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Despite soggy Saturday, Fall Festival flourishes

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Well, it rained on the pet parade Saturday. But one day of dreary weather couldn't dampen the spirits of more than 100,000 people who took in the sights and sounds — and food — at the 41st annual Fall Festival over the weekend.

A perfect September Sunday saved the three-day event as capacity crowds filled the streets to gaze at the rows of classic and concept cars along Main Street, listen to the smooth tunes provided by several local bands and enjoy the seemingly endless culinary choices.

"It was kind of an unusual (festival) in a sense, with the bad weather Saturday and extremely low turnout. Then on Sunday it reversed, and we had wall to wall people," said City Police Chief Bob Scoggins, who reported only minor dis-

turbances.

After a successful opening night Friday that included BPW Bingo and a performance by the Plymouth Community Band, the skies opened and dumped the remnants of Hurricane Fran on The Plymouth-Canton Community. "Saturday was a disaster. There's really no other way (to describe it) for the food booths, but the Kiwanis did great," said Fall Festival President Clark Smith.

"Saturday was a tough day," said Assistant City Manager Paul Sincock. "The Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast did well. People were standing in line in the rain, so that worked out well."

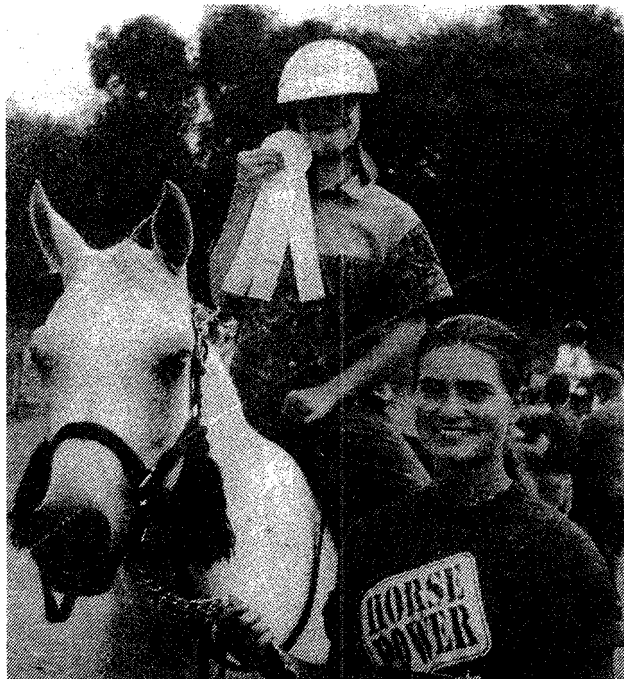
But even the rain couldn't keep the Pet Parade and the street dance from being a success. "It was the highlight to a real



Despite the soggy weather on Saturday, large crowds turned out for the Optimist Pet Parade and Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast. But Friday and Sunday's weather was perfect for the 41st Fall Festival held last weekend in downtown Plymouth. Events like the Rotary Chicken Dinner and Classic Car Show went off as scheduled. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

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Ridin' high in the saddle



Plymouth resident Annie Bolognino was a volunteer leader for the Michigan 4H program for handicappers at the recent Oakland County 4-H Fair. Bolognino also rode in the Plymouth Fourth of July Parade on the Arabian horses of Harmony Acres in Northville.

Mayflower owners unveil building plans at meeting with DDA

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

The owners of the Mayflower Hotel met with the Downtown Development Authority last night at the historic building and updated the group on their plans.

"I think they are planning on making a presentation," said Steve Walters, City of Plymouth manager. "They are making the DDA more directly involved with their plans."

Under the terms of a verbal agreement — a written agreement has not been drafted or signed yet — the City wiped out \$26,899.96 of the Mayflower's past due tax bill and made them responsible only for the penalties and interest on the back taxes which equaled \$51,290.57, according to Walters.

Canton man killed in bicycling accident

A 24-year-old Canton man was killed Monday after being hit by a van on Morton Taylor Road just south of Saltz Road according to Canton Police reports.

According to the police report Jeffrey Franken was bicycling on Morton Taylor when he was hit and killed by a van driven by a 17-year-old Canton man.

No tickets have been issued in the accident as of yet and the investigation is ongoing.

Under the agreement the Mayflower would have to meet several requirements:

- That they complete the mortgage agreement and proceed with the renovation and operation of the hotel as proposed.
- That the owners apply for a building permit for the hotel renovation project by Nov. 30.
- The owners pay the balance of the adjusted taxes and interest (\$51,290.57) by Sept. 30.
- That they operate the facility as a hotel and restaurant for at least three years for the date of completion of the proposed renovation.

According to Walters, these are guidelines for the Mayflower. If problems arise from the schedule, the City will probably work with the Mayflower to solve the problems.

"This is a mutually cooperative venture," said Walters. "I don't think the event would be that they would miss a deadline."

"It's (the agreement) not going to blow up."

Walters said that the Mayflower is in the process of hiring an architect and will probably begin construction in the first of the year.

"The hotel's plan generally is to start construction in January," said Walters. "During their slow time."

Mayflower owners Matt and Keith Karmo refused to return repeated calls.

People person

Canton priest celebrates 30 year anniversary with Church

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Local company helps cure ailing furniture with a little TLC

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Tough week

Canton boys soccer team makes it through week with loss, tie

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Plymouth resident objects to excessive noise during festivals

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

For long-time Plymouth resident Jack Wilcox, the City is just too loud.

Wilcox said the noise from the sound amplifiers used for various music events are excessive for the number of people

who attend.

"I think it's overkill," Wilcox told the Plymouth City Commission last week before they voted to approve the annual Plymouth Music Celebration. "It's not fair to the people who live in the neigh-

borhood."

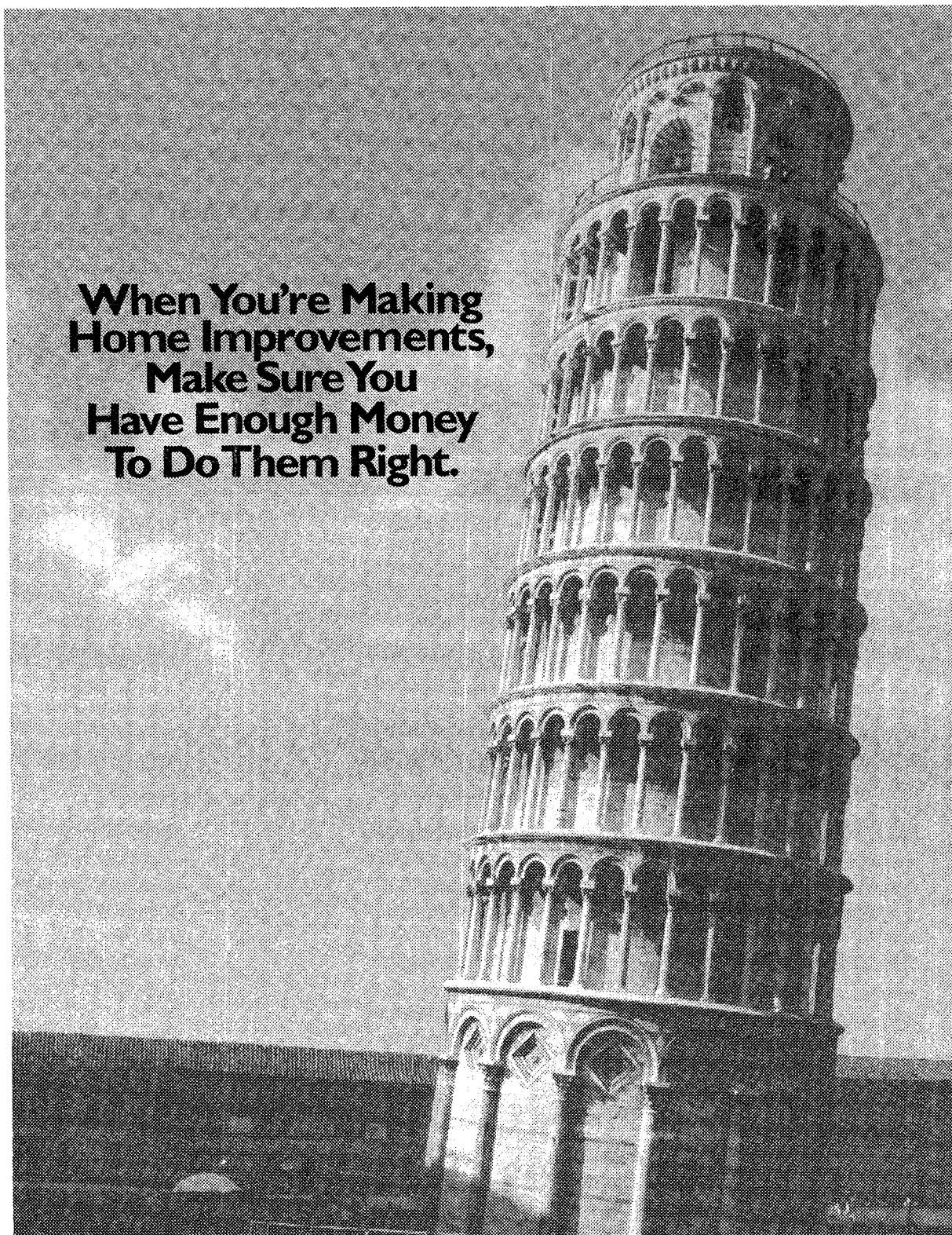
Commissioner Dennis Shrewsbury said the noise from the Music Festival, scheduled for Sept. 27-28, is a minor worry compared to the number of people who enjoy the event in Kellogg Park.

