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In memory...Members of the Vietnam Veterans Association prepare for a salute as they and Plymouth residents recognized Memorial Day in Kellogg Park Monday. (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)

P-C School Board race:

Voting by location

BY BRYON MARTIN

Strong opinions on the new high school might translate into easy decisions at the polls June 8.

That's when voters in the Plymouth-Canton school district will pick from a field of five candidates to elect three new members to the School Board.

Richard Ham-Kucharski, Sue Davis, Sheila Friedrich and Darwin Watts are running for two four-year seats on the board currently held by Davis and outgoing Board President Mark Horvath.

Judy Mardigian is running unopposed for a two-year seat.

All five candidates participated in a group interview with Crier reporters and staff Thursday. The clearest lines were drawn between them during discussion

of the new high school proposed for CEP.

Where they'd build and why

Parents, teachers and others have been critical of the proposed design and location for the school at the corner of Joy and Beck roads.

Among board candidates, two think it should be built closer to the park. Three support the Joy-Beck site.

Judy Mardigian helped promote the March, 1997 bond that would build the school. The site, she said, was chosen to represent the wishes expressed in public forums the district held in the autumn of 1996.

Mardigian and the schools, she said, "have made a commitment to the Joy-Beck

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Municipal depts. near merger

City, Township officials reviewing plans now; Commission, Trustees could vote by June

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

Lower overhead costs, quicker response to emergencies—this is what officials say taxpayers can expect if The City and Township of Plymouth merge Municipal Services departments.

What they shouldn't expect is a full merger of the communities any time soon.

"These decisions aren't a strategy designed to lead to a full merger," but to "getting the most for taxpayers' money" said Plymouth City Manager Steve Walters.

Within the next month the City and Township's elected

boards are expected to review plans for a single municipal services department to be shared by the Plymouths, according to Walters. If approved, implementation of the plan should take place over the next two to three months.

With 16 employees, the City's municipal service department is now more than twice the size of the township's and, according to Walters, neither intends to drastically change their range of services:

"The concept that will be proposed is that the City will absorb township services," he said. "That's the complicated part. The township provides only so many services."

Unlike the City, the Township's municipal service department doesn't fix

roads or do leaf collections, and according to Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy, doesn't plan on adding those services any time soon.

The dilemma then, according to Walters, is a financial one. Who pays what when the balance of services is so lopsided?

I think it's a mistake to try to tie this to an inevitable...conclusion of a full merger.

— Steve Walters
Plymouth City Manager

The solution may be less complicated than imagined. Both communities are looking at a system where the Township would be billed for any services that are provided within their boundaries, according to Walters. In turn, the

township would agree to purchase a minimum amount of services each month to cover overhead costs.

Last week, the City's budget proposal was sent to Township Finance Director Rosemary Harvey for review. "We will be looking over the numbers for the next week or so," Keen McCarthy said, adding that she

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Fashion aspirations

Plymouth girl to compete in Miss Teen Detroit pageant

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Regional bound

One-goal loss ends Canton's soccer season; Salem advances

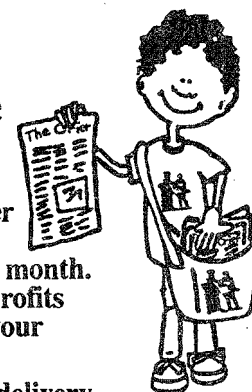
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Drinkers can't walk

Schools bar seniors from commencements for prom-night drinking

BY BRYON MARTIN

For some CEP seniors the end of the 1998 school year brought an evening to dance, party and do some celebratory drinking.

What it won't bring is a day to hear Pomp and Circumstance at Hill Auditorium. They won't wave to their families in the audience, won't toss their mortarboards in the air with fellow graduates.

Plymouth-Canton Schools officials said between six and 12 students won't be

allowed to participate in commencement ceremonies this year after they violated agreements at the May 8 Senior Prom.

Before buying tickets to the event, all students were required to sign a Prom Contract, agreeing not to drink or use other drugs on prom night.

A combination of breathalyzer and litmus-type tests were given that night to students suspected of drinking. About a dozen were caught, according to Superintendent Charles Little.

Consequences listed in the contract state those seniors will not be part of this year's commencements in Ann Arbor.

"Admittedly it's a pretty stiff penalty," Little said. "But everybody knew about it

before hand."

According to a passage in the contract, the seniors will still receive diplomas for completing coursework. But "participation in Commencement exercises is a privilege granted by the Plymouth-Canton Schools," it said.

Schools spokesperson Judy Evola said the contract is an effort to reduce the number of teens drinking during a time filled with year-end parties and, often, under-age drinking.

"We want to make sure everybody gets to graduate," she said.

Parents and students unhappy with the decision were expected to protest at last night's Board of Education meeting.



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Joint recreation:

YMCA presents today

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

Decisions on the structure of shared recreation and who would run such a department are expected this week from Plymouth City and Township officials.

Township voters will go to the polls Aug. 4 to decide on the proposed recreation millage. They can expect a clear picture both of what they might see in terms of facilities and services, and who might be in charge by the first week of June.

Current contenders include the Plymouth YMCA and a joint community board.

At a 4 p.m. meeting today in City Hall, recreation subcommittee members are expected to hear from YMCA official Al Calisle on what the Plymouths could expect if the YMCA were given control.

Questions have surfaced about how the

YMCA would handle community recreation services, possibly weakening their chances of being selected for the job.

One of those questions is the composition of a recreation board.

Originally, according to Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy, the subcommittee believed a recreation board could be made of equal parts from all three entities: the Township, the City and the YMCA. But now possible

If the YMCA were freer with their policies they would be a more viable choice.

— Steve Walters
 Plymouth City Manager

YMCA by-law conflicts mean this may not be possible.

"They are a non-profit organization," said Steve Walters, Plymouth city manager and recreation committee member "According to the national organization, a local YMCA cannot be controlled by a local

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That's dedication... Dave Schaff held the plaque and Rotarian Hal Copper made the presentation Monday during dedication ceremonies for the new fountain in Kellogg Park. A Rotary Club project, the fountain's \$70,000 cost was financed by Calvin and Charlotte Perry, of Plymouth (together). Earl Hall of E&M Construction (at left) donated time and labor to erect the fountain late last year. Schaff, a Plymouth-based architect, designed the fountain after one the Perry's liked in Hilton Head, S.C. "We thought the old fountain was getting shabby," Charlotte said. "We just wanted to do it for the people of Plymouth," (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)

Mayflower study expected

BY BRYON MARTIN

Mayflower Hotel developers are "on the bubble" of a solution to the lingering Mayflower renovation project, according to Mayor Don Dismuke.

Results are due this week from a long-running feasibility study of the Mayflower project, Dismuke said. Those results will be used when developers Matt and Keith Karmo go to investors and lenders to close a deal on financing the hotel renovation/rebuild.

"Obviously (they're) talking to people," Dismuke said. "Even if there are discussions, the reality is that it takes time."

The Mayflower project, highly visible in The City of Plymouth for its commercial and historical significance, has barely begun some nine months after it was expected to be done. Other than when exterior elements were removed and much of its inside was gutted last summer, little structural work has been done.

Originally involved with the development through an agreement with the Karmos, the city and developers backed away from the deal in early December. At that point the Karmos began to examine the possibility of a complete hotel rebuild.

Since that time the city has been in a wait-and-see mode. Officials have "routinely" met with architects and engineers, and given advice on city ordinances and processes, according to Dismuke.

But as the project has visibly stalled, lesser issues of upkeep have become targets for public criticism. The DDA pointed to a broken window and paint peeling from the hotel's exterior as ordinance violations.

Lack of word or evidence of progress at the Mayflower has prompted some to press the City for stronger actions against the hotel and its owners.

This leaves Dismuke and his fellow officials in a touchy spot, he said.

"Let's say there is a way to pressure them. When do you exert that? This is closer than we've been," he said. "If you're on the bubble of a deal, you don't push too hard."

Matt Karmo did not return calls to comment on the project's progress or when the study results would be known.

City Manager Steve Walters said he expected the study results "any day now."

As it waits for the feasibility study and updates on potential Mayflower investors, the City continues to stand down on more aggressive strategies for moving the Karmos to a decision on the project. Neither the broken window nor the peeling paint or any other possible ordinance violations have yet led to city citations.

"The last thing I want to have is a poor relationship with the biggest development downtown in a long time, or maybe ever," Dismuke said.

Canton arts conservatory coming

Local music, art instructors to teach at former Arnoldt-Williams location

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Music teachers and students are breathing a sigh of relief this week as new life comes to the Arnoldt Williams music store.

"It's like Interlochen has come to Plymouth-Canton," said Jeff Myers, director of Southeastern Michigan Conservatory of Arts, which will be the new name for the facility as of June 1. Myers, a part-time music teacher, had planned a two-week music camp entitled Jammin' in July, which was going to be held at

CEP's Phase III facility.

Set to open June 1, the school will be the center for several types of arts instruction, such as music, dance and theater. It will occupy the building that had been the Arnoldt Williams music store, and provide a venue for the continuation of music lessons which had been provided there.

Opened in 1956, Arnoldt Williams was one of Canton's original family businesses. In late March the Williams family abruptly

announced they were retiring from the business. Teachers have been looking for an alternative place to teach ever since.

When learning of the music teachers' plight, he looked at the feasibility of starting a year-round art conservatory at the location. He said he looked to different areas for funding, including Canton Township.

Canton considered turning the facility into a community arts education center, according to

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Agenda

THIS WEEK

- Tonight on "Community Focus," WSDP 88.1 FM, host Andrew Nouné will interview Superintendent Charles Little on the issues surrounding a third high school at CEP. Next week, Nouné talks with Cyndi Burnstein, a Salem English teacher who has been critical of plans to locate the new high school at Joy and Beck roads. Both interviews will air at 5:45 p.m.

THIS WEEKEND

- Friday, Jack Dryden & Sounds of Brazil will play a free concert in Kellogg Park from 7 to 9 p.m.
- Saturday, the Plymouth Historical Museum holds its annual Museum yard sale from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Come and shop for deals on antiques and other items. Call (734) 455-8940 for further details.

NEXT WEEK

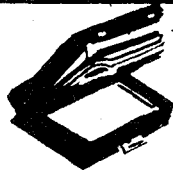
- Monday, the Plymouth City Commission will hold a public hearing on the proposed 1998-1999 city budget. The hearing will be part of regular Commission meeting which begins at 7 p.m. in City Hall, 201 S. Main Street.

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Getting down to business

Neighbors in business

Plymouth's **Industrial Strainer Company (ISC)** has been awarded registration to the QS 9000/ISO 9001 standard.

The QS 9000 program was developed by the Big Three automotive manufacturers to harmonize the separate quality and reporting standards in the industry. Fundamental to the program is its emphasis on the continuous improvement, defect prevention and the reduction of variation and waste in the supply chain.

ISC manufactures complex assemblies components and systems for the automotive industry.

The company employs advanced production techniques such as the Kaizen Method, the Quality Production System and the Eight Disciplines of Problem Solving.

MEDHEALTH Wellness Centers will again conduct free Summer Student Athletic Trainer Programs for area high school students. The students will gain valuable knowledge from individual and group instruction as well as hands-on experience in athletic training procedures.

Approximately 25 students will be selected from those that apply. To be a qualified candidate for Student Athletic Trainer I, a student must possess a minimum GPA of 2.0 and be entering at least their sophomore year.

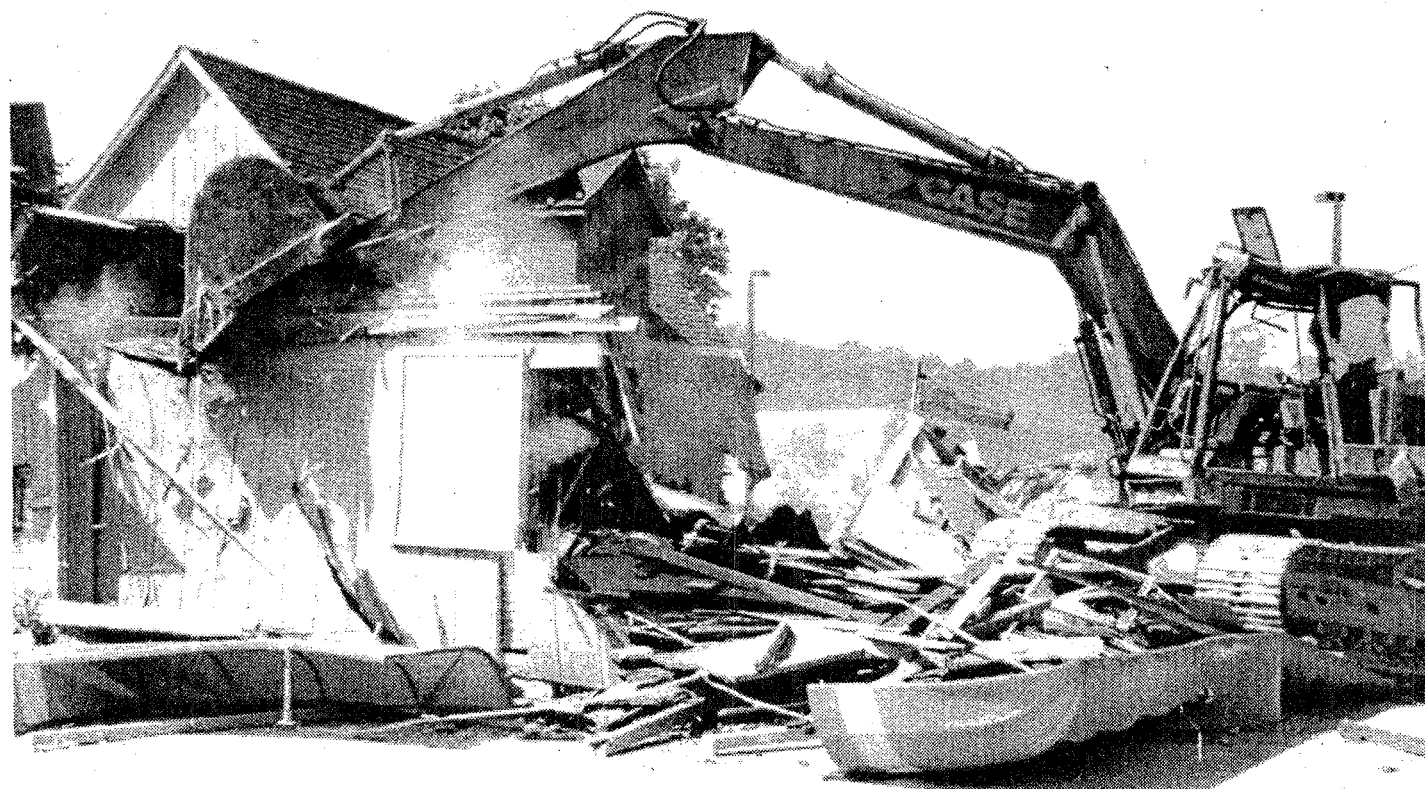
Anyone interested in participating in this summer's program can submit their name or application to 47659 Halyard Drive, Plymouth, MI 48170. For additional information contact Marc Freeman at (734) 459-1800.

