information.

### WILLOW CREEK PRESCHOOL

Willow Creek Cooperative Preschool will offer classes for three and four-year-olds on Tuesdays and Thursdays and Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. For more information, call Kayelynn at 981-1305.

# Volunteer...

### HOSPICE OF SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN

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### ADOPT-A-MAGAZINE

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### PLYMOUTH COURT NURSING CENTER

Plymouth Court Nursing Center in Plymouth is looking for volunteers to help with activity programs for residents. For more information, call Maralena Howard at 455-0510.

### MICHIGAN CANCER FOUNDATION

The Michigan Cancer Foundation - West Region - is looking for volunteers to provide transportation for cancer patients in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community. For more information, call 561-8880 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

### RETIRED AND SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) is looking for volunteers in the Canton area to help children needing tutoring with basic math and reading skills. Training is free. For more information, call Joy Graves at 883-2100 ext. 368.

### CHURCH RURAL OVERSEAS PROGRAM

Plymouth-Canton churches are looking for residents to become CROP walkers and seek financial pledges to help alleviate hunger. Call 459-8181.

# Health...

### EMERGENCY PHARMACEUTICAL PROGRAM

Qualified Plymouth seniors can receive a month's supply of medication, available at the township hall the second and third Fridays of each month. Call 455-7526 for an appointment.

### FITNESS FACTORY

The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation department will hold aerobics classes weekly. There are low-impact and body sculpting classes offered. For more information, call Kathi at (810) 349-7928.

### SMOKE STOPPERS

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# Twp. battle with Temple Baptist finally over

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

It's really over.

The battle between the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees and Temple Baptist Church that began Sept. 7, 1994, came to an end Oct. 24.

The board voted unanimously at their Oct. 24 trustee meeting on an agreement that would allow the church to develop their 55.8 acres of land.

Under the agreement:

- Temple Baptist is allowed to build, maintain and use a church, private recreation areas, and related uses on their property.
- The parking lot will have no more than 835 spaces.
- There will be an impact evaluation period of five years, during which no expansion or increase in capacity can take place.
- Initially, the worship center's auditorium cannot have more than 2,500 seats.
- The size of the buildings cannot exceed: a floor area of 90,000 square foot for the worship center; 100,000 square foot for the Christian education building; and 45,000 square foot for the recreation building.

• Musical service event times have been limited.

• The church will be responsible for installing (at no cost to the township) a traffic signal light at the intersection of North Territorial and Ridge roads.

Temple Baptist lodged the lawsuit Sept. 7, 1994 after the board rejected the churches plans.

Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen-McCarthy said that they (the township) do not anticipate any problems between them and Temple Baptist in the future.

"Nobody in the township didn't not want them here," she said. "We just didn't want them on their present site. It's not the best site."

McCarthy said that the church plans to start construction as soon as the plans are approved.

"They plan to start construction as soon as they can and hope to be completed with phase one construction in 1996," said McCarthy. "We don't anticipate having any problems between us."

## Early retirement changes complexion of schools in 1995

BY BRIAN CORBETT

More than 75 teachers and administrators took the money and ran when the Plymouth-Canton Community School District offered a severance plan for early retirement, which was needed for contract changes and an increase in teacher's salaries to be covered.

There were two plans available to all teachers at the top of the pay scale. The first paid out \$60,000 — \$500 a month for 120 months — and a major portion of the taxes on the employee were paid by the school board.

The second offered employees eligible for the state retirement system the option of taking \$10,000 up front and the annuity reduced to \$50,000 over the next 10 years.

Superintendent Charles Little said that the hiring process would try to do everything possible to attract minorities and have all the positions filled by the end of June.

The school board did try, but found the 77 individuals it had to replace a little too overwhelming. "I was a little over optimistic," said Little, who was close on his prediction that 60 to 100 people would take the buy out.

The reason for the delay, according to Little, was because the school district used the consensus of committees comprised of a cross section

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# Canton grows with Summit, Pheasant Run

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Looking to relax, participate in sports or meet with neighbors in Canton?

Thanks to an aggressive construction plan and decades of planning, Canton built Pheasant Run Golf Course and the Summit on the Park.

The Summit staff is bracing for the grand opening of the facility, scheduled for Jan. 6. Interest in the facility, which includes a banquet and special events center, meeting rooms, crafts rooms, aquatics center, gymnasium, racquetball and fitness areas, is high as Canton prepares for the opening.

Pheasant Run, which opened this summer, features a state-of-the-art driving range, pro shop, club house and 18-hole golf course.

Golfers turned out in droves to play the championship-quality course this summer.

As the leaves turned, the focus shifted from Pheasant Run to Summit on the Park.

Community Center Manager Debbie Bilbrey-Honsowetz said interest in the community center has been incredible. "We've sold more than 1,000 annual passes," she said. "We expect many more than that when people can actually see the facility."

Bilbrey-Honsowetz said the Summit has become the showpiece

public recreation facility in the state — and has also become the center of the Canton community.

"It's incredible to be involved in this type of project," she said.

Although the Summit suffered a small set-back last month when a fire damaged part of the community center's distinctive roof peak, crews worked overtime to repair the facility. The fire broke windows and caused some smoke damage.

Canton Supervisor Tom Yack said the response to the Summit during the tree lighting ceremony "opened the eyes" of the Canton administration.

"(The Summit) sends a message of progressiveness," he said. "I think there will be a lot of envy coming from other communities. But really, with the Summit, we're playing a little bit of catch-up. For all these years, our recreation department has been working out of the basement (of Township Hall) and out of the senior center on Michigan Avenue."

Yack said the Canton administration will do their best to respond to interest surrounding the Summit.

"It will take a couple of months for people and the building to develop a rhythm," he said.

# Teacher retirements change district

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of the community. "It's not as time efficient as having one or two people doing it," he said.

Although a little late in its completion, the hiring process still beat its late August deadline. "I think we were able to fill the teaching jobs in a good way," said Little, "in August before school."

However, some administrative positions were left unattended far

longer they should have been, Little said, forcing some employees to pick up the slack. "They should be commended for that," said Little.

Concerning minority hiring, Little said, "We had some qualified individuals who did not get positions, and we've got to do something about."

The second-year superintendent said, considering the amount of vacancies created by the buy out, the hiring process was a success. "I was pleased," Little said, "stopping short of very pleased."

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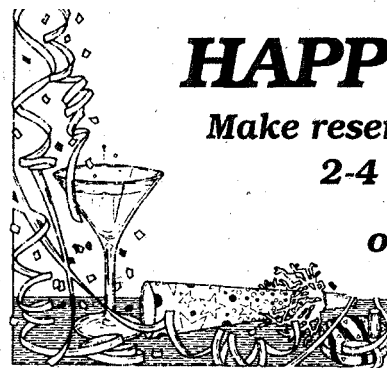


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# Police, fire have busy '95 in community

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

It's been a busy 1995 for the police and fire agencies in Plymouth Township, Plymouth and Canton.

In Plymouth Township:

The body of 36-year-old Debbie Linkewitz, who died of strangulation according to the autopsy report, was found in Hines Park Oct. 13—almost a year from the date of the last body found in Hines Park in Plymouth Township. Both crimes remain unsolved.

Both Wayne County Sheriff Robert Ficano and Plymouth Township Police Chief Carl Berry vowed to end the 'body dumping' in Hines Park shortly following the discovery.

"We're (the Sheriff's Department and Plymouth Township) working as a team to ensure it doesn't continue to be a dumping ground," said Berry.

It might also be said that it was the year of the pipe bomb in Plymouth Township.

In October a pipe bomb exploded in a Lake Pointe neighborhood destroying a recycling bin and leaving the 16" bomb's remnants as far as a block away.