"For a festival that comes up once every 52 weeks," he said, "the people who live downtown can put up with a little noise and minor inconvenience."

Wilcox said there is also a problem with cruisers. "This is a problem that's not restricted to the music festival," he said. "I can tolerate the super woofers from 10 p.m. to midnight, but after that it becomes a problem in the summer when the windows are open.

"It's not fair for the people who have to go to work the next morning."

Wilcox, whose historic apartment house is located in the heart of downtown Plymouth, has brought his concerns about noise in the City before.



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Blackboard flu

P-C teachers stay home to protest stall in contract negotiations

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Teacher absences more than doubled three days last week in an apparent protest of the lack of progress between the Plymouth-Canton Education Association and the Plymouth-Canton School District, said Superintendent Charles Little.

"You'd have to be foolish to think it wasn't planned," said Little about Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, when approximately 90 teachers called in sick each day.

Assistant Superintendent for

Employee Relations Errol Goldman was more guarded in his response. He said: "All I can say is it is unusual to have so many absences this time of the year."

On an average day, there are approximately 40 teacher absences, Little said.

But Crisis Committee Co-Chairperson Mickey Edell-Cotner denied the teachers union played a role in last week's events — only confirming that the number of absences was much higher than average. "We understand that was true. We heard the same information," said Edell-Cotner, a speech pathologist at Miller and Hoben

elementary schools.

According to Little, absences had returned to an average level Monday, with less than 50 teachers unable to report to work.

The scramble to find substitutes to teach caused many problems, school officials said. "It's difficult if not impossible to cover all those people with substitutes," the superintendent said.

He said the actions work as detriment against teachers who have an actual medical emergency.

The two sides have been meeting since late winter, but they have been unable to come to terms on several issues, most importantly health care benefits and a salary increase.

A two-year contract expired the last week of August.

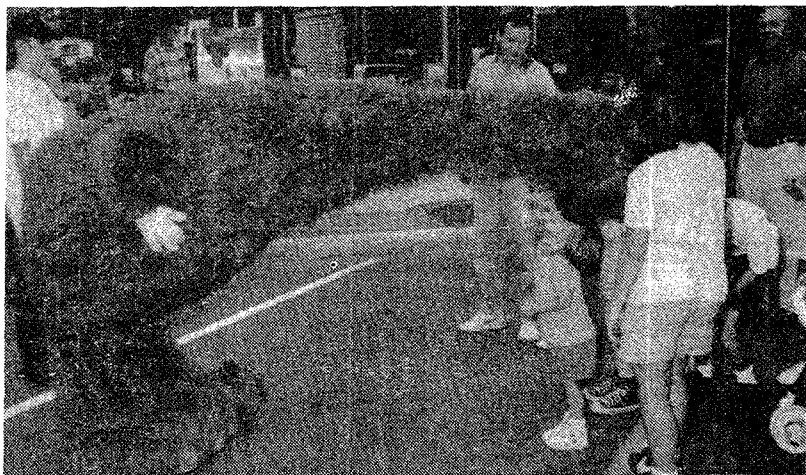
A state mediator, Jim Amar, from the Bureau of Employment Relations attended a meeting between the PCEA and the P-C Schools Monday afternoon. Little said in his opinion no progress was made.

More mediations are scheduled.

Whether or not there are plans to resume the protests this week, Little said, "We are very concerned about this, but we will keep the schools open."

Edell-Cotner said the Crisis Committee planned on picketing the P-C School Board meeting last night and reading letters to the board members stating their displeasure with the lack of progress in contract talks. "I'm not as hopeful as I have been," said Edell-Cotner. "We appear to be in a very difficult position."

Big kiss



Fred the Smooch was just one of the stars at Fall Festival in downtown Plymouth last weekend. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

Voters to decide between bond, SAD for City road improvement

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

One way or another, Plymouth's street paving project will begin next year. But the question remains: Will voters approve a two mill bond issue Nov. 5 or will the traditional special assessment district (SAD) method be used?

According to City officials, the form of funding doesn't matter. The cost for the City will remain \$180,000 per year either way.

"We're not taking a stand as a governmental unit," said City Manager Steve Walters. "As elected officials, the Plymouth City Commissioners could take a position."

But Walters said by placing the issue on the ballot at all, the commissioners made an "implied endorsement."

Basically, City residents will have two choices.

The Bond Scenario

If voters decide to approve the sale of bonds to finance road construction, the cost will be spread equally to all Plymouth residents and appear as an increase on property tax bills. On average, a two mill bond issue would mean a

\$120 per year increase for owners of a \$120,000 home. That rate would vary slightly over the 20 year life of the bond.

The first 10-year phase of the construction project would cost approximately \$5.7 million and would reconstruct slightly less than half the streets in the City.

The second 10-year phase is estimated to cost \$6.2 million and would include construction on the remaining City streets.

Although the project would be financed for 20 years, the actual construction would be completed in approximately 13 years, according to Walters.

Construction would begin on streets most in need of repair as noted by the City's engineers and Plymouth City Commission.

"I feel personally, from a taxpayer standpoint, bonding is the most fair," Walters said. "You have the whole City base paying the ongoing cost instead of one neighborhood getting socked."

The Special Assessment Scenario

This is the way the City traditionally

funded road construction.

The main difference is that through SADs, only those owning property on the street being paved are taxed for the improvement.

Owners are taxed according to the amount of property fronting the road — the idea being those who benefit most pay the most.

City engineers and the Plymouth City Commission would decide which streets need repair the worst — the same as under the bond issue.

Another major difference is that those living on state or county roads would not be taxed additionally under SAD funding.

If bonding is used, those living on Ann Arbor Road (a state highway) and Sheldon, Mill, Plymouth and Wilcox (all county roads), would be taxed the same as those on City roads.

If the bond issue is rejected by City voters, SAD funding will be used next year. Since construction was to begin this year, twice as much work would be done during the next construction season.

Agenda

THIS WEEK

- The Canton Historical Society is hosting a joint meeting with the Plymouth Historical Society tomorrow at Cherry Hill School at 7:30 p.m. Stephen F. Keller will speak on beginning genealogy and historical letters. The public and all historical society members are welcome.

THE WEEKEND

- The Senior Softball World Series will be held at the Canton Softball Center beginning Friday. The tournament will run through Sept. 22.
- It's Victorian Festival time in Northville. The annual celebration begins Friday and runs through Sunday throughout the downtown.
- Canton Parks and Recreation is holding the final show of the Endless Summer Concert Series Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the Heritage Park Amphitheater. The free event will feature the band "Magic."
- A Canton clean-up will be held at CWR this weekend.
- The Canton Senior Singles meet Saturday at the Summit on the Park. Call 397-5444 for more information.

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Plan has 9th graders in separate facilities

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Before the Plymouth-Canton School District moves forward with its growth management plan that includes a bond vote to finance possibly five new facilities, Dean Swartzwelter has an idea.

"You're going to have an emergency at the (Plymouth-Canton Educational Park), and I have an alternative I've heard no one talk about," Swartzwelter said at a special meeting of the P-C School Board Monday Night.

The former school board president outlined a plan to reduce the population at the 4,670-student Plymouth-Canton Educational Park by either returning freshmen to the middle schools or constructing a separate ninth grade campus, there by enabling the school district to avoid a decision regarding attendance boundaries for three high schools and the third high school's location.

Currently, students are enrolled at Canton and Salem high schools by random draw, except for a sibling privilege policy which allows family members to attend the same high school.

Swartzwelter said his plan would require the P-C Schools to build just three schools, a

middle school and two elementary schools instead of the possibility of five new schools, including a high school, in a proposal presented by the school district's Housing and Facilities Committee in the spring.

There are other benefits too, Swartzwelter said. Ninth graders would be eased into the PCEP by attending activities on campus before becoming full time students as 10th graders, he said.

And the increased population at the middle schools would provide enough demand to consistently fill speciality classes, such as foreign languages.

If needed, Swartzwelter said sixth graders could be moved into the elementary schools.

And the two new elementary schools need to be constructed in the southern half of the district, he said, and building needs to begin immediately. "You folks are facing a short term dilemma, in my opinion, you have to do something in a hurry," he said, encouraging board members to enjoy the experience and not let bond opponents distract them.

"This can be as much fun as anything, if you can get this bond passed," said Swartzwelter who served on the board during a bond issue.

Child hit by postal truck

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

An eight-year-old Plymouth boy was struck by an U.S. Postal Service mail truck Sept. 4 while crossing Mill Street in Old Village, according to a City of Plymouth Police report.

The police report said that witnesses saw the boy run out into the street when he was struck by the right front of the truck.

The boy was transported from the scene to St. Joseph's Hospital, was treated and later released, according to the report.

The Michigan State Police Traffic Services Division determined the speed of the truck to be 22 miles per hour, said the report.

The driver of the truck told the police that she saw the boy run out, braked and swerved, according to the report.