Unisys Corporation has announced the first integration of a Unisys high-speed reader sorter in production with an IBM host for check processing at the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco. The implementation provides a cost effective alternative source for large bank document-processing operations in an IBM Check Processing and Capture System.

The Unisys transports allow the San Francisco Federal Reserve to perform high-speed check image capture for its government check image operation without the need to implement IBM's high-performance transport system check image application.

In addition, the bank can choose from any of the Unisys NDP scalable Windows NT-based transports for conventional and image-capture operations without having to alter the existing systems.

The system is capable of processing 1,800 documents per minute. In October 1989, Unisys introduced the high-volume image capture technology and changed the way payments were processed at many leading financial institutions.



Tearin' it down... With little ceremony, and little warning, workers tore down the old Picnic Basket Market. The building had occupied the corner of Ann Arbor and Ridge roads since the 1920's. It's most recent incarnation, the Picnic Basket Market, opened there in 1984. Al Jonna relocated the business to the brand new shopping center seen in the distance, providing about three times as much space and additional products. (Crier photo by Linda Kochanek.)

Area dealers win NACE award

McDonald, Blackwell Ford honored for customer service

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

It's one thing to boast about being the best or describe yourself as being at the top. It's another to be recognized by others.

Two local Ford dealers received just such recognition, when they were recently awarded the 1997 North American Customer Excellence (NACE) Award.

Given by Ford Motor Company, the award is the highest honor Ford gives out.

"It's quite an award, very prestigious," said Ron Bleckman, co-partner of McDonald Ford. "We were rated against 929 other dealerships."

Dealers who qualify for the award meet certain customer service satisfaction and sales goals. Customer service performance ratings are based on a survey Ford sends out.

Bleckman said that anyone who buys a new or used Ford is sent out a survey form asking them to rate their car-purchasing experience. The survey asks the customer to rate the dealership in several areas.

"It covers everything from how they were greeted, how the sales staff treated them, and how the follow-up services were," he said.

McDonald only sees the survey after

they have been rated by Ford, according to Bleckman.

The award means a lot to dealerships because it reflects a dealership-wide commitment to quality customer service, Bleckman said.

"Everyone is challenged to make sure the customers are treated the way they want to be treated," he said. "Anyone who comes into contact with a customer can contribute."

It's an approach that serves Blackwell Ford as well, according to Len Gossman, sales manager at Blackwell. Blackwell Ford has won the award for the past three years, a fact which is made more satisfying because it's a representation of how their customers rate them, he said.

"Our key is making sure we're giving our utmost to the customer," Gossman said. "It's nice for the whole dealership because it represents a total effort."

McDonald's complete parts and service and body shop, which ranks among the area's largest, and their preferred customer plan were other factors which contributed to the dealer's top rating, according to Bleckman.

The preferred customer plan is a booklet which every car buyer receives

when they purchase a car from McDonald. It consists of coupons for body work, tire rotations and oil changes at the dealer.

It also includes vouchers for five free loaners, should the customer's vehicle need repair work. McDonald is one of the largest independent rent-a-car companies in the country, so there is never a problem renting a car, Bleckman said.

Similar perks lead to Blackwell's success, according to Gossman. The dealership also offers free service loaners and prides itself on their service department.

This year's NACE isn't the first time either dealer has been recognized by Ford. For 27 of McDonald's 31 years in business the dealership, located on Seven Mile Road between Northville and Sheldon roads, has received Ford's Distinguished Dealer Award. At Plymouth and Hagerty roads since 1983, Blackwell has received that award as well.

"It takes a lot of dedication by a number of persons to provide this kind of service, but that's where it's at today," Bleckman said. "You have to satisfy the customer if you're going to have any type of growth in this business."

City budget hearing Mon.

A budget hearing for the City of Plymouth has been scheduled during the June 1, 1998 City Commission meeting.

The proposed budget calls for an increase of .08 mills for the City's general operating fund, an increase of .07 mills for the recreation fund and a .15 mill increase for solid waste/recycling. The increases are balanced by a .15 mill reduction in the general fund street contribution and a .02 mill reduction in bond debt millage.

The total increase is to 15.02 mills from 14.89 mills. The difference amounts to \$15 per year on a typical residence valued at \$200,000 or about \$1.25 per month before income tax itemizing considerations.

Meetings start at 7 p.m. in the City Commission chambers on the second floor of City Hall.



Empty Bowls... Jan Henkel buys a bowl of soup from Jessica Altpeter yesterday at CEP's first annual Soup Kitchen. Students made 150 ceramic bowls, two kinds of soup and opened the lunch to the public. For \$10, diners got lunch, kept the bowl and helped feed Plymouth-Canton's less fortunate. All proceeds went to the Salvation Army Food Bank. (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)

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Friends & neighbors

Neighbors in the news

The following students from Northville graduated from Eastern Michigan University in April: **Benjamin Beale, Glenn Bonkowski, Amy Christian, Holly Chrysan, Juana Cozza, Donna Goulding, Susan Greenlee, Gwendolyn Griswold, Bonita James, Phil Johnston, Jeffrey Kinnelly, Marilyn Makowski, Michael McCloskey, Kathleen McDowell, Mindaugas Mingela, Donna Robison, Todd Rogers, Marlene Schultz, Fatemeh Shahrestani, Marcy Sieggreen, and June Youngoldis;** from Plymouth: **Julie Antoun, Leonard Baron, Jr, Brooke Benner, Jeanne Cady, Colleen Cronin, Cassie Cummins, Kathleen Currier, Melanie Davis, Jill Dennison, Mary Devine, Bilkis Dohadwala, Patricia Dunnabeck, Sheri Fischer-Sinacola, Delene Franchi, Priscilla Frederick, Kristen Gusfa, Randy Hagg, Charles Hamilton, David Hamway, Steven Douglas Henderson, Rachel Jones, William Lincoln, Jr, Lori Lee Love, Robert Maturen, George McDonald, Christalyn Mitcham, Erik Mullinix, Dianne Nranian, Sandra Raymond, Robert Redford, Matthew Rich, Andrew Roach, Lorena Sanford, Bridget Schick, Michael Wall, and Christine Beth Wurm.**

Plymouth Salem senior **Scott Griffin** was awarded the John Seidelman Scholarship by WSDP radio. Griffin is Co-Sports Director at WSDP, and has a GPA of 3.6.

Salem senior **Scott Herrold** and Catholic Central senior **Denny Kapp** were awarded the Bonny Dore/WSDP Founders Scholarship. Herrold is WSDP's program director and Kapp is Co-Sports Director.

Jessica Morrison, daughter of Tom and Lesley Morrison of Plymouth, has been named an All-American Collegiate Scholar by the United States Achievement Academy (USAA).

The USAA has established the program to offer recognition to students who excel in the academic disciplines. Morrison attends Lee University.

Alexander M. Bain, a member of the U.S. Army ROTC Spartan Battalion at Michigan State University is the recipient of three awards presented at the Spring Award Ceremony in East Lansing.

Bain received the Association of the U.S. Army Award, the Military Order of the World Wars Award and the Spartan Pathfinder Advanced Course Award.

Bain, an accounting and criminal justice major is a 1994 graduate of Salem High School, and the son of Donald and Elaine Bain of Plymouth.

Fashionable aspirations

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Plymouth's Dawn Kuczek had a different way of celebrating Memorial Day weekend this year.

While her friends were enjoying the long weekend off from school, spending time outside or perhaps leaving town, Kuczek was spending the time preparing for her Miss Teen Detroit Competition.

Kuczek, 19, was selected for the pageant this April, she said. The selection process included her filling out an application and submitting it with a picture to pageant's coordinators. Then, following a brief interview, she was notified of her selection.

"I thought it would be a good experience," said Kuczek, who graduated Salem High School in January. "It seemed like a good chance to meet new people and be in the spotlight."

The pageant took place this weekend, and Dawn competed with about 75 other girls for the chance to go onto the next level of competition in Florida.

Judges critiqued contestants in categories such as casual wear, formal wear and an interview with the judging panel. The interview is the most important part of the competition, she said.

"They try to get an idea of your con-



DAWN KUCZEK

versation skills and personality," she said. "The goal is to give them a glimpse of the total you."

It was Kuczek's first experience with a pageant, but not necessarily her last. She plans on attending Schoolcraft College in the fall and eventually earning a degree in business management. With her degree she would like to own

and operate her own fashion design company, producing her own line of clothing.

In that respect, the training she received while preparing for the pageant will come in handy, she said. Part of that training included learning how to "walk the walk" down the runway and other skills needed in the fashion industry.

Kuczek also had to raise the \$395 to enter the pageant. With donations from family and friends, as well as sponsorships by businesses such as Great Expectations, 1st Security Title, ReMax on the Trail and Our Lady of Good Counsel, Kuczek raised the funds for the event.

"They all deserve a big thank you," she said.

Kuczek is the daughter of Vicky and Richard Kuczek. She enjoys spending her spare time roller blading, dancing, playing volleyball or just hanging out with friends and family, who have stood behind her and helped her out along the way.

"They're excited because I'm excited," she said. "At first my parents were a little nervous about it, but they've started loosening up."

The Oregon Trail?...

Not quite, but **Nicholas Vukceovich (left), Nicholas Ryan (center) and Brian Kelly (right)**, students at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic school, were among the students have been pretending to be on the trail.

Students from the school have been learning what life was like on the Oregon Trail. Students rotate to different station where they learn how to measure the height of a horse using their hands, practiced old time dances and posed in covered wagons (left) made out of refrigerator boxes covered with sheets. Afterwards the students sat in a circle, ate Oregon Trail mix and listened to stories told by their teachers. (Crier photo by Scott Spielman).



Board hopefuls debate Joy-Beck site

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location." Friedrich argued that Plymouth-Canton has no such wish. The school's location wasn't clear during public forum discussions, she said.

Ham-Kucharski agreed that construction should be closer to the two high schools and

proposed other uses for the building. If it were a central library, he said, existing libraries at Canton and Salem could be converted into classroom space.

He was also critical of plans to bus students to CEP buildings, and of the use of televised instruction at the park. Both have been associated with the Joy-Beck proposal.

Davis said she supports construction at Beck and Joy. Although she had requested more information from the board on alternate plans, she received none to suggest another location would be better.

Watts said an alternate plan should be drawn up with the third high school closer to the others.

"I understand the commitment to the Joy-Beck location," Watts said. But with construction on hold while the bond to build the school is in court, he explained, administrators have time to consider other locations.

All five candidates agreed a new middle school was necessary and said they support the October 3 bond that would build one. They also supported using that bond to purchase more school buses, as the district has proposed.

Support for the district's policy on weapons in school was also unanimous. They said the recent expulsion of a student who brought a gun to school was appropriate, especially in light of recent mass shootings at schools in Oregon and Arkansas.

What they do and want

Ham-Kucharski is a systems engineer for EDS. He graduated from P-C schools in 1987. He and his wife are expecting their first child.

Maximizing the use and benefits of technology in education, and improving public perception of the district motivated him to run for the board.

Davis has worked for 13 years in juvenile justice at Growth Works in Canton, is the current board vice president and has been a member since 1994. She and her family have lived in Canton since 1976. She has three children, all of them P-C graduates.

Davis first became involved in the schools

in the early 1980s through a board special education advisory group. Since then she has sat on a wide variety of school committees. She said she wants to serve another term in order to complete current board projects.

Friedrich has worked at Weight Watchers for eight years. She has a fourth grader at Erickson Elementary School and has lived in the P-C district since 1982.