According to Berry the two suspects, who were caught at the scene of the crime, were testing the bomb for sale.

"They're in the business of manufacturing," said Berry. "They wanted to test the product."

The pipe-bomb problem revisited the township via Plymouth City Hall Nov. 18 when a township resident took what he suspected was a pipe bomb to the Plymouth City Police.

"The township resident brought it into our police department," said Plymouth Police Chief Bob Scoggins. "We had him place it outside the building."

*From fires to pipe bombs, police officers, firefighters work hard in 1995, look forward to 1996*

The resident found the 6" bomb at his residence.

Township police were notified of the incident and upon further investigation, questioned six juvenile suspects in the case, said Plymouth Township Police Sgt. Steve Rapson.

Both cases have been turned over to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco

and Firearms.

In Canton:

Canton had several fires in their community that were ruled arson upon investigation.

A Valentine's morning arson at the Stonybrook Apartments injured no one, but caused \$50,000 in structural damages and another \$5,000 of damage to the contents of some storage lockers according to Canton Fire Inspector Art Winkle.

Two 16-year-old Canton residents were arraigned on arson charges in Juvenile Court following the Oct. 21 blaze at a Detroit Edison Distribution Center.

Fire department officials estimated the damage to the building to be \$250,000.

Another fire caught the attention of Canton residents, although it was not an arson.

The fire at the Summit on the Park community center Nov. 13 started after a spark from a welder working ignited a tarp, according to Canton Fire Chief Mike Rorabacher.

The damage to the building was estimated at \$100,000.

Plymouth City:

Barbara Glumm was charged with assault with intent to murder following an incident at her home in which she is accused of stabbing 38-year-old David Warnick Sept. 10.

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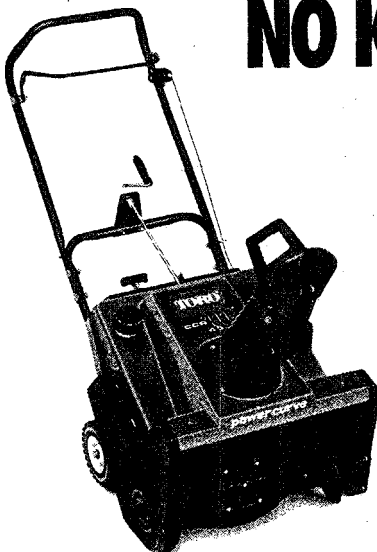
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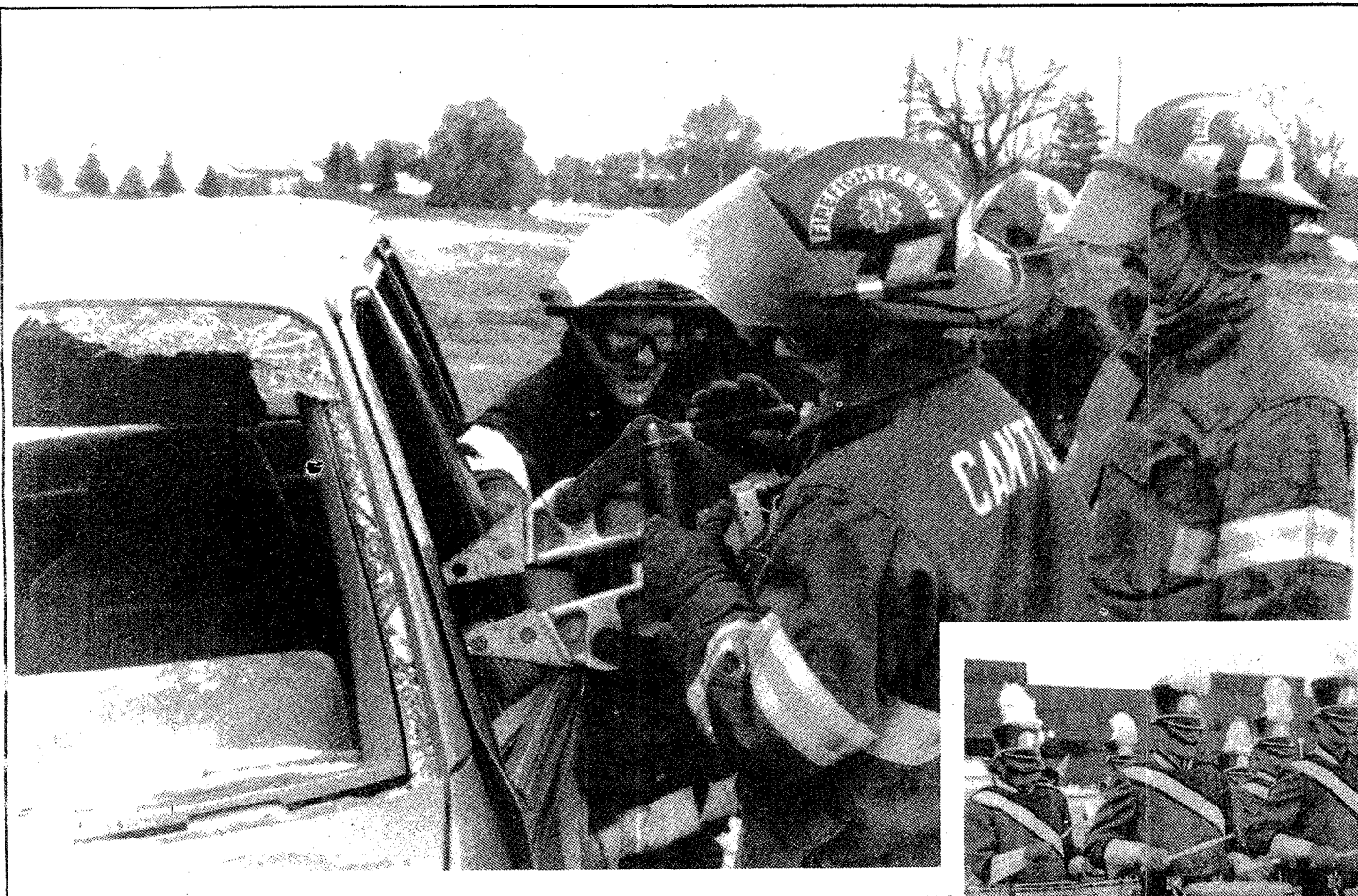
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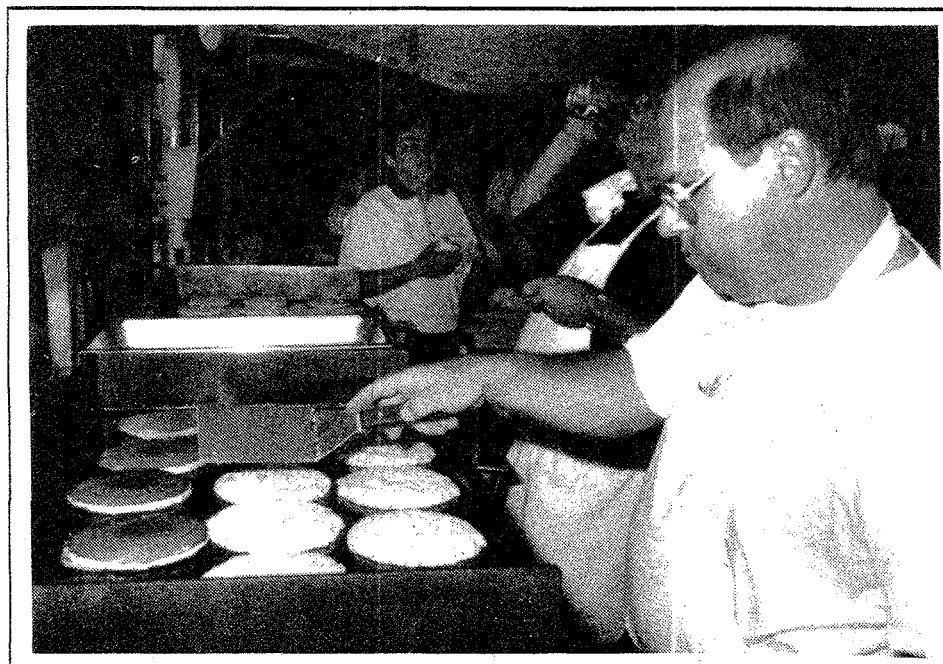
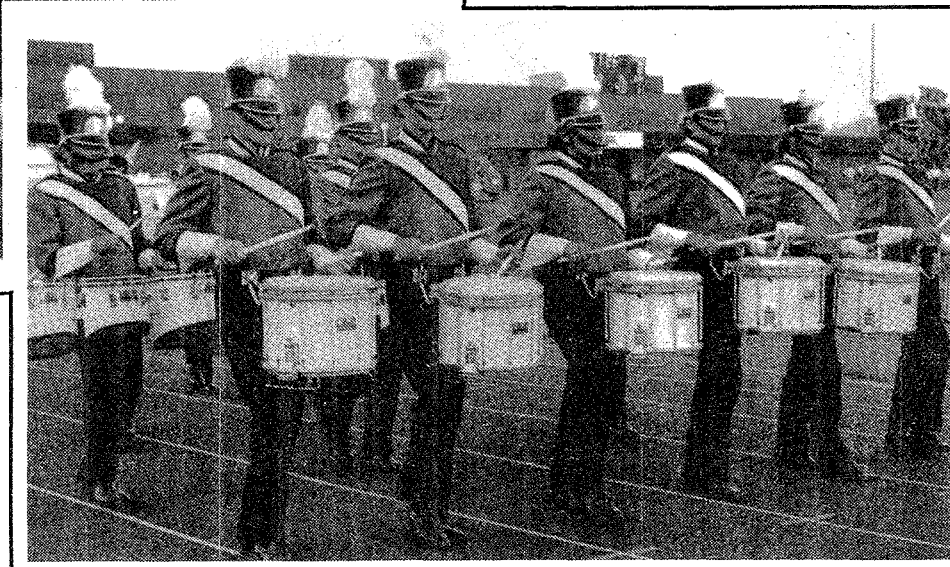
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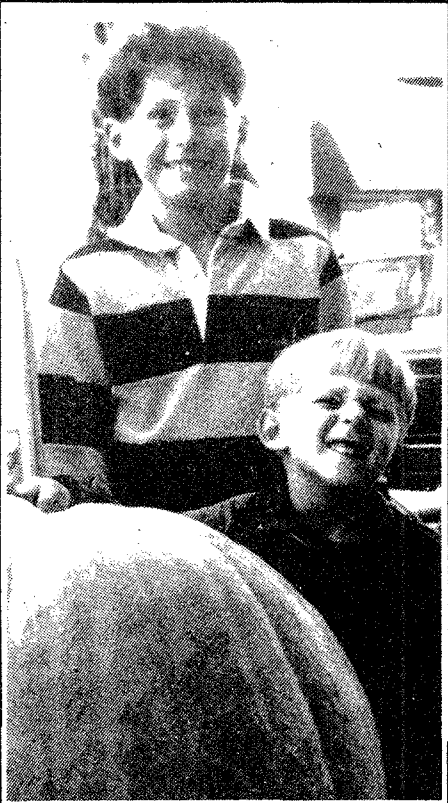
What makes us a community? What do we like to do? Who are the people we meet every day? In our busy day, we seldom ask ourselves these questions. In addition to looking forward to next year, it's also important to look back. (left) Canton firefighters practice saving lives with the Jaws of Life. (below) The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band marched into the national championships in Indianapolis. (bottom, right) Two heroes saved a man whose plane crashed after taking off from Mettetal Airport. (bottom, left) Canton Supervisor Tom Yack helps DARE keep kids off drugs at the annual pancake breakfast. (Crier staff photos)