Plymouth Post Master Joseph Groff said that he is grateful the accident wasn't worse than it was.

"I'm grateful the boy wasn't injured seriously," he said. "The driver was upset as to be expected, but is back to work full time and doing well."

Groff added that the majority of drivers receive defensive driving training.

"They (new drivers) get defensive driving when they first come in," said Groff. "Right now we're concentrating on making sure that everyone that drives gets it." According to the police no citations have been issued in the accident.

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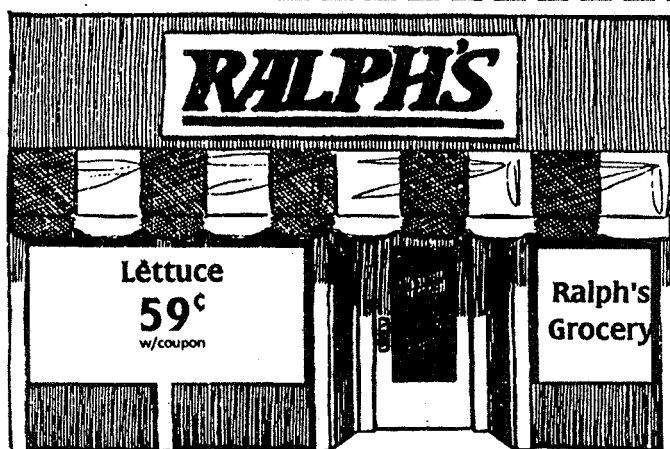
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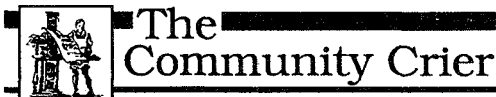
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Canton Commons resident hit in drive-by shooting

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

A 19-year-old Canton resident was shot twice in an apparent drive-by shooting Sept. 2, according to Canton Police reports.

David Burgess, a resident of Canton Commons, was apparently outside with a group of people at 1 a.m. when he was shot in the right ankle and left thigh said Det. Rick Pomorski.

The group was standing outside when a vehicle drove slowly down a court, within sight of the group, when a member of the group threw a bottle at the truck, said Pomorski.

"The vehicle then drove out the same way it came in," he said. "Burgess was right there. The right front passenger leaned out the window and started firing. Burgess was shot once ran for cover and was hit again."

Burgess was transported to Annapolis Hospital for treatment where he has since been released, said Pomorski.

"We have several leads, but we have not presented anything to the prosecutor yet," said Pomorski.

Resident helps keep Magic Ride event in Canton

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Organizers of Magic Ride, an event to raise funds to help prevent child abuse, thought last year would be the last time the event would be held in Canton.

That's before one Canton resident stepped forward and helped keep the fundraiser in the community, scheduled for May 17 this year.

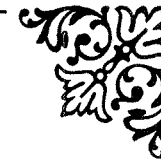
"There was decreased participation," said Director of Out Wayne County Council on Child Abuse and Neglect Sandra Murphy. "We all thought it would be the last year of the event."

"Then Michelle Hall came to me and said, 'What! We can't let this happen'."

Magic Ride has been in Canton for the past seven years. The 1996 event raised approximately \$6,500 in registration fees and pledges and \$1,500 from corporate sponsors.

"This is a great event," said Canton Supervisor Tom Yack. "We're working with Pheasant Run to set aside at least nine holes for the walk on the cart path."

The walk/bicycle ride will raise funds to prevent child abuse. It will also include a kick-off breakfast in March.



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Friends & neighbors

Neighbors in the news

Christina M. Smith, the daughter of **Allen and Shanne Smith** of Canton, recently received practical work in military leadership at the Army Reserve Officer's Training Corps (ROTC) Advanced Camp at Fort Lewis, Wash.

Shelby Mathew, a 1993 graduate of Canton High School, completed training in fundamental military skills at the Army ROTC Camp Challenge at Fort Knox, Ky.

Mathew is the son of **Capt. Jacob and Mariama Mathew** of Canton.

The **Whistle Stop Players** will open their third season of children's theatre productions with a trio of Christmas classics. Auditions are Sept. 17, 18 and 19 at the Plymouth Community Arts Council from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

For any information call Jennifer Tobin (313) 453-5212.

Marine Sgt. Timothy S. Lindabury, a 1986 graduate of Salem High School, recently received the Kuwait Liberation medal. The medal was awarded to servicemembers who participated in Operation Desert Storm.

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Glenn S. Blaszak, a 1982 graduate of Canton High School, has returned to his home port after participating in the six-nation maritime exercise "Rim of the Pacific" (RIMPAC) '96, on board the USS Coronado.

The **Plymouth-Canton Gamma Gamma chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Sorority** is offering a \$500 scholarship to Schoolcraft College for outstanding female students who graduated from Salem or Canton high schools.

The deadline for applications is Oct. 15. For information call (313) 462-4433.

The **Marquis Theatre Children**, performing in an original musical version of the classic fairy tale **RAPUNZEL**, continues to entertain audiences this summer at Northville's Marquis Theatre, through Sept. 29.

Celebrating 30 years of service

Fr. Richard Perfetto "just likes being with people"

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

It wasn't a bolt of lightning or some supernatural signal that led the soft-spoken man to his calling, rather it was an inclination to help people.

That inclination has led to a life as a Catholic priest for Richard Perfetto, the parish priest at Resurrection Catholic Church in Canton.

"It wasn't anything specific that drew me," said Perfetto. "I just like being with people."

"I'm with people during the most important times of their lives."

Born and raised in Detroit, Perfetto is celebrating the 30th anniversary of being ordained in the Catholic Priesthood.

Perfetto has spent time ministering in many different parishes in Michigan. The last 10 years of his career have been spent in The Plymouth-Canton Community, including four years at Our Lady of Good Council in Plymouth and Resurrection Catholic Church in Canton.

It's ministering in the parishes like Resurrection that Perfetto enjoys the most, he said.

"I guess you could say I enjoy it more because there's more time to spend with people," Perfetto said. "I get to meet with every new family."

Being the parish priest at Resurrection has given Perfetto the chance to take a church from its induction and grow.

"We started out doing mass in many different places until we built our church," he said. "It's nice to have a home."

More than just having someplace to call home, Perfetto is proud of the way his parishioners have pitched in with the running of the church.

"When I was first ordained there were



Fr. Richard Perfetto of Canton's Resurrection Catholic Church is celebrating 30 years of service in the Priesthood.

very few people involved with the services," he said. "There were no councils or committees. Now there are a lot of people in every parish that are actively involved."

"When I meet with new families I ask them to be involved with some activity in the church and the response has been great."

While it might seem that being the sounding board for parishioners for 30 years might be tiresome or mentally draining Perfetto said that is not the case.

"At the time (talking to the parishioner) you have to be open and attentive to the needs of the people," he said. "But you can't take everything too personally."

Perfetto added that another key to helping his parishioners, is understanding that he is not there to solve their problems.

"I can't solve their problems," he said. "But I can help facilitate them solving their own problems. We have so many support groups here, where people can talk and pray together."

According to parishioner Rich Antown, it is Perfetto's love of his parish that makes him good.

"He is so friendly and warm," said Antown. "And with father (Perfetto) it's truly genuine."

"He is the spiritual backbone of our church."

And what does Perfetto do when he's not busy at church?

"I'm part of the minority as a priest," he said. "I don't golf (except once a year in the Parish outing). I like tennis and racquetball."

Perfetto added that almost every month he joins with other Canton priests to talk about what is going on in their parishes.

And in the Resurrection Catholic Church there is apparently a lot going on.

"We are having a dinner to honor him," said Antown.

Although modest about the attention, Perfetto is pleased that his parish has accepted him into their families.

"These people are just tremendous," he said. "It's a good feeling (to know that people like you and the work you're doing)."

Remember Plymouth life in the '50s?

Do you remember what life was like in Plymouth in the 1950's?

If you think you do, then take a trip down memory lane with this quiz, courtesy of the All-School Alumni Party Committee.

1. The first place to see a foot X-ray?
2. The cleaners on Northville Road?
3. The first walk-in meat freezer in Plymouth?
4. The name of the hamburger, coffee and donut place near the Penn Theatre?
5. The competition for Schrader's?
6. The Buick dealer?
7. The "lawn" place on Ann Arbor Road and Main Street?
8. The first pizza place?
9. The Grocery store of Forest?
10. A place on Penniman to buy sporting goods?
11. A drug store on Penniman where you had your own coffee cup?
12. The Chevrolet dealer?
13. Where you got the best bag of French fries?
14. A pop and brew drive thru?
15. A place to eat and bowl?

Plymouth High's all-school reunion is set for Sept. 20 at Bunyea's Farm

16. A crew cut barber underneath P&A Theatre?
17. A sweet place on Main Street?
18. A popular veterinarian?
19. First name of used car lot next to Plymouth Mail?
20. Who was the Ford dealer?
21. What was the name of the office place on Main Street?
22. The drive-in eatery on Northville Road?
23. The Nash dealer?
24. Doctor who looked like Col. Sanders?
25. Clothing store where "money was well spent"?

For the answers to these questions you'll have to attend the all-school reunion (Class of 1938 through 1970) at Guy Bunyea's barn at 7264 E. Joy Road on Sept. 20.