Her connection to the schools and district issues has been through talking with the public and volunteering at her sons' schools, she said. Her hope is to represent families on the board.

Watts works for Absopure in Plymouth and is a member of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. A Plymouth resident since 1994, he has twin sons at Bird Elementary School.

His previous work with the schools has been as a classroom volunteer. He said he hopes to bring a business person's perspective to the board and wants "improved labor negotiations to stay on the front burner."

Mardigian owns and operates a health management consulting firm with her husband. In March she was appointed to the board by other members to serve out the remainder of Jack Farrow's term after he resigned. She has 2 children at Isbister Elementary School and has lived in Plymouth Township since 1984.

Concerns over class sizes drew her into school work as a parent and led her to help found the Class-size Action Partnership. She worked with the schools to promote the March 1997 bond issue, and was a member of the committee that drafted the board's Long Range Plan.

Mardigian said she wants to bring a more entrepreneurial spirit to the board.

Changes at Plymouth DDA

BY BRYON MARTIN

You can almost hear the rumble of coming change in news from a special meeting of Plymouth's Downtown Development Authority board (DDA).

During the closed-session meeting last Tuesday the DDA board voted to retain Steve Guile as DDA director.

His contract, passed in a 5-3 vote, will be for 18 months, not three years as were both of Guile's previous contracts since he became director in 1992.

According to DDA Chairperson Bob Mundt, the board offered a shorter contract "so everybody could maintain some flexibility."

The DDA may need to adjust its long-range goals and functions over the next few years, Mundt said, especially after the financially draining streetscape project.

As the DDA's goals change, he said, the director's skills will need to change with them. An 18-month contract for Guile is a way to "make sure you have a continuing fit for that position," according to Mundt.

As of Friday, Guile said he had not received official notification of the status of his contract.

The meeting, held last Tuesday, was closed to the public and convened after the board was unable to decide Guile's contract during its regular meeting.

Complicating the issue might be related decisions the board has faced as it makes changes to the director's duties.

Under previous contracts Guile had also served as director of the Old Village Development Authority (OVDA). In that role he spent 30.

During April's budget talks, the City Commission decided Old Village needed a full-time employe to head the OVDA.

Instead, the DDA director will spend 30 per cent of his time coordinating Brownfield redevelopment projects in the city and handling other issues as they come up.

According to Walters, Guile's annual salary under the most recent contract is about \$62,000.

Also at Tuesday's special meeting, DDA Chairperson Bob Mundt announced he would step down from the job in June.

Mundt, who has chaired the board for about three years, said he will leave the post due to business demands. He owns a Mailboxes Etc. store in Southfield and oversees another 46 locations in Southeast Michigan.

"This is an extremely busy time for our business," Mundt said. "I haven't been giving the DDA as much time as it deserves."

A new chairperson will be elected in June and take office in July.

Look for candidate endorsements in next week's Crier

Backing or not, arts conservatory to open June 1

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Supervisor Tom Yack. But after rent figures came back higher than anticipated, the township scrapped the idea.

"We would have only used about half of the facility and they were charging us as if it were prime commercial property," Yack said. "It just wasn't something we could do at the time."

Myers wrote a proposal to Canton asking for funding. His request, totaling about \$150,000 per year, included funds for equipment, Yack said.

Discussed at a Board of Trustees study session last week, that proposal wasn't very attractive to officials.

"We didn't like the thought of spending money for equipment that we may end up stuck with," he said. "But that doesn't preclude us entering into an arrangement with them. We asked them to come up with another type of arrangement."

Myers said he will put together another proposal to bring to the board of trustees, and wasn't disheartened by Canton's refusal.

"You ask for more than you think you're going to get and then work from there," he said. "We're still going to negotiate, but Canton's involvement is probably going to be limited."

Myers said he will pursue other sources of funding as well, and still plans to open the conservatory June 1.

And the first priority is the continuation of the teaching program that had existed under the Arnoldt Williams name, he said.

"It's such a relief that we finally know which direction

we're going," said Norma Atwood, a music teacher who taught at Arnoldt Williams, along with 12 others. "We'll be able to continue as we were with no stoppage of lessons. It's very exciting."

Atwood teaches a program called Kindermusic. The class

“The need is absolutely huge and there's no one filling it.”

— Jeff Meyers
Conservatory founder

provides music instruction for children under the age of five. With about 260 students now, she hopes to expand the program and will begin classes for newborn to 18-month-old children.

Myers, a part-time music teacher, had planned a two-week music camp entitled Jammin' in July, which was going to be held at CEP's Phase III facility. Jammin' in July will move from CEP to the conservatory. Other music camps are planned for later this summer, Myers said.

"It'll definitely be a high-end arts conservatory. All instructors have either performed at the professional level in the past or are performing currently," he said.

In addition to music instruction, the conservatory will eventually offer classes in dance, acting and voice. Myers plans to

work in conjunction with P-C schools to provide extra-curricular activities for students of all ages, he said. He will also consider working with the Plymouth Symphony, as well.

The conservatory will provide listening labs will be provided, and ensembles will be formed for a wide variety of instruments. There will also be a small theater, a dance studio and recitals every week, he said, with occasional concerts by classical musicians.

Myers said the need for a conservatory in the area was huge. Within a 15-mile radius, about 15,000 students are currently enrolled in some type of band. This figure doesn't include students interest in stringed instruments or those interested in dance or theater, he said.

"The need is absolutely huge and there's no one filling it. Schools don't always have the funds to provide adequate arts education," Myers said.

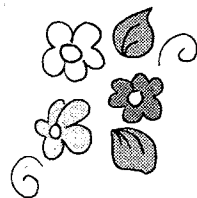
With 6,400 students already registered to study at the conservatory within the next four months, Myers is on the way to providing that service.

He said he is still looking for additional funds, whether from corporations or private donations. But he believes firmly in what he's doing.

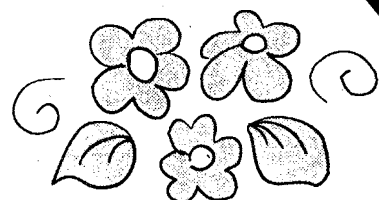
"There are a lot of good reasons to start your kids young. The arts can teach children discipline and teamwork and dedication," he said. "These are life-long issues that generally aren't taught in the schools."

For more information or to provide a corporate or other type of sponsorship, call Myers at: (734) 254-0730.

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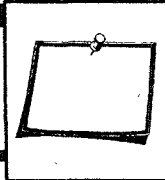
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Events

SALVATION ARMY RUMMAGE SALE

The Salvation Army at 9451 S. Main in Plymouth will hold a rummage sale starts today and runs through Friday from 9a.m.-4 p.m. There will be clothing and miscellaneous household items. All proceeds are for the Salvation Army's World Services.

FARMER'S MARKETS

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce is hosting Farmer's Market every Saturday through the summer at the Gathering in Kellogg Park. The market opens at 7:30 a.m. and runs until 12:30 p.m. Contact 734-453-1540 for more details.

DDA'S ENTERTAINMENT ON US

The Downtown Development Authority of Plymouth presents Jack Dryden and Sounds of Brazil, 7-9p.m. this Friday at Ann Arbor Trail and Forest. Smooth sounds of traditional Brazilian Samba/Bossa with some of Detroit's finest studio musicians.

MAYBURY STATE PARK TRAIL DAY

Join REI, the Department of Natural Resources and SOLAR (School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation) in a community service project at Maybury State Park in Northville on Saturday, June 6, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.. 75 volunteers are needed to help maintain the hiking trails. There are all levels of work for the entire family. Bring work gloves, small tools, shovel and wear work boots and comfortable clothes. REI will provide a snack and beverages. Rain or shine. Call 248-347-2100 for details.

PLYMOUTH YMCA 19TH ANNUAL RUN

The Plymouth YMCA's 19th Annual Run/Walk will be happening on Father's Day Sunday, June 21, taking place at the Gathering in downtown Plymouth. There will be lots of fun and excitement for all ages and levels. Call 734-453-2904 for registration.



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PLYMOUTH-CANTON HEADSTART PROGRAM

Plymouth-Canton Head Start located at Central Middle School is looking for volunteers to help in the classroom with group activities, recess and learning centers. If you have mornings or afternoons free please call 734-416-6196. Seniors and retiree's are very welcome.

CARRIAGE PARK SENIOR COMMUNITY

Contact Heather at Carriage Park. Share time, skills with seniors. Call 397-8300.

MENTORS NEEDED

Growth Works is recruiting and training mentors for the Plymouth-Canton Youth Assistance Program. The program is aimed at mentors age 21 or older. If you have two hours a week to help with reducing delinquent behavior in adolescents, call Lynne Ponder at 734-397-3181 or 734-455-4095.

HOSPICE OF SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN

Hospice seeks patient care, companion, team support volunteers in P-C-N area, 291-9700.

THERAPEUTIC HORSEBACK RIDING

Volunteers age 14 and over are needed to help disabled people in a therapeutic horseback riding program in South Lyon. No experience is necessary, volunteer training is provided. Volunteers are needed weekday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. Call 248-486-7433.

FISH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

PLYMOUTH COURT NURSING CENTER

Plymouth Court Nursing Center needs volunteers to assist resident activity programs, call 455-0510 for more information.



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Groups

CANTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Canton Historical Society will host their annual DuMouchelle Antique Appraisal Clinic on **Saturday**, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Cherry Hill High School, located at Cherry Hill and Ridge Road. Verbal Appraisals are \$7 and written are \$10. No appointments necessary. For further information 734-453-5297. All proceeds benefit the Society and Museum..

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

Starting **June 3**, join the Plymouth Community Arts Council the first Wednesday of every month, from 8-10 a.m. at 774 N. Sheldon, for "First Wednesday Coffees." Take this opportunity to get acquainted with the new Teacher Aid Grants exhibit, current classes and events. Call 734-416-4ART for details.

POLISH CENTENNIAL DANCERS

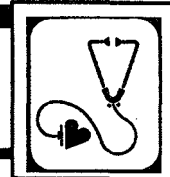
The Polish National Alliance Centennial Dancers of Plymouth are now accepting registrations for their fall classes. No experience is necessary and the minimum age for registering is 3 years of age. Classes will begin in September. If interested call Laura Cieslak at 248-471-9243.

STU ROCKAFELLOW AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

The Stu Rockafellow Amateur Radio Society welcomes all those interested in Ham Radio to join their club. Meetings are held at the Plymouth City Hall, 201 S. Main at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month. If you are simply curious about scanners, short-wave radio listening, Morse code, satellite communication or any other aspect call Ralph Mooto at 734-455-7652 for more information.

SCIENCE AND MATH CAMPS

New Morning School, located at 14501 Haggerty Road, is holding three full day science and math camps for children 6-11 years old. Choose from I'm a People Machine, Grids, Graphs, Pretzels and Pie, and An Ocean of Motion. Also New morning School openings exist for Fall 1998 for students in 2nd-5th grade. Call 734-420-3331.



Health

DEMENTIA SYMPOSIUM

Madonna University is hosting a symposium on Dementia **Thursday** from 8:30a.m.- 4 p.m. Registration fee is \$55 per person, which includes lunch and refreshments. The Keynote speaker Stephen G. Post, PhD. is a noted ethicist and author. To register call the Alzheimer's Association 248-557-8277 or Madonna University 734-432-5530.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Starting Over is a grief support group for widowed men and women under the age of 45. The group deals with the unique issues faced by the younger widowed person. Meetings are held at the First United Methodist Church in Plymouth on the first and third Tuesday evenings of each month from 7-8:30 p.m. For information call 734-662-5999.

SENIOR WHEELS PROGRAM

Wayne County residents who need wheelchairs, electric scooters, walkers and other medical equipment now have a friend. The Senior Wheels Program of Greater Wayne makes these items available to Senior Citizens (65 years and up) and the permanently physically challenged of any age. Call 1-800-211-6502 for qualifying information.

THE PLYMOUTH BREATHERS CLUB

For those with chronic obtrusive pulmonary disease, emphysema and other respiratory disease. Meets the second Wednesday of each month from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. at the Arbor Health Building - Plymouth. For information, call 734-712-5367.

SUICIDE LOSS PROGRAM

Arbor Hospice offers a group for adults who have experienced a loss through suicide. The group meets at Risen Christ Lutheran Church in Plymouth on the first and third Monday evening of each month from 7-8:30 p.m. For more information call 734-662-5999 or 248-348-4980.

GUIDE to Entertainment

Go P.C.N

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

CANTON CINEMA 6

734-981-1900; "Deep Impact" "The Horse Whisperer" "Quest for Camelot" "Bullworth" "Godzilla."

CENTER STAGE

734-981-5122; Fri.-Sat.: Dance to alternative music and more.

COFFEE STUDIO

734-416-9288; Wed.: Open Mic Night.

ERNESTO'S

734-453-2002; Mon.-Thurs.: Strolling Musicians; Tues.-Sat.: Live Music in Piano Bar.

GENITTS HOLE IN THE WALL

248-349-0522; Live Interactive Dinner Theater.

KARL'S COUNTRY CABIN

734-455-8450; Thurs.: Live Blues: The Sun Messengers.

THE LOWER TOWN GRILL

734-451-1213; Wed.: Open Jam Night, Live Blues Thurs.: Blues Airman, Fri.: Black Beauty, Sat.: Detroit Blues Band.