A picture of  
the community

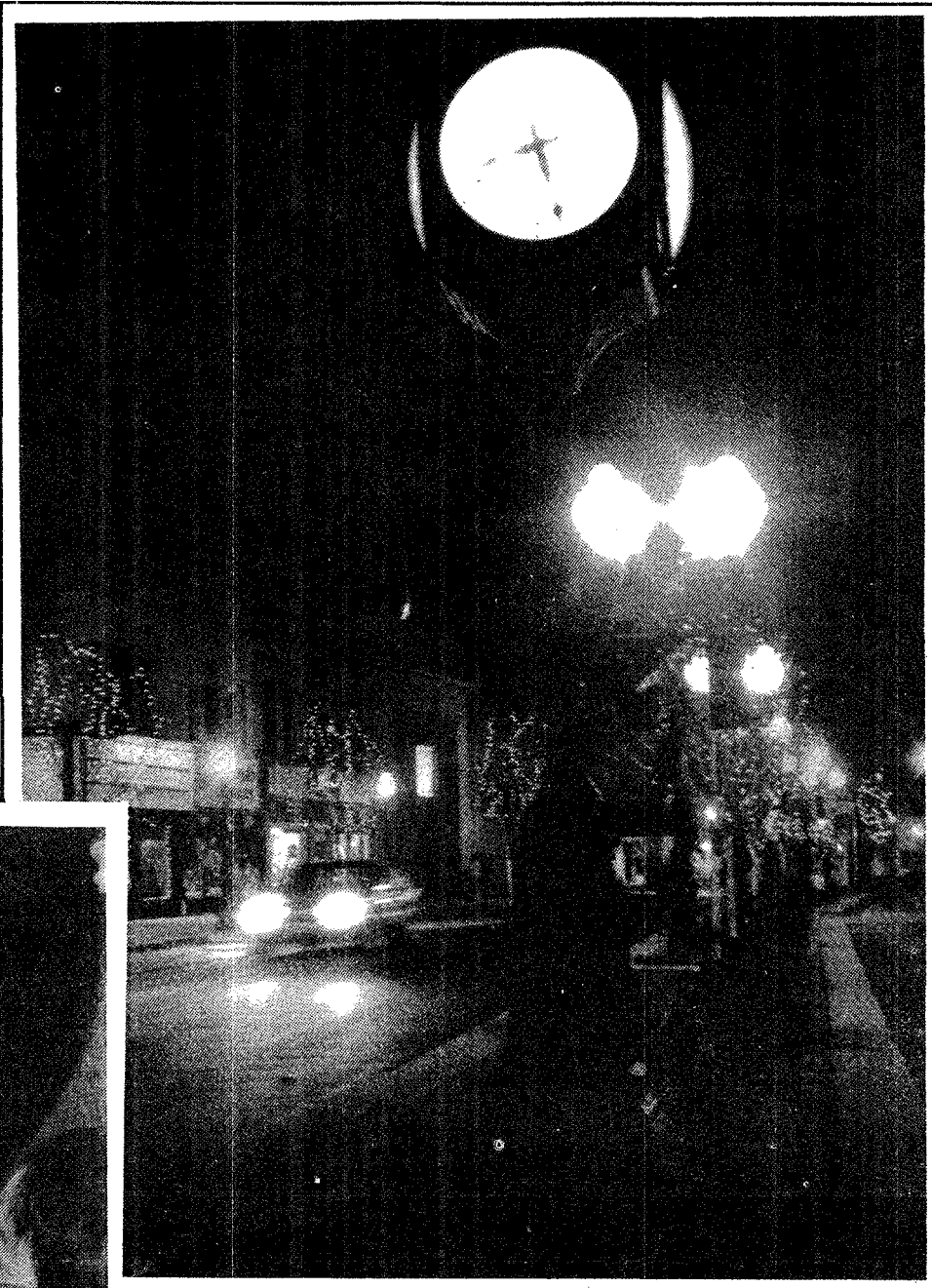




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(left) Bill and Stephen Brown guessed the correct weight of the pumpkin at The Community Crier. The guess of 248 pounds won the two brothers the pumpkin from Bordine Farm in Canton. (below) Chris and Sherry Yee help their son Aidan with his food at the Taste of Plymouth fair in August. (right) Streetscapes were an important part of our community this year as both Plymouth and Canton received facelifts. The community also learned that Plymouth Township would undertake an Ann Arbor Road streetscape project in the near future. (Crier staff photos)



A picture  
of the  
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# Cable competition comes to community

BY BRIAN CORBETT

It was tough not to get your wires crossed while trying to follow the cable competition this year.