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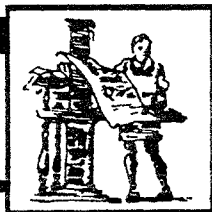
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YMCA NEEDS FALL FEST VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed at the YMCA Fall Festival booth. Cooks, sandwich preparation, waiters, set up, take down and runners. To volunteer for four hour time slots or less, call the YMCA at 453-2904.

PLYMOUTH CHAMBER NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce is always in need of volunteers, especially preparing information handout packages. For more information, call 453-1540.

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FISH of Plymouth/Canton is always looking for volunteers to assist in its purpose of aiding neighbors who cannot help themselves. If you would like information on being a driver, a "caller", or just running errands, call 261-1011 and leave a message.

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The hospice is seeking patient care, patient companion and team support volunteers in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community. For more information, call 291-9700.

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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.

Upcoming...

"HOLLYWOOD NIGHTS" BENEFIT FOR ST. MARY

Oct. 17 at Laurel Manor in Livonia at 5:30 p.m. Star-studded evening of dinner and entertainment featuring nationally renowned recording artists and entertainments. For more information, call the St. Mary Hospital Foundation Hotline at 655-2907.

WOMEN'S NIGHT OUT

"Women and Friendship-A Gift We We Give Ourselves" will be presented Oct. 2 at Canton's Summit on the Park. Registration required by Sept. 26. The \$21 fee includes a full course meal and a presentation. To register, call 397-5110.

LIVING TRUST SEMINAR

How to avoid probate; How to reduce taxes to heirs; Advantages of living trust; Question and answer session will follow. Discussion will be presented by financial expert Paul Luduc. Free of charge. At the Plymouth Cultural Center Sept. 24 from 1-3 p.m. For reservations, call 810-540-8710.

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM FALL CALENDER OF EVENTS

Tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. "100th Anniversary of the Automobile." Sept. 30-Oct. 3 museum trip to Gettysburg, PA. Oct. 15 "Made in Plymouth", chamber of commerce open house mixer, from 5-7 p.m. Oct. 27 last day of the "Made in Plymouth and Collections" exhibit. Nov. 6 grand opening of the holiday exhibition "Visions of Christmas." December 8 Museum Open House from 1-5 p.m. Guest speaker Dr. Weldon Petz, "The History of Santa Claus" 2 p.m.

PLYMOUTH YMCA ANNUAL HAUNTED HOUSE

Volunteers are needed, ages teens through adults. The Haunted House will be Oct. 25-26. For more information or to volunteer, call the YMCA at 453-2904.

GETTYSBURG HISTORICAL TOUR

The Plymouth Historical Museum is offering a trip to historical Gettysburg, PA Sept. 30 to Oct. 3. The tour will be led by Civil War historian and teacher Bob Zaetta. The trip includes round-trip motor coach transportation, three breakfasts, three dinners, and two full days at Gettysburg. For information and reservations, call the Plymouth Historical Museum at 455-8940.



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Groups...

MEET OTHER MOTHERS

Meet Other Mothers invites you to join them for guest speakers and discussion. Meet the second and fourth Friday of the month at the First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth. Babysitting is provided. For more information, Mardi at 453-4970.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS AUDITIONS

The Plymouth Community Chorus, a premier choir, is looking for people who love to sing. Auditions are going to be held at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial rd., west of Sheldon Road, in Plymouth. Auditions by appointment on Sept. 17 and 24 at 7 p.m. There is a special need for male voice, especially tenors, but openings are available for female voices also. Rehearsals for the annual Christmas Concert will began yesterday. For more information, call 455-4080.

ST. JOHN NEUMANN SINGLES GROUP HALLOWEEN DANCE

St. John Neumann Singles Group in Canton, 44800 Warren Ave., is having a Halloween Dance Oct. 25 from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Pizza, pop, raffle tickets, prizes and great music by James Dunn. BYOB. No jeans please. The cost is \$8. For more information, call Marilyn at 591-9269 (after 6 p.m.), Patrick at 277-6083, Theresa at 277-2171 or Scott at 266-7253.

THE CANTON SENIOR SINGLES CLUB

Will begin the 1996-97 year with a meetings Saturday at 7 p.m. in the Parkview of the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway. After the 7 p.m. business meeting a program of horse racing by video will be featured. No charge to play. Prizes and refreshments. All single Canton residents age 55 and up are welcome.

PLYMOUTH OPTIMISTS 1997 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Books offer savings on dining, movies, theater, sporting events, car washes, etc. Proceeds will help fund the Chorus' charitable and educational activities. \$40. For more information, call Stan at 459-6829.

PASSAGE GYDE POST 391 MONTHLY MEETING

At the Legion Post 173 N. Main St. in Plymouth tomorrow at 8 p.m. For more information, call 459-7890. All veterans are welcome.

SUNDAY TOASTMASTERS PUBLIC SPEAKING CLUB

A new Sunday night Toastmasters meeting at the Plymouth Township meeting room from 7-9 p.m. Experience the public speaking training. Become a better listener, a better thinker and a better thinker. For more information, call Marc Sullivan at 455-1635.

3 CITIES ART CLUB

Meetings will be on the first Monday of the month. November meetings will be announced. For more information, call S. Argiroff at (313) 422-8106.

PLYMOUTH OPTIMISTS 1997 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Order your 1997 book. All proceeds go to children's causes. Cost is \$40. For more information, call Bill at 453-8253 or Ken at 728-7619.

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 Thursday from 7-9 p.m. at the Plymouth Township Hall. For more information, call 453-3840, ext. 223.

SMOKERS' RIGHTS MEETING

People supportive of smokers' rights can meet on the third Monday of every month at 7 p.m. at The Senate Coney Island, 34359 Plymouth Rd. For more information, call Marc at 455-1635.

PLYMOUTH OPTIMIST CLUB MEETINGS

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.

PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY WRITER'S CLUB

The second and fourth Thursday of every month from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Writers of all experience levels are welcome. For more information, call 416-0418

CLOTHING BANK

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

CANTON REPUBLICAN CLUB

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

PLYMOUTH-CANTON CIVITAN MEETING

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

GOD'S GOLDEN GIRLS

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

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The Community Crier staff will choose an outstanding act of kindness and present a \$50.00 reward to the kind person, and \$25 each to the runners-up. So if you know somebody who deserves a reward, let us know. Who knows, maybe together we can help start new habits. We need to receive your nominations by July 26th.

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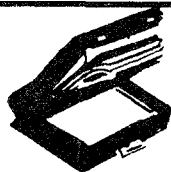
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Getting down to business

Neighbors in business

Gary Sands of Canton has been named chairman of the geography and urban planning department at Wayne State University.

An associate professor and expert on housing and community development, he has been a WSU faculty member for 23 years. He holds bachelor's and master's degrees from WSU and a doctorate from Cornell University.

Sands is the author of one book, co-author of another and speaks frequently on economic development and housing opportunity. He has consulted on housing and economic planning for many cities, including Pontiac and Detroit, as well as public agencies and private corporations. Currently, he is researching neighborhood enterprise zones.

He is a member of the International Federation for Housing and Planning, American Planning Association, Michigan Society of Planning Officials and the Urban Land Institute.

Plymouth resident **Marcia Caron, MD**, was granted medical staff privileges at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital-Ann Arbor. Caron specializes in obstetrics and gynecology.

She has joined Canton Obstetrics & Gynecology Associates.

Prior to joining the SJMH staff, Caron was a member of the Bloomfield and Sterling Women's Medical Group in Sterling Heights. Caron received her undergraduate degree from St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN and her medical degree from the Mayo Medical School in Rochester, NY. She completed her residency at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

USA Federal announced recently the appointment of **Toni Kenny** as branch manager of the Plymouth office, 13000 Haggerty Rd.

Kenny brings 12 years of management experience of which the last eight years were within a financial institution. She has obtained a master's degree in business administration from Eastern Michigan University and a bachelor's degree in science from Michigan State University.

Northville business owner provides outpatient service...for furniture

Medical home visits are not a trade of the past.

Just ask Ken Netti, the owner of the Wayne County location of Furniture Medic, an Atlanta-based franchise that has pioneered a distinctive system which allows furniture to be restored in the customer's home or business.

"There's no need for the customer to load heavy furniture and risk more damage driving it to a repair shop," said Netti, whose office is located at 49349 W. Seven Mile Rd. in Northville. "For a

fraction of the cost of conventional refinishing or replacement, I'll repair their furniture where it sits."

Customers seem to enjoy the convenience. In less than three years, Furniture Medic has grown to more than 400 franchised locations in the U.S., Canada and France.

Netti said he transforms restaurant tables and chairs with wear and discoloration to a factory fresh finish without ever leaving home.

For instance, Netti said, an oak night

stand and desk in a hotel room are transformed to a rich, cherry finish, which is part of a revolutionary furniture refinishing process.

In an industry not generally known for technological advances, Furniture Medic recently received a patent on the unique restoration refinishing it researched and developed.

Netti said he uses environmentally friendly products that don't have the strong odor, inconvenience or cost of conventional refinishing methods.