MARQUIS THEATRE

248-349-8110; Sat: Live Musical Theatre "Hansel and Gretel."

MR. B'S PLYMOUTH

734-459-4190; Sat.:Live music with Broken Halo.

PENN THEATRE

734-453-0870; Now playing: "The Odd Couple II."

PLYMOUTH COFFEE BEAN

734-454-0178; Fri.: Family Magic, Sat.: Jazz DJ Bryon Edward.

STATION 885 RESTAURANT

734-459-0885; Wed. - Thurs.: Live music with Wally Gibson; Fri.-Sat. Wally Gibson and Angelo Primo.

WEST SIDE SINGLES

734-981-0909; Every Fri.: Friday dances at Burton Manor.

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

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Twp. Clerk sues City

BY BRYON MARTIN

Marilyn Massengill, Plymouth Township clerk, says her lawsuit against The City of Plymouth shouldn't be construed as political.

Her lawyers notified City Hall last week that they are beginning to collect interrogatories from city employees and other witnesses in the personal injury lawsuit.

The suit alleges the city failed to properly maintain the sidewalk where Massengill fell July 13, leaving her with facial lacerations and a badly broken wrist.

That break, she says, led to seven weeks in a cast, limited use of her arm, arthritis and, in October, a lawsuit against the city. "It still doesn't operate the way it should."

As Township and City officials continue to work toward cooperative municipal and recreation services, Massengill's lawyer is

pushing toward a jury trial.

The lawsuit, seeking more than \$25,000 in damages, has no bearing on City-Township relations during their pending mergers, according to Massengill.

"I don't think (the suit) should affect it at all," she said.

Thomas McGraw, of the Troy-based law firm Cox, Hodgman & Giarmarco, will defend the city in court.

Massengill's attorney is Judd Hemming, who operates a law firm with Township Attorney Tim Cronin. Her case seeks damages for, among other injuries, physical and mental pain and suffering, arthritis and medical expenses.

Massengill says her hospital bills have been covered by insurance through the Township.

Mergers individual issues

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thought Walter's estimate of approval by mid-June may be a bit optimistic. "I don't want to appear as though we are dragging our feet, but we just got the budget last week," she said.

Currently, both municipal service departments are under union contracts. But it doesn't appear unions will have an effect on the possible merger, according to Walters. "They are both Teamsters," he said. "They won't lose any members, just a local, and seem comfortable with it right now."

If the merger goes through it is expected that the current Township Municipal Service Department office at Metro West Industrial Park will be vacated and its employees moved to the City location, Walters said.

"Another big advantage is that we won't need two of everything," he said. He pointed out the expensive sewer-vectors and street-sweepers each community now owns.

With the joint fire department working so well and joint recreation looming on the horizon, some say the creation of a community municipal service department begs the question: how long until full merger?

"I think it's a mistake to try to tie this to an inevitable, inexorable conclusion of a full merger," Walters said. He conceded the possibility, and the "logical implication" that is derived from the joining of so many services.

"I think it really ought to be evaluated on the basis of each individual service," he said. "As we do each thing together, it gets a little more comfortable and politically easy to look toward the next thing."

YMCA still a contender

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government. They want to be a free-standing entity."

The subcommittee is also concerned with the YMCA's policy of sending 2 per cent of all collected funds to its national organization. That's \$16,000-\$18,000 per year of taxpayers' money that wouldn't be directed toward local recreation services, according to Walters.

Also of contention is whether or not a YMCA-run recreation program is a violation of church and state.

"It's certainly a valid concern," said Walters. "But again I think that has a lot to do with board make up. If we (the governments) had more control we could keep that from becoming a problem."

Walters would not rule out the YMCA as a contender, but added, "If the YMCA were freer with their policies they would be a more viable choice."

City Commissioner Dave McDonald was more blunt.

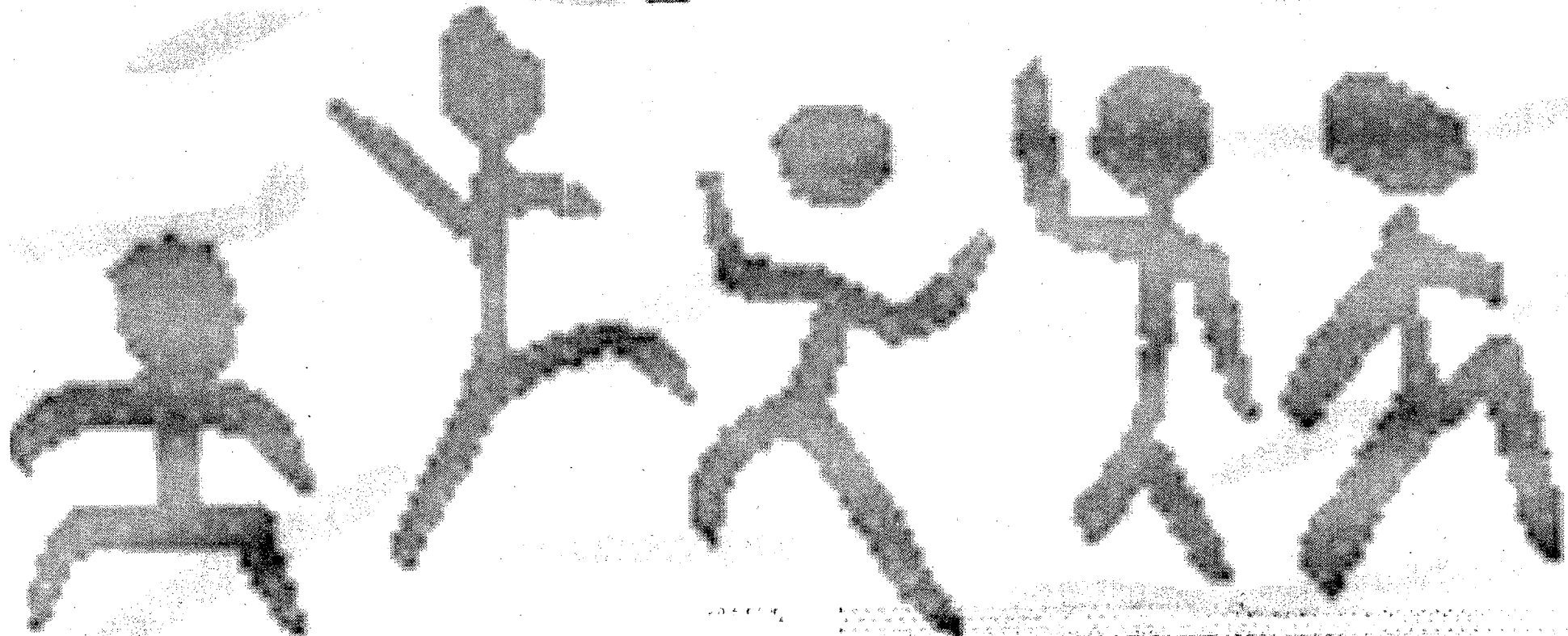
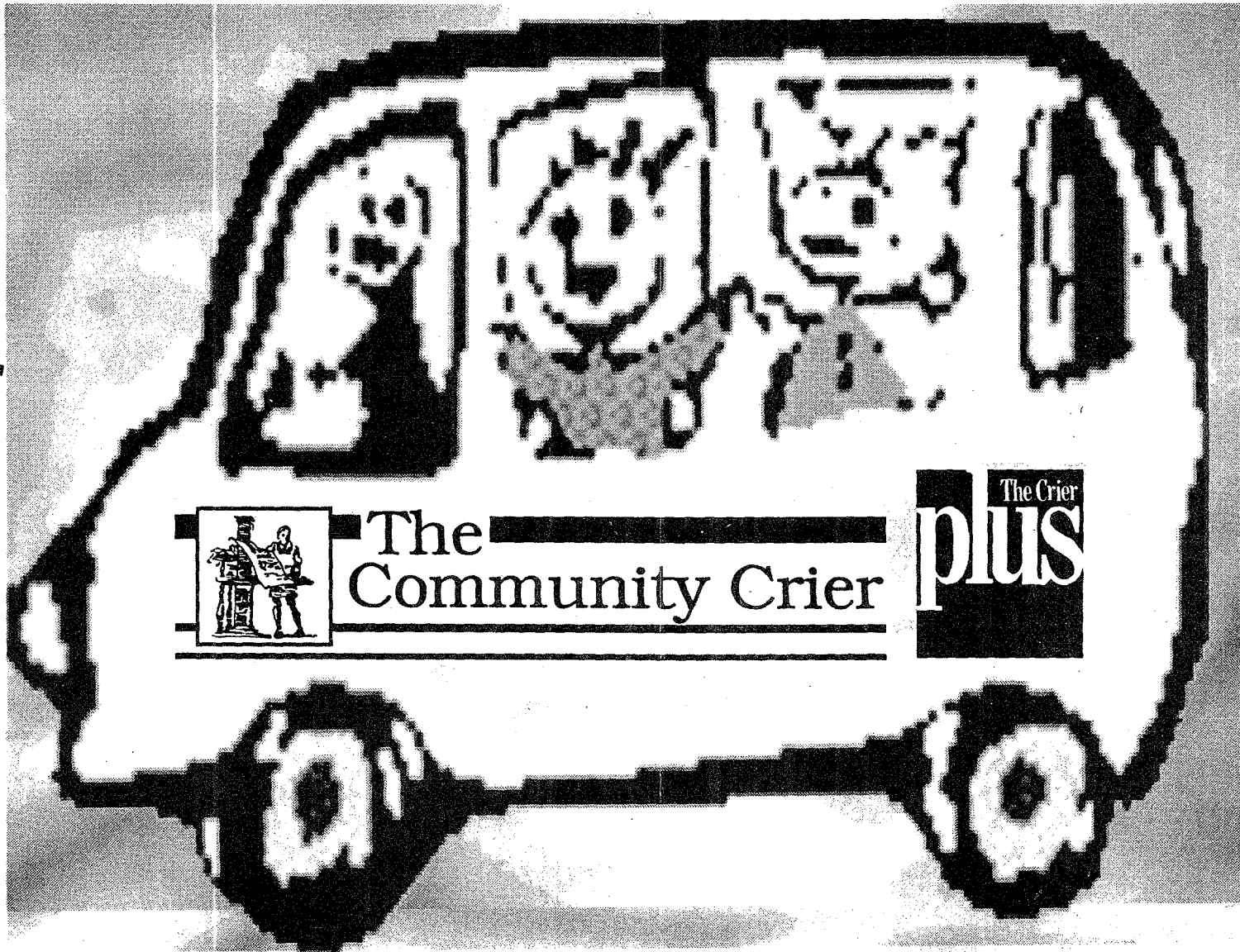
"The voices that talk to me don't like the (YMCA) idea," he said. "I think the model of how this thing should work is the community fire department. That's working. Why couldn't we birth a recreation program out of the same thing?"

Although the field of proposals seems to be narrowing, subcommittee members have been careful to point out that no idea has been eliminated.

Said Township Trustee Chuck Curmi, "We need to be savvy so we can anticipate future problems."

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Volunteer counselors provide a boost for campers, students alike

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Summer camp.

The words send a mixture of nervousness, fear and anticipation to every child who looks forward to a week in the great outdoors, away from their family.

Days are filled with activities such as canoe racing, hiking and swimming, and many friendships are forged.

The Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) summer camp is like that, with one difference: all the campers suffer to some degree from neuromuscular disease, and their friends are volunteers who spend the entire week with them, through whatever activities they do.

"It's usually a very busy week," said Julie Campbell, MDA Staff Camp coordinator. "We have a whole slew of activities lined up."

Campbell, from Plymouth, helps

pair campers with volunteers for the week-long camp held in Lexington, MI. She also helps organize events from bowling to fishing to dancing.

She said she finds volunteers by sending fliers to schools, churches and community groups.

"We look for mature kids, usually older than 16 willing to give up a week of their time for someone else," she said. "Their only reward is the pleasure of seeing someone else happy."

It was at school that Tim Logan, also of Plymouth, first learned of the program. Now 23, Logan became interested in the program while he was a junior at Salem High School.

The idea sounded like fun, he said.

"It was personally very rewarding," he said. "A lot of the kids don't have an opportunity to do things they do at the camp," Logan said. "This gives them a chance to do them."



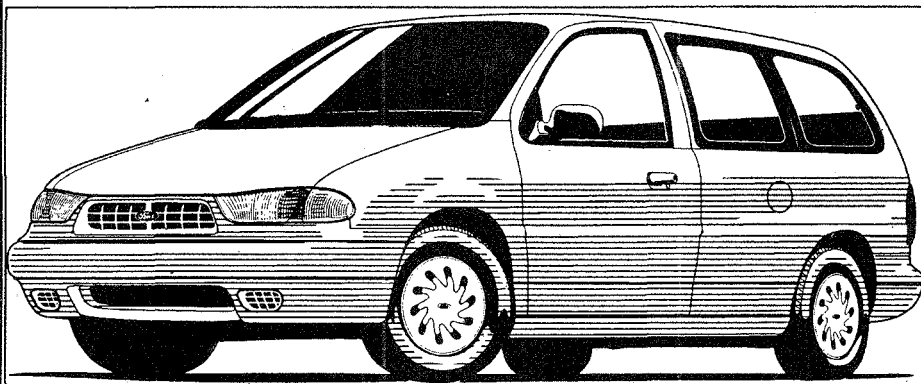
Tim Logan (right) with fellow volunteer Julie Maher (left) and camper Chris Councilis at MDA summer camp in Lexington, MI.