It all started when Ameritech announced they were going to set up a video dial tone system — a multiple channel system sent over fiber optic telephone lines — in the community. Then, in April, Plymouth Township and Canton passed the first reading of an amendment to the Multi-Channel Service (MCS) Provider Regulatory Ordinance (cable ordinance), which gave them the power to regulate any company wishing to set up a cable television service. That raised several legal questions such as what the definition of cable television was, and if Ameritech had to negotiate an agreement under FCC regulations.

It left the townships with the threat of being sued by Omnicom cable, the company that had been in the community for years, if they didn't regulate and Ameritech if they did regulate. "From Omnicom's prospective," said legal counsel Timothy Cronin, "they have property rights over the system. Ameritech believes they are not held by the same standards."

Ameritech Community Relations Director Marcia Sayles said, "Ameritech has a statewide agreement to provide service. We do not fall under the cable act and don't have to pay franchise fees."

After the U.S. Congress had reviewed the Telecommunications Act in May, Ameritech was able to move forward. And they did June 27 when Plymouth Township became the first community in the nation to grant a MCS to Ameritech. "History is being made here," said Municom President Larry Monroe, who advised on the cable consortium, "and the nation is watching."

With Ameritech entering the cable TV fray, it created a unique alternative for community residents: a choice of cable companies. "All cable problems can be traced to the cable monopolies," said Monroe.

Previously, The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community was restricted to just Omnicom, which was now in the process of being bought out by Continental Cablevision.

Local community leaders said the addition of Ameritech to the market

would lower cable TV prices and improve service. "The customers are going to benefit universally," Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack said.

Said former Plymouth Mayor Doug Miller, "With the potential for competition the winners are the consumers. It will also clear up service problems. If the quality isn't there, you change service."

Ameritech appeared to prove Yack and Miller correct by initially investing \$8 million and announcing channel line-up's would be expanded to possibly include BellSouth, SBC Communications, and the Walt Disney Co. as well as the potential for video programming and interactive services. Ameritech officials said they hoped to have the system up and running by January, 1996.

Ameritech's plan sounded perfect, but it wasn't. The completion date in Canton was pushed back to the first quarter of 1996, and the Plymouth City Commission raised concerns about having a specific public access channel. Monroe calmed those fears by promising additional public channels would be added according to demand.

Still, the Ameritech franchise was approved by Plymouth Township, Canton and Northville in July, and by the City Commission in August. Meanwhile, Omnicom/Continental Cablevision prepared to upgrade its current system in the community.

By the end of 1995, the two cable companies were in a heated competition for The-Plymouth-Canton-Northville-Community. Omnicom/Continental gave signing bonuses to each of the governmental units, including \$325,000 to Canton. The money will be used for television equipment and a studio. Ameritech also kicked in funding to support local programming by agreeing to pay 1 percent of its gross revenue to support public access.

The two cable companies did agree to share public access channels and government access programming, with Omnicom/Continental providing the signal feed and Ameritech providing the broadcast capabilities. Both systems will run identical public and governmental access programming to avoid confusion.

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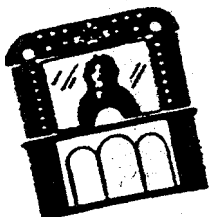
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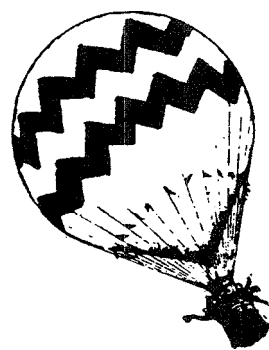


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# Lowe upholds First Amendment rights

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

In one of the year's major decisions coming from the 35th District Court, Judge Ron Lowe held up the first amendment rights of a Plymouth Township man, striking down a township ordinance calling it unconstitutionally vague.

Paul Hancock was charged with disturbing the peace under ordinance number 51.125 on May 9, 1994 and May 19, 1994 by township police. Hancock allegedly shouted obscenities at his neighbor during an ongoing feud between the two households.

Hancock's attorney, Andrew Nickelhoff, a cooperating attorney with the Michigan branch of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), argued that the ordinance was unconstitutional and, therefore, the case against his client should be dismissed.

Specifically, Nickelhoff referred to his client's right to say what he wants in his own backyard.

Lowe said that the ordinance does not specify any clear standards to distinguish between lawful and unlawful behavior.

"For instance how loud is too loud, meriting criminal sanctions? If one is angry and making noise, at what point does that behavior become boisterous? Rude or coarse is also subjective interpretation that changes with time and our society. What is acceptable to another; or what was not acceptable 50, or even 20 years ago, is all too often

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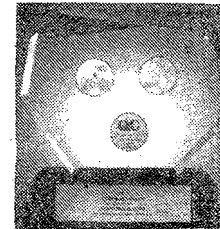


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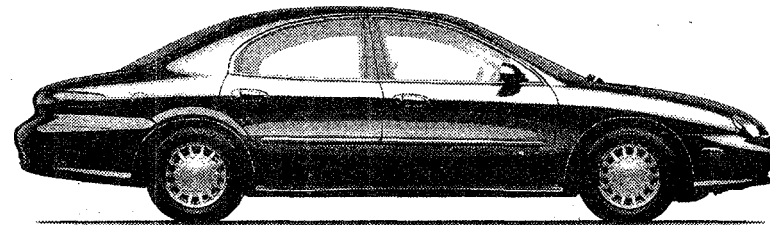
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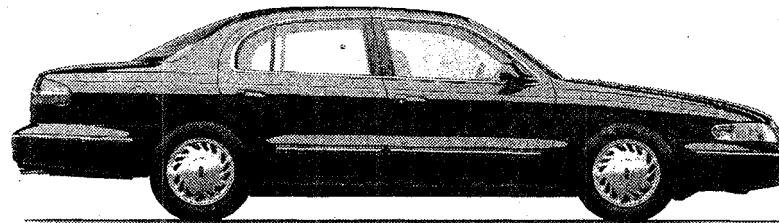
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# Racial brawls taint school year

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Not all the students at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park chose to follow the school district's motto of "Dignity and Respect."

A couple times this year, incidents erupted at the 5,000-student complex located at Canton Center and Joy roads.

In March, five students were suspended for three days and ordered to take ethnic sensitivity classes after they were involved in a fight. Reports said the students involved were "skinheads." Salem principal Gerald Ostoin said the students' actions were more important than their appearance. "Many members of the basketball team have their heads shaved," he said. "Does that make them 'skinheads'? Whether or not there was that kind of intent, I don't know."

Canton Public Safety Director John Santomauro said about the incident, "The only time we would become concerned with the motives is when it comes to racial intimidation."

The Canton Police would become concerned later in the year when they were called to the PCEP Sept. 14 when several fights and confrontations broke out. Approximately 300 students witnessed five or six skirmishes transpire involving 20 students. One incident was racially motivated. Canton interim Principal Ken Jacobs said, "There was one situation that involved racial intimidation that has been turned over to Canton Police."