"So many markets benefit from restoration refinishing," Netti said. "The restoration refinishing technology furniture medic has used when doing work to banks, nursing homes, homeowners, hotels and motels has allowed these customers to maintain and update their furnishings quickly and conveniently instead of going through the expense of replacing their furniture. Whether the finish is discolored and worn, or it's just time to make a change in decor, Furniture Medic can restore the color of the original finish or change the original finish to a new color."

Along with its restoration refinishing services, furniture medic also offers precision repair service. Netti said this technique allows Furniture Medic to repair scratches, dents, gouges, water marks, cigarette burns, broken joints and other damage without stripping. Everything from desks and conference room tables to beds, doors and chairs can be repaired in the customer's home or business within a few hours, according to Netti.

"Furniture Medic is revolutionizing the way furniture is restored and repaired," said Todd Vieyra, the president of Furniture Medic. "The restoration refinishing patent is just one example of our continued commitment to remain the leader in our industry."

Idea exchange



AAA Michigan President and CEO Ronald L. Steffens congratulates Plymouth resident Marlene Garske during the 1996 President's Council awards banquet held at the Ritz-Carlton in Dearborn. Garske was one of 14 AAA Michigan agents named to the council, which is comprised of the company's top performing sales agents. The President's Council meets periodically with corporate executives to exchange ideas on how to build a stronger future for AAA Michigan and its members.

Canton resident earns basket bonus

The Longaberger Company recognized Kristine Moga as a 1996 Sales Achiever and a 1996 National Top Sponsoring Award Winner for generating annual sales of more than \$20,000 and annual sponsorship of more than five new qualified associates.

Moga, a Canton resident, attended the four-day convention in Dresden, OH last month. Known as "The Bee" the convention attracted more than 11,000 Longaberger independent sales associates from across the U.S.

Attendees had the opportunity to network with sales associates from around the nation, attend a full range of training sessions designed to assist sales associates in refining their booking, selling and sponsoring techniques and participate in the awards

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and recognition ceremonies.

Moga received a Bee '96 commemorative ceramic tie-on, Longaberger Basket with a special brass tag and engraved lid, a 14-carat gold basket charm, as well as on-stage recognition as one of only 105 sales associates nationwide to achieve both this level of sales and annual sponsorship.

There are more than 30,000 Longaberger independent sales associates across the nation market

selling pottery, dinnerware, fabric liners and accessories, dividers and lids and wrought iron products.

The Longaberger Company, founded in 1972, is a family-owned business that employs more than 5,000 people.



Community deaths

Obituaries

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MARY E. SCHULTZ

Mary E. Schultz, a Plymouth resident, died Sept. 3, 1996 at the age of 88.

Ms. Schultz was born Aug. 13, 1908 in Horsecave, KY. She worked as a homemaker.

She is survived by her daughters, Barbara F. Kauer of Northville and Jeannie Craig of Monterey, CA; sons, Carl L. (Isabelle) Schultz of Plymouth and Gerald F. (Janet) Schultz of Allen; brother, James Bonner of Beverly Hills; 15 grandchildren; and 19 great grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by and services were held at Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth with Rev. Dean A. Klump of the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth officiating. Burial was at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia. Memorial tributes can be to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-1905 or to the charity of the donor's choice.

CONSTANCE COON

Constance Coon, a Florida resident, died Sept. 7, 1996 at the age of 41.

She is survived by her children, Tonia (Mike) Reckling and Anthony and Brittany Basile; grandchildren, Brooke and Dylan Reckling; father, Robert (Suzanne) Coon; mother, Judith Carner; grandmother, Dorothy Christensen; half-sisters, Catherine and Krispa; half-brother, Robert; step sister, Tanya Robertson; and step brother, Erle Robertson.

CYNTHIA JOAN BEJMA

Cynthia Joan Bejma, a Canton resident, died Aug. 31, 1996 at the age of 42.

Ms. Bejma was born July 21, 1954 in Detroit. She worked as a clerk for automotive loans and leasing.

She is survived by her brothers, Bernard (Doris) Bejma of Westland and Thomas (Kathi) Bejma of Canton; and parents, Joan and Bernard Bejma of Canton.

Arrangements were made by and services were held at Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Westland with Fr. Leonard

Partensky officiating. Memorial tributes can be made to the Michigan Humane Society.

CHARLOTTE A. WOODY

Charlotte A. Woody of Plymouth died Aug. 27, 1996. She was born in Bonne Terre, MO on Jan. 20, 1930.

Mrs. Woody was a loving homemaker, wife, mother and grandmother.

She and her surviving husband, Patrick Woody, were married in Dearborn 46 years ago, moving to Plymouth in 1960.

Mrs. Woody was the beloved mother of six sons: Donn, Kevin (Pam), Kim, Scott (Robin), Kurt; Kent (Korina); dear grandmother of Little Angels: K.C., Erin, Samantha, and Bess; sister of Betty Cummings, Pat Martin and John Criteser.

The funeral was held Friday, Aug. 30, 1996 at 11 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth with Dr. James Skimins officiating. Interment followed at Riverside Cemetery. Arrangements by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial tributes may be made to Oakwood Hospital and Medical Center Foundation, Charlotte Woody Lung Cancer Research Fund, 18101 Oakwood Blvd., P.O. Box 2500, Dearborn, MI 48123-2500 or Hospice of Southeastern Michigan, 16250 Northland Dr., Suite 212, Southfield, MI 48075-5200.

Letha M. Wassenaar, 78, dental assistant

Letha M. Wassenaar, a former Plymouth resident, died Sept. 6, 1996.

She is survived by her daughter-in-law, Carol N. Wassenaar of Plymouth; one brother; and two grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her son, William E. Wassenaar. Mrs. Wassenaar was a dental assistant for Dr. William Covington in Plymouth for many years.

Arrangements were made by and services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with Rev. Roy Forsyth officiating.

Homer Pope, 77, tradesman

Homer Pope, a Plymouth resident, died Aug. 29, 1996.

He is survived by his wife, Nettie Pope; sons David and Patrick Pope of Plymouth; one daughter; three brothers; five grandchildren; and one great grandchild. He worked for seven years as a Plymouth-Canton School District crossing guard.

Arrangements were made by and services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with Rev. Paul Leslie officiating.

Homer E. Clickner, 89, painter

Homer E. Clickner, a Plymouth resident, died Aug. 25, 1996.

He is survived by one daughter; two sisters; eight grandchildren; and eight great grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by and services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with Rev. Jean Tulip officiating.

Mabel Louise Cain, 90, homemaker

Mabel Louise Cain, a former Plymouth resident, died Aug. 27, 1996.

She is survived by her son, Stanley (Dorothy) Cain of Plymouth; and one grandson.

A memorial services was held at the Halstead Place Apartments in Farmington Hills with Rev. Tonya M. Arensen officiating. Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Harold Joseph Cismoski, 31, computer consultant

Harold Joseph Cismoski, a Plymouth resident, died Aug. 31, 1996.

He is survived by his wife, Heather Smith Cismoski; parents, Eugene and Mary Ann Cismoski of Plymouth; sister, Sandi Cismoski of Plymouth and one other sister; brother, David Cismoski of Plymouth; two nephews; mother- and father-in-law; and grandmothers- and grandfathers-in-law.

Services were held at Our Lady of Good Counsel with Fr. John Sullivan officiating. Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.



Looking back: Fall Festival 1996



Plymouth Community Arts Council volunteer Marti Coplai helped kids with their art projects at the group's Fall Festival tent. Arts play an important role during the Fall

Festival. In addition to the tent, the PCAC also hosts an arts and crafts show. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

Thousands enjoy Fall Festival in downtown Plymouth

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down day," said Smith.

Sunday turned out to be a grand finale, though. "I think everybody who was going to come out Saturday came out Sunday," said Scoggins.

The Rotarians sold all of their 12,000 chickens and the car show drew a large crowd, as did performances by the Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company and Canton Dance and Performing Arts. "People really seemed to enjoy watching the kids dance," said Smith.

Other favorites included the Plymouth Township Police Safe and Sober tent, and the several musical acts. "It was a huge success again, and the bands were well

received," said Marzka, who announced she is retiring from the festival after six years on the board.

"I'm sure some people got hurt by the loss of a day, other than that, it was a good festival," said Scoggins.

Smith thanked Sincok, Festival Manager John Bida and Fall Festival Assistant Manager Charles Heid for their efforts.

The following is a list of results from the exhibit tent and pet show winners.

Exhibit tent results: Canned good, Mary Vanerian; Biggest Sunflower Head, David Sidener; Tallest Sunflower, Joan Postell; Junior Tallest Sunflower, Julie Wludyko; Most Unique Sunflower,

Michael Clemente; Garden Faces, Georgia Randinitis; Garden Faces Ages 6-10, Meghan Freeman; Garden Faces Ages 3-6, Sam Sonnega; Vegetable Assortment, Julie Catteral; Largest Zucchini, J.B. Shaw; Junior Largest Zucchini, Colton Ash; Junior Vegetables; Anne Clemente; House plants, Anne Hutko; Dried Flower Arrangement, Anne Warne; Single Blossom, Suzie Coon; Junior Flower Arrangement, Jasime Levitte; Miniature Flower Arrangement, Marjorie Manderachia; Pie Baking Linette Popoff-Parks; and the Pie Eating Contest winner, Raymond Germain.