Logan said at the end of his first week at the camp, one of the campers, a class-clown type named Daniel told

everyone that the camp was always the best week of the year, and as soon as it was over, he started looking forward

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Hit the trail — for a day

National Trail Day provides public service opportunity for the whole family

BY LINDA KOCHANEK
National Trails Day is Saturday, June 6 and to celebrate, parents and children will volunteer pitching in at Maybury State Park Trail Day.

Recreational Equipment Incorporated (REI), the Department of Natural Resources and the School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), have teamed up for this community service project at Maybury State Park in Northville

from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sen. R. Robert Geake of Northville will give a speech to kick off the event.

"I believe that trail maintenance and building is a wonderful activity for the entire family. It's outdoors, healthy and an opportunity for public service," Geake said. "I want to encourage the children and parents to

make public service to our state parks a regular act, not just a one day activity." "We have a number of scout

troops signed up and a few families," said Alexa Lee, project coordinator for the REI store at Six mile and Haggerty. "There's up to 35 kids already involved." Environmental awareness has become an important part of education in schools, the media and in government.

According to Lee "It's important to involve parents and kids together as a family at an early age. Everyone needs to take responsibility for park areas like this," she says.

"If children learn to take responsibility now they will carry it through life.

"Our staff and customers work together to raise conservation awareness. As a corporation we participate in conservation efforts and make donations and give grants every year as our contribution. We chose National Trail Day to combine efforts on a national level."

Children can help at the park

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Trail day

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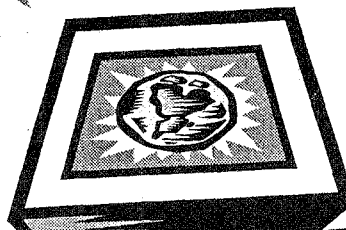
with planting seedlings and wildflowers, and cleaning trails and ponds. I think that when people get involved they feel ownership and pride with the park."

Other activities include building boardwalks on wet areas, installing erosion bars and planting native species of plants.

Volunteers will receive a free six month membership in the American Hiking Society and will be eligible to win a volunteer vacation from the AHS.

If you are interested in having your family participate here's a few things that you'll need: work gloves, small tools shovels, wheel barrels, work boots and comfortable shoes. REI will be providing snacks and beverages to the volunteers. For more information on becoming a volunteer call 248-347-2100.

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Wiggle, jiggle and giggle in Canton

Summit on the park provides many summer activities for kids, adults

BY JULIA NELSON

Parents, search no further than Canton Township's Summit on the Park for a multitude of activities for your children this summer.

For preschool aged children, The Summit provides many classes for the child alone or with parents. Classes are broken down into age groups and run either one week or five weeks.

In the five week class "Wiggles, Jiggles and Giggles, young children learn basic skills like listening and motor movement. For self-discipline and confidence, children can take beginning Tae Kwon Do, or Summer Art Camp Mania to enhance their creative

skills.

If your child is school-aged there are many more options for summer fun. In addition to the art camp and Tae Kwon Do there are one week computer and athletic classes to improve kids' natural talents.

The computer day camps are broken into sections for kindergarten to first grade, second to fourth grade, and fifth through the eighth grade. The classes focus on three objectives: computer literacy, basic education, and socialization skills. Specific activities will include exploring new computer technologies, creating cartoons,

and exploring the World Wide Web. Outside activities will be mixed with the indoor fun to give the kids a variety and to keep them energized.

Other day camps are available for children who have completed first through fifth grade. The week

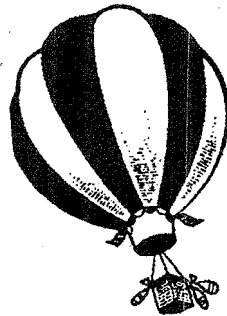
long camps run all day for five days beginning in June and ending in July. Fun activities pack each day range from swimming and other recreational activities to making crafts and learning songs.

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Canton's Summit on the Park provides many different activities for children, from swimming to Karate. (Crier photo by Bryon Martin).

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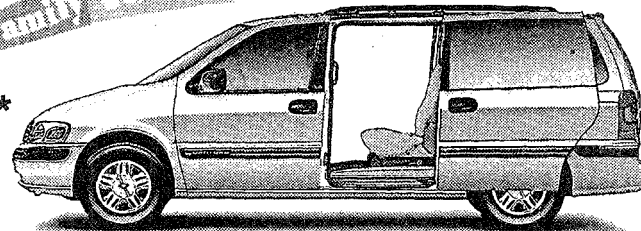


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Summit on the Park keeps kids busy

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Each session ends the week with a different off-site field trip to places like the Palace of Auburn Hills room, Maybury State Park, The Detroit Zoo, or the UPN Channel 50 studios.

A new class has just been added aimed at the high school athlete to improve specific areas of fitness to help them reach their

full physical potential. One specific area of fitness is emphasized in each one-week session and is instructed by a certified physical therapist. Students can choose one of the classes, which range from Speed to Cardiovascular Endurance or take all six sessions to become "The Ultimate Athlete."

The Summit also offers Youth

Karate to all children and teenagers and Country Western Line Dancing to older teens and young adults for development of coordination and control. The sessions last the entire summer into the fall, meeting once or twice a week.

Volunteer work is another great way to pass the summer days. Organizations including the

Community Hospice, First Step, The Muscular Dystrophy Association, and The Salvation Army are always looking for extra helpers.

There is a wide variety of activities for children of all ages and all interests in the Canton area. New friends and new skills await so there is never a boring moment.

Volunteer camps offer strong personal rewards

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to the next year.

The speech, told in the camp's closing ceremonies, struck a chord with Logan.

"It just floored me," he said.

Logan has volunteered every year since then. He hasn't regretted any of it.

Each volunteers is paired up with a camper who suffers from MD, Logan said. They become constant

companions for the week. The volunteer helps the child in all the activities, whether it's getting them into a saddle to go horseback riding, making crafts, or helping them bowl strikes, he said.

"It's a wonderful sense of accomplishment and it takes very little effort on your part," Logan said. "All you have to do is spend time with them. It's very special to give something back and it feels good

seeing how much they smile."

Logan, who plans on attending medical school in the fall, will once again return to the camp this year. He will be paired with Chris Councilis, his

companion in previous year's camps.

Anyone wishing to volunteer at the camp, whether for the entire week or at any of the activities, can call Julie Campbell at (734) 416-7076.



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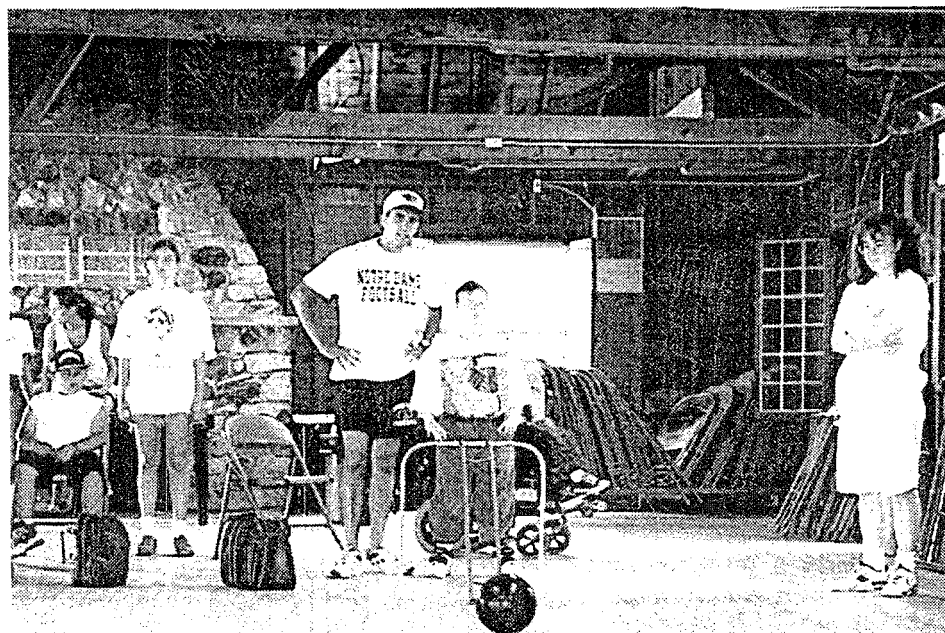
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Plymouth's bevy of summer possibilities

Recreation programs exercise the brain as well as the body

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

It's summer. For many of us, summer began a little early this year. Weekend tans, warmer temperatures, and the late-april bloom of flowers all conspired to wash away winter in a blink. But for the children, summer doesn't really begin until school ends. And when that final school bell tolls, their wide eyes will turn toward freedom, and the lazy days of June, July and August.

For parents hoping to keep their kids active, the City of Plymouth Recreation Department will host a bevy of summertime camps and programs this year.

For children whose interest in learning doesn't end with the school calendar, there will be several science camps running from late June to August. There will be a Rain Forest Camp, a Science Sampler, and Camp Down Under.

At the Rain Forest Camp, running from June 23 to July 3, children learn about the complex web of relationships between plant and animal life. Kids will meet Dali the Salvador Monitor Lizard, Greystroke the African Parrot, and other rainforest animals. As an added treat, they'll even learn where chocolate comes from.

The Science Sampler camp runs from July 13 to July 17. Kids will be exposed to a different program every day. There will be Natural Science Day, Dinosaur Day, Ocean Exploration Day, Tropical Rainforest Day, and Air and Space Day.

The final summer camp running from August 3-7 will feature an Australian theme. At Camp Down Under kids will make possum

gobblies and learn what cackle berries are. They'll make and throw their own boomerangs, learn bark painting, and hear stories form Aborigine culture.

Each camp is open to children ages 5-13, and the average cost is \$225 per week. The camps are co-sponsored by the Living Science Foundation.

The artistic child might appreciate "Once upon an Easel," an arts program co-sponsored by the D & M Studio Day Camp. This year's theme is "North to Alaska—The Iditarod." Students will explore the Great Alaska Territory through drawings, painting, paper mache', pastels, charcoal, sand art, ceramics, printmaking, weaving, wood painting, jewelry, cartooning, foil reliefs, and more. Classes are structured for each specific age group.

The City will once again host the Summer Park Program for residents only. Daily activities include games, sports, arts and crafts, and field trips. The program will run, daily Monday-Friday, for seven weeks beginning June 15.

For the young bowlers and skaters in the family, Plymouth Recreation has programs to suit their athletic needs. Both open skate times and lessons will be available to residents. Starting June 13th, on Saturday and Sunday, the Plymouth Cultural Center will open its rink from 2-4 p.m. Don't know how to skate? They've got that covered too. Starting June 23, the Plymouth Recreation Department's professional ice skating staff will teach group lessons for all ages over four. The lessons are given once a week for eight weeks on

Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call the recreation office for exact times.

Every Tuesday beginning June 16, the recreation department is sponsoring a summer bowling program at Plaza Lanes. Cost is \$5

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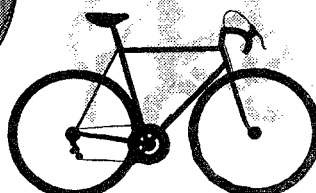
- Pen and Ink workshop (5-13)
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 In the summer you might find Tim trimming the grass away from the sidewalk.
 This has been going on for the past few years. They never accept any money.
 I don't know what we'd do without them.
 Thanks to both of you - Marylin and Tim Yoe. We appreciate you.

Bernice Fountain

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Dear Kindness Editor,
 This is the story about Merrily, the angel, and this is how it happened.
 I had done my grocery shopping, retrieving my car keys from my purse as it set in the cart, and putting all groceries in the trunk - as usual - ~~except~~ very, very stupidly, drove off leaving my purse in the cart.
 It was when I arrived home I discovered my purse was not in the front seat beside me as usual. It took about 5 minutes to drive home from the store, so it took 5 minutes to return - quite speedily at times. I found the cart in exactly the same place I left it - but no purse! And no one had turned it in at the store. Of course I was devastated. This was about 1:30pm.
 About 7:00pm that evening, a call came from a lady in Detroit, asking if I was Viola Pedersen, and that she had found my purse in a trash barrel as she was looking for pop or beer cans! I couldn't believe it!
 The next morning we met her at a designated location in Livonia at 9:00am. She was a kindly looking lady about in her 60s, gave me the purse in a rumpled grocery bag. The contents had all been disturbed, but \$40 in cash was missing.
 Her name was Merrily, and she did not want to take any reward money, although we insisted. How can anyone not have faith in humankind after such an experience!
 Viola Pedersen

\$25 To The Winner,

Dear Kindness Editor,
 I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Larry Bird of Gabriela's for his kind donation to Isbister Elementary School for their Outdoor Learning Area fund. So many of life's lessons are learned on the "play-ground", and we appreciate Mr. Bird and Gabriela's generosity in helping us provide a safe and attractive place for these lessons to occur.
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Obituaries

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CAROL ANN ANDERSON

Carol Ann Anderson, a Garden City resident, died May 12, 1998 at the age of 45.