All of the students were disciplined, including five students who joined the ruckus while they were waiting to drop out of school. Ostoin said the incident could be attributed to students, most of whom were freshman, unfamiliar with the school district's motto. "We try to work with dignity and respect," he said.

"Those who were here last year would be sensitive to it."

Superintendent Charles Little agreed, but not whole heartily. "I think it's had some effect," he said. "But I think it hasn't had enough of an effect."

There are two projects currently in the works that Little hopes will reduce the opportunities students have to initiate similar incidents again. One is a survey to determine the interest of a different setting or structural configuration. "I think

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## Lowe upholds First Amendment

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readily acceptable behavior today," Lowe said in his decision.

"Ordinance 51.125 must be stricken down for its unconstitutionality and cannot be enforced," the decision continued, "The court finds Plymouth Township Ordinance Number 51.125 to be unconstitutionally vague."

Ron Witthoff, who represented the township during the case, said in November that the township would appeal the case.

"He ruled that the ordinance was too vague to be enforceable as a criminal statute and we believe it can be enforced as a criminal statute," said Witthoff.

Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen-McCarthy said that the township is currently reviewing the case, before the decision to appeal is made.

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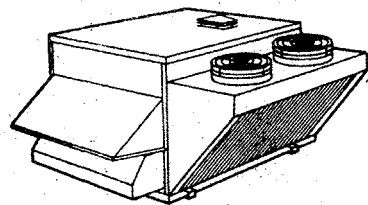
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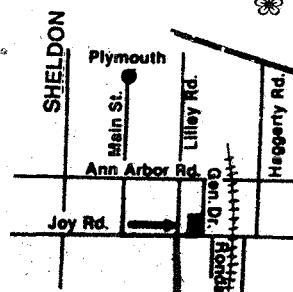
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# Old Village 'reborn' in 1995

*Strong core of businesses drives economic upturn in Old Village*

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

It's been a busy year for Old Village merchants and residents.

According to Jerry Sindici, chairperson of the Retail Committee, great things have been happening in 1995.

Two of the more major changes were the creation of the Old Village Development Authority and the installation of a new electrical infrastructure, said Sindici.

"Detroit Edison replaced 90 percent of the wires and lines," said Sindici. "They (Detroit Edison) got the Old Village done in less than a couple of days.

## Brawls taint school year

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there's a perception that there's too many people at the Park," Little said.

The other project concerns instruction. "We're looking at ways to have a different time schedule," Little said.

Currently, 10 minutes is provided for students in between classes. While Little recognizes this is necessary for students changing buildings, he said a majority stay within a school at each break. While some students socialize, study or talk with teachers, some use the free time to find ways to get suspended by smoking cigarettes or starting fights. "I can tell by the number of suspensions, we've been catching a lot of kids smoking," Little said.

"Some of the old infrastructure was left over from when they installed it with horse and cart."

It's all a sign that the OVDA is the new force in the Old Village's future, said Sindici.

Sindici said there were many other accomplishments in Old Village during 1995 including: New playground equipment at the Knights of Columbus playground, new signs that are completed and scheduled to go up in the spring, a new soundsystem was installed, new street lights and eight new businesses moved to the Old Village.

"If you think we're moving in the right direction this year wait until next year," said Sindici. "Old Village has a lot of surprises in store for everyone."

Sindici said that it is about more than just making Old Village business a success.

"We will definitely be giving back a lot to the residents of this community," said Sindici.

Old Village will become an even bigger part of the community said Sindici.

"As small as people may think we are — we're going to surprise a lot of people in 1996," he said.

**Read The Community Crier to find out what happens in 1996 (313) 453-6900**

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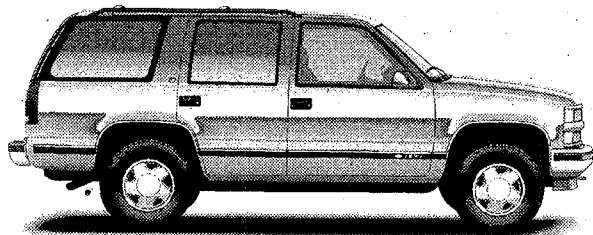
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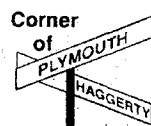


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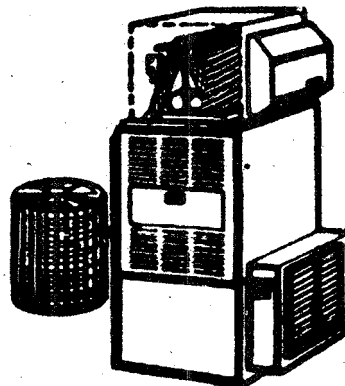


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# Plymouth library board continues preparation for spring construction

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

A year of uncertainty came to an end Nov. 28 when the Plymouth District Library Board signed a lease agreement with the Farmer Jack Corporation to rent the vacant Farmer Jack building on Main Street.

The 17,000 square foot facility will serve as the temporary home for the Dunning-Hough Library, while the new library is being built.

The agreement will allow the library to lease the space for 28 months at an overall cost of \$150,000. The library will also have the option of extending the lease for up to four additional months.

Library Director Pat Thomas said the library won't be moving to its temporary site until at least the spring.

"We won't move until the spring," said Thomas. "You know, it's a relief to know that we have someplace to go that is big enough, and that we won't have to cut back any services."

There will, according to board member Jim Jabara, need to be some refurbishing work done on the Farmer Jack building before the library can move in.

"It will probably take between \$25,000 to \$30,000 dollars," said Jabara. "It was part of the agreement that we would seal the parking lot."

Thomas said in May of 1995 that the building of the new library was scheduled to begin in spring of '96, delayed from a fall '95 starting date by delays in deciding where the new library would be built.

The question for the board and for community members now will be — will construction of the new library, at its current location, be delayed from its expected spring start because of the amount of time needed to find temporary housing, make the necessary repairs to that building and move to the temporary site?

**What else happened in 1995?**  
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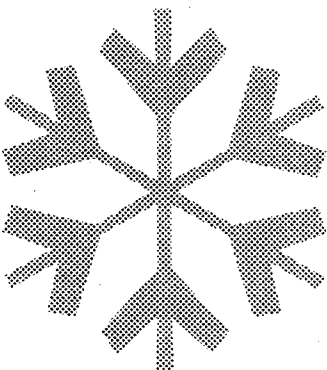
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
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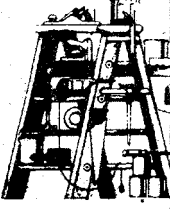
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## What's Happening

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).

# Groups...

### COUNCIL ON AGING MONTHLY MEETING

The Plymouth Community Council On Aging monthly meeting will be held at the Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St., Jan. 8 at 2 p.m. Dream interpretation by Barbara Wade and Senior Alliance information. Call 453-1234, ext. 235.

### PLYMOUTH NEWCOMERS CLUB

Meeting Jan. 11, 9-11:30 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 701 W. Church St. \$8.50 per person. Continental breakfast served. Baby sitting available. Topic: Health and Beauty Make Over. All Plymouth residents welcome. RSVP by Jan. 5. Call Lori at 416-9001.

### FELLOWSHIP GROUPS 60+ CLUB

The January meeting of the 60+ Club will be held Tuesday at 12 noon at the First United Methodist Church. Bring your own table service and a dish to pass.

### PLYMOUTH PARKS AND REC

Lunch hour open skate at the Culture Center, 525 Farmer St. Fees are reduced from regular open skate fees. Mondays: 12 noon to 1:20 p.m.; Wednesdays: 11:30 a.m. to 1:20 p.m.; Fridays: 11:50 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. \$2 for City resident or full time worker in the City (please bring pay stub). \$2.50 non resident. Fifty cents skate rental. For more information call 455-6623.