The winners of the Pet Show included; smallest, Scottie and owner Carrie Licht;

largest, Bozo and owner Joshua Taylor; Longest tail, Buddy and owner Jeff Murray; Longest Ears, Maggie and owners Lisa and Christina Niemiec; Best Dressed, Priscilla and owner Julie Aldini; Best Tricks, Sophie and owner CeCe; Unusual Smallest, Little John (frog) and owner Jesse Varga; Largest, Speedy (iguana) and owner Scott Marsonek; Most Colorful, Sprite (gecko) and owner Shannon Brennan; Most Unusual, Lucky (Jackson Chameleon) and owner Josh Taylor; Smallest Cat, Snowball and owner Ashley Travers; Largest Cat, Nitro and owner Marguerite Wooley; Longest Hair, Sassy and owner Jasmine Levitte; and Best Dressed, Corkey.



Looking back: Fall Festival 1996



Plymouth Optimist Club's Felix Rotter congratulates Amanda Yu and her dog, Cody, on their second place finish in the smallest dog competition and third place for best dressed dog.



What's the best flavor of pie at Fall Festival? Just ask the contestants in the Trailwood Garden Club's pie eating contest. The Trailwood Garden Club also held fresh flower and produce competitions under their tent.



Once again, the members of the Rotary Club held their chicken dinner, feeding 12,000 hungry fest-goers. The "fire eaters" shirts featured Erick Carne's "Dual with Fire" — a tribute to Carne, a former Plymouth Rotary Club president who died this year.

Fall Festival

Plymouth celebrates 41st year of fall fun



Despite the rain on Saturday, hundreds waited in line for the Kiwanis Club's Pancake Breakfast under the shelter of the Gathering. Although crowds were definitely light on Saturday, nice weather on Sunday helped many of the service groups recoup their losses. One thing is for sure: Rain has never stopped people from having fun at Fall Festival.

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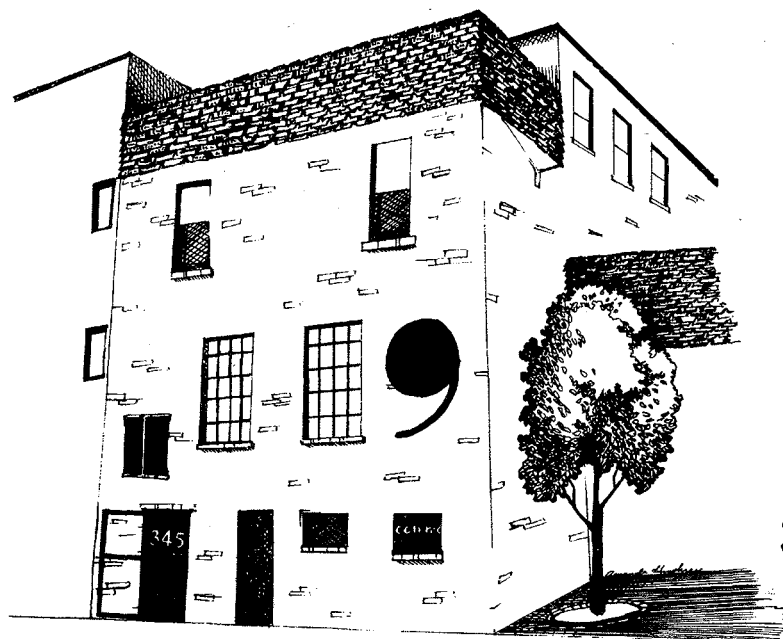
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THE RUTABAGA DONOR struck on Fleet St. Palma, my sis...I love you and miss you so very much!—Maura

DUST BY RUSS MORRELL
Geneva—I shall not be beholden to you!
DAVE VARGA hustles art - thanks.

How many more days, hours, minutes, seconds until Maura gets her new car?!?!?? (chomp, chomp)

BEAUREGARD eats Rotary chicken--and was it ever good.

Drs. Steve and Mary Beth--Yes, that was a fellow Plymouth-ite driving down I-90 in Cleveland! It's ok to wave at strangers!

VIETNAM VETS' CORN WAS THE BEST FOOD at the Fest Saturday night.

Happy belated "curiosities" birthday, Michelle Cady! This is it for our 30's big sis! DOG & CHARLIE did a great job.

PHIL PURSELL was partied out before his Old Man

MIKE HOBEN: Congrats on BBQ #31 TO ALL CRIER/COMMA, COLLEAGUES:

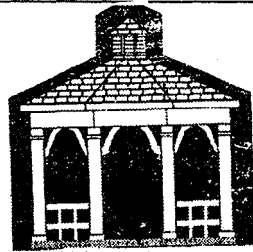
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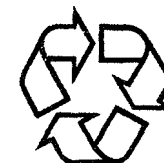
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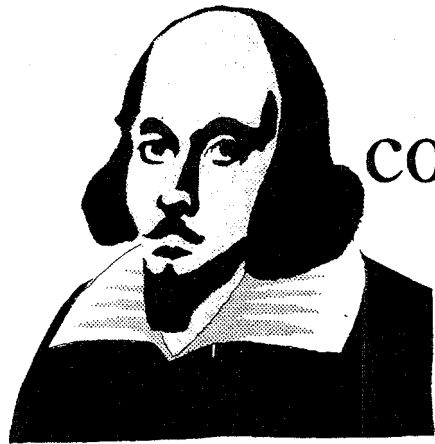
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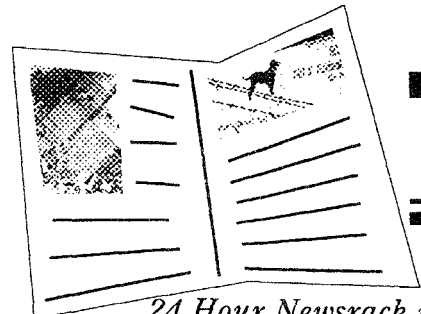
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Sports

Sports shorts

The Salvation Army is now taking registrations for the Fall sports leagues. The volleyball team is looking for more senior citizen players. If interested, stop in at the Salvation Army on Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. There's an annual cost of \$10.

The Korean Tae Kwon Do class meets every Monday and Thursday evening. Call Master Joe Hernandez at 313-389-5180 if interested.

There's "open gym" basketball Monday through Friday from 1-4 p.m. at \$1 per person.

Call the Salvation Army at 453-5464 for more information on any of the events listed above.

The Canton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring a Ballet-Tap-Jazz dance program for ages four to adult with classes beginning Monday at the Summit on the Park. There will be new openings for beginning students and also limited openings for students with prior dance experience. The registration fee is \$25 with a one time administrative fee of \$5 per student plus a monthly fee to the instructor. Call 397-5110 for more information.

The Plymouth Canton Junior Basketball Association (PCJBA) is holding registration for this season Thursday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at East Middle School.

Registration is for third through eighth grade students living in the Plymouth-Canton School District and all of Canton.

Registration fees are: Third and fourth grades - \$70; fifth and sixth grades - \$75; seventh and eighth grades \$80.

The registration fee includes approximately 10 games, tournament and a jersey they keep. The PCJBA will also be registering for referees and coaches on the same dates.

Project Compassion holds its Ninth Annual Golf outing Sept. 21 at St. John's Golf Club in Plymouth. The four-person scramble will have a shot-gun start at 1 p.m. The price per person is \$88 (\$35 is tax deductible) and includes: a cart, refreshments on the course, dinner and prizes.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Nursing Home Ministry and Specialized Transportation Services of Project Compassion. For information call 1-800-626-9622 or (313) 832-7850.



It was a tough training camp for the Detroit Whalers. The team lost 13 players from last year's team, but expect to remain competitive. The team focused on size at the OHL draft and expects help from several key players returning this year. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

Whalers reload for 1996-97 season

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The Detroit Whalers moved practices from Bloomfield Hills to Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township this week with a rookie-dominated roster and missing several promising prospects who were on leave to attend various National Hockey League training camps.

While the final team line up for the 1996-97 season will not be known until the NHL futures of some Whalers are determined, Coach and General Manager Peter DeBoer said he expects the two-time defending West Division champions to remain competitive despite losing 13 players from last year's squad, which bowed out in the third round of the Ontario Hockey League playoffs.

"We could be a team to be reckoned with," said DeBoer.

That's because of a few select returnees and the Whalers' strategy at this summer's Ontario Hockey League (OHL) Priority Selection draft in Kitchener, Ontario, Canada. "Our intention going into the draft was to increase our size on defense and wing positions. Because of a number of graduating players, we needed a mix of talent to step in immediately and contribute to this team," DeBoer said.

If the early training camp performances are any indication, the Whalers have appeared to have succeeded in their efforts.

Kevin Holdridge, a 6'3" 200-pound defenseman who celebrated his 16th birthday Monday, has been outstanding, DeBoer said. "Kevin Holdridge has had an excellent camp considering he's the youngest kid by a full year," said DeBoer.