Mrs. Anderson was born July 18, 1952 in Garden City, MI. She was a principal secretary and a former Plymouth resident.

She is survived by her husband, Robert Anderson of Garden City; father, Frank E. Ciesielski of Garden City; mother, Mary A. Ciesielski of Garden City; sister, Catherine (Malcolm) T. Sielke of Kalamazoo, MI; and nephew Jeff Sielke of Boca Raton, FL.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date with the Rev. Edward Prus officiating. Arrangements were made by the Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburg Road, Livonia, MI 48154 or Karmanos Cancer Institute, Plymouth Region, 744 Wing Street, Plymouth, MI 48170.

ERNEST W. WENDLAND

Ernest W. Wendland, a Plymouth resident, died May 19, 1998 at the age of 90.

Mr. Wendland was born Jan. 16, 1908 in Inkster, MI. He worked for the Ford Motor Company for 40 Years in Maintenance, retiring 30 years ago. He came to the Plymouth Community in 1964 and was a member of St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Plymouth. He loved to fish and bowl.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Hazel of Plymouth; son, Ronald (Carolyn) Wendland of Plymouth; daughter, Patricia (Allen) Wagenschutz of Britton, MI; seven grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and brother, Raymond of Romulus.

Services were held at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church with Pastor Peter Berg and Pastor Paul E. Schaefer officiating. Burial was at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1343 Penniman, Plymouth, MI 48170.

ALICE LUCILE SCHAFER

Alice Lucile Schafer, a Canton resident, died May 23, 1998 at the age of 76.

Mrs. Schafer was born May 20, 1922 in Jackson, MI. She was a secretary at Alto Manufacturing for 11 years, retiring in 1989. She did volunteer secretarial work at Schoolcraft College. She loved to play cards, collect beanie babies and play games.

She is survived by her sons, Lawrence (Mary) of Plymouth; Jim (Chris) of Commerce Township, MI; daughters, Linda Grabis of Fowlerville, MI, Debra King of Canton; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband, Richard.

Services will be held today at 11 a.m. at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Roy Forsyth officiating. Burial will be at Greenwood Cemetery in Fowlerville, MI. Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home. Memorial contributions can be given to the Hospice of Washtenaw.

ADELINE P. PACKER

Adeline P. Packer, a former Plymouth resident, died May 19, 1998 at the age of 83.

Mrs. Packer was born Sept. 20, 1914 in Armada, MI. She was a homemaker. She came to the Plymouth Community in 1930 and moved to Florida in 1975. She was a volunteer with the Ladies Aid Society at church, where she was very active in many church groups. She was a member of the Mayflower-Gamble V.F.W.

She is survived by her daughter, Pamela A. (Robert) Geist of Florida; and sister, Lenora Mahrley of Plymouth. She is preceded in death by her husband, Walter L.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Pastor Peter Berg officiating. Burial was at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia. Memorial contributions can be given to St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church or the American Diabetes Association.

W. PAUL FIELDEN

W. Paul Fielden, a Plymouth resident, died May 22, 1998 at the age of 81.

Mr. Fielden was born Nov. 1, 1916 in Knoxville, TN. He was a meat cutter for the Kroger Company for 15 years. He retired in November of 1981. Before he worked for Kroger he owned the Paul market in Plymouth. He had been a member of the First Baptist Church of Plymouth for more than 50 years. He was a member of the U.F.C.W. Local No. 876. He served in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers during WWII as a staff sergeant.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Marjene of Plymouth; daughters, Sandra (Dale) Cunningham of Tampa, FL, Susan (Michael) Prew of Plymouth; brother, James Ray Fielden of Knoxville, TN; sisters, Evelyn Cardin of Clinton, TN, Beulah Loy of Clinton, TN, Georgia Hall of Knoxville, TN; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

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VENUS V. SAVITSKIE

Venus V. Savitskie, a former Plymouth resident, died May 19, 1998 at the age of 78.

Mrs. Savitskie was born Sept. 22, 1919 in Garden City. She was a homemaker. She moved to Arkansas in 1994 from Plymouth. She loved to crochet, gamble on the Mississippi, and be with her grandchildren. She loved to 'people watch.'

She is survived by her husband, Chester Savitskie of Swifton, AR; daughters, Sally Baker of Westland, Judy Dabelstein of Westland, Ginnie (Fred) Wanke of South Lyon, Kathy (Mel) Meadows of Ohio, Cindy (Tudor) Lawson of Manchester; sons, Danny (Sue) Dewulf of Arkansas, Mike (Jan) Dewulf of Taylor, Bill (Brenda) Dewulf of Westland, Steve Dewulf of Westland; mother-in-law, Joyce Dewulf of Brooklyn; step-sons, Mark (Kathryn) Savitskie of Plymouth, Jeffrey (Amy) Savitskie of Dearborn; 30 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

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FAYE STAFFORD

Faye Stafford, a Novi resident, died May 20, 1998 at the age of 69.

Mrs. Stafford was born Aug. 7, 1928 in Huntsville, AL. She retired from Ford Motor Company in 1992. She worked at the Wixom Plant. She enjoyed shopping and going to the movies. She loved her grandchildren.

She is survived by her daughters, Kathy Stafford of Plymouth; Terri (Jeff) Pelchat of Mooresville, NC; son, Mike Stafford of Northville; grandchildren, Katy and Terri. She is preceded in death by her husband, Patrick.

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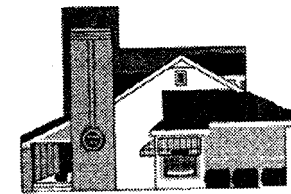
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 Plymouth without being noticed.

GLEN SHAW can sneak into Plymouth if
 the rest of us can sneak into Wayne.

Liam: Max likes to play with the lizards,
 too! -Mr. Lizard

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 in the way of a good Rotary fine.

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Clinton/Dismuke '98!
 Eric - What a wine glass McGuyver!! -L
 Teresa without an "h" found her kitty!

Thanks Chris!
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The LTG is NEVER boring (& I'm not talk-
 ing about the bands.)

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Mayor Don -nice suit!
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 on toothpicks.

Nice six pack Scott (P.T.) More like a "Q" if
 you ask me! and he drinks double digits -
 no wonder!

Welcome back Maura!
 Thanks for visiting us Jaclyn!

Linda, thanks for introducing me to new
 foods! - Lisa

The mice are playing.
 Thanks Steve for the day off!

Molly says it's hard to switch your pivot!
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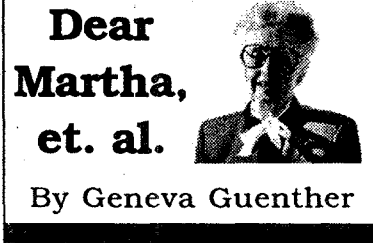
Thanks Charlotte and Calvin Perry for the new fountain.

Kal Jabara should put the top up on that fancy convertible to avoid sunburn.



What are Mary & Dusty doing?

If I were a teacher I would have every third grade pupil memorize "In Flander's Fields" and make them a part of the Memorial Day Parade and Program.



Dear
Martha,
et. al.

By Geneva Guenther

Great to speak to you on Sunday. Seems as though there is so much going on in Plymouth that I do all the talking.

The big deal this week was the Memorial Day Parade. I do love parades and this was no exception. What they may have lacked in numbers, they more than made up in spirit. Our mutual friend, Jack Wilcox was the Grand Marshall and pretty classy looking in his white uniform. The crowd clapped long and loud when they saw him in the lead car of the parade. I'm

not sure of the order in which they appeared but the Band played well and sharp in their uniforms. Veterans marched. It's hard to see that their ranks are thinning. Lots and lots of little people and their leaders followed. It was a thrill to see so many parents involved with their children. I did wonder where the support group was for the marching band. Not many teenagers that I could see. Of course, the parade began at 7:30 a.m. which was rather early for some. However there were lots of older people and many young people with small children, even babies in carriages, wagons and any kind of conveyance. It was fun! And the camaraderie is something you'll not find in any other situation.

I know I have listed a lot but so far I haven't mentioned the program nor the dedication of the new fountain. However, the nostalgia is important, too.

Bless you,
Geneva

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Cal Ray Klimas at (734) 453-4570 for more details.

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Call 455-6620 for more details.

1993 Canton High School Graduate Mike Stafford has finished his final baseball season at Ohio State University and now has his eyes on the Major League Draft next week.

According to his father, former New York Yankees player Bill Stafford, Mike has been scouted by several Major League teams, including the Toronto Blue Jays and New York Yankees.

Any preferences?

"We hope he'll go to the Yankees," Bill said with a laugh.

Look in next week's Crier for a complete pre-draft profile of the OSU pitching phenom

Salem regional bound

One goal loss ends Canton's season, Rocks topple Novi in OT

BY ERICA D'ANGELO

Last time Canton and Salem girls soccer teams met, there was no winner. This time around though, they both still battled to the end, but Salem emerged with victory.

Salem captured a win over Canton last Wednesday, 5-4 in the state district semifinal.

Salem got going early in the game, scoring two goals in the first ten minutes. The first came from Maya Sarkesian. Only moments later, Kristina Senuich got the ball in again. After that, Canton never tied with them or had the lead.

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But the Chiefs did put up a fight. Canton freshman Annie Morrell scored first for Canton off a penalty kick, after a teammate had been knocked down in the box.

Shortly after the penalty kick, Salem was able to easily get on the ball again after Canton's Lisa Tomasso had a 30 yard kick that hit the crossbar. A pass from Salem's Senuich to Kellee Mullin

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After 1,200 wins, Canton man finds 'fulfillment' in Hall of Fame induction

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

When Al White was drafted by the Pittsburgh Pirates out of his West Virginia High School in 1965, his dreams of a Major League Baseball career were on the brink of fulfillment. After 32 years, more than 1200 pitching wins, and an induction into the Hall of Fame, fulfillment may be too conservative a word.

Yes, that's 1200 wins and you've never

heard of Al White?

Well, you won't see him on Sportcenter. White never played in Three Rivers Stadium, never faced Hank Aaron, and never pitched his team to a pennant.

White's playing days were spent on the many dusty, gravel-strewn fields that dot America's smaller towns and cities. His legend has grown not in a division title race or the World Series, but in weekly

leagues and weekend tournaments. White plays softball, not baseball, and for more than 30 years, his arm has been the driving force behind some of the best softball teams in the country.

The career stats are remarkable. He averaged more than 40 wins per season, played on two national championship teams, for several state champions, and is the first modified pitcher to make the softball hall of fame. He was named first-team All-American by the American Softball Association five times, and has more strikeouts than he can remember. "I wouldn't even want to guess," he said.

But White didn't start out on a hall of fame track. As an all-state baseball player out of Madison, West Virginia, he went to the Pirates training camp in 1965 wide-eyed and hopeful. He left dismayed and disillusioned.

"You think you're good," White said. "But when you get there, you realize there are 299 other guys just as good as you."

White quickly shifted gears and focus. "Nothing was guaranteed with baseball," he said. "It was too much of a gamble."

With a new wife and a new job at Ford, White knew baseball had to take a back-seat to his financial responsibilities. He left training camp as an 18-year-old with his dream already a memory, dropping anchor in Detroit with his eye towards the future and a family.

But baseball didn't leave him. It still brewed inside. White continued to play, five nights a week, in leagues around Detroit.

In 1966, White transferred his attention to softball.

"A manager came up to me and asked if I had ever played fast pitch softball," he

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Softball legend Al White in a familiar pose before his retirement earlier this year. After a remarkable career, White has turned his attention toward coaching and golf, a game he has recently picked back up. "It's frustrating," he said.

First jubilation, then defeat

Canton, Salem each fall short at weekend Madonna Tournament

BASEBALL

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

As the school year wears down, students who care begin to turn their attention toward grades and the dreaded report card.

For some area sports teams, it's not so dreaded. Both the Salem Boys and Girls Track teams for example have excelled up to or beyond expectations. Salem soccer is on a roll, and Canton softball is tearing up the league.

For the baseball teams, mediocrity has been the name of the game. With each team floating around .500, they would probably be graded at the "C" level. Not good, but still passing. But they still haven't faced the final test. And as any good student knows, finals can be the time of redemption.

After one win and one loss for each team at the 16-team Madonna Tournament this weekend, both Salem and Canton are poised for the districts beginning this Saturday at CEP.

In their first game Saturday morning, Canton won a thriller, knocking off De LaSalle 7-6 in extra innings.