### CANTON PARKS AND REC

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### AMERICAN LEGION/BEASLEY-ZALESNY POST 112

The Beasley/Zalesny Post is accepting registrations from students who desire to compete in this year's American Legion National Oratorical Contest. The competition will be held Jan. 14. Call 451-3574 for more information on Beasley/Zalesny.

### STU ROCKAFELLOW AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

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

### PLYMOUTH OPTIMIST CLUB

The Plymouth Optimist Club meets every first and third Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Mayflower Hotel. Meetings include dinner and a speaker. For further information contact Felix Rotter at 453-2375. The Optimist Club will sell entertainment books for \$40 until Jan. 15. Call 453-8253 or 728-7619 for more information.

### PLYMOUTH REPUBLICAN CLUB

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

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### CANTON REPUBLICAN CLUB

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

### PLYMOUTH-CANTON JAYCEES

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

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Tryouts for the Western Wayne Wildcats girls basketball team will be Jan. 8 at Pioneer Middle School, 6-7:30 p.m. for ages 10-11, 7:30 p.m. for ages 12-13; Jan. 9 at Central Middle School, 7:30-9 p.m. for ages 14-15; Jan. 11 at Northville High School, 7:30-9 p.m. for ages 14-15.

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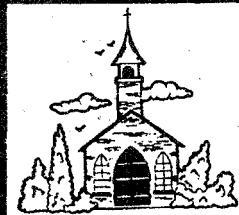
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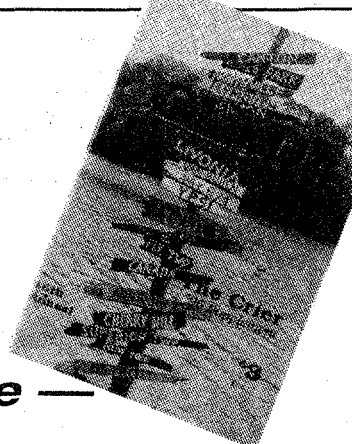
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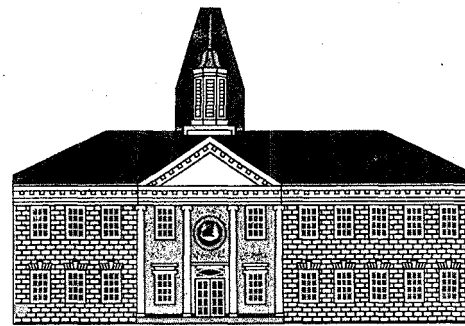
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Happy Birthday Mr. Wrobell!--Love, Amanda

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Rich and Beth--sure didn't seem like Christmas  
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Thank you to all my Santas. Love, Janet

Could a family get tired of the Mitch's? The  
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Rick, that's a really interesting place to store  
your clean laundry!

Hit the road, Jack...

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Thanks Ed and Sally for inviting us to be part of  
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Johnnie

NOT TO FRET, Sally--next year we'll put an  
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Oven...ruling awaits trial!

Steve Guile was out salting the sidewalks the  
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JUNE HADLEY--It was nice of Fred to deliver  
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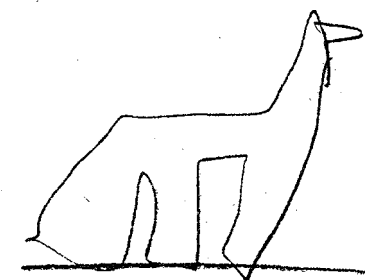
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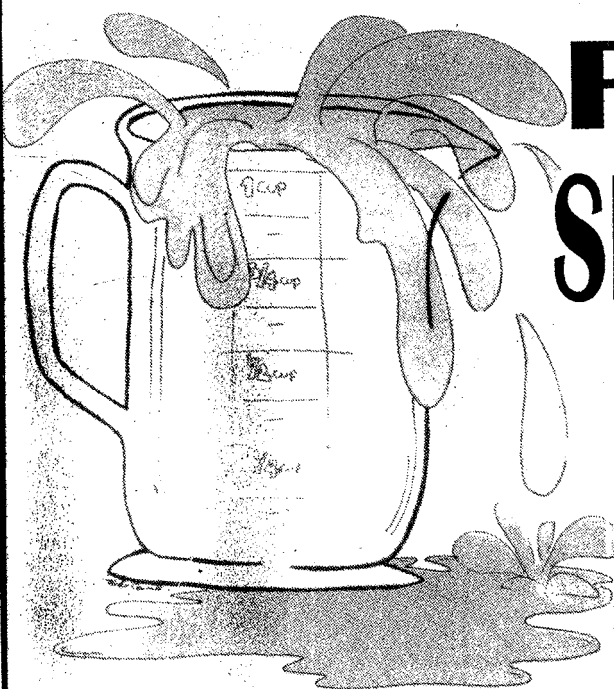
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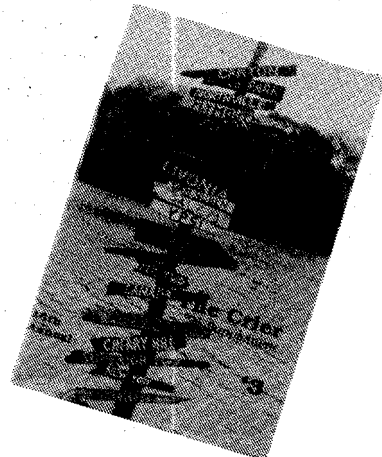
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## Sports

### JANUARY

•The Salem boys basketball team beats Canton in what may be the greatest game in P-C sports history. The final score was 75-69 after five overtimes.

•The Canton boys soccer and Canton girls basketball teams win the MHSAA Good Sports Are Winners Award for the 1994 fall sports season.

### FEBRUARY

•Red Wings Alumni — which included Gordie Howe — played the Canton Fire and Police Union in a hockey game that raised \$12,000 for Greg Unger and sent him to St. Louis for Cystic Fibrosis treatment.

### MARCH

•Salem and Canton teams crowned five champions. Canton girls gymnastics won the Western Lakes Activities Association (WLAA) title. Salem volleyball won the WLAA title. Salem swimming won the WLAA meet. Salem wrestler Scott Hughes won the regional title. Canton basketball won the WLAA championship.

### APRIL

•The Michigan Gaming Commission votes against allowing Video Gaming Terminals (VGT's) into any of Michigan's nine horse racing facilities — including Northville Downs.

### MAY

•About 300 teams participate in the 13th Annual Canton Memorial Day Soccer Invitational — drawing more than 20,000 people.

•Canton softball pitcher Jackie Nicastri throws two no-hitters in two weeks.

### JUNE

•The Salem girls soccer team loses at home in the state soccer finals against Birmingham Seaholm, 4-2. It was Ken Johnson's 15th and final season



The Salem soccer team defeated Portage Northern to bring the state championship back to The Plymouth-Canton Community in 1995. The team was coached by Ken Johnson, who retired following another successful season. The team's tough defense and potent offense provided the Rocks with an unstoppable one-two knockout punch. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

coaching the girls.

•PCEP Athletic Director Paul Cummings and Salem Athletic Manager Gary Balconi announce their retirements. Cummings served for 32 years and Balconi for 29 years.

### JULY

•Pheasant Run Golf Club — Canton's new 18 hole championship golf course designed by

world renowned architect Arthur Hill — opens for business.

### AUGUST

•Erin Sutton — a figure skater from Northville — competes with seven other top youth skaters in the nation at the Olympic Festival in Denver.

•The under-18 Michigan Vardar III, with four local players on-it, are

victorious at the National Youth Soccer Championships in Florida.