September schedule

(all games in Sept. are away)

20th — Guelph Storm
21st — Owen Sound Platers
27th — Sarnia Sting
29th — Erie Otters

October schedule

(Home games bold)

3rd — Sarnia Sting
5TH — KINGSTON FRONTENACS
6TH — BARRIE COLTS
11th — Kitchener Rangers
12TH — LONDON KNIGHTS
19TH — OSHAWA GENERALS
20TH — SARNIA STING
25th — Sarnia Sting
26TH — BELLEVILLE BULLS
27TH — WINDSOR SPITFIRES
31st — Peterborough Petes

Julian Smith, a seventh round pick from Nashua, NH, is another rookie who's caught the attention of the coaching staff. "He's really showed a scoring touch," said DeBoer of the 6'1" 180-pound center.

And Steve Dumonski, a rugged right wing out of Dorian, Ontario, Canada has developed a nose for the net this year. "He's improved his skating and he's showed an offensive touch he never had last year," said DeBoer.

But undoubtedly the biggest surprise of camp has been Anthony Terzo, an undrafted forward from Scarborough, Ontario, Canada who has played well

enough to apparently secure a spot on the roster. "He's made the team as a walk-on, which is unbelievable," said DeBoer.

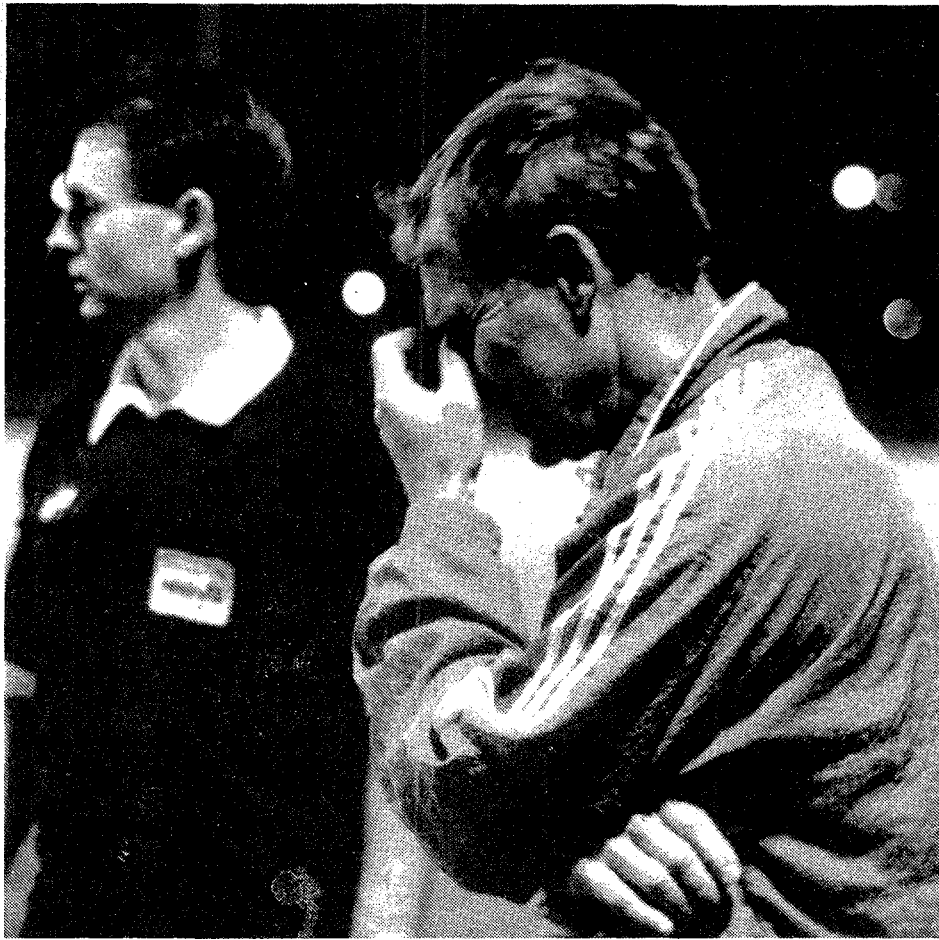
On the other hand, goalie Robert Esche hasn't surprised anyone. The quick-footed netminder, who burst on to scene as a rookie last season, is getting a look at the professional level while attending camp at Phoenix, formerly the Winnipeg Jets.

Esche is joined in his Whalers training camp absence by several teammates. Left wing Andrew Taylor is in New York practicing with the Islanders, forward Mike Morrone and defenseman Sergei Fedotov are both skating with the Hartford Whalers, and defenseman Troy Smith is in the camp of the reigning Stanley Cup champions Colorado Avalanche.

Until those players return, the Whalers' roster won't be finalized. But DeBoer said the situation can be advantageous. "We expect them all to be out of town for two weeks, but it's a chance to work with kids while others are getting NHL experience," said DeBoer.

Their probable return will add to the aggressive pace of a very competitive training camp that has seen more than a few bone-crunching body checks and fisticuffs. "It's definitely been enthusiastic. We've had a veteran team the last three years. You can really notice the difference," said DeBoer.

The Whalers begin the season on the road versus the Guelph Storm Sept. 20. After the five-game road trip, the Whalers open their inaugural season in Plymouth Township Oct. 5 with a 7:30 p.m. game at Compuware Arena against the Kingston Frontenacs.



Canton coach Don Smith can't stand to watch as Stevenson scores the winning goal Monday. The Chiefs lost to Stevenson, 3-2, Monday and tied Brighton, 2-2, in the rain Saturday. It's been a hard week for Canton as they fight for respect in the division. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

Chiefs lose to Stevenson, 3-2, Monday; tie Brighton in muddy game Saturday

Canton soccer survives tough week

BY RACHEL RAZGUNAS

In a game where the play was sloppy and the field was even worse, the Canton boys soccer team settled for a 2-2 tie with a tough Brighton team.

Although the rain was falling hard Saturday, the Chiefs toughed it out. Coach Don Smith said, "The field was very slippery and it was hard to move, although they played very well for the conditions."

Goals were scored by seniors Kevin Gniewek, Jason Bennett and Scott

Wright, his fifth this season.

Brighton began the scoring on a penalty kick during the first period. Canton quickly tied the game at one. Midway through the second half, Brighton scored again. With only a minute on the clock, Canton scored, ending the game, 2-2.

"We had a good overall team effort," Smith said. "We expected a tough game out of them."

Saturday's game didn't help them prepare for Monday's showdown against

Stevenson, one of the top conference teams. The Chiefs lost, 3-2.

The soccer season is off to a fairly good start for Canton. They defeated Walled Lake Central, 5-1, last week.

That hot start can be attributed to a strong group of veterans. Few key players were lost from last year's conference co-championship team. The Chiefs did lose goalkeeper George Tomasso and top midfielder Todd Stonestreet.

"Other than that," Smith said, "we're able to fill in. I think this year we've got a more well-balanced, solid team than we did last year."

Last season, the Chiefs compiled a 12-5-1 record.

Seniors Matt Ammons and Bennett take the helm this year as co-captains.

Ammons and Bennett have a strong core team to work with. Many players show promise. They include: senior forward Wright; senior midfielder Kevin Gniewek; junior defensive standout Dan Steinert; and new goalkeeper Ben Davis, who transferred this year from Plymouth Christian Academy.

"I've got 26 ball players and they're all pretty much capable of playing," said Smith.

Smith begins the season with one goal: for the team to do the best they can.

Instead of starting off with one or two large goals at the beginning of the season, he said he likes to let them fall into place as they play. "I don't like to set goals for us," he said. "I just like to take it one game at a time and see what we get going."

The Chiefs may not have set goals, but they do know who they must beat to make a splash in the conference. Canton has their sights set on Northville and Churchill.

Chief girls basketball slips by Mercy, 43-40

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

The Canton girls basketball team saw a 13-point lead dissipate before their eyes and almost let the Mercy Hoops Tournament championship title slip through their hands.

"We were up 13 with five minutes left when (junior) Melissa Marzolf went down with an injury," said Canton coach Bob Blohm. "They made a good run at us."

Apparently it wasn't a good enough run, the Chiefs, 3-1, squeaked out a win against host Mercy by a score of 43-40.

Blohm said he was pleased with his team's efforts and the tournament win.

"They played well," he said. "It wasn't easy but it felt really good."

According to Blohm, his team played their best basketball this season during the tournament final.

"The third quarter was the best quarter of basketball we've played this year," Blohm said.

With the win behind them the cage squad is looking forward to a season that will prove tough.

Blohm said that while his team has talent they are missing one key thing.

"These girls all have good basketball skills," he said.

"Rebounding has been a little questionable."

The lack of rebounding is not because of a lack of effort though, according to Blohm.

"I've got a team full of guards," he said. "My tallest player is only 5'9".

"This is the smallest team I've ever seen."

The Chiefs will travel to Farmington on Wednesday. Tip off is at 7 p.m.

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Conference relays at Salem Thursday at 5 p.m.

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At home versus Northville Today at 3 p.m. At Westland John Glenn Friday at 3 p.m.

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At Salem Thursday for Conference Relays at 5 p.m.

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At Salem Thursday at 4 p.m. At Ludington Invitational Saturday at 10:15 a.m.



Community opinions

Rain dampens Fall Fest tents, spirit survives

The rain on Saturday may have dampened the Fall Festival sidewalks and tents, but it didn't dampen the spirits of those fest-goers who braved the weather.

I was scheduled to cover Saturday's Fall Festival events. When I woke up to the rain splashing in the window flower boxes, I didn't think I'd have too much to cover. After all, it wasn't just a misty rain, it was a solid sprinkle.