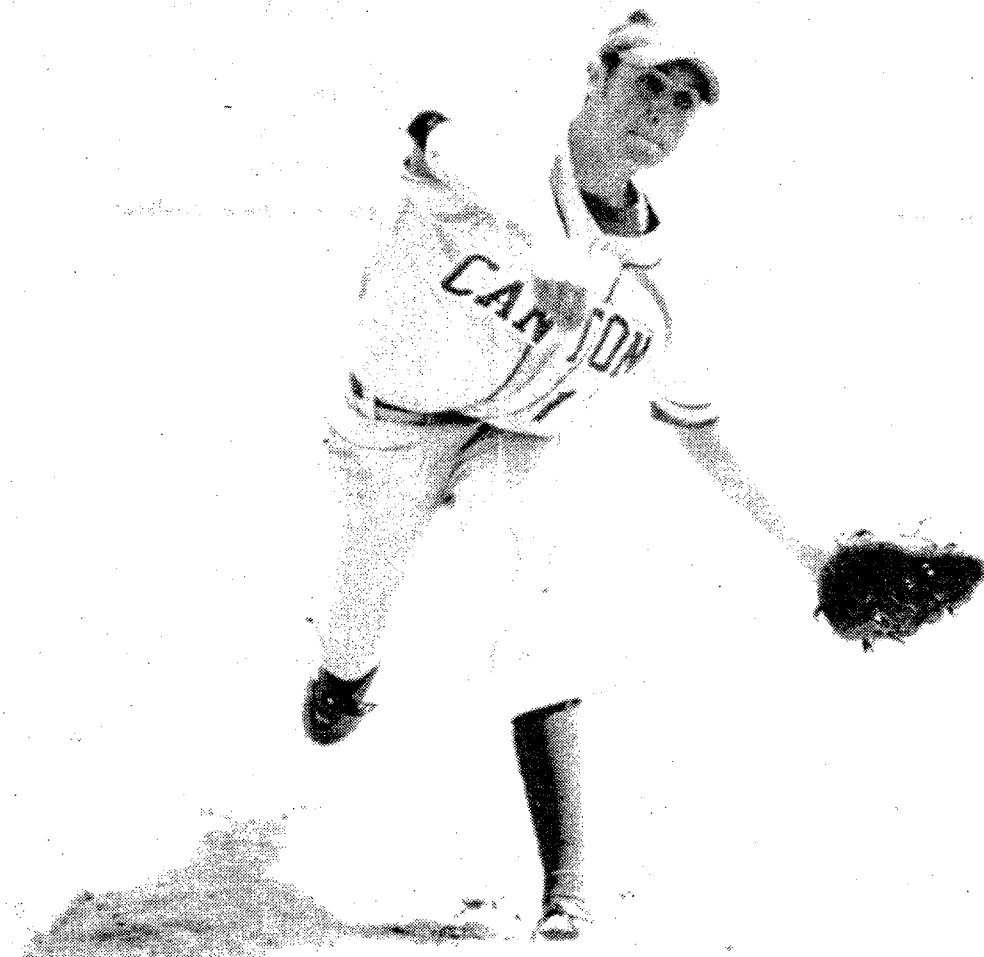
Ben Tucker went the distance for the Chiefs, striking out an impressive 11 batters, allowing 10 hits, and 5 earned runs.

After Phil Ross' 2-run home run in the fourth put Canton on top, De LaSalle rallied back to a 2-run lead in the sixth. Canton charged back again behind the hitting of Oliver Wolcott, who was 2-4, to tie the game again in the sixth.

The Chiefs then grabbed one more in the eighth to move on with the dramatic victory.

Things didn't go so well in game two. For the second time this year, Canton dropped a game to North Farmington 5-4. Kevin Tomasaitis went all seven for the loss.

Salem fared about the same Saturday afternoon at Redford Catholic Central. After sneaking by Davidson, Salem lost to eventual tournament co-champion Orchard Lake St. Mary's. Orchard Lake and North Farmington split the championship because the Sunday afternoon game at Madonna was called by rain.



Canton hurler Ben Tucker goes for one of his 11 strikeouts Saturday afternoon versus DeLaSalle. Although the Chiefs would lose a close second game versus North Farmington, their first game triumph was a reason to celebrate. Tucker is now 5-3, as Canton moves to 12-14 overall. (Crier Photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

Salem takes aim at State Championship

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grabbed them another goal, bringing the score to 3-1.

With 20:26 before the intermission, Salem's Missy Simons, a senior co-captain, took the ball down the sideline and kicked it past Canton goalkeeper Kristin Lukasik. The score was now 4-1.

The score was brought to 4-2 with only 1:11 in the half when Canton's Jessica Palis blasted a shot past Salem's goalkeeper Jill Dombrowski from a pass from Morrell.

After Simons scored Salem's last goal with an assist from Sarkesian, tension was very high between the two rivals. With the score 5-2 at that point, Canton's Beth Sandusky was able to get the ball in Salem's net to close the point gap to two.

Shortly after that, Canton co-captain Melissa Marzolf got the ball in the net again, finishing a kick made from her teammate Lisa Reisenwebber. With 18:18 left in the game, the score was 5-4 in Salem's favor.

And it seemed like Salem's lead was snatched away from them after a fight between defenders around Salem's net resulted in Morrell kicking it in. However, offsides was called and the goal was taken away.

The game was a classic for the two cross-creek rivals, and it was the first time Salem has beaten Canton in a district game.

Canton finished their season with an impressive 12-3-2. But Salem moved on to win the district final, beating out Novi in overtime play on Friday.

Salem worked hard in the second half of the game to overcome goals made by Novi in just the opening minutes. With a mere 2:38 gone by, the Wildcats scored off a rebound. Two minutes later they did it again, bringing the score to 2-0 in Novi's favor.

Salem's Suzy Towne came close to getting in the ball in the net when hard kick ended up hitting the right post. And Maya Sarkesian came close when her shot hit the crossbar

and bounced off. While persisting the entire half, Salem just wasn't able to break the net.

After the intermission though, a different Salem played the field; and they dominated the field the entire time.

When a curving shot from the right came in, Novi's defender grasped the ball, but wasn't able to hold on, and Salem's Jami Coyle was the first to score.

Time ticked away, and Salem kept the pressure on but didn't score again until 8:03 was left in the game. Senuich got a shot in from the left wing, tying the score at 2-2.

In the fifteen minute overtime, Novi did have some dangerous shots, but nothing the Rock's couldn't crush. The winning shot came from a penalty kick from Sarkesian, after the Wildcats pounced on Simons in the penalty box. The overtime goal gave Salem the district final victory and the right to advance to the first round of regionals. They are now 15-1-2.

Chief's season: 'one of the best'

BY KRISTEN VAN DUSEN

"It was one of the best, if not the best," said head coach Barb Hanosh when asked how this season compared to previous seasons. At one point the Chiefs went on an impressive six dual-match winning streak.

The Canton Boys Tennis team finished the year with a third place at conferences and a sixth place at regionals.

Number four singles player Ritchie Ikeh was the conference champ while number three singles player Matt Nagy won second place.

However, there weren't any individual places in regionals because of the tougher competition. Teams like Ann Arbor Huron and Ann Arbor Pioneer, who traditionally have strong tennis teams, blocked the Rocks from advancement.

The best meet of the season was possibly the dual meet against Salem. Canton played extremely well and finished the match with a 5-3 victory.

The team banquet was held Wednesday, May 20. The MVP was Matt Nagy and the MIP was Chris Fost. The coach's award was given to Phil Shedd. This year's captains were Pat O'Flarety and Vinnie Ikeh.

"The way they worked as a team was outstanding," said Hanosh. "Every player put 110% effort forward."

Next year's team looks promising with both Fost and Nagy returning as the top players. The number two doubles team of Chris Houdek and Scott Mincher also will be valuable players.

With the States in her sights Hanosh keeps an eye toward the future.

"I look forward to another great season. Unfortunately, I have to say goodbye to all of the seniors," said Hanosh.



NUMBER FOUR SINGLES PLAYER RICHIE IKEH

'I saw the entire United States playing softball'

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said. "In West Virginia, that's all we played as kids."

On the mound for the first time, White's pitching career got off to a slow start. "I walked the first four batters I faced," he said. But, it didn't take long for him to find his groove. He went 19-1 his first season, and over the next nine years, would lead his teams to three state championships.

By 1975, they were playing in the Nationals. In the first ASA-sactioned tournament held in Port Huron, White's team took a respectable third.

Years passed, and White's legend grew. In 1983, his team, now playing out of Plymouth and sponsored by Compuware, went 96-4, with White accounting for an astounding 90 of those pitching victories. After another third-place finish in Minnesota, however, a national championship still eluded him.

By 1985, he would wait no longer. His new team, based in Miami, Florida, was his most powerful to date. Loaded with former Major Leaguers, they went on an unprecedented one-year winning streak from July 1985 to July 1986, winning 76 ball games in a row en route to the national crown.

White played on with the Miami team for another seven years, winning one more national tournament, and placing second in another.

He had hit the softball big time. With his wife Marylyn, White was chartered from tournament to tournament, flown around the country at the sponsor's expense.

"If somebody had told me in '66 that I would go to the places I've been, I wouldn't have believed them," White said. "I saw the entire United States by playing softball."

From 1992 to 1997 White would have his proudest moment as a player, as a second generation of softball star emerged.

"The biggest thrill of my career was playing with my son," he said. For six years, he and his son played together on a local Little Caesars-sponsored team, qualifying for nationals every year.

"It's all been a dream," White said. "You dream of being a ball player."

Although in modified softball—characterized by a half-windmill pitching style—fastballs can reach speeds of 85 miles per

hour, White doesn't credit his success to the power of his arm. For him it's all about control. "Knuckleballs and different speeds," he said. "It's all about keeping the batter off stride. That's the only way I can still play with these kids."

Before White was inducted into the hall of fame last month,

It's such a great feeling to be on the mound and in control of the situation. Hitters only get to do that three of four times a game. As a pitcher you're up there for every play.

— Al White
Softball Legend

he had officially retired from competitive play. "There was nothing left to accomplish," he said. And although he has now moved onto golf, memories of the mound still fester in his blood.

"I've made a lot of batters look silly," he said. "It's such a great feeling to be on the mound and in control of the situation. Hitters only get to do that three or four times a game. As a pitcher you're up there for every play."

As the pitching coach for the Madonna Girls Softball team, White, who just turned 50, continues the softball tradition as a teacher. "Girls are much easier to coach than boys," he said. "I think they respect me as a player."

Occasionally while throwing batting practice, a bit of the fierce, competitive White still comes out. "I'll tell them it's going to be a fast riser, and that they won't hit it," he said. "Then I throw them a fast riser, and they miss. Sometimes I need to show them who's boss."

On deck

SALEM BASEBALL

Districts continue today through Saturday at Salem or Canton. Regionals begin, if necessary, next Saturday, June 6 at Brighton.

SALEM BOYS TRACK

State meet Saturday at Bay City Western.

SALEM SOFTBALL

Districts continue today through Saturday at Salem or Canton. Regional begin, if necessary, next Saturday, June 6 at Brighton.

SALEM GIRLS SOCCER

Regionals continue today through Saturday at Southgate Anderson. State semi-finals, if necessary, will be held next Wednesday, June 3 at Jackson. State Finals will be held at Canton Saturday, June 6 at 4 p.m.

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Community opinions

Crier's opinion of Christians 'unwise'

Writer takes issue with YMCA editorial

EDITOR:

Now I understand why your publication is 13.5" by 11" in size and unable to concern itself with issues pertinent and applicable to the Christian Community of Plymouth.

As I read your May 20 Community Editorial, "Keep God, recreation separate" I wondered what it is about the "essentials" of the Christian faith that scare you?

I am unashamed to say that I am a "Christian." I have lived, attended school and played in the Plymouth community for many

years. I worked with young people, boys and girls, in a recreation capacity for many years and have no evidence that my being "Christian" hurt anyone.

I don't have any evidence that my being "Christian" had any adverse affect on the people I worked with, including those in the Recreation Department of Plymouth.

However, you state that if I subscribe to the philosophy similar to "quality children's programs and activities which contribute to development of Christian ideals and values in spirit, mind and body" I don't have the credentials to associate within these programs?

Perhaps you can expand on your position. Why are church school buses and vans allowed to use county, state and federal roadways? That issue makes as much sense as you have shown in your editorial.

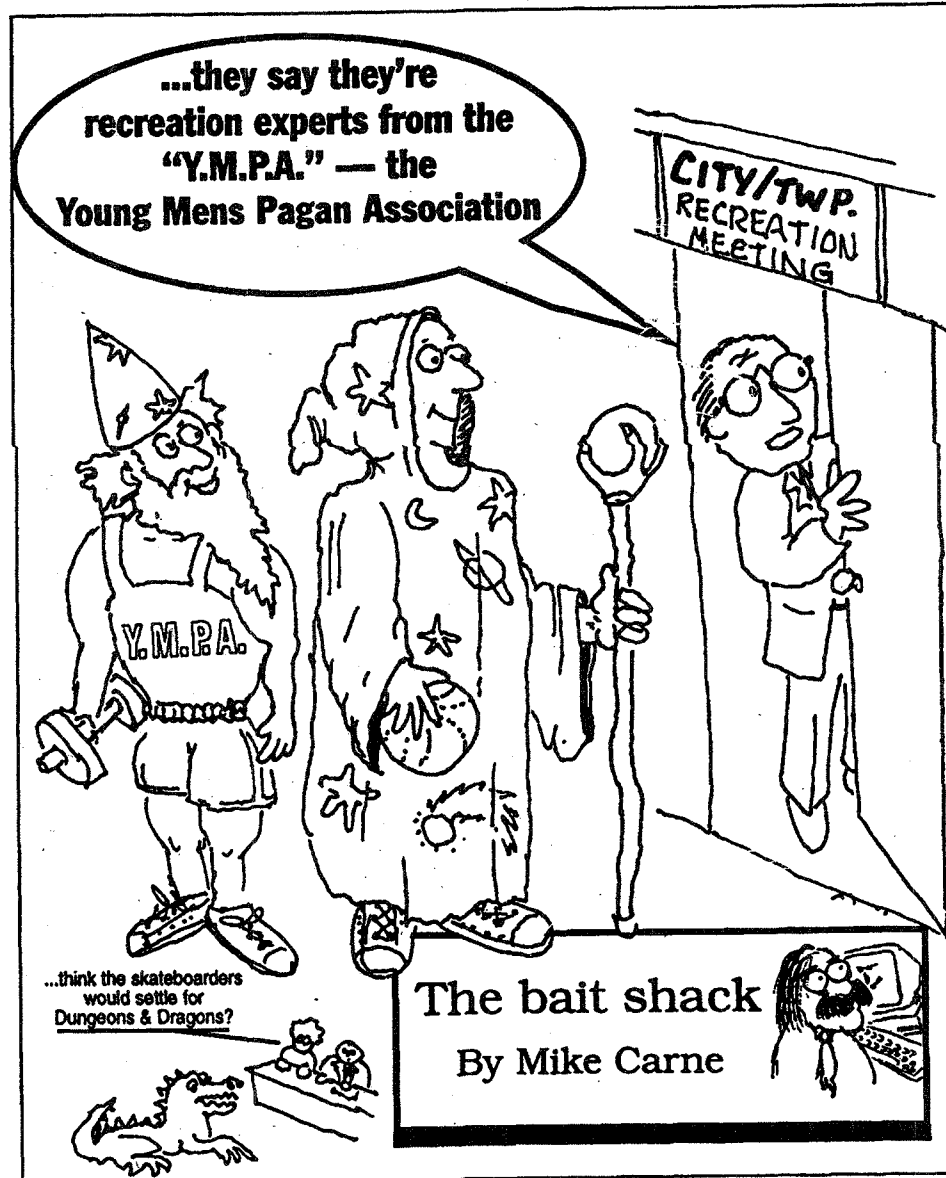
Plymouth is a Christian community whether you like it or not! The

Plymouth Community has always accepted those who wish to pray and worship differently. That's freedom!

Your narrow opinion ("Christian-tailored agendas would get in the way") is unwise, and shows the limited thinking capacity of your 13.5" by 11" publication.

JAMES McDOWELL

I worked in a recreation capacity for many years and have no evidence that my being Christian hurt anyone.



Religions should deal in worship, not government

EDITOR:

Kudos to The Crier for the excellent editorial "Keep God, Recreation Separate." The YMCA (or YMHA) provides programs which are tinted with religious

undertones. The Founding Fathers were well aware of government-controlled religions dictating beliefs to the populace and thus provided separation in our constitutional documents.

My cover is off to you for the timely commentary. All religions, be they Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Buddhism etc. are not to be defined with government, but rather as individual worship.

Once again, congratulations. A news publication should be the conscience of the community and you are providing that service.

HJ ROCKWELL, III

Issue is one of separation, not Christianity

What have we got against Christians? Nothing more than we have against any religious group who wants to run a government department.

Last week's Crier editorial said municipal programs—specifically the proposed City-Township recreation program—should be free of church influence, regardless of the church.

We never said we were anti-Christian.

Some of the letters and phone calls we've received in the last week indicate this message didn't get through quite right. Some readers have responded to what they believe was an anti-Christian sentiment in the editorial.

What inspired our editorial was an ad placed by the Plymouth Community YMCA in the program for the City's Celebration on Ice at the Cultural Center.

The Crier is not trying to work against Christianity, its principles, its practice or its people. Our paper holds no position against Christians.

But our paper does hold a position in support of the separation between Church and State. It's a fundamental American ideal.

The YMCA—Young Men's Christian Association—was founded upon Christian principles. It may espouse those principles today and work to instill them

through its recreation programs. No problem. It's a private organization now and enjoys the freedom to do so.

But if the YMCA is chosen to run municipal recreation for the City and Township, they will have to check their Bibles at the door. There's no doubt about it.

Really, it's a decision that has already been made for them. In the United States, religion and government are exclusive entities. If the YMCA want to be part of

our local government and head recreation, its programs will have to be secular, not Christian.

In this way, The Crier and our editorial is about as anti-Christian as it is anti-Semitic, anti-Muslim, anti-Buddhist, anti-Taoist or anti-Pagan.

It isn't.



Some Might Say
By Bryon Martin



Community opinions

No more rubber stamps

Canton planners (nearly) sent right message on Farmer Jack development

When the Canton Planning Commission put a hold on the Farmer Jack store proposed for the corner of Cherry Hill and Canton Center roads they sent a message to developers and residents alike: gone are the days of rubber stamping approvals.

The site is zoned for commercial shopping, which allows for retail outlets smaller than 40,000 square feet. The planned grocery store, at about 60,000 square feet, met all other requirements of the zoning ordinance, with a primarily brick face, and residential architectural features to allow it to blend into the surrounding neighborhood.

The architects had even designed the store so that some of its loudest components, such as generators and trash compactors, inside the facility to lessen the visibility and impact on neighboring homes.

Despite these considerations the request was tabled to allow the architects to come back with a scaled-back version of the plan.

Their decision sent a message, but the message could have been stronger.

The commission could easily have denied the request altogether, saying that the proposal was too big for the plot of land, or inconsistent with surrounding uses, or even, as some neighbors have complained, that Canton didn't need it.

Developer's attorney Bryan Amann even requested the planning commission make a decision on the request, either yea or nay, rather than table the motion until a later date.

The developers still would have gone back to the drawing board and come up with another plan if this one was voted down.

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Off the cuff

By Scott Spielman



Farmer Jack stores range in size from about 40,000 square feet to their larger superstores, which usually top out near 60,000. The reason for proposing one of the larger facilities for the corner is because many of the extra architectural features require a larger investment, according to the developers.

That larger investment requires the developers to build a larger, more efficient store, capable of making more money, they said.

Whether this means the developers will propose a smaller, less architecturally attractive store for the corner or something altogether different remains to be seen. They have submitted revised plans, and the proposal will be revisited at the commission's June 1 meeting.

At the height of the controversy is what

Canton needs. According to Canton's planning services, a grocery store will service a population of 8,000 - 10,000 residents. With more than 70,000 people, and six grocery stores (including the Holiday Market under construction at Cherry Hill and Lilley roads) there could be a grocery shortfall.

However, most of those stores are within central Canton and residents say that even if there is a need for another store, this is not the best location for it.

Maybe they should stop and think of some of the alternatives. With the size and zoning restraints of the site, I can think of one other use that may go in instead of a grocery store.

Another strip mall.

And that's one thing that Canton certainly doesn't need.

Thanks: Isbister supporters

EDITOR:

The Isbister Elementary School Community would like to thank the following businesses and families for their donations to our recent playground installation day:

Palermo's Pizza (Palazzolo family); Coca Cola Co.; Subway; Ford Road; Plymouth Marketplace; Einstein Bagels, Ann Arbor Road and Sheldon Road; Dunkin' Donuts, Ann Arbor Road, Ford Road and Michigan

Avenue; Busch's Market; Krogers, Canton Center Road and Sheldon Road; Papa Romano's Pizza; Cottage Inn Pizza, Canton Center Road; McDonalds; The Sherwin Williams Co.; The Rock Shoppe; KMart, Ford Road; Anglin Supply, Novi; Brueggers Bagels, Ford Road; Detroit Edison; Santos Construction Co. (Quiambao family); Westside Sandbag (Huey family); McTurner Enterprises; Gabriella's; the Chamberlin family; and Painters' Supply & Equipment Co.

A special thank you to the Smith/Heller family for their additional work painting the play structures and planting a wildflower perennial garden in the northeast corner of the playground.

Your support of our project is most appreciated. Our playground looks great and the children are thoroughly enjoying the new equipment.

LEE HARRISON
Isbister Principal

Thanks: Lowe and Law Day

EDITOR:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Judge Ron Lowe, the staff of the 35th District Court and Tom Willette of The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department for some extraordinary efforts that they made recently on behalf of the sixth grade students at Central Middle School.

Every year, for the past three years, Lowe has spent two mornings a month at Central teaching our sixth grade students about the law and how it impacts them. The program has been coordinated by Central teacher Margo Panko. Every May 1, which is Law Day, our students would walk to the courthouse and spend the morning observing our legal process in action.

This year, it was decided early on that the temporary facilities for the 35th District Court could not hold 270 additional people. So that our students could still have this culminating experience for their study of the law, Lowe offered to move his court room for one morning to the Cultural Center where Tom Willette made the arrangements for use to use several rooms.

Lowe and his staff contacted all of the cases being heard that morning to tell them about the change in location and moved all necessary equipment into place. They also provided our students with drinks and cookies to accompany their lunches. In between cases, Lowe and other members of his staff talked to our students about

procedures and answered their questions.

When asked what they learned from visiting court, many of our students commented on how strong the penalties were for offenses such as the use of tobacco by a minor, drug possession and drunk driving. Law Day was designed to teach young people about the law, but in this case, I believe that it also taught them about life and the choices they make.

We are very grateful to Lowe and his hard-working staff for their commitment to teaching the young people in our community.

BARBARA CHURCH
Principal, Central Middle School



Community opinions

Why hide, United Way?

EDITOR:

Well, the cat is out of the bag, thanks to The Community Crier's announcement of the United Way's intention of sponsoring a beer tent at the Fall Festival.

Prior to that May 6 story, calls to the United Way office seeking a confirmation of the "rumor" elicited responses of: "We know nothing about it."

Both Jay McDonald, campaign/marketing director, and President Marie Morrow denied any knowledge of the proposed beer tent even though it had been discussed at two previous Fall Festival Board meetings but not, however, by United Way representatives. It was obvious when Morrow presented the proposal at the May 6 meeting of the Fall Fest Board that months of planning had gone into it.

What were they trying to hide from the public? Is it possible they have a twinge of conscience about the appropriateness of raising money through the sale of alcohol when some agencies they represent have anti-alcohol sentiments? Is it possible they never checked with the United Way of America guidelines for fund raising events, believing they are an independent unit and can ignore the United Way symbol they display on all their

literature? Is it possible they fear a backlash from citizens of Plymouth who don't want their family-centered Fall Festival, which has operated for 42 years without alcohol, to have

Is it possible they fear a backlash from citizens of Plymouth who don't want their family-centered Fall Festival to have fights and disorderly conduct?

problems of fights and disorderly conduct that neighboring communities (Livonia and Farmington) have experienced?

Morrow reiterated several times that their proposal was a win-win situation for the

United Way and the Fall Festival Board. I maintain it is a lose-lose proposition. A loss for the United Way for the above stated reasons and a loss for the Festival for several reasons. About 150 parking spaces, including eight handicapped spaces, will be lost when the parking deck can't be used. Persons under the age of 21 will lose as they will be turned away by security checks. (Can you imagine denying a teen the right to enjoy a '50s party?)

The amount of money to be made is exaggerated. Who will pay for the extra expenses such as the requested 15-20 port-a-johns, moving of electrical hook-ups, extra security personnel, the clean up?

Why the demand and where is the need for a beer tent? Beer is readily available at two well-established businesses with the confines of the Festival. Money can be made in other ways without taking on the tangle of a controlled substance.

I invite all who agree to call the United Way office at 453-7525 and voice your disapproval. Then consider how you will distribute your charitable donations come October.

JOYCE HOLMES

Should this year's Fall Fest have a beer tent?

Whaddya think?

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CEP senior reflects, defends park

EDITOR:

I am writing in response to a letter to the Editor in your Community Opinions section titled, "Bigger isn't better at CEP" (5/13/98), in which a parent expressed her doubts about the quality of education at CEP.

I am a senior at Salem and have spent four years at CEP. As I prepare to graduate next month, I look back and realize what a great experience I have had at CEP and what an excellent opportunity CEP is for a great education.

Being a senior, I have spent much of my time at the high schools and have come to know my way around the schools, have had many interesting and thought-provoking classes in both schools, have had excellent teachers in both schools who truly understand the meaning of education, and I have made many great friends who attend both schools. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to receive and education in two high schools.

The electives offered at CEP have also greatly improved my education as well. I have taken classes such as electronics and auto service that have only expanded my knowledge. I have also taken humanities, an

elective that has prepared me for college courses. There are many other electives at CEP that are available to students. The community should be honored that their high

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school offers such a wide variety of classes to students. Learning can only be improved this way.

CEP has a large population, about 5,000 students. There are going to be problems at

CEP, just as in any other high school and that is understood. The expanse and use of his facility brings a certain amount of responsibility on the students. It is up to them to decide how they are going to take advantage of it. The large majority of students at CEP use it to their educational advantage. Only a small minority does not.

I have attended the park for four years. I know this is the case. My experience at CEP has been wonderful and I will have many fond memories of high school.

If a new high school were to be built, I believe that the only proper location for it would be right next to Canton and Salem high schools. The educational opportunities would be so much greater if another facility was to be added, and I look forward to the day that this takes place.

I also believe that it is important to rid the members of our community of the negative stereotypes that have surrounded CEP.

If the community could see past the minor problems at the park, they would understand that CEP is a marvelous facility with great students, wonderful teachers and the opportunity for an excellent education.

CHRISTOPHER WEBB

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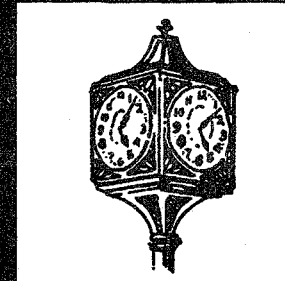
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