### SEPTEMBER

•Salem girls swimming tops Canton in a dual meet for the second straight year.

•The Salem girls basketball team nearly upsets a state champion

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# YEAR IN review 1995



## Sports

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Flint Northern team that had every-one back from the previous state championship team, but falls 46-40.

### OCTOBER

•In what has become a close, emotional battle yearly, the Salem football team beat Canton for the third straight year, 28-21, in a come from behind win. Trailing 21-7 early on in the game, Salem slowly took it to Canton before the Chiefs finally succumbed.

•The Salem boys golf team returns to the state finals and places 18th in East Lansing.

### NOVEMBER

•The Salem boys soccer team wins the state championship with a 1-0 victory over Portage Northern and finish Ken Johnson's final season as coach with a 23-3 record.

•The state champion PCEP Marching Band takes fifth place at nationals in Indianapolis.

### DECEMBER

•The Salem girls basketball team reaches the regional final before falling to Birmingham Marion, 49-47.

## On deck

### SALEM BOYS SWIMMING

Coach Chuck Olson's team is always one of the best in the state. See this year's edition Jan. 6 at home for the Rock Invitational at 1 p.m.

### SALEM WRESTLING

The regular line up for the Rocks' wrestlers won't return until the Varsity Invitational Jan. 6 at home at 9:30 a.m. But get a glimpse at the future during the Salem "B" Invitational tomorrow at 10 a.m.

### SALEM VOLLEYBALL

Bump. Set. Salem spikers. The Rocks head to the Portage Northern Invitational Jan. 6 at 8 a.m.

### CANTON GYMNASTICS

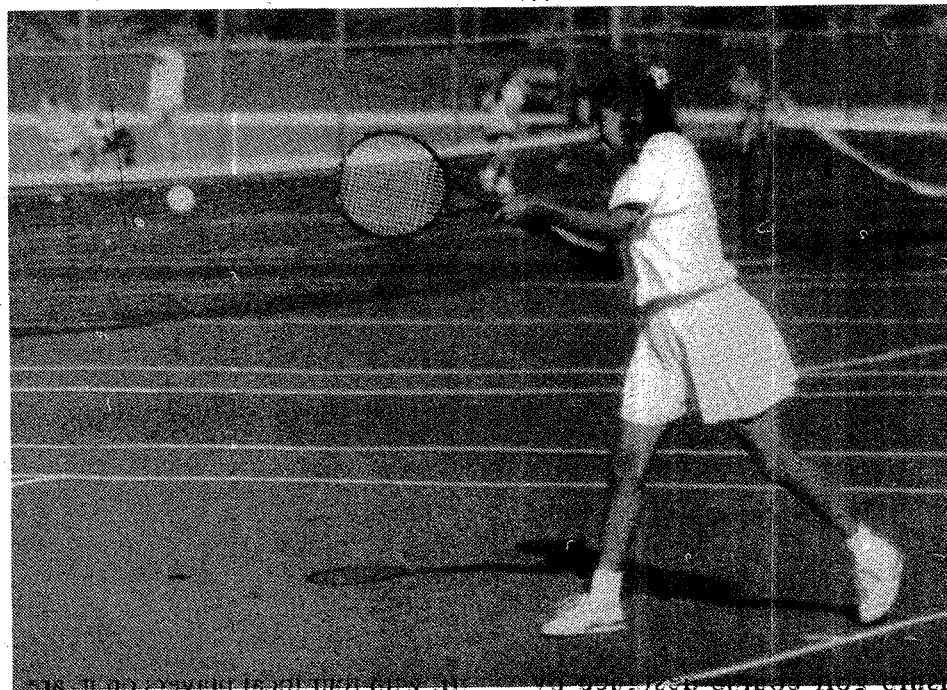
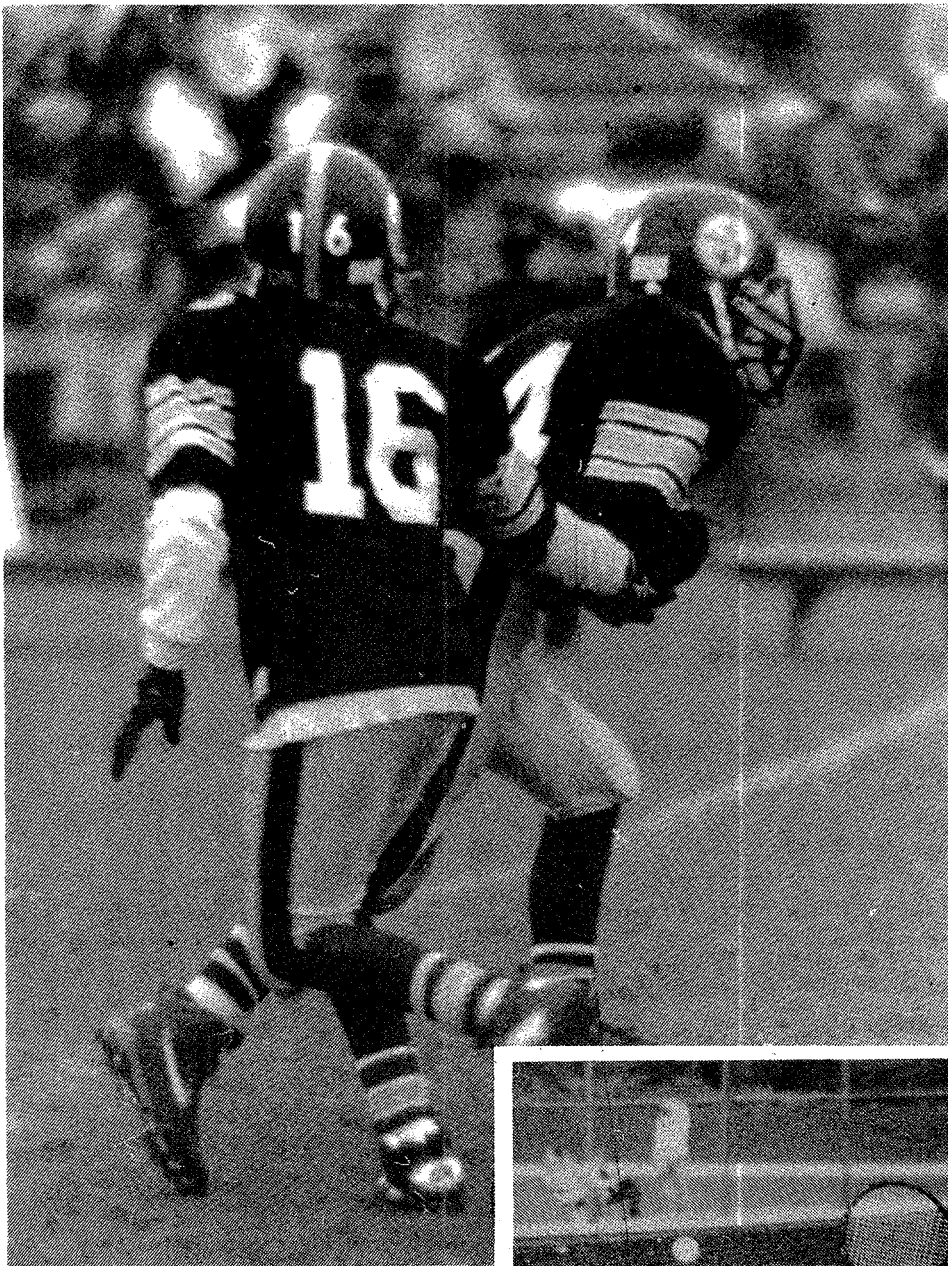
John Cunningham's team will be busy next week. The Chiefs travel to Farmington Jan. 4 for a 7 p.m. meet and cohost the Salem Invitational Jan. 6 at 11 a.m.

### CANTON BOYS BASKETBALL

The highly-ranked Chiefs are living up to preseason expectations. Walled Lake Central is the next victim in a road game Jan. 5. JV starts at 6 p.m.

### CANTON WRESTLING

New coach. New attitude. Check it out. The Chiefs will participate in the Salem "B" Invitational tomorrow at 10 a.m. The next dual meet is versus Harrison at home at 6:30 p.m.



(above) Brad LaValle, Marshall Tucker and the rest of the P-C Steelers took it to the competition this year winning the super bowl in November.

(below) Canton's Rupa Patel smashes a shot by her opponent. (Crier photos by R. Alwood Jr.)





# Community opinions

## Super Summit

*Canton's Summit on the Park is something special, deserves praise*

Wow.

It's hard to be more descriptive after a tour through the new Summit on the Park community center in Canton.

The facility is simply incredible.

Anyone who hasn't purchased a Summit on the Park annual pass should run — not walk — to buy one.

Summit on the Park is the most impressive community center I've ever seen. With a price tag of \$300 per family (for Canton residents) early-bird special, Summit on the Park is not only impressive — it's a great value as well.

The Summit officially opens

Jan. 6 with tours of the facility and a ribbon cutting scheduled for 1 p.m. Tours will run from approximately 1:30-7 p.m. Tours continue Jan. 7 from noon to 6 p.m. Canton officials are bracing for a rush, with 8,000 to 10,000 people expected to get a sneak peek at the new community center.

And what a peak they'll get.

Fortunately for the community, the Summit was designed with the family in mind. More than 55,000 of the facility's 85,200 square feet are designed for recreation.

The "center" of the recreation area is the indoor aquatics center. It includes a 25-yard, five-lane lap pool; a zero-depth edge pool with

## No curves

By Rob Kirkbride



play equipment for the kids that looks like it's out of the movie "Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory;" a lazy river with a 120-foot long waterslide; and a therapy pool. It is truly a kiddie dreamland.

For folks who plan on dropping a few of those holiday pounds, the Summit offers a state-of-the-art weight and fitness room; gymnasium for basketball and volleyball; two racquetball courts;

dance rooms; and a walk/jog track.

In addition to all the recreation offerings, the Summit has banquet facilities, meeting rooms and will offer Schoolcraft College courses. It will also be the new home of the Canton senior citizens' center.

Take a look at the Summit next weekend.

Wow!

## Community brims with holiday giving spirit

The holiday spirit of giving is alive and well in The Plymouth-

Canton-Northville Community.

The United Way reached and

surpassed their goal of \$750,000 through the commitment of all the

members of our community.

The community's commitment to the United Way is just the tip of the iceberg. The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community also helps in other ways during the holidays. The community also supports organizations such as Goodfellows and the Salvation Army. Thanks to all who make this community so special.

THE COMMUNITY CRIER

## Roy Schultz deserves Canton honor

EDITOR:

I just read your article about Roy Schultz being inducted into the Canton Hall of Fame for 1995.

I remember several years ago working with Roy and John Schultz in dismantling the festival tents. Those two older guys needed my young body. As I look at the picture of the couple, I recall the many projects

that Tillie worked on and still does. It's too bad they couldn't have been inducted as a team.

Roy and Tillie are two very special people and everyone should get to know them like I do. Congratulations Roy, you deserve the honor.

FRANK A. MCMURRAY

## Salvation Army still needs help after Christmas

EDITOR:

Sharing is the true spirit of Christmas. Sharing what we have with those less fortunate makes Christmas special. Judging by tinsel, lights and carols, Christmas spirit is in the air; but, what about True Christmas Spirit?

One measure is the Red Kettle Drive. What do the kettles report?

Need is higher this year than ever before. The goal of \$120,000, up from \$97,000, will be hard to reach. The letter campaign must yield another \$80,000 to push the goal thermometer to the top.

Good news: true spirit abounds. As of Dec. 7, Red Kettle collections reached \$40,251.38. That's a bit more than last year.

Bad news: at this rate, the goal will not be reached.

Yes. This community has True

Christmas Spirit. If everyone who can shares, the Red Kettle goal will be met and the Salvation Army can provide food and Christmas gifts for those in need.

Equally important, the money collected at Christmas time

supports the Corps' emergency services for the whole year.

If no Red Kettle is handy, donations can be mailed to the Salvation Army, P.O. Box 384, Plymouth, MI 48170.

THE SALVATION ARMY

## Choir show was fantastic — again

EDITOR:

I wish to comment on another awesome performance of the concert choir with conduction by Jim Talbot, Sr. of the "Living Christmas Tree" at the Plymouth Church of the Nazarene.

This was the second time I attended the show and

the performance is outstanding. The light display is stunning and words cannot describe the marvelous voices of the choir.

Special kudos to the soloists and many thanks to the church for a wonderful evening.

DOROTHY ARCHER



# Community opinions

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Through these letters, a dialogue is developed — a dialogue that is important to the community — a dialogue that is important to everyone at The Community Crier.

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Take the time to write a letter to the editor. Let the community know what you think!

There are many easy ways to contact the editor.

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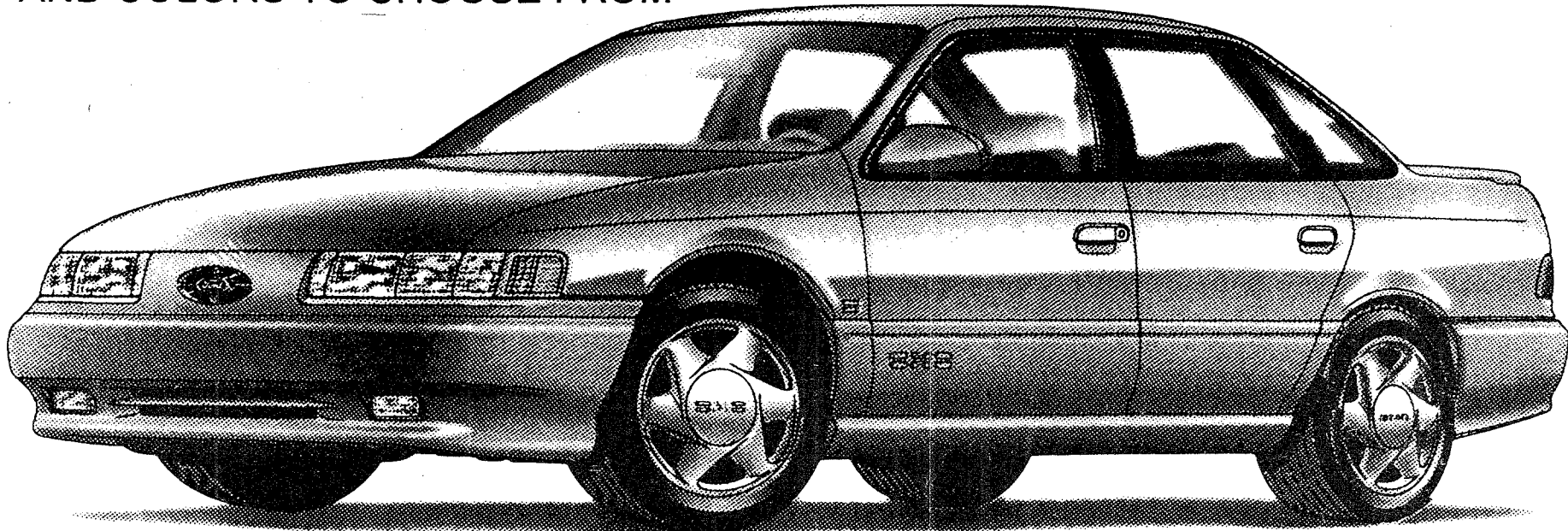
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