Even though I knew the Kiwanis pancakes were waiting for me, I had a tough time rolling out of bed. "No one will show," I thought. "The service groups are going to have a hard time today."

I huddled under my umbrella and walked down Penniman toward The Gathering. I was amazed to find a line for the pancake breakfast.



No curves By Rob Kirkbride

Approximately 50 people took shelter from the rain as they waited for their annual pancake and sausage breakfast.

It was a good sign for things yet to come.

I waited in line myself, finally making it under the shelter of The Gathering. As always, the flap jacks were great. But what was even better was the line outside the shelter. It was growing!

What started as a somewhat small line now spread the length of Penniman. Hundreds of hungry patrons wouldn't let the rain stop

them from attending Plymouth's traditional Fall Festival breakfast.

As I left the Gathering to see the Optimist Pet Parade, my heart sunk again. "Those poor kids," I thought. "They look forward to showing their pets all year long."

There is no Gathering to cover people from the rain at the main Fall Festival stage. But they came anyway.

According to my unofficial count, there were more kids showing their pets at this year's show than any past show I can remember.

To be sure, rain did hamper the

fundraising efforts Saturday. There weren't a lot of people who attended the regular Fall Festival.

But the fact that so many people showed up for the pancake breakfast and pet show in the pouring rain is a testament to the spirit of the people of the community and the Fall Festival tradition.

The rain held off Friday and Sunday, which gave the service groups a chance to make up for Saturday's loss. But I have a feeling that if it would have rained on Friday and Sunday, people still would have showed up and supported Fall Festival.

It goes to show that although rain sometimes comes at unexpected and unwanted times, the spirit of the community will not be dampened.

City should guide residents to right choice on street paving issue: bonds are best

EDITOR:

An open letter to the City Commissioners of Plymouth:

Since May of this year, the City Commission has been working toward a bond issue for road repairs within the City, to be placed on this November's ballot.

Repeatedly, some of you have stated at commission

Natural areas in City increase wildlife

EDITOR:

In response to the letter referring to the unkept appearance of a portion of Sheldon Road in the City of Plymouth:

It is my understanding that the area in question, which at one time was larger before Sheldon Road was widened, has always been allowed to remain in a natural area where wildflowers could grow undisturbed.

If the homeowners backing up to the property found it objectional, they could have mowed it. I suspect that they felt the trees, grass and wildflowers buffered the traffic noise, and also attracted birds, butterflies and other small wildlife to their vicinity to enjoy.

The only problem is with the thoughtless people who don't care about the environment using this and any other area as a dumping ground for their trash.

I applaud the City and its officials for leaving one small area of our City natural. If we left more natural areas undisturbed, we would not be losing so many of the beautiful birds and butterflies that depend on these areas to survive.

A neatly mowed lawn is not the answer to everything.
ROSITA SMITH

meetings that the City should not take a stand one way or the other, pro or con, as it relates to this bond issue. A few of you however have stated to me, off the record, that you support such an issue because it truly is the fairest and least expensive way to fund the street renovations within Plymouth for most of the citizens.

At the Sept. 3 commission meeting, a first draft letter that will be sent to the citizens of Plymouth explaining the proposed bond issue was introduced. Again some of you were concerned that the City was taking sides because the words "Disadvantages and Advantages" were used in this letter and you felt that these words should be changed to something less descriptive.

Well folks, let me tell you something. I commend all of you for not wanting to sway public opinion on an issue one way or the other, but sometimes it is your obligation as elected officials to do just that.

It is very clear that this bond issue has far more "Advantages" than "Disadvantages" to most of the citizens and businesses within the City of Plymouth. The "Disadvantages" are SADs (special assessment districts) are not tax deductible for the homeowners and businesses. The "Advantages" are millages from a bond issue are tax deductible and those persons who qualify for the Michigan Homestead Tax Credit would benefit even more.

Another "Advantage" to the citizens of Plymouth would be to save considerable money from the general fund through reduced budgetary needs from the current method of "pay for the roads when they fail."

As one of those citizens of Plymouth who likes to know the facts, pro and con, I would like to suggest to all of you to forget the semantics of politics and spell out for the citizens of Plymouth what the "Advantages and Disadvantages" are and help the citizens decide in November what's good for them.

DEL TEMPLETON

Fall Fest organizers host great event

Despite a soggy Saturday, Fall Festival was again a success.

Thousands came to downtown Plymouth to celebrate the annual event. Fall Festival celebrated its 41st anniversary in 1996.

From the BPW bingo on Friday to the classic car show on Sunday, Fall Festival was fun for the entire community.

The event is a chance for people in the community to come together for the last time in the summer.

Congratulations to the Fall Festival organizers and volunteers. It was another great festival. Although it just ended, everyone is already looking forward to next year's community gathering.

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Community opinions

'Just the fax' during election season

What did the political campaigns do before faxes?

To be sure, newspapers are deluged by all the "important" missives passed on by politicians and The Crier is no exception. The election-season-overworked news staff becomes very protective of the overworked news fax when some low level campaigner feels the urgent need to fax through Bill Clinton's 86-page biography.

During that fax hogging, the truly important fax message from Pam Cook about "the Plymouth High School Class of '66 Reunion, which will be held Sept. 21 — call her at 455-4283" can't get through.

Although most of the political propaganda is useless and certainly not so unurgent as to be mailed, occasionally the fax delivers something useful or, at least,

With malice
toward none



entertaining.

One recent political satire fax poked fun at "Crassus G. McCotter and B. Pompey Patterson" — who sound much like the two Wayne County Commissioners from The Plymouth-Canton Community.

The missive was obviously written by someone with insider knowledge — the fictional "B. Pompey" was pegged at 270 pounds — and provided some newsroom humor by poking fun at both Wayne County Democrats and Republicans. (The Crier newsroom is

still kicking around the idea of printing the piece in its entirety.)

Sometimes the fax brings obviously interesting political news.

While U.S. Rep. hopeful Joe Fitzsimmons was busy passing out brochures (that don't mention he belongs to the party of Newt) during Fall Festival — despite the Fest's long-standing request to politicians to not add to litter — his incumbent opponent U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers was busy faxing his record of voting in school elections. According to Rivers' fax, Fitzsimmons missed at least one school election per year since 1986 — and sometimes missed three elections in a year.

The Crier is awaiting Fitzsimmons' response...no doubt he'll find it so important, it'll be faxed.

Time for action on teacher contract is upon us

EDITOR:

Regarding the problems of the P-C Board of Education and the teachers of the P-C Community Schools as they have been reported to date in The Crier, I have the following thoughts:

We have before us a situation that is not without precedent. All that is new is that the State of Michigan has now given the board of education and the superintendent the tools with which to do more efficiently what has been done in other districts in the past. Whatever your view of unions in general and teacher's unions in particular, to see the results of such activities you need only look as far as other districts where teachers have been repeatedly brow-beaten in this fashion.

Do these schools have nationally recognized and innovative programs for their students? Do they have award-winning extra-curricular activities? Do their students have the type of success that Plymouth-Canton students

exhibit on all manners of advanced placement as well as state- and nationally-formed proficiency and achievement tests? Do they have any programs such as these that depend so much on the extra time and creative energies of their teachers? I fear not. In fact, I suspect you would find that there is very little teacher initiative in these districts. They are so exhausted from constantly fighting for their professional lives that there is nothing left to invest in the type of initiatives that make our schools work.

So what we have here is a political climate wherein the board will do what it can simply because it can, taking no counsel but its own while the schools that have so long been the pride of this community hang precariously in the balance. The hour is late and the time for action is upon us. Does this community support this agenda? Yours may very well be the only voice that will be listened to.

JOAN PENCE
SALEM HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER

Teachers should demonstrate for fellow members

EDITOR:

The 560 staff employees of the Michigan Education association have set a strike date if a contract agreement is not reached with the MEA administration.

Keep in mind that these are the same MEA administrators who gave themselves a salary increase averaging 9.9 percent in 1994, and MEA President Julius Maddox increased his salary by 19 percent to \$121,676 while at the same time planning to lay off 34 staffers over the next two years because of "significant financial limitations."

It's time for the 300 MEA teachers who demonstrated at the Aug. 27 Plymouth-Canton School Board

meeting to take action against those insensitive MEA administrators.

Arise brothers and sisters! Go to the MEA headquarters and demonstrate for your fellow MEA members. You can use the same signs you had at the board meeting. Quit stalling, bargain in faith. If you value us, show it. Be fair, no roll backs. The signs you had for Superintendent Charles Little, change them to read Julius Maddox. You got your raise, what about ours? And Mr. Maddox, did you take a pay cut? Is your family going to suffer?

If the MEA teachers are not willing to demonstrate for their fellow members who are being mistreated by the MEA

administrators, then let me suggest an alternative solution. Every teacher in the MEA contributes an additional \$10 per month to solve this contract problem. After all, what is \$10 per month? It's a couple hamburgers per month. While you're at it, I would suggest that the 818 teachers in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools take the contract issue of the PCEA president's salary off the table by contributing another \$10 per month to cover Chuck Portelli's salary. After all, what is \$10? A couple of hamburgers per month.

If you did this, I am sure Portelli would give you a 10 minute standing ovation.